

Teen News

Thanks to David and Jennifer Sparks

for opening their home last Sunday for the youth DEVO. The lasagna was delicious and everything else was great too. We had a lot of fun! After we left the Spark's house we went to Dogwood Junction, where we played miniature golf, video arcade and rode go carts. We had a blast! I want to thank all of you who have been coming to class on Sundays and Wednesdays. Our class is growing in number and we are learning more about God and each other. I hope that all of you will continue to attend church and other church activities. **Thanks to Elvin and Tanner** for joining the youth group. We are glad to have you both! **TONIGHT** after the evening worship service, the High School class is invited to our house for a meal, games and devotional. I hope to see everyone tonight!
BEN

HOW DO YOU WALK?

Assurance of salvation is within the grasp of every individual Christian. While an attitude of self-examination is certainly healthy (cf. 2 Cor 13:5), we also can and should be confident in our forgiven state. Paul, who called himself the "chief of all sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15), was still able to gratefully proclaim his innocence in the blood of Christ (1 Tim 1:16). The book of 1 John is all about having confidence in our salvation. John defines our confidence this way: "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Our concern, then should be with what it means to "walk in the light." It is a walk in submissiveness John 7:16. It is a uniting walk. Psa. 133:1 and a cleansing walk. 1 John 1:7 "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph. 1:7). Our need, then, is to have confidence in the cleansing power of Christ's blood! How grateful we should be that we serve a God who chooses to forgive and forget our iniquity (cf. Heb. 8:12)!

DAN

Chill Out

Psalm 46:10 simply says, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth." Notice the comma after "be still". It means to stop, slow down, chill out. It is pretty obvious that the majority of us have allowed our culture to draw us into living extremely busy lives to the point that it is nearly impossible to focus our attention on what is really important. Consider the following:

1. Studies have shown that when we do two tasks at the same time we take about thirty percent of our attention off the primary task.
2. Whenever two people meet in today's society, the odds say that one or the other will mention how busy they are.
3. In 1950 we had on average ten activities to choose from, while today that number is over a thousand. Things become even more complicated because most of these activities are either fun or worthy of our time.
4. The culture has convinced us that activity is all that counts and anything else is nothing more than laziness.
5. God created both activity and rest. In fact, He commends both of them. So, to live within the bounds of His will requires a balance of both.

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

An Easy Guide to Forsaking the Assembly

I've heard them all and I'm convinced that it's time someone compiled an official guide of excuses for "forsaking the assembly." This list could save you loads of time in offering feeble excuses as to why you failed to gather with the saints. OK, let's do it. These are not in any particular order of popularity. They are usually given with a much greater explanation than I have room or stomach to compile.

1. I wasn't feeling good.
2. I was too tired.
3. Company was/is coming/in town.
4. I had to work late.
5. I was on the golf course/ lake/ involved in a tournament.
6. I brought home work I needed to do.
7. I was on call.
8. You had a mission report/ guest speaker/ singing service.
9. We were on vacation.
10. It was a holiday.
11. I had to mop the floor. (Yep, someone actually told me that once).
12. I can't worship with those hypocrites down there. (We've always got room for one more).
13. A family member was sick. (So the whole family had to stay at home).

Here's how you use the list. When you miss the services of the church and someone dares ask you why you were absent, you just pick out the number that best describes your excuse. You just tell them the number and do away with all the explanations. Simple! Now you must note that this list of excuses is no more complete than the list Jesus gave in Luke 9:57-62. Feel free to add to this list.

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Two baptized into Christ We rejoice with them



From Dan's desk:

This last weekend was indeed a great weekend for the Crockett Rd. Church family. On Saturday morning a number from the Men's class and I met with ANDREW PETTY. He confessed Jesus as Lord and was baptized for the remission of his sins. Andrew has been attending the Men's class for some time now and we are happy that he has made this important decision. He lives in Kemp, but will be transferred to Huntsville soon. He is employed by T.D.C.J. He acknowledged that he wants to place membership with us, until he is transferred. We welcome him into our fellowship. Sunday morning, CHRIS ROBINSON responded to the call of our Lord. He came to confess Christ and was baptized for the remission of sins as well. He has been attending services for some time now and we are all thrilled upon his commitment to Jesus Christ. It was indeed a great day. I thought that we had missed the rain last Sunday evening, but on Sunday night the rain did come and we received a little over an inch of rain. We thank our Lord for blessing us. We have really needed the rainfall. The promise of more is on the horizon. The Azaleas and flowers at the church building have been more beautiful than I can remember. They are really pretty. Thanks to those who came last Monday night for the Monday Night For The Master Program. I didn't get to join others for the meal, but I like others, came to work. It was a great evening and much was accomplished. Plan to be here tonight for the special program presented by the Bible Hour workers and children following the evening service.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

BOB STECH is in Palestine Regional Room 324, with an internal bleed. They are doing tests.

ELLA GRACE MITCHELL, granddaughter of Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, will have brain surgery on May 29th at Texas Children's Hospital in Dallas and then again on June 4th to remove a tumor from her brain.

LINDA ALLEN was in Mother Frances hospital last week for tests.

GARY OLIVER's blood count is low, so bone marrow transplant has been postponed for now.

VIRGINIA STANALAND will have tests tomorrow and requests our prayers.

LARRY BASKIN is in Methodist hospital in Houston for possible by-pass surgery.

Sue Grubbs would like to thank you all for your prayers on behalf of her grandson, **DAVID GRUBBS**. David got home from Afghanistan this last week. **JASON MOTTERN** will be coming home in six weeks so continue to pray for him until his feet touch US soil. God answers our prayers!

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"SEARCH ME AND TRY ME"

Too many times we deceive ourselves regarding our own sins. For some reason, we don't tend to believe we're the ones the Bible is talking about when it says, "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). It's relatively easy to study the Bible or listen to a class and think, "so-and-so needs to hear this!" But how much harder it is to allow God's word to rebuke and change us in our sins! God tells us to continually, "examine ourselves whether we be in the faith" (2 Cor. 13:5). What kinds of attitudes can help us to truly examine ourselves? How can we more easily recognize and let God help us deal with our sins? The Psalmist sincerely wanted to examine himself, so he prayed to God: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24). Talk about risky prayers! The person who prays like this had better be ready to deal with sin, because God will most certainly help us see what is lacking (cf. 1 John 5:14-15). We need to be able to honestly and frankly talk to God about our sin. We also need to be able to ask God to help us see our sin! When we have offended Him, there is no Biblical way to sugar-coat our behavior (Isa. 59:1-2). Risky prayers like the one the Psalmist prayed help us to look honestly at ourselves, and God answers prayers like that!

DAN