

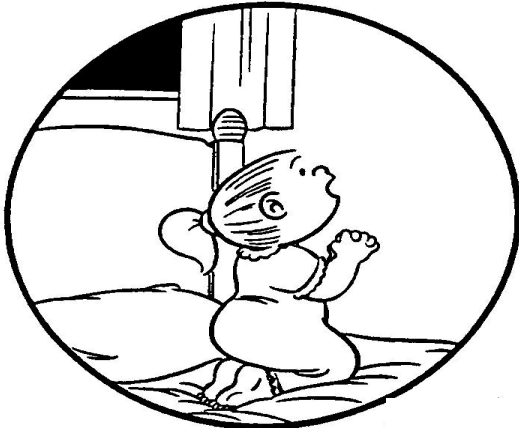
Teen News

Good morning and thanks for being here today. Those of you that signed up for church camp should be getting a camp packet in the mail this week. Please let me know if you don't get one. Our summer youth series schedule is posted on the wall next to the office. Be sure to look at it. We will have a DEVO this evening after our worship service, I hope you all will make plans to attend. Have a great week!

Ben

Mr. Arnold, a businessman from Tulsa, Oklahoma, went on a business trip to Amarillo, Texas. He immediately sent an e-mail back home to his wife, Paula. Unfortunately, he forgot his wife's exact e-mail address and the e-mail ended up going to a Mrs. P. Arnold in Rapid City, South Dakota, the wife of a preacher who had just died. The preacher's wife, Penny, took one look at the e-mail and promptly fainted.

When she was finally revived by her daughter, Penny hysterically pointed to the message, which read, 'Arrived safely, but it sure is hot down here.'



"...And if you find a purple balloon up there, it's mine."

WHERE IS GOD HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?

Has anyone ever seen God? Some passages seem to indicate "yes" but others "no." The apostle John wrote "No man hath beheld God at any time, if we love one another, God abideth in us, and His love is perfected in us" (1 John 4:12). Other passages indicate that some mortals have indeed seen God. Moses and seventy-three others saw God on Mount Sinai (Exodus 24) and later Moses saw the glory of God in part (Exodus 33). Isaiah saw the Lord (most likely in a vision (Isaiah 6). In the New Testament, as Stephen was dying from being stoned, he saw God's glory and Jesus standing at His right hand (Acts 7:56). These passages indicate that in the past, some humans have indeed seen God in some way, shape or form! Was the apostle John wrong? Does the Bible contradict itself? Or is there a reasonable explanation to what seems to be a problem? Perhaps this will help: God is by nature a spirit (John 4:24) and spirits are invisible to human eyes. But God has at times revealed Himself in the presence of humans in ways that humans can comprehend. Certain apostles and prophets saw Him in visions. But no mortal man has ever actually entered the Heavenly realms to behold God as He really is. When Phillip asked to see the Father, Jesus replied that to know the Son would be to know the Father, and he who had seen the Son had seen the Father also (John 14:7-9). We walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). Someday all will behold Him in a meeting that will be one on one, face to face! The question is, Are you ready for that?

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

"The Holier Than Thou— Self Righteous"

Have you ever heard someone say, "are you holier than everyone else?" The Lord judges the self-righteousness in Isa. 65 for believing themselves to be "Holier than thou". In contrast, the Apostle Paul confesses himself to be the "chief of sinners". The truth is that all men believe themselves to be one or the other. Which one we believe ourselves to be... depends on the standard by which we judge. Those who compare themselves to other men can always find someone they are 'holier' than. Those, who by God's grace have seen Christ, are brought to cry, "woe is me". The Pharisee in Luke 18 was proud of how he measured up to 'other men'. The Publican could only cry, 'Be merciful to me the sinner'! The Lord was very clear on which one went down to his house justified. Now, here is the hope of this truth. How God sees men is just the opposite of how they see themselves. God says to the 'holier than thou' group: 'you are a smoke in my nose'. And to sinners He says: "whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." 1 Jn. 3:9. All the righteous believe themselves to be unrighteous, and all the unrighteous believe themselves to be righteous. I am thankful that God saved me from my sins many years ago and transformed me as a sinner to a Christian. I humbly accept God's love and grace and realize that I am noting without Him.

DAN

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Dwight Franklin to speak this morning and the men of the congregation to deliver the lesson tonight.



From Dan's desk:

My thanks to Dwight Franklin and the other men for speaking in my absence today. I am in a Gospel meeting in Bryan-College Station today. My good friend Rocky Whitely is the preacher there. He has been with us here on other occasions. We appreciate him and the work that he is doing. Thanks to all of you who came to Monday Night For The Master last Monday night. We had a good attendance and the food was great. Thanks to Sandy, Shelly and Ann for their preparation in putting it all together and a big thank you to those who brought dessert. It was a wonderful evening spent doing things for the Lord and the great fellowship that we enjoy as God's children. Much was accomplished as a result of our time spent together doing those things that were needing to be done. The month of May arrives this week. The year is moving along pretty fast, but much is being accomplished by those at this place. We are grateful to all who work in the Kingdom of God. The Crockett Road Church family is always busy taking care of each other and reaching out to others as well. Next Sunday is Mother's Day and it is a wonderful time to give special recognition to the mothers in the Crockett Rd. Church family. Each mother present will be given a special little treat. We hope that each of you will want to be present next Sunday. The Ladies Bible Class will have their last meeting until September on May 15th. We will have a luncheon in the activity building following class that day. The men are also invited to join us on that occasion. It has been great in many respects. We appreciate all the ladies who have been so regular in attendance and have given much of their time to visit others after class. Continue to pray for us while we are away. We will return on Thursday.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

DAPHNE PRINCE continues to undergo tests.
GERALD WILCHER has been undergoing tests this last week in Longview, Texas.
Others who have been ill are improving.
Prayer list in the foyer.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Beth Freeman and her Family on the death of our beloved **FRED FREEMAN**. Fred passed away on Wednesday afternoon. At this time no arrangements have been finalized.

CONGRATULATIONS

Gerald and Diane new great grandson born Thursday, April 26. Benjamin Grainger Norwood, 7 lbs 19 3/4 inches has entered our world. This is their 14th great grand child. God has truly blessed them and we rejoice with them.

I have never understood why women love cats.

Cats are independent, they don't listen, they don't come in when you call, they like to stay out all night, and when they're home they like to be left alone and sleep. In other words, every quality that women hate in a man, they love in a cat.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS LUNCHEON to be held on Tuesday May 15th following Class. Meat will be furnished. Please bring a covered dish.

“STRAIT IS THE GATE & NARROW THE WAY”

“Enter ye in at the strait gate...Strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” “Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able” (Matthew 7:13; Luke 13:24) The words above were spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ. And He said in another place, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). Since then, HE is the “Strait gate,” “the narrow way,” and the “life:” and since HE is received through simple faith and trust (Acts 10:43; 16:30,31; Rom. 10:1-17; John 3:14-16, 36), WHY is the entrance and way of life described as being so strait, so narrow, so compressed, so difficult? Is it because men are so sinful and their sins so numerous that, with such a load, they cannot squeeze into the kingdom of God? No, that is not the difficulty. The most wicked and vile sinner who ever lived may enter the “strait gate” but they must come on the terms of Jesus. We must repent of our sins, Luke 13:3-5 and be baptized Mark 16:15-16, to get on the “strait and narrow”. Many have done that recently here at Crockett Rd. We thank God for those who have committed their lives to Jesus. Sometimes the real issue is staying on the strait and narrow. May God help us to do so.

DAN