

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms here this morning! The youth group would like to honor each mother here today with a **special gift**. Be sure to pick up your gift before you leave.

I would like to thank those who stayed for the DEVO last Sunday night. We had a great lesson, good food and a lot of fun! I hope you all have a great week. **Remember next Sunday we will be honoring the 2016 graduates.** I hope everyone will be present for this. God Bless. BEN

WHY IS GAMBLING WRONG?

In the first place, let us be crystal clear that we should not decide this issue on economics. We are often promised that the increased gambling revenues will be used to support our schools or will provide good jobs. Even if that were true, remember that the ends do not justify the means (Rom. 3:8). If gambling is immoral and unbiblical, then no Christian should support it for any reason. Let us be clear and Biblical in our thinking. In the second place, there is no doubt that gambling is both sinful and immoral. Gambling is more than just taking a chance or a risk. Gambling is placing a wager on the outcome of a game of skill or luck. In both casino gambling and the lottery, the odds are stacked so high against the player that gambling is really just stealing by consent, and we all know what Scripture says about stealing. My dad taught us, "Never bet on another man's trick," and that is good advice. The Bible condemns gambling by example. The soldiers who gambled for the Lord's clothing on the cross are condemned by all four gospel writers. The other example of gambling in the Bible is that of Samson in Judges 14:1-20, and it too is portrayed in a negative light. Gambling places one's faith in the god of luck and chance, rather than in the providence of the one true God. It is an addictive habit that has ruined many lives, families, and souls (cf. 1 Cor. 6:12). Don't get caught up and neglect the more important things of life. DAN

"A HUNGER FOR THE RIGHT THING"

God has given us a soul. This soul must be fed just like the body (Mt. 4:4). There is a hunger that attends man's moral nature just like that which is physical, and when it is not attended to there is not only an unfulfilled appetite, but serious consequences may result to the body's health. God has given His word to satisfy man's hunger for the soul (Jno. 6:35). His conscience cries out to God for relief out of his recognition of his sins, and God provides (I Pet. 3:21). "The appeal to God for a clear conscience" is an effort to satisfy the longing for forgiveness. Worship is the provision for man's inherent need for recognition by his Creator. The local church and its various activities serve to provide man with the need for spiritual fellowship. Man is made to glorify God. With faith God appeals to a man's intellect. With repentance He appeals to man's emotions and will. With obedience (first baptism, then faithful participation) He appeals to man's desire to be recognized and be in fellowship with Him. Special things satisfy special needs. When I'm hungry for popcorn, only popcorn will satisfy. When I hunger for exercise, only some strenuous activity will satisfy. When I long for good music, nothing else will do. When I long for my beloved Audrey, only she can warm my heart. And when I have an ardent longing for recognition by my Creator, only He and His methods will answer my needs. May we turn to God and hunger for righteousness. When we do, we shall be filled. Matt. 5 DAN

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

"A MOTHER'S LOVE"

Nowhere is this more apparent than in the matter of love. The familiar texts that speak of God as having a father's love are complemented by those that describe the divine love in motherly terms. The fatherliness of God's love is perfected by its motherliness. If God loves us with a mother's love, this is more than a theoretical point. In day-to-day practice, we should not fail to have the same kind of love for one another. Even Paul, the strong soldier of the faith, understood the need for TENDER love. To the church in Thessalonica, he wrote, "But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us" (1 Thessalonians 2:7,8). A mother is able to touch her children with a special tenderness because she UNDERSTANDS them in a special way. God's perfect love for us, of course, is possible because of an infallible understanding of our hearts, and we shall not be able to reach that level of empathy for one another. What we certainly can do, however, is to make a more conscious EFFORT to understand the kinds of things a mother understands — and to love accordingly. If we seek God, we will seek to love as God loves. In our love and in our dealings with God's children, we will include not only the productiveness of a father, but the tenderness and insight of a mother.

"A mother understands what a child does not say" (Jewish Proverb)

Aaron Beard

**Today Is Mother's Day
It is great to have you with us**



From Dan's desk:

Good morning church family. It is good to see each of you this morning in worship. Today is Mother's Day. We honor all mothers in the assembly. At the end of the service the youth are presenting a remembrance to each of you along with another little gift we want to give to you on the "worthy" woman. Mother's Day is always a special time for us here. We all remember our moms with love, even if so many have gone on to be with our Lord. One of the great commands of God is to "Honor thy Father and Mother." If that was true when God gave it then, it is surely true today. If your mother is still alive and well, express to her the love and affection that must surely be a part of all of us. We want to remind you also that next Sunday we will give recognition to our graduating seniors. We have Four young people who will be graduating from High School and some from college. We are proud of these young people and we hope you will be here not only to recognize them in the assembly, but for the luncheon that shall follow the morning worship service. It will be a great day. Plan to be with us. The Facebook class went well last Sunday afternoon. We appreciate Adam for teaching this class. If you would like to know more about Facebook, this is your opportunity to do so. Thanks for being here this morning. If you are visiting, please plan to come again and stay for a few minutes and let us get to know you. We hope to see each of you tonight.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

- GERALD WILCHER will have surgery soon.**
- DENNIS ELLISON will begin treatment soon for his cancer.**
- DEBBIE FINN, daughter of Jan Todd, is very ill with pneumonia.**
- JAMES ROGERS, nephew of Gerald & Dianne Wilcher, has cancer**
- NELL LOCK, Kyle's mom, suffered a stroke. She is better and back at Tru-care nursing facility.**
- KERMITT GRIMSLEY is recovering from knee surgery last week.**

SENIORS HONORED: Our graduating seniors, EMMA RICARD, TANNER GIBSON, ALYSSA HOWELL, & KIMMIE DEAN, will be honored at a luncheon a week from today following the morning worship. You are asked to bring two of the following: meat dish, vegetable, salad or dessert. Plan to stay and support our youth.

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.

"Are you a Bystander?"

"There are many reasons why this "bystander effect" is of prevalent. The bystander effect is very real and very scary. The more people that are present, the less likely action will be taken to help a victim. This is a real phenomenon. People assume someone else is going to step up and take responsibility.

- They assume someone else in the group is more qualified to help than they are.
- They think that maybe someone already has taken action and help is on the way.
- They don't know the full situation and aren't sure if help is actually needed or not, so they wait around to see if anyone else will do something.

Whatever reason that bystanders may have for seeing someone in need of help and not taking action, the result is the same: the victim suffers because they do not receive the help that they need. In many sad cases the victim dies while waiting for one of the people nearby to step up and help them. This same type of tragedy can occur just as often to those who are dying in sin. How often have you seen a person in sin and not taken action because of one of the above reasons? May God help us to respond to the needs of others even before they ask. That my friend is the spirit of Christianity.

Dan