

# Teen News

Good morning everyone. I hope all of you had a good week this past week. There will not be a devotional this week but we will have one next Sunday so make plans for that. For those of you that competed in LTC we should be receiving your rewards shortly. Check out John 16:33. See you tonight  
**BLAKE**

## 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**

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "*And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?*"

Annie replied, "*Because people are sleeping.*"

## The Sinner's Prayer?

Today many people espouse the false doctrine, that in order to be saved, one must "accept Jesus as your personal Saviour" and say "the sinners prayer". But where in the Bible is this found? This teaching contradicts the Bible's clear instruction as to what an alien sinner must do to obtain forgiveness and salvation. Nowhere in the New Testament is the alien sinner ever authorized to ask Jesus to come into his heart and to pray for forgiveness in order to be saved. I have yet to find anyone who can provide even one biblical reference to substantiate this false claim. Many good honest people have been deluded by this false doctrine. Today just as it was in the apostle Paul's day, "there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ" (Galatians 1:7). If it cannot be found anywhere in God's word, then from where did it come? Man has devised his own scheme of redemption with the help of Satan. Satan knows if he can fool people into believing his lie, they will still be lost and will be keeping him company in the burning fires of Hell. "And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire" Rev. 20

**DOOR GREETERS –April 21, 2013**  
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# Gospel Worker

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## "Speak To Us Smooth Things"

We are living in a "politically correct" world today. Much of this "political correctness" has made its way into the Lord's church just as it did in Isaiah's day. God says in Isaiah 30:9-10, "This is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of the Lord; who say...do not prophesy to us right things; **speak to us smooth things**, prophesy deceits." Many people did not want to hear God's truth then, and they do not want to hear it today. Paul says that people "will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap to themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned to **fables**" (2 Timothy 4:3-4). This is happening in the Lord's church today. There are those who are tickling people's ears with their teaching and preaching in all the stories (fables) they tell as they strive to entertain the people. Jesus says "For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so

that I should heal them" (Matthew 13:15). If people do not hear and follow the Lord's word they will be lost. Many in the church do not want to hear what the Bible says about Hell, drinking alcohol, adultery, lying, denominationalism, marriage, divorce, and remarriage, or any of the other sinful activities that are going to cause people to be lost. People do not want to give up their sinful activities. For this reason many in the church are not preaching and teaching the whole counsel of God. People are wanting them to "speak to us smooth things". Some are preaching and teaching only what the people want to hear. Many of the lessons and sermons that are being taught would be readily acceptable in any denominational church. We must have a desire to hear the truth of God's word or we will not hear it. Paul says, "because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they may be condemned who did not believe the truth." (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).

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## Men's Breakfast scheduled for next Saturday morning.



*From Dan's desk:*

All the men are reminded of the Men's Breakfast next Saturday morning at the church building at 8 A.M. We hope you will make the extra effort to attend. It is always good to be together and enjoy a meal together. For those who can stay, we will also have a work day here at the building. There are several things that need to be done on the outside and we will need garden tools, etc. It is good to be back from the meeting Louisiana. We had a good meeting the Jackson Chapel Church of Christ in many respects. The seed of the Kingdom was planted and now we will allow our Father in Heaven to bring it to fruition. Thanks to Ron Brown and the Deacons for preaching last Sunday and to Ron for teaching the Sunday Auditorium class and giving the report on the work in China. I am so glad that we are involved in preaching the Gospel of Christ around the world and making attempts to reach other people with the saving message of Christ our Lord. A big than you to the ladies who have been filling in for Lorelee over the last couple of weeks. Your kindness and love for the church has certainly been manifested and seen by others. We were all saddened by the recent deaths in our congregation of BUDDY WARD, SANDRA IVES, MAGGIE LARSEN, & KATHRYN PELHAM. We want to continue to remember all of these families in our prayers. Thanks to all who are here today. We are glad you have come. Welcome again to our visitors this morning. Do come again when you have the opportunity to be with us here at Crockett Rd. We have so much to be thankful for in our lives. I hope that each of us will give thanks to the Father for His blessings. See you tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**DOUG LOWE** is improving following a recent heart procedure in Tyler at Mother Francis hospital. **MARK THORNTON** brother of Cindy Thornton had back surgery last week. He is improving. **JOYCE WEATHERLY** has been ill at home with Pneumonia. She is better

**Others who have been ill continue to improve for which we are thankful**  
**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE WITH CONTINUING ILLNESSES:**  
**Dennis Ellison, Ed Furman, Gary Oliver, Matthew Ray.**

**A Preacher in Florida lamented that it was very difficult to get his message across to his congregation. "It's so beautiful here in the winter," he said, "that heaven doesn't interest them. And it's so hot here in the summer that hell doesn't scare them."**

### **OUR SYMPATHY**

is extended to the families of SANDRA IVES, BUDDY WARD, MAGGIE LARSEN, and KATHRYN PELHAM who were all members of the congregation here. Their recent passing from this life has left a void in the lives of others. Continue to pray for their families.

### **"Apostasy"**

Apostasy means, "falling away". Apostasy is caused by those who "want to pervert the gospel of Christ" (Galatians 1:7). The church in the first century was warned, "there will be false teachers among you who secretly bring in destructive heresies" (2 Peter 2:1). There is an apostasy that is now occurring in many congregations of the churches of Christ. It was predicted in 1 Timothy 4:1-2, "Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron." The end result of apostasy is many will lose their souls in eternity. Many departures have occurred during the past 2000 years, which have resulted in hundreds of different kinds of denominational churches. Paul says, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables" (2 Timothy 4:3-4). The apostasy we are facing is not caused by those outside the church but from within. Paul warned the Ephesian elders, "Also from among yourselves men will rise up speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after themselves" (Acts 20:30). Many in the Lord's church are wanting to be like the denominations around them just as the children of Israel wanted a king so they could be like the nations around them (1 Samuel 8:5). The spirit of denominationalism is steadily invading many congregations of the churches of Christ. There are those who are dropping the name "church of Christ" and changing their name to "Community Church" or to other names. They say they are removing Christ from their name in an effort to remove "a barrier", so they can attract more people. They seem to be ashamed of our Lord. Jesus says in Mark 8:38, "For whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father." Many have also turned to entertainment to attract more people. In order to keep the people they attract, they don't want to ever teach or preach anything from the Bible that might offend anyone. DAN