

Good morning!! Thanks for being here. I hope everyone is having a great summer. For those of you who couldn't make it to Groveton last Tuesday, you missed out on a great and powerful worship service. This Tuesday we are hosting the Summer Youth Series here in our building. The service will begin at 7 p.m. and following the service we will meet in the activity building for hamburgers and fellowship. I hope all of our youth will attend. If any of the adults could help this Tuesday I would really appreciate it. We are expecting around 110 youth. Please let me know if you can help!! Thanks to those who have signed up to bring food. BEN

“THE WORST WORD”

Words are signs of ideas. They convey thoughts that we wish to convey to others. They serve well to express joy, anger, happiness, Truth, sorrow, and even error. The study of words is interesting, intriguing, and important. Some words bring exuberant joy almost in the sound of them, such as Mother, Father, home, husband, wife and Heaven. The Worst Word. We would suggest that the worst word in any language is the word "lost." Whether it refers to a child lost in a great forest or from one of our city streets, one overboard and lost a sea, or perhaps to the hundreds of lives lost on a Valujet, our thinking is adversely affected! Whatever the reference, it seems this is the worst word available. This word strikes terror, sorrow, and fear to the heart!

GARY COLLEY

“Is there Reason For Alarm?”

From what I am reading —and hearing and seeing in the media, Christianity may soon be facing the period of its severest confrontation and its biggest challenge for survival since the Roman persecutions in the first and second centuries.

Dear reader, I hope by that statement I have not given you a reason to think of me as an alarmist, harmfully creating an atmosphere of needless fear. No one will be happier than I if I am proven wrong about that. It is not my purpose to frighten, but *awaken* our beloved brotherhood! For I believe the gospel message in the hearts of the people is our only hope of continued freedom to practice our faith in the good old USA.

The church Jesus built, the one you read about in your New Testament was designed to be always and everywhere in constant confrontation with the wisdom and the ways of the world (1 Cor. 1:20-25). The idea was not to be converted to the culture, but to convert the worldly culture to belief in and acceptance of God.

But today too many of us seem to be making peace with the ungodly world. Even many of the known to be conservative churches have not only modified their worship styles and moral standards, but their message too, to conform to the world's demands. It seems the idea is for the church not to confront the contemporary evil culture, but to seek its acceptance and approval. MACK LYON

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

“THE FOURTH OF JULY”

(we celebrated our civil freedom yesterday. May God help to always remember just how important that day was in 1776)

...on this day of devotion to country, let us first be devoted to Christ.

...on this day of awesome fireworks, let us see the awesomeness of creation..

...on this day of celebrating political freedom, let us understand freedom from sin..

...as we remember the Declaration that began our country's destiny, let us make our own declaration of eternal destiny..

...on this day of patriotism, let us practice holiness..

...on this day of picnics, let us hunger and thirst for righteousness..

...on this day of flag-waving, let us hold up the cross..

...on this day of sparklers, let your light shine..

...on this special day for Americans, let us be Christians..

One Baptized into Christ Watermelon Supper tonight After services



From Dan's desk:

We rejoice with Kiley Davis who was baptized last week. Dale and I visited with her and she expressed her desire to become a follower of Jesus through her confession of faith and baptism into Christ for the remission of sins. We are happy for her. Yesterday marked the 239th birthday of our Nation. As I mentioned in the sermon last Sunday, a nation is known by the things that it values most. From recent Supreme Court decisions, you can see that those who lead us are turning away from God every day. David said, "Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord." He also said, "The wicked shall be turned into Hell fire and all the nations that forget God." We urge you to continue to pray that God will intervene in the affairs of our nation, America. Someday those who lead us now, will discover that there is a real "SUPREME COURT" in Heaven to whom all men stand accountable. The annual watermelon supper will be held tonight following the evening service. There is nothing better than a cold watermelon on a hot day. We hope that each of you will stay around and join us for a good time following the evening worship service. The watermelons will be donated and they come from the Pennington farms in Grapeland. You will enjoy them. Remember the youth rally will be held here at our building on Tuesday night. Ben will be speaking to the youth and we want to encourage him. Plan to be present with us. See you tonight at the evening service. We are glad you are here this morning as a visitor or member. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

GINGER BELL has been in the East Texas Medical Center hospital this last week undergoing tests and treatment.

EMILIE TUSCHOFF is still recovering from recent hip surgery. She is in rehab at Cartmell home.

SUSIE TATE will undergo hip replacement surgery this week in Tyler. We want to continue to remember her in our prayers.

NANCY MILLER is also recovering from recent surgery at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. She is better.

All others who have been ill and in the hospital are improving for which we are thankful. Continue to pray for the sick and those who are homebound at this time.

SYMPATHY:

Our sympathy is extended to **BETH** and **FRED FREEMAN** in the death of Beth's brother **ALLEN BRUMBLEY** who passed away this last week. His memorial service was held last Thursday in Palestine.

RESPONSE BAPTIZED KILEY DAVIS

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.

"Oh, It's Just A Name"

Some men say that it makes no difference what name you wear in religion. The Bible says there is salvation in only one name, the name of Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). In three places in the New Testament the followers of Christ are called Christians. "The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch" (Acts 11:26). King Agrippa said to the apostle Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28). "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in his name," 1 Peter 4:16, ASV). This is the "worthy (honorable) name by which ye were called" (James 2:7). It is important that Christians wear the name of Christ, and no other name. Christ is honored by this name. It signifies that we belong to him. All his followers can unite in this name. We can wear it in faith. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians 3:17). In order to have the salvation that is in Christ, we must be baptized into his name (Acts 2:38). "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:26, 27). What name do you wear? Shouldn't we all wear the Name of Christ and nothing more. Why not be **JUST A CHRISTIAN**, nothing more and nothing less?

DAN