

Teen News

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

to all the mothers!! It is good to be here this morning to worship with everyone. I hope you all had a good week and I hope that you do good on your upcoming exams. School is about to end for the Summer and I know you are counting the days! I hope you have a wonderful week!!

BEN

LAUGHTER IS GOOD MEDICINE

An unmarried girl who worked in a busy office arrived one morning and began passing out big cigars and candy, both tied with blue ribbons. When asked what the occasion was, she proudly displayed a new diamond solitaire ring on her third finger, left hand, and announced, "It's a boy, six feet tall and 190 pounds!"

"If you'll make the toast and pour the juice, sweetheart," said the newlywed bride, "breakfast will be ready."

"Good, what are we having for breakfast," said the new husband.

"Toast and juice," she replied.

Then there was a man who said, "I never knew what real happiness was until I got married; and then it was too late."

A Merry heart doeth good like medicine.
Prov. 17:12

BIBLE CLASSES

"So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading" (Nehemiah 8:8). The Bible exalts teachers who touch lives with God's word. Moses was a teacher (Deut. 28-30). The prophets of old were teachers, and Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, was the Master Teacher. Brethren, we find our spiritual roots in a long line of passionate individuals who instructed others in the word of God! How tragic, then, when we Christians fail to properly acknowledge and appreciate our teaching heritage!

Churches need to be committed to the education and edification of their members, and this necessarily includes a strong commitment to Bible classes (Eph. 4:12). I fear we're living to see the prophet's words fulfilled anew: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). While we should not rely solely on the educational program of the church to meet our spiritual needs, many of us still need to regard the role of Bible classes in our lives higher than we presently do!

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FOX 44—Waco, TX.
FOX 29, Bryan-College Station, TX.
NBC 53—Lufkin, TX.
ASSEMBLY TIMES
Sun: 9:30 AM Class
10:30 AM Worship
6:00 PM Evening
Wed: 7:00 PM

THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

Christians are engaged in spiritual warfare. God commands that we, "put on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:11)." We face an enemy who is every bit as vicious and deceitful as any terrorist, and what's more, our enemy refuses to show himself. Satan is content to work behind the scenes, never quite revealing himself, even though we all can see the effects of his presence (read Job 1). And herein lies the real danger: because our enemy is unseen, it becomes very easy for people in the church to forget our true purpose. Some have forgotten who the true enemy is, and others have begun to question whether we are even fighting a war at all! There are some soldiers in the Lord's kingdom who have decided to give up the fight altogether. These "deserters" have decided that it would be easier to surrender their lives to sin. *They know the consequences of sin (Rom 6:23), but would rather be amused and entertained than fulfill the purpose for which they were created (Eccl. 12:13).* To them, the Christian life seems too inconvenient and too demanding. Some soldiers of the cross are passionately fighting the wrong battles. Instead of working to win more souls to Christ, it seems that these brethren are intent on scrutinizing every action and motive of their fellow Christians. And woe to him with whom one of these overly suspicious soldiers finds fault! *Brethren, we should be concerned about sin among us (Jude 3), but let's be sure that we are not developing the kind of critical, judgmental attitudes Jesus warned about (Matt. 7:1-6).* To this kind of soldier, the enemy seems to be everywhere, and everyone's intentions are suspect! Still other soldiers pay lip service to their struggle, but in reality they seek to embrace the enemy with open arms. "We shouldn't get so worked up over doctrine," they say, "but instead we should unite under the cross and celebrate God's grace." Fact is, the Bible says that doctrine is VERY important since it will be the basis for our judgment in the final day (2 John 9; John 12:48-49). *Those who seek unity at the expense of clear Bible teaching will one day realize that they have, in reality, stopped fighting and embraced that which is ungodly (Amos 3:3; Eph 5:11).* It seems better to these soldiers to call a truce than to fulfill their marching orders (see Mark 16:15-16; Matt 28:18-20). **TAKE YOUR BATTLE STATIONS.**

DAN

One Responds Children's Bible Hour Has Successful Year



From Dan's desk:

Good morning church family. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers in the audience this morning. We are glad you are here to worship God and edify one another. Last Sunday was a great day. MARY STECH responded to the invitation asking for the prayers of the church here. There are times in the lives of each of us when we feel the need to petition others for their prayers. We all draw strength from knowing that our brothers and sisters in Christ are praying for us. We commend her. We know that she and Bob have been going through difficult times recently and we want to continue to pray for them. The Children's Bible Hour Program had a great year. The young people in the Lord's Church here have been taught the will of God and lessons that will no doubt make them stronger in years to come. How could one place a value on knowledge that these young people have gained by being in Children's Bible each Sunday night. Thanks to all the workers who have done a masterful job. The Bible drama presented by the workers last Sunday night was great. This gives each of us an opportunity to see what is actually done in Bible Hour each Sunday evening. So many events are planned for the church over the next several weeks. We hope that each of you will want to participate in as many as possible. These events draw us closer together as God's Children. Thanks to those who came yesterday to the Men's Breakfast and those who helped. We hope that each of you will want to be present tonight as we worship God together. See you then. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

BILLY MASON has been undergoing tests last week.

GARY OLIVER continues to need our prayers.

JOYCE FERRELL, sister of Mary Stech, has been ill in Waco.

JERROD BELL, grandson of Martha Sims, has been having seizures for a few weeks. Tests are being conducted.

Our sympathy is extended to former member, Patsy McClelland and family in the death of FRANK McCLELLAND. He passed away Wednesday morning in Waxahachie, TX. Services are pending.

**RESPONSES
FOR PRAYER: Mary Stech**

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.

Things we should do

There are 1,001 things you can choose to do this day that will lighten the load of someone else's burden and give you a warm feeling of satisfaction that the day has been well spent.

- Do something thoughtful for a sick or home-bound person.
- Write a note of appreciation to someone who has helped you.
- Cook, make, or buy a gift for someone. Give it anonymously.
- Offer to baby-sit one night for a young couple. Salvation is not a matter of doing good things and earning your way into heaven. But those who are Christians find it joyous and rewarding to do things that help others in the name of Jesus.
- Forgive someone who has hurt you.
- Take someone to lunch that has recently lost a family member in death.
- Do something to make a child smile. Hug someone tightly and say, "I love you." When tomorrow gets here, the chance to do any good with today will be gone. You don't have to cross the ocean or go across town. You can start in your own house with your family.
- Spend a full hour of one-on-one time with your mate.
- Go wherever your child is and communicate your love for and pride in that child for who he/she is.
- Get out the checker board, Uno cards, and Monopoly board and challenge the entire family to take you on.
- Tell your parents how much you love them.
- "Little things make an eternal difference — whether by being done or by being neglected. Just one loving thing done by you today can make a difference in someone's eternal welfare."

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