

Good morning and thanks for being here today. School is almost over for the year and summer is right around the corner. Many of you have different plans this summer and I know you all are excited. I hope that each of you will make time to attend class and worship service regularly.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today— Graduating Seniors Luncheon  
 May 22— Youth Lock-In  
 June 14-19— Ark-La-Tex Church Camp  
 June 23-July 28—Youth Summer Series (Tuesday evenings each week)  
 June 23—VBS  
 (These are some of the events going on this summer, **please mark on your calendars**)

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 GRADUATING SENIORS:

**Destiny Harding and Ashton Howell!!!!!!** Both of them will be graduating from Palestine High School. Come congratulate them after our worship service this morning in the activity building.

## Light Up the Church Building

A little story that illustrates the problem of attendance goes like this:

In a certain mountain village in Europe several centuries ago, a nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave to people in his town. At last he decided to build them a church building.

No one saw the complete plans for the building until it was finished. When the people gathered, they marveled at its beauty and completeness. Then someone asked, "But where are the lamps? How will it be lighted?"

The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls. Then he gave to each family a candle which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship.

"Each time you are here the area where you are seated will be lighted," the nobleman said. "Each time you are not here, that area will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark."

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## The Urge to Worship

The urge to worship is an inherent inclination to show reverence and respect. Sometimes it has nothing to do with anything biblical, like God. Since man has existed he has worshipped something – his ancestors, plants, the moon, stars, sun, trees, fire and even himself. When men turn from God, Paul said they "exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever" (Rom. 1:25). The creation of images and idols is known as idolatry – condemned severely in scripture (1 John 5:21).

Christians worship God alone (Matt. 4:10; John 4:23-24). Because the Bible has the only true information about God, the way Christians worship must be dictated by the truth of God's word. That worship is not the result of inward impulse, but conformity to what God himself has allowed in his word.



But still there is an inward urge to worship. When trouble strikes, the urge to turn to God is natural. It is wrong to limit to troublesome times. Jeremiah rebuked the idolatrous Jews as those who, "say to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face; **but in the time of their trouble** they will say, Arise, and save us" (Jer. 2:27).

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**DOOR GREETERS –May 24, 2015**

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**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

# GRADUATION SUNDAY



*Destiny Harding*



*Ashton Howell*

**Please remain seated as we pay honor and tribute to our graduating High School Seniors 2015**

**Proverbs 3:6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to thine own understanding, but in all of your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct you path".**

## Graduating Seniors to be honored this morning. Luncheon after worship



*From Dan's desk:*

Last Sunday was Mother's Day and we had several guests visiting with their moms. It was a great day. I appreciate your favourable comments about the lessons last Sunday. Mother's Day always brings back many memories of the one who gave birth to us. We thank God for all the mothers in the congregation here and for your efforts to teach and train your children in the way of our Heavenly Father. Today we will give special recognition to our Graduating Seniors. **DESTINY HARDING** and **ASHTON HOWELL** will both be graduating from Palestine High School in just a couple of weeks and we wanted to honor them with a special luncheon in their honor and make a special presentation to them this morning following the morning lesson. They are great young people and faithful to the Lord's Church here. We are proud of them and their accomplishments. There is a table set up in the Activity building for each student. On each table is a number of items that speak of their achievements in public school and their extra curricular activities while attending Palestine High. These young people come from good homes where spiritual values are taught and upheld. We hope that each of you will stay for the luncheon and show your support for these young people. The Wedding shower for Sherri Chambless will be held in the Family room following the luncheon today. We are happy for her on her recent marriage. We are glad you are here this morning. Please make plans to be with us tonight. See you then. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**RENEE WHITLEY** had foot surgery on Tuesday of this last week.

**DAVID & JENNIFER SPARKS** continue to recover at home.

**DAVID** will have shoulder surgery tomorrow in Tyler.

**EMERALD ELLIS** continues to undergo tests.

**SHOWER** for Sherri (Chambless) Schwab today at 2 PM. in the activity building Family Room.

**MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**  
Our Monday Night for the Master will be held this month on March 18th. We will have sandwiches. Make plans to attend and bring sandwiches or desserts. We will eat at 6:15 PM and begin our tasks at 7 PM.

### **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.**

## Send the Fire Truck!

In a small eastern Kentucky town, the local police chief also served as part of the Volunteer Fire Department. His job was to answer the phone and in the event of a fire was to ring the fire bell to summons all the volunteer firemen in the county. One Saturday morning, the phone rang and the chief answered, "Fire department." Out of the ear phone came the terrified voice of a woman yelling, "Hurry, send the fire truck!"; but immediately hang up the phone. The chief sat there stunned. "Send it where?" In a very few minutes, the phone rang again, and the chief again answered, "Fire department." Once more, in hysterical cries, the voice on the other end of the phone cried, "Hurry! Hurry!, send the fire truck," and again immediately hung up the phone. The chief was even more perturbed. He ran out into the street and surveyed the scene for a full 360 degrees, looking for smoke. No smoke. Where was the fire? Whose house was going up in flames? Were there children who were in danger? All these things flitted through his mind. He heard the phone rang again, and on the way back to the station office, he devised a way to keep the lady on the phone long enough to find where to send the fire truck. He grabbed the phone, and yelled, "Where's the fire?" The voice on the other end returned the yell by saying, "In the kitchen!" and promptly hung up the phone once more. So much of what is called religion is a lot like this humorous situation. Insufficient information leaves people insufficiently informed and the lack of information promotes nothing but insufficient confusion. Only the full truth of God satisfies. ADPT.