

Teen News

Thanks to everyone who came to support our youth at our LTC awards banquet last Sunday night. Its great to have the support behind our youth that we have in our congregation. Again I would like to give a big thanks to everyone who was a coach or chaperone on our LTC trip, this trip is made so much easier with their support.

SEVEN SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTIANS

1. Be present as far as possible at every service of the church. This will benefit you and others who observe your faithfulness.
2. Read the scriptures regularly and meditate upon what you read. Too many treat the Bible as a book of the past.
3. Pray until prayer becomes a habit, turning to God at all times as naturally as the flowers turn to the sun.
4. Keep strict watch over the door of your lips. If you cannot speak well of others, say nothing.
5. Deny yourself some luxury and add the cost of it to your contribution. Christianity is founded upon sacrifice. Learn what it means to give.
6. Let self-examination become a daily duty.
7. Make your life positive, not merely negative. Undertake some practical good work and see it through.

Gage Coldwater

“Pray for our Nation” Signs

The youth will be selling yard signs as a fundraiser that say “Pray for our Nation, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Crockett Road Church of Christ.” They will be sold for \$10 which will include the sign and the metal stake to put it your yard. Our goal is to have one sign in every members yard.

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

- 2 Chronicles 7:14

BIBLE HOUR

Tonight's Bible Hour will be presenting the story of:

“Jesus Heals the Blind Man”



Hope to see you at 6 PM

DOOR GREETERS— April 25, 2010

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

Do You Excuse Yourself for Sin?

Most people are about the same; when sins are committed, there is an endeavor to justify the behavior. There seems to be an al most universal loathing to acknowledge mistakes, but the excuses that are offered when attempting to justify wrong doing are worn threadbare. Some say that they know the course to be wrong, but that they have gone so far in it that they cannot change. It is possible to do this very thing, but one has not arrived at this point if he still has the will to try. The position is only hopeless when desire fails (Ecclesiastes 12: 5) and instead of saying that they cannot change they should be encouraged to say, “I can, if I will.” Justification is attempted when people call sin by pretty names. Lying is called “Good business” and approved if the results are favorable to one’s financial or religious standings. Cursing is called “Habit; Gambling is referred to as “Playing”; Laziness is “Leisure”; (are you lying to cover up the fact you’re too lazy to come to services); Revelry is “Having a good time”; and on and on. These pretty names soften sin and make it less evil-to the guilty, but you are not fooling the only one who truly matters. When you reach the judgment you won’t be able to lye your way out. There are those who attempt to justify sin by hiding behind the screen of popularity. A sacrificing of the soul on the altar of public approval is a poor trade, but often made. No amount of explaining will right the behavior when the world calls the plays and the saints carry the ball toward worldly goals lest they be booed by the stands. The Lord has set the standard, and His people are to maintain it or be rejected in the judgment (2 Cor. 5: 10). Righteousness has never been the most popular course and never will be (Matt. 7: 13-14). Sometimes the attempt to justification is made by saying “Members of ‘your church’ do it. This accusation is too often right, but they are no more the standard than are those who are not members of the church at all. What others do will not shield one from the wrath of God. Judgment is to be pronounced upon individuals, and not upon groups so that any one can be covered by the presence of another faithful person. Sin is really committed because of moral blindness-people just do not think! (Luke 23: 24).



L.T.C. Awards
given to participants at
the sandwich supper.



FROM DAN'S DESK..

Hello church family. This past week I conducted a series of lessons with the Lord's Church in Tipton, Okla. We have a children's home at Tipton that is overseen by the Elders of the Tipton Church of Christ. We were with the brethren a couple of years ago and I was excited about being with them again. Thanks to Bernie Baur for speaking last Sunday morning. He always does a good job. I was thrilled to hear that DaAnn Carter, daughter of Jeff and Cherrie Sumrall, was baptized into Christ, by her father. This is wonderful and we are very proud of this family. I also heard Josh and the young men did a great job in conducting the evening service. Awards were given out to the L.T.C. participants after the service at the sandwich supper. We are so proud of the youth and their accomplishments. It's always nice to be back home. See you tonight.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES
OR PUT THEM ON VIBRATE.**



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN
YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:**

CHARLIE HALL got his biopsy back and he does have lung cancer. He will begin treatments soon.

VIRGINIA STANALAND will have vein surgery on her leg on Tuesday at Palestine Regional.

MAURICE HIGGINBOTHAM was taken to the emergency room on Monday and then transferred to Tyler with a heart problem.

TED MISSILDINE is in Mother Frances hospital in Tyler after a set back after bypass surgery.

TODD PERRY had an appendectomy on Friday of last week. He is recovering at home.

GARY SCHATTEL, Misty Ellison's dad, underwent more tests and things looked a little better.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Jim Davis, Ed Furman, Ida Lee Parkman, Billy Mason, Phillip Foreman, Lloyd Rutledge, Maggie Larsen, Edith Lamb, Frances Weheman.

RESPONSES:



DaAnn Carter

SHOWER

Come get acquainted with Susan Michelle, the new 20 month old adopted daughter of Billy & Amanda Lane, today from 2 to 3:30 PM in the family room of the activity building.

**It's A
Girl**



"LOVE THY NEIGHBOR"

We know how to build anything! We can build impressive buildings, man-made islands, highways through rugged terrain, machines to save lives, and missiles to end lives. If you want it, it can be built! But in spite of our ability at building, we still haven't learned how to build a human life.

How do you build a human life? What kind of life will withstand storms, defeats, bouts with death and despair? What kind of life will survive the trauma of broken relationships?

The answer is clear- to build a human life that will withstand any setback, a life that can overcome problems of any kind, we need to learn to love. The whole law is summed up in one phase- "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Only love overcomes, because only love will last. The greatest commandment must be lived out by every Christian- love God, love your neighbor. "Do this and you will live." (Luke 10: 28)

Begin now. As you go through today, whom will you make a special point of loving? Love your neighbor today!

Dan Manuel