

Teen News

Thanks to everyone who helped with the luncheon last Sunday! The lunch was very good and the decorations were awesome. We are all very proud of our 2015 seniors this year and I know that they will do well in life. **Congratulations Destiny and Ashton!!!** Church camp is three weeks away and I want to encourage all youth to go this year. PARENTS HELP ME ENCOURAGE THEM TOO. I have the registration forms in the youth room. Come by and get one!!

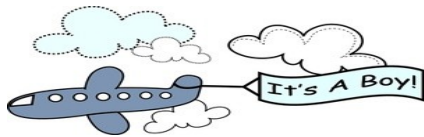
Thanks to everyone who came to the Lock-In last Friday. We had a great night!!

We started are softball games last week and are having a lot of fun. **We play on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.** A schedule has been posted on the bulletin board across from the office. Please come support us when you can. I hope that you all have a blessed week.

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Austin, Janae & Brock Evans who welcomed a new baby boy. AX-TON KYLE EVANS was born Saturday, May 16th. Grandparents are Kyle & Deanna Lock.



Vacation Bible School is coming up in one month. It will be on Tuesday, June 23rd, from 9AM to 12PM. Lunch will be served before children are dismissed. Please make plans now to have your children there. Invite neighbor children and kin-folks. Our teachers work very hard on their lessons, so don't let them down by not making this your first priority for summer activities.

A Monkey and a Computer

How long would it take lifeless chemicals under ideal conditions to evolve into a living protozoan? Answer: it could never happen!

Let's simplify the problem. How long would it take a monkey, pounding irrationally and randomly at a computer, to come up with the words of Genesis 1:1 ("In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth")? In fact, let's allow a million tireless monkeys to pound away at record speed (twelve keys a second) on simplified keyboards with only capital letters.

Now, try to think of a rock so large that if the earth were at its center its surface would touch the nearest star. This star is so far away that light from it takes more than four years to get here, traveling 186,000 miles every second.

If a bird came once every million years and removed an amount equivalent to the finest grain of sand, four such rocks would be worn away before the champion super simians would be expected to type Genesis 1:1."

God's great handiwork baffles the greatest minds ever produced. His glory and his power are beyond the capability of man to comprehend and appreciate. *"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge"* (Psalm 19:1-2).



SELECTED

DOOR GREETERS –May 31, 2015

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May 31 ,2015**

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NBC 53– Lufkin, TX.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

How To Please Everyone

by Wendell Ward

A man and his grandson went on a journey, walking and leading a donkey. Soon they met a man who said, "How foolish for you to be walking. One of you should be riding the donkey." So the man put his grandson on the animal.

The next traveler they met frowned and said accusingly, "How dreadful for a strong, young boy to be riding while an old man walks." With that, the boy climbed off the donkey and his grandfather climbed on.

The next person down the road, however, said, "I just can't believe that a grown man would ride and make a poor little boy walk." So the man pulled the boy back aboard and off they rode on the donkey together.

That is, until they met the next fellow who screamed, "I never saw anything so cruel in all my life. Two intelligent human beings riding on the poor little scrawny donkey." They dismounted, picked up the donkey and carried it down the road.

Down the road a piece from there our trio met a couple of men traveling together. When the parties had passed, one of the men turned to the other and said, "Did you ever see two fools carrying a donkey before?"

How to please everyone? Don't even try! Just try to please God. *"For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ,"* (Gal. 1:10).

The sooner we learn we cannot live by the conscience of any other man, the better off we will be. Each of us must walk by the rule of faith that comes by hearing the word of God according to (Rom. 10:17). We understand James 4:4 to teach that friendship with the world causes us to be the enemy of God.

When it comes to preaching the word, preachers must realize they too must also live by the word. To proclaim something that would just tickle ears and not be in harmony with "the God-breathed word" causes one, even if he were an angel from heaven, to be accursed.

We must not confer with men as to the preaching of the word. It has been certified already. Our job is to persuade men to obey it.

As our travelers soon learned, trying to please everyone only led to confusion. Confusion leads to doing something foolish, like carrying your donkey! Or worse yet, confusion leads to denominationalism!

One Family Places Membership. MEMORIAL DAY



From Dan's desk:

We are so proud of our graduates this year. Ashton and Destiny are both exceptional students and we are confident that they will do great things in life. They have both been faithful to the Lord's Church here and for that we rejoice. Our continued prayers will be with them as they make this transition in life. It was good to welcome MARSHALL and EVA WALKER into our fellowship. They acknowledged their desire to place membership with the church here. They have visited us on several occasions. Eva grew up in Palestine as a child, and it is good to have both of them with us here at Crockett Road. The month of May has really been busy with numerous activities and events. Today is Memorial Day weekend. We welcome all visitors to our assembly and we hope you will come again. So many through the years have given so much to the preservation of our freedom in America and we will forever be grateful. It is always great when a Nation remembers their war deceased. Memories trace through the minds of many this weekend. The Lord's Day is that special time designated for us to allow the sufferings of Jesus to be caught up in our minds as we reflect on His life, death and resurrection in the observance of the Lord's Supper. May we never forget. Thanks to those who came for Monday Night for the Master last Monday evening. It was a great evening spent in working for the Master. We will resume this program in September, as well as the Ladies Bible Class that meets on Tuesday mornings. Thanks to all the ladies who have been faithful to attend this last year. See you tonight. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

DAVID SPARKS had shoulder surgery on Monday in Tyler. He did well and is recovering at home.

JENNIFER SPARKS continues to recover from her injuries at home.

EMERALD ELLIS had a liver biopsy last Monday in Temple. Test went well, but no results yet.

EDD COLEMAN, who has been on our prayer list, is now cancer free. Thanks for your prayers.

Please pick up a prayer list from the podiums and remember these in your prayers. Prayers are answered. We have seen it twice this month!

MEMBERSHIP

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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.

Essential Church

Members by Greg Gwin

In every healthy congregation you will find certain people that comprise the essential "heart and soul" of the church. Note . . . -- They are always present at the assemblies. They make it a point to never miss any of the services. If it is necessary to make changes, adjust schedules, suffer inconvenience or simply miss out on other activities, they will do so because they are committed to being present every time the doors are open.

-- These folks actually look for opportunities to serve. If there is work to be done, Bible classes to be taught, weak members to be encouraged, sick folks to be visited, menial chores to be fulfilled, they will step up and get the job done. They are not waiting to be told what to do. Instead they are searching for more and more that can be accomplished.

-- In matters of personal purity and morality, these people are setting a worthy example. They don't look for "loopholes" to justify untoward behavior. Rather they "go the extra mile" to make sure that there is not even an "appearance of evil" (1 Thess. 5:22). In the clothes they wear, the language they use, the places they go, the movies and TV they watch, these brethren are determined to do the right thing.

-- Most surveys indicate that 80% of what is contributed in any church comes from about 20% of the membership. The kind of people we're describing here are among that 20%. They are truly sacrificial in their giving. When conflicts arise in the church, these people can be counted on to help make resolution. They are not the sort to get their feelings hurt easily. Instead, they work hard to address situations that -- unheeded -- could lead to serious division. They stand firmly and without compromise for the truth, they love their brethren, and they care about the church.

More could be said, but the picture is pretty clear. Local churches depend on these members. In fact, without them a congregation will never prosper. Now, the simple question is: Are you one of these 'essential' church members? Think!