

Teen News

Thanks to all of you who went to L.T.C. and participated in the Bible Quiz. Several of you participated in pre-convention events and we say thank you for your time and efforts. Thanks also to those adults who went as chaperones for L.T.C. Everyone had a good time and we are already looking forward to next year. We will have an awards night soon. We will have a Devo at our house tonight after services. If you are not attending class on Sunday and Weds. Please plan to start attending. It is a great time to learn more about God. BEN

“Symptom’s”

Fever is a symptom of a disorder somewhere in the body. The primary problem may be a hidden infection that would not otherwise be noticeable until it is in an advanced stage. High body temperature tells us something is wrong in the body, somewhere. It tells us a reliable cure needs to be found and applied. Unnecessary absence from worship and Bible study is a fever-like symptom. Mere absence, however, is not the only factor for diagnosing spiritual illness. There are times when it may be necessary to be absent from worship and Bible study. On the other hand, habitual absence is a spiritual malady that needs to be cured. As a fever may possess a man who does not know what causes it, even so a Christian can neglect worship without being aware of the problems that cause one to do so. We can easily camouflage our lack of concern for worship by involving ourselves in personal interests. This is easy to do when other interests seem to be more important than they really are. Select wisely the things that are important in life (Mt. 6:33). We should recognize the difference in one who would rather attend worship but can't and those who attend but had just as soon be elsewhere. My mere presence in a meeting house every time the doors open should not be taken as a sign of “good spiritual health.” Attending just to have a good record of attendance, without a positive desire to please the Lord and learn how to serve him better, is worthless.

“NEVER GIVE UP”

Galatians 6:9-10 says, “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” The hard part of doing good is the reality that most of us have been “burned” by someone we have helped. What I mean is that we went out of our way to help someone in need and ended up being offended by their ungratefulness, lack of self-discipline, or rudeness. If you are like me, your emotions can get the best of you, and in the mist of the situation, you declare, “I’ll never do this again!” The experience did not live up to our expectations, so we simply avoid doing anything like it again. Paul’s exhortation is important for all of us. Additionally he says we will reap, if we do not give up. Let’s remember that we should be on the look out for opportunities to do good. Paul’s words here should not be taken lightly, because there is a promise here in the scripture: for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. **If you are on the edge of giving up, remember Philippians 1:6, “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. DAN**

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

“HE DID NOTHING ABOUT IT”

Several years ago I began to study the Bible with a man. He was a very kind man; polite and nice. He would get up very early to read his Bible and I was impressed, thinking this man will become a dedicated, zealous Christian, but I was dead wrong. We studied together for several months and not once during that time he never came to worship at the church building or come close to obeying the gospel.

When King Herod arrested John the Baptizer, he knew that John was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was perplexed/doubted, and used to enjoy listening to him (Mark 6:20). He enjoyed listening to John, but he did nothing about it! Some hearers are like Herod, they enjoy listening, but they do nothing about their lost condition. Some Christians also enjoy listening to Bible lessons, but they also do nothing about it. “But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves” James 1:22 DAN

**One Baptized into Christ
RON BROWN
China Missionary
Guest Speaker Today**



From Dan's desk:

Numerous guests were in attendance along with members of the congregation here for Easter Weekend. As I mentioned last Lord's Day. The observance of the death of our Saviour should never be a "once a year" event that we hold dear. Every Sunday we gather for the purpose of exalting Christ and remembering the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross through the observance of the Lord's Supper. Thanks to all of you who take your relationship with Christ a treasured blessing. On Sunday morning J.C. Davis (fourteen) responded to the invitation of Christ to confess his Lord and be baptized for the remission of sins. We rejoice with him and commend him for committing his life to Christ. He is the son of Clara (Cooper) Davis and Mike Davis of Houston, Texas. Frankya Cooper is the grandmother of J.C. We are happy for this family. Clara grew up in the church here and stated to me last Sunday that I baptized her some 40 years to the date of J.C.'s baptism. This is great. I am so thankful when young people grow up to be faithful to the Lord and that they are now and where they have lived in the past. I am in Louisiana today preaching in a meeting. Thanks to Ron Brown for filling in for me and to the Deacons for taking the lesson on Sunday night. I know that they will all do a good job. Lorelee has been on vacation this last week. She will be back in the office tomorrow. Continue to remember all those on the prayer list. We still have a number of folks that remain ill and in the hospital. Thanks for your prayers for us while we are away for a few days. See you next Sunday. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

BOBBY BAIRD had surgery last Tuesday in Tyler. He is better.
MICKEY BOWLES is in ICU in critical condition in the hospital in Ft. Worth.
NANCY MILLER is undergoing tests and possible surgery.
BOB BURCHFIELD is undergoing tests.
PATRICIA MANVILLE remains in the hospital in Tyler undergoing treatment for pneumonia.
PATSY BUSH is home with pneumonia.
MICHAEL MORRIS is back in Texas Spine & Joint hospital with a problem from his back surgery.
JIM HAHN suffered a stroke and is in EAST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER in Tyler. Still undergoing tests and treatment.

RESPONSES

BAPTIZED

J.C. Davis
(Grandson of Frankya Cooper)

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.

"WANTED: DEPENDABLE PERSON"

In virtually every classified section of the newspaper, we find some employer advertising for a "dependable person" to occupy some position of trust and responsibility. I have talked with many business owners who state that finding employees they can count on is their number one problem. No organization can succeed without dependable personnel. The lazy, irresponsible, hit-and-miss type is a shame to his company and hinders its effectiveness.

It is equally true that the local congregation cannot be an effective organization unless it consists of "dependable" Christians; that is, members who will shoulder their responsibilities along with the rest and cooperate to fulfill the mission of the church. While the Bible does not use the word "dependable," it does use equivalent terms such as "steadfast" and "zealous" (see 1 Corinthians 15:58; Titus 2:14, etc.). Every Christian should be characterized by these terms. He should be one who can be "counted on" at all times.

The sad, but true, fact of the matter is, however, that many congregations have a percentage of undependable members: members who couldn't hold down a job for a week if they conducted themselves toward their work like they do toward the church and its work.

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