

# Teen News

Good morning!! Thanks to all of you who stayed after church last Sunday for lunch and going bowling with us. We had a great time! For those of you who didn't go, you sure missed out on a lot of fun. The youth group went to the movies last Wednesday to see the movie *GOD IS NOT DEAD*. It was a great movie! I hope after watching the movie, you too will be bold and stand up for your faith in God! Remember this: "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven" Mt 10:32.

**TONIGHT** after church we will have a devotional, play games and eat! This will take place at my house. I hope everyone will come!! (Feel free to bring a friend or two as well.)

## Jealousy, Envy, Bitterness

One of the saddest things in the world is to see a person who looks like they've been weaned on a sour lemon. Various circumstances can no doubt trigger this miserable look. Often times it is the result of a heart filled with jealousy, envy and bitterness. Folks, the Bible has something to say about such qualities. "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice" (Eph. 4:31). - "Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy" (Rom. 13:13). - "for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?" (1 Cor. 3:3). - "Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!" (Jas. 5:9). - "Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, {2} as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby," (1 Pt. 2:1-2).

## Don't Get Cheated

In Colossians 2:8, Paul warned his brethren: "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ" (NKJV). The KJV translates it: "Beware lest any man spoil you..." The idea is that false teachers would lead them away from truth if they were not careful. These Christians could become the booty or spoil of wicked men who could pervert their minds through error. There are few who enjoy cheaters or being cheated. In sports, the possibility that Barry Bonds cheated to become baseball's home run king has thousands of fans frustrated to no end. The fact that an NBA referee cheated players and fans through gambling schemes has outraged scores of hoops enthusiasts. While these may have a legitimate beef and justified concerns, there is a greater problem today. Let's get worked up about the cheating of Colossians 2. The cheating Paul spoke of is as real now as when he penned it. Those who fail to respect the authority of Christ cheat themselves and others. Give me the Bible. Preach God's word. The doctrines and opinions of men when advanced in the religious realm are destructive. Don't get cheated.

**DOOR GREETERS Apr. 13, 2014**

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class  
10:30 AM Worship  
6:00 PM Evening  
Wed: 7:00 PM

## “Buried Alive”

On the Oregon Trail, at least some of the emigrants who died en route to Oregon were buried alive. The reason why was because the survivors were in a hurry. For many years, cholera ravaged the emigrants along the Oregon Trail. Whoever caught it was dead—no cure or treatment existed. Usually, the infected emigrant died in 24 hours or less. If an entire wagon train stopped for an elaborate funeral, it would slow their progress. Too many delays meant the pioneers might not get to Oregon before winter—and then every-one might perish. So, on most wagon trains, the burials became shorter and shorter as more and more people died. Some even abandoned the terminally sick by the side of the Trail, where they would eventually die alone. The more humane wagon companies elected a "watcher" to wait with the person while the wagons forged ahead. It wouldn't take long for the watcher to catch up. Many watchers were in such a hurry that they started digging the grave long before their infected companion was dead. Needless to say, watching your own grave being dug was probably quite disturbing. If you happened to linger too long, well, no one is for sure, but evidence strongly suggests that some were accidentally buried before they took their final breath. That is disturbing isn't it? Yet, what is even more disturbing is that this very thing is happening today. There are many sick and diseased Christians that will soon wither away and die. They are spiritually diseased by the sins of the world (2 Peter 2:20-21). Their only hope is that some other healthy Christian will have enough compassion to see them nursed back to health (James 5:19-20). Too often, sick Christians are left for their own burial.

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## Two baptized Welcome Dogwood Trails Visitors



*From Dan's desk:*

Thanks to RON BROWN for preaching in my absence last Sunday. Ron has been working with the China Missions a long time and continues to do so. I heard a lot of favourable comments about his lessons and the Deacons on Sunday night. It was good to be in Abilene. Two were baptized on Sunday morning. We rejoiced with them. A father and son both responded to the call of Christ to become Christians and we are thrilled that they made that decision. Thanks to those who came to "Monday Night For The Master" last Monday. We appreciate all those who came. The food was great and it is always great to be in fellowship with each other. It was a wonderful evening and much was accomplished for our Master and Lord. We welcome our visitors today to the Annual Dogwood Trails in Palestine and to our worship services here at Crockett Road. We are glad you have come to worship with us this morning and we hope you will come again. We regret that we didn't get to make the trip to Slocum last week to the "Fish Fry", but the weather prevented us from doing so. We will plan another trip soon. We were sorry for the inconvenience of those who came to the building and did not get the message that we had to cancel the trip because of high winds, and hail. There will be another time. Why not invite a friend to worship with you next Sunday. We have had several visitors recently from the community and this is great. Some eight souls have been baptized since January. We give God the praise for these precious souls. Let's continue to reach out to others. See you tonight at 6 P.M. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**AMANDA LANE** had surgery on Thursday to remove a small tumor from her back. She is doing well. **JERRY SPARKS, brother of Dale, is doing a little better.** Continue to remember all those with continuing health problems on the prayer list.

On Saturday, April 19th, David and Jennifer Sparks will again host a Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt at their home. Breakfast will begin at 9:30 AM and the hunt will begin at 10AM. This is for children, infant to 2nd grade. If you would like to donate filled plastic eggs between now and then it would be appreciated. Everyone is welcome to come help, or just watch the kids.

### CALLING IN WELL

We've all heard of calling in sick, but have you ever called in well? One manager boosts morale among his workers by allowing them to "call in well" one day a year. If an employee is just feeling too good to waste a day at work, he can call in well and head out to the golf course. It's nice to see a manager who recognizes there is much more to life than just work (Mark 4:31).

### WELCOME VISITORS

**A big hearty welcome to those visiting today. Allow us to meet and greet you following the worship service this morning. At the end of the service today you will be given a gift bag from our congregation. "It is a small gift, but it comes from big hearts." Thanks again for coming.**

### Can You Say It?

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the most difficult tongue twister is: "The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick." It's suggested that the difficulty of saying this correctly is tremendously increased if said quickly. Since I have a hard time saying it slowly, I'll never embarrass myself by trying to say it out loud in public. I would also suggest you quit trying to do it during class this morning. But these words, everything considered, really aren't the hardest to say. It's been my experience over the years that there are at least three other phrases people have a great more deal of trouble saying. These are: "I'm sorry," "I'm wrong," and "Please forgive me." Why is it so hard to admit wrong in our lives, to acknowledge the hurt we've caused others or to humbly beseech another to forgive that wrong and hurt? Why is it that we would rather a barrier between us, allow troubled relationships to become irreconcilable and to die that way, than to look someone in the eye and say, "I'm sorry" for an ill-spoken word or wounding action? You know the answer as well as I do — it's the old enemy of PRIDE that keeps a lock upon the heart so that the words of contrition cannot get past our tongue.

How this enemy can build us up, convince us that we are responsible for and answerable to no one but ourselves. PRIDE whispers to us that we are incapable of making mistakes and even if by chance we should slip up along the line, it tells us to blame someone else. The great adversary Satan can, by using PRIDE, give us a thousand arguments as to why we shouldn't attempt these "tongue twisters."