

# Teen News

It is good to be back from California. Brandy and I enjoyed a few days off. Thanks to Ben Rhone for teaching my Bible class for me on Sunday and thanks to the teens for going into the chapel class last Wednesday night. I am glad you are here today also. Summer is about to begin and we have several activities planned for each of you.

**BLAKE**

## THANK YOU

Our thanks to Jan Todd for the beautiful floral arrangements that are placed in front of the pulpit each time. We really appreciate what you do to beautify the auditorium. Our thanks also to Willette Mitchell for the beautiful bulletin board as you enter the office area. It always look nice and it was recently changed this week. Thanks to Phillip Castillo for washing and cleaning the church bus. It looks great and we are so thankful for his kindness as well. Thanks to Mary Jo and all the ladies who have been meeting at the church building to work on V.B.S material and plans for "SPECIAL TUESDAY" and for work in the media center. Thanks to the Sister To Sister committee for plans for the ladies during the summer months and the "Donuts For Dad" on June 16th in the activity building prior to Bible class. Thanks to Jane Grumbles and others for providing meals for the Monday Night For The Master gang during the year. Thanks to James & Sandy Singleterry and the other ladies and men who help with the church fellowships each quarter. So many who work among the church family here at Crockett Rd. We will list even more in next week's bulletin. Be sure to express your personal appreciation for those who give of their time and energy to promote the cause of Jesus.

**THE ELDERS**

## THE LITTLE WORD "IF"

According to E.W. Bullinger's, "A Critical Lexicon and Concordance To The English And Greek New Testament" (1982), p. 396, the little word, "if" (note 1. (b) – followed by the subjunctive mood) means, "This expresses a condition of uncertainty, with an assumption of some small amount of contingency or probability, where experience will show whether the thing is really so or not, (John 7:17)". This word has only two letters in its makeup, but it is one of the most important words in the Bible. Let's look at a biblical example in 1 John 1 of just how important this little word is. In 1 John 1:6-10 (KJV), John uses the little word, "if" no less than five times. In so many words, he is stating that in our Christian walk, we can continually be cleansed by the blood of Christ "if" we are willing to (1) "walk in the light" (of God's word – Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 6:23), and (2) "confess our sins" before God. Note that the blessing of our continually being cleansed by Christ's blood is conditioned on whether or not we continually adhere and are obedient to the word of God (1 John 1:7; cf. John 7:17; Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:9; James 1:23-25; 1 Peter 1:22). In the Bible, is the little word, "if" important? You bet it is, as our adherence or non-adherence to this little word can carry with it **eternal consequences** (cf. Romans 11:18-22).

### DOOR GREETERS June 9, 2013

**Adam & Diane Harding**

### COMMUNION PREPARATION June 9, 2013

**Adam Harding**

# Gospel Worker

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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

## Armchair Christianity

We've probably all heard of the stereotype in which the man sits in the chair all day barking out orders to his wife, never getting up, and demanding complete access to the remote control. Unfortunately, this is a view that many Christians hold concerning what it is like to be a child of God.

### **A Christian Is To Study**

Before any of us ever become a couch potato we need to ask ourselves if we are studying like a Christian should. I don't mean, are you studying like everyone else in the congregation but are you studying as the Bible says a Christian should. It is important that we understand just what the scriptures teach about our study habits.

**Ephesians 5:17** says, "So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." Paul had said a couple of chapters earlier that when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ (3:4). So we must observe first of all that we CAN understand God's will and secondly, that this revelation is recorded in the inspired scriptures. The way we go about finding out about God's will is simply by reading. This is how we know what God would have us to do.

Being lazy with our study habits will not help us increase our knowledge. This will only come when we commit to getting our hands off the remote and onto the Holy Word.

Our study habits are not the only thing that we can become lazy towards. We can also become lazy with:

### **Our Example**

The way people observe us comes mostly from what they see of our example. We often focus our attention on how we behave when we come to worship God but somehow forget that we are Christians all the time, not just on Sundays and Wednesdays. Jesus taught in Matthew 5:14-16 that we are the light of the world. When you are in a dark room, the first thing that comes to your mind is turning on the light.

This should be the same instinct that we have in the world. The world is darkness. The main thing we should want to do is be that light. A little light in a lot of darkness goes a long way. Let us never forget that.

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## Summer Begins. Plans made for a busy Summer.



*From Dan's desk:*

Several were already vacationing last week. Even though we had several visitors, we had a large number who were out of town for various events, family reunions, vacations, etc. We are glad you're back with us this morning. Several requested c.d.'s of the lessons last Sunday and they are available on the vestibule table. We do have a busy summer planned for the church here at Crockett Rd. Our Vacation Bible School "super Tuesday" is planned for June 25th. If you have not begun to make plans to be with us and invite the neighborhood children, please begin to do so now. It is going to be a great day with a lot of activities. We have guest speakers coming on the second Wednesday of each month, with our first speaker coming one week from this coming Wednesday night. **KERRY CLARK** from the Central Church of Christ in Athens, will be with us for our Summer lectureship. His topic is "The Lost Sheep." Plan to be present. The youth have several activities planned. The senior adults will be making special trips together. On June 7th this coming Friday night we will take the bus to **SAM'S** restaurant in Fairfield. If you have not signed up to go, do so by tonight. We will tell you more in next week's bulletin. Hope to see you tonight at 6 P.M.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**GARY OLIVER** has been dismissed from the hospital in Dallas and is back home now.

**LINDA ALLEN** continues to undergo treatment in the East Texas Medical Center in Tyler.

**ROBIN RUECKERT**, sister-in-law of **Terri Darling** was seriously injured in a pedestrian accident last week in Michigan.

**CLAUIS LAMB**, **JIM DAVIS** and **DAVID LAMB** all have been undergoing heart

### Donuts for Dad

June 16th (8:30 – 9:30am)

### Activity Building

Come and bring your dad (or grandfather) to a special time on Sunday morning, June 16<sup>th</sup> (8:30 to 9:30 A.M. and between Bible Class & Worship) in the activity building. There will be a light breakfast served (by ladies), and photos taken of all dads and children. All ladies that can help serve need to arrive by 8:45am. There will be a special worship service at 10:30am to honor our dads. Don't miss it!

*If you would like to help provide food for the light breakfast please see Gayle, Virginia, Pam, Sandy or Jennifer. Thanks.*

### **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 for coming.**

## "NO PAIN, NO GAIN"

There is an expression among those who exercise regularly, "No Pain, No Gain." The expression basically means that if you are not willing to work hard and suffer a little for your efforts, then you are not going to accomplish very much. Just doing the easy and simple exercises that don't challenge one's body won't lead to lasting results. The same principle is true in life as well. In order for one to be productive in business, for example, one must be willing to make sacrifices of time and money; one must make an effort in order to do well. In our personal relationships also, we understand this to be true. The more we put into a relationship the better it is going to be. The parent who makes an effort to spend time with his children is going to have a better relationship with his child than the parent that doesn't. The husband who spends more time with his wife will have a better relationship than one that is always gone. Should it cause us to wonder, when we come to the spiritual world, that if we don't make an effort at serving the Lord that we're not going to get anything out of our relationship with God? The same principle is true here as well. "No pain, no gain." Sometimes I think that people expect church to be some kind of spiritual playground where we can just relax and have fun in the glow of God's goodness. While I certainly believe that coming to church can be rewarding, it doesn't quite work like a playground. Our worship and service requires of us some effort, both mentally and physically. The more effort we put into our worship and service, the greater our relationship with God will become. Our efforts must start with our attendance. If we don't attend services or if our attendance is sporadic, then we're not going to get very much out of it. Attendance to the worship services is where we get our encouragement to continue to live godly lives and be faithful to the Lord (Hebrews 10:25).