

# Teen News

Thanks for being here this morning. I know you all are ready for the summer! School is almost over for the year!! I want to congratulate the young people in Bible Hour, you all did a great job last Sunday evening. Thanks for the program. Thanks to all the adults for working with them. I know it takes a lot of work to get things done. You all have done a great job! To those going to church camp, you all should have received your camp packet in the mail by now. We will have another meeting on Sunday, June 3rd. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting. I will go over what they need to bring to camp and some other things. Keri and I will be out of town next weekend, we will be attending a wedding in San Antonio. Have a great week!

BEN

## FAITH COMES BY HEARING

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). The preaching of the gospel of Christ is the soul-saving ordinance. It is not through the eye but rather through the ear that salvation comes to men. “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God”. In every age God has raised up men to faithfully pro-claim His gospel of grace. Elijah may ascend but his mantle fell to Elisha. Paul may die but not until Timothy is trained and on the field. The true preacher of God’s gospel has a rightful claim on your attention. If God has sent him, men should – and must – hear him for he who preaches Christ crucified has life flowing from his lips. And he who hears will find life flowing in his heart and soul. “God hath chosen by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe” (1 Cor. 1:21). Jesus taught, “He that hath ears, let him hear”. He also taught, “Take heed how you hear”. We must listen with an open mind to the truth of God and never be afraid of where truth may lead”.

DAN

## Our Light Affliction

We have all faced our times of trouble and affliction. Any child of God suffering affliction can take comfort from the truth that no child of God suffers affliction alone. “In all their affliction he was afflicted” (Is. 63:9). When a child of God suffers affliction, Christ our Savior suffers affliction with us. He personally feels the affliction of His people because believers are the body of Christ. This is why the Lord said to Saul “Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou ME?” (Acts 9:4). Our great High Priest is touched with the feeling of our infirmity (Heb 4:15) so He not only comforts, but He sympathizes with us in our affliction and delivers us from it. God said “I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them” (Acts 7:34). This passage is also translated “In all their affliction, there was no affliction.” Trials never come accidentally. Trials are always sent by the purpose of God. Trials are also never sent to punish God’s children. A believer’s sin has already been punished in Christ our Substitute so trials are always sent for our good and our learning. Any trial that increases faith in Christ is for our good, no matter how painful the trial may be at the time. This is what enabled the apostle Paul to say “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” (2 Cor 4:17). How strong is your faith in times of trouble and affliction? Don’t forget the Lord stands with you. DAN

# Gospel Worker

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## “SOME PEOPLE WILL SAY ANYTHING”

“But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets...” (Acts. 24:14) Someone recently referred to churches of Christ as a cult saying, “They don’t believe like most churches. Some people believe that those who are adherents to the Bible and ask for a “thus saith the Lord” are just a bunch of bigots and heretics. They look at us and they have this weird view of God as sovereign in everything, even to the point of saying that He doesn’t actually want to save everyone, and that Christ didn’t die for everyone.” Isn’t it a shame that the state of affairs is such today that people actually consider what we believe as heresy? Yet, we can take heart in knowing that natural men have always considered the truth of God’s sovereignty in all things as heretical. That is because the flesh is at enmity with God. That is why they said of Christ, “He has a demon,” (John 10:20). Look at the context! It was because He said that He came to redeem those sheep that the Father had given Him and not everyone. Our Lord concluded with these words, “But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I call them and they follow me.” If you are the Lord’s, why would men say anything less of you than they said of Him? As the Apostle Paul testified, “That after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets.” Is anything but a sovereign God taught in Scripture? (Psalm 115:3) Then I confess Him as He is! Do the Scriptures teach that my salvation is because of the death of Christ on the cross and my willingness to obey His commands. Matt. 7:21 Then call me a heretic. Then I give Him all the glory! Does the Bible say that I am dead in my sin and that God must give me life in order develop a relationship with the Lord Jesus. Absolutely! (John 6:63-65) That is precisely why I obeyed the Gospel of Jesus many years ago. No, it is not heresy, but it is truth. Jesus said, “You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free”. John 8:32

DAN

**LADS TO LEADERS WILL BEGIN  
THEIR SUMMER PROGRAM THIS  
AFTERNOON.  
TWO PLACE MEMBERSHIP**



*From Dan's desk:*

Our Gospel Meeting in Bryan-College Station went great. It was good to be with Rocky Whitely the preacher there. The church there is blessed to have such a dedicated servant of God. It was good to get back home. Last Sunday morning we had a number of visitors in the audience for Mother's Day. Thanks for your comments about the "Mother's Day Sermon". There is always a soft and warm spot in our hearts for the one who gave us life. On Sunday night following the evening service the Bible Hour workers and children presented a short program in the church auditorium. They did a great job. The children were simply fantastic. This program is a great way to teach young people and we appreciate all who are giving their time and effort to train these young minds. The Lads to Leaders summer program will have their "kick-off" this afternoon at 2 P.M. at the Satterwhites home. All the young children are invited to attend along with parents. There will be a blow-up slide and sundaes for those in attendance. We are grateful to Clint and Jonna for opening their home to us once again. I know that the children will enjoy the evening. They will be back in time for worship tonight. We welcome LARRY & GLENDA BASKIN back into our fellowship here. They moved away from us, but are back. We are happy that they have moved back home. The Summer is shaping up to be a busy one. We have several speakers who will be with us once a month to encourage us on the theme, "Think On These Things". We refer you to the sheet containing the events for the year that were made available on January 1st. Thanks to all of you who make the effort to participate in these planned events. Thanks for being here this morning. We will see you tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**SHERRON CARDER** has been in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas with stroke symptoms. She is home improving.

**ANN MOTTERN** will have surgery this Wednesday at Christus Mother Frances hospital in Tyler.

**DOLLYE JEFFUS** continues to be ill at home and will undergo surgery soon in Tyler.

**CLINT ELLIS** will have a port implanted for dialysis this week.

*Others who have been ill are improving. Continue to pray for them.*

**SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to Joyce & Ike Weatherly on the death of Joyce's son, **DARRYL DOUGLASS** on Thursday of last week. His services were held yesterday.

Our sympathy is extended to Dee Ricard and family in the death of Dee's brother, **GEORGE TITLOW**, in Llano. Services were held there last week.

Sympathy is also extended to Patti Bowles on the death of her 6 month old granddaughter, **AVERY MEYERS**, who passed away last week. Her services were held on May 11th. Keep her family in your prayers.



*Lads to  
Leaders*

The "Lads To Leaders" program will begin this afternoon with a fellowship at the home of Clint and Jonna Satterwhite. The Summer program is a great program and we encourage parents to involve their children in these growth opportunities. There will be a "blow-up" slide and ice cream sundaes for those in attendance. The event starts at 2 P.M. They will let out in time for the evening worship service.

**"FAITHFUL OR UNFAITHFUL"**

When people fall away from the Lord, it is usually not a sudden thing. They usually start by forsaking the assembly of Wednesday night Bible study. Then they start missing Sunday evening worship. Next they stop coming to Sunday morning Bible study; and then finally they stop coming to Sunday morning worship. This is the usual path of apostasy for most people who fall away. Oh, some may come back and "visit" several times a year and a few may even attend only the Sunday morning worship with little regularity. These are described in 2 Peter 2:22 as, "A dog turns to his own vomit again, and a sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." It is tragic that people leave God and fall back into the path of sin. God calls on us to be faithful. This is something that we should all remember and strive for in life.. DAN