

Teen News

Thank you for coming today. Next Sunday we will honor all the mothers present in worship. It is Mother's Day and we always like to recognize them. We appreciate your help with this. Remember that two weeks from today we will honor our three graduating seniors at Crockett Rd. **JUSTIN DAVIS, LUKE LANE, ALLI THOMAS** at a luncheon in the activity building. We are proud of them and wish them the best in life. This Wednesday night we have a devo and evening meal at 6:15 p.m. Plan to be with us. God bless. **BEN**

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.

SENIORS TO BE HONORED

Our **THREE** graduating Seniors will be honored at an all church luncheon two week from today in the activity building. We are proud of them. They are: **JUSTIN DAVIS, LUKE LANE** and **ALLY THOMAS**. We are so proud of the accomplishments of these young people and the luncheon will give you an opportunity to visit with them. Continue to pray for them. Please bring 2 of the following: a meat dish, a salad, a vegetable or a dessert.

ARE YOU A BACKSLIDER?

You have heard the expression "Backslider". The Bible describes and defines a backslider as one who turns away from God. Consider what God says regarding Israel of old, "The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which **backsliding** Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot" Jer. 3:6. "And the LORD said unto me, The **backsliding** Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah" Jer. 3:11 Paul warns those under the New Covenant that the same may happen to them Gal. 5:3-4, Heb. 3:12 Those on the stony soil turn away from God because of various trials and persecutions. Those on the thorny soil become unfruitful. One may say that these on the thorny soil have not fallen away, but I disagree. We must understand that one can still be attending church and still be a backslider. Just because we warm a pew does not mean we are faithful. As Christians, we need to be constantly bearing fruit for the Lord. Jesus describes those in Ephesus as having left their first love Rev. 2:4. They were going through the motions of "doing church", but had backslidden into cold formalism. We would do well to remember the fate of the backslider. **DAN**

DOOR GREETERS

Sunday May 14, 2017

Johnny & Carolyn Jenkins

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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 Blend In With Others?"

I am persuaded that multitudes of Christians are more concerned with the opinions of the masses than they are with securing the favor of God. More often than not, following God means departing from the ways of the masses and, as a result, standing out from the crowd. Many would like to stand out from the crowd if it meant gaining the crowd's approval, but for the Christian, standing out from the crowd most often means earning their scorn and ridicule. Most will do anything to avoid scorn, or being the object of laughter and ridicule. In order to "blend in" and not stand out from the crowd, many Christians are adopting the world's standards of behavior, dress and language. I remember a young man who had to have a new pair of athletic shoes for school and they had to be a certain color and certain brand name and for these traits, his parents were all to ready shell out a lot of money. "After all, we couldn't have our son being the object of ridicule." This is something that begins very early in schools and continues right on throughout a person's adult life. Sexual immorality, dishonesty, immodesty, vulgarity and a host of other sins are routinely embraced by those calling themselves Christians, all in an attempt to *follow the opinion of the many and fear them*. It is time we make up our minds as to whom we are going to please and whom we are going to serve. And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15. But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29. We must be concerned with the approval of God more than the approval of men. **DAN**

**One responds in Jasper Meeting
One responds for membership last
Sunday**



From Dan's desk:

One responded to the invitation in the Jasper Gospel Meeting. It was good to be back home last Sunday. Thank you for your prayers while we were away. We were made happy last Sunday with the decision by PEGGY YOUNG to place membership with the Lord's Church in Palestine. We appreciate her and we will look forward to having her with us here at Crockett Rd. God continues to bless the church here with additional numerical strength. The Ladies Bible Class will have their last meeting this Wednesday until the month of September. The class will resume at that time. On Wednesday of this week, the ladies will have a year end luncheon at the 1904 Kolstad Inn. If you would like to attend today is the last day to sign up. The cost is \$15.00 and the luncheon will be a special one. The Children's Bible Hour program will break for the Summer months after tonight. The Bible Workers are serving hot dogs for the children & parents tonight after the session. We appreciate those who have given so much of their time and effort to teach the children. The month of May is here and that means we are just about a little over a month from Vacation Bible School. Mother's Day is next Sunday. We will have numerous guests in the audience. Please make an effort to reach out to our visitors and make them feel welcome. May 21st is Senior Day as was mentioned. As you can see, the month of May is going to be a busy month. Thank you for being present this morning. If you are visiting, please stay for a few minutes. We would like to meet you. See you tonight.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

LEANNA OLIVER, cousin of Deanna Chapman, has leukemia. They have asked for our prayers.

LANOVA MITCHELL has been ill at home for some time with her back and continues to undergo tests.

JIMMY QUICK friend of Doug Lowe has leukemia and has asked for prayer.

JEFF SPARKS will have gall bladder surgery this week.

A prayer list is in the foyer.

RESPONSES

Placing Membership
PEGGY YOUNG
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Welcome!

G	God's	Think about this the next
R	Riches	time you willfully sin.
A	At	HE gave His only SON
C	Christ's	to give you the hope of a
E	Expense	Home in Heaven.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR
Tonight will be the last Bible
Hour until the Fall. We hope all
the children have a wonderful
summer and will come back in
the Fall to learn more of God's
Word.

"THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVE"

Brotherly love is NOT optional. Some live in self-deception. John gives a stern warning. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also." 1 John 4:20-21 Hate is a strong word. What is hate? It is no more, nor any less than the absence of Love. For the true Christian, love is not optional. It is not something about which he can have a "take it or leave it" attitude. Let us love one another! Love is of God. He is the source, definition and supreme example of love. With brotherly love I cannot please God and live as a true and authentic Christian and have bold confidence in my standing before God. Without love, going to worship at the church house and my observances of the Lord's Supper are nothing more than a hypocritical sham. LOVE! Love brings us into fellowship with God (12-16). Of course, we cannot fellowship God as we do each other for God is not visible to us John 1:18. When brotherly love abides within our hearts, then God abides in us through His Holy Spirit. It is impossible for one to say he has fellowship with God when he does not love his brothers and sisters in Christ. It is just as likely for an unloving person to be a child of God as it is for a fig tree to bear olives James 3:9-12. Just as Jesus said that the world would know that we are His disciples by the love we have for one another John 13:34-35, so the world will know that we are not only disciples but also God's children through our brotherly love. Let us abound in love.

DAN