

# Teen News

Thanks to all of you who stayed after church last Sunday and went bowling. We had a great time!! I hope everyone had a terrific week and I want to thank you for being here this morning. After church tonight plan to stick around and go with us to Sweet Frogs. We are taking the Bible Hour Kids there. Also **REMEMBER Friday evening we are having a DEVO at Mr. and Mrs. Matlocks house.** Please make plans to go with us! Have a blessed week.

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Here is something to think about:

**"If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again"**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations to Sherri Chambless and Dustin Schwab who were married on April 25th.



## 2015 GRADUATING SENIORS

Our graduating seniors will be honored on May 17th. We have three young people graduating this year. They are: **Tanner Gibson– Neches High**  
**Destiny Harding-Palestine High**  
**Ashton Howell– Palestine High**

We will have a luncheon immediately after morning services in their honor. Please plan to stay.

## When Christians Sin

By Ron Boatwright

When we are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38), in order to be saved (Mark 16:16), God takes away every sin we have ever committed (Acts 22:16). He wipes our slate clean (1 Corinthians 6:11). He gives us a new beginning and we are born again (John 3:3,5) and we are raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4).

But after we have been baptized and God has taken away all of our sins, what do we do when we commit other sins? How do we get forgiveness of these sins? For the answer to this let us look at the Epistle of First John. First John was written to Christians who had been baptized for the forgiveness of their sins, just as you and I have been.

1 John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." Here this verse says we must be doing two things so that the blood of Jesus Christ will continue to cleanse us of all our sins. 1) We must "walk in the light", that is we must be following God's word in the Bible. 2) Also must "have fellowship one with another", that is we must be regularly worshipping God in His church and working with other Christians. The original Greek word that is translated "cleanses" in this verse means that there is a continual cleansing going on. Herein lies the problem with those who have become unfaithful in their worship. Because they are not having fellowship one with another, they are no longer receiving forgiveness of their sins.

Then we continue to read the next verse 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We must repent and ask God to forgive us, and He will. When we stand before the Lord on Judgment Day we will have no sins and we will go to Heaven. This is very comforting to know that we are being continually cleansed.

**DOOR GREETERS –May 10, 2015**

**Robert & Lois Duzan**

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

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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

## A Sunday With No Absentee

There's a story about a church in East Texas that supposedly had some producing oil wells on the church property. The wells were a lucrative source of income for that congregation. On the Sunday the income from the wells was distributed among the members of the congregation there was always 100 percent attendance. The rule was that if a member was not present that day, he lost his part of the revenue. Don't you guess that even aunt Sally, whose "folks made her go to church when she was a child, and now doesn't have to go," was there on time? Don't you imagine that uncle Fred who has had arthritis so bad that he couldn't make it to worship for years, suddenly got much better? How about those folks who just had to go some place to visit a friend or relative? Would they have put that off if it happened to interfere with their presence at the service when money was doled out? Is the story fact or fiction? It doesn't matter if it is true, it shows where people have their vested interests. If it is not, it surely teaches us a big lesson. Christians who, through pure carelessness or indifference, miss the worship with the saints, lose something of far greater value than money. They begin a course of carelessness that endangers their souls. A local church also loses. "What will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

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**GUEST SPEAKER THIS MORNING.  
SPECIAL CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR PRO-  
GRAM FOLLOWING THE EVENING  
SERVICE.**



*From Dan's desk:*

Thank you for being present today. I am speaking at the University Church of Christ in Shreveport, LA. this morning. I have been there since Friday, working with them in a special effort. My thanks to TYLER BUSH, from Brown Trail School of Preaching, for preaching this morning and to Robert Duzan for teaching the Bible class this morning. I will be back this afternoon and I will be bringing the lesson tonight. Remember tonight after the service the Bible Hour workers and children will be presenting a special program in the auditorium. We are grateful for the work that they do during the year. Much good is being accomplished by the efforts of those who work in Children's Bible Hour.. Tonight will be the last night in Children's Bible until September. We always try to give the workers a break during the summer months. Next Sunday is Mother's Day and it provides for us an opportunity to let Mother's know how much we appreciate them. A special presentation will be made to all mothers by the Youth. I will be speaking on the subject of "Motherhood". I hope you can be with us for this special presentation. Thanks for your comments about the lessons last Sunday. Even though I spoke from Genesis to Revelation, I didn't go overtime. Ha! I had the privilege to work with the Champions Church of Christ in Houston last weekend during a special effort. It was great to be with them. Several here in the congregation have family members attending that church. Larry Keele is the preacher there. He and I have been friends for a long time. David Arnold serves as one of the Elders. See you tonight.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**EMERALD ELLIS** was taken to **Palestine Regional ER on Monday with stomach problems. She is undergoing tests.**

**ED FURMAN** is taking radiation treatments for his cancer.

**LINDA GANT, daughter of R.D. Prince, has taken a turn for the worse and is in critical condition in the hospital in Oklahoma.**

**Continue to remember all those on our prayer list with continuing health problems.**

Tonight will be our last Children's Bible Hour until September. The workers and students will be presenting a program tonight after worship services. After services we will be taking the children and parents to Sweet Frog Yogurt Shop for a special treat. Plan to be here!

#### **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.**

#### **"The Communication Line"**

The beautiful privilege of prayer provides us an opportunity to focus on God and all the good things He gives us. In Romans 8:26, those Christians were told, "the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Please notice; that statement is followed by God telling us that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord" (Romans 8:28). Neither praying nor our relationship to God gives us "diplomatic immunity" from problems, but prayer does provide us an opportunity to bring good things out of awful situations. God never promised that we will not have needs or problems in life. Nothing in God's inspired word indicates that we will somehow be "insulated" or "isolated" from death, disease, poverty or any number of other things that common to our physical world simply because we are Christians. What we are told in God's word is that help is available. Through prayer, Christians have a way to deal with the problems that come our way as we live day by day. We all know that there is a war going on between good and evil in our lives: In Romans 7 and 8, Paul describes his own personal struggle in trying to live life Christ's way. Christians can (and do!) still make mistakes and do bad things. Paul shows us here that there is a battle raging within us, between the lusts of the flesh and the Spirit, and that if we "Walk in the Spirit...we shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Ephesians 3 tells us that our existence is rooted in the larger cosmic battle going on all around us (of which we are also part). Let's become prayer warriors and stay close to God.

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