

# Teen News

Thanks to Emma for bringing her volleyball team to church last Sunday. We all had a great time after church the watermelon was good and so was the volleyball game. I hope everyone had a fun weekend and a happy forth! Thanks for being here this morning and I hope you all will stay after church tonight for the Devo. BEN

If you placed an order for a cookbook with Lorelee, they are ready to be picked up. Please see Lorelee after services.

## "MINUTES"

IT used to be that you had to purchase a "minutes" plan with your cell phone. You would determine how much time you wanted to have each month to talk on your cell phone for pleasure or emergency. Since you had a limited amount, people were much more "aware" of how many minutes they used, lest you had to pay much more for going over your allotted number. Those days are long gone but there's a lesson to be learned from those limited minutes that were allotted to your phone. If you had to buy time, would there be any difference in the way you would spend it? Would you use the minutes, hours, and days of your life more wisely? Would you be more keenly aware of what you were doing with your time? **SELECTED**

## "Your Life is Like Grass"

Throughout the Scriptures God reminds us of the frailty of human life. No matter how long we may live on Earth, our life is but a speck in comparison to eternity. To emphasize our brevity, the thought of grass is often used. For example: Psalm 103:15 - *As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.* Luke 12:28 - *"If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?"* Peter 1:24 - *because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, Just as the grass or flower soon loses its freshness; is withered or cut down, so it is with our physical life. This should not be a depressing fact, but rather motivation to do good and bring glory to God in the short span that we have. Also, for the faithful, it's a good reminder that the suffering and trails endured in this life won't be long. Hang in there. Love life and see good days. Serve the Lord.*

**ADAPTED**

**DOOR GREETERS July 13, 2014**

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# Gospel Worker

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T.V. Program  
KETK-56 Tyler, TX.  
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

## "WHAT SHOULD YOUR RESPONSE BE?"

Governments often become corrupt, and violate God's purpose. Christians need to be prepared with the right response should our government make laws which ask us to violate God's word. It's easy for us to see that if our government were to enact a law requiring Christians to bow down to an idol, or prohibiting us from assembling on the first day of the week, we would have to violate such laws. Our first century brethren, when commanded by civil authorities not to preach the gospel, cited the overriding principle: "We ought to "Obey God rather than men" Acts 5:29

Here in the United States our government has had a history of trying to accommodate religious belief, but there is a growing sentiment away from that practice. We should not fool ourselves into thinking that we will always be so blessed. Already we hear of secularists who want laws against public teaching against homosexuality, classifying it as a "hate crime." Then there are those who want to require churches to allow women to preach, and if they don't, to revoke tax-exempt status.

In such situations it should become clear that the command to "submit yourselves to every ordinance of man" (1 Pet. 2:13) does not apply to man-made laws which would cause us to violate a command of God.

By Al Diestelkamp

**Good Morning Church  
Family. We are glad you are  
here.**



***From Dan's desk:***

We welcome each of you to worship this morning. It is always great to see everyone and to receive the encouragement we each give to one another. My lesson this morning is entitled "Spirit Refreshers." We all need to be those who refresh the spirit of each other. We had a great fellowship last Sunday night at the Watermelon supper. We had a great attendance and the watermelons were great. Thanks to Jim Ricard, Marty Nash and others who helped in any way to make it a memorable evening. Thanks also to Audrey who cleaned up the kitchen and moped following the event. Thanks also to R.D. Prince and Robert Duzan for going to Grapeland with Dale and I last week to get the melons. Visitors continue to frequent us in our worship services. If you are visiting this morning, please stay for a while and let us get to know you. We appreciate you being with us this morning. We are in the process of getting a new copier for the teacher's workroom. Mike and Renee Whitley recently made a contribution to the church in memory of Renee's mother Lonetta Jones, who was a faithful Christian here for many years. With that contribution, we will get the copier. Lonetta would have loved us for doing this in her honor. A big thank you to the Whitley's for their generous gift. I was with the church in Whitehouse, Texas last Wednesday night during their summer series of speakers. Jay Lockhart is the regular minister there. Thanks to those who led songs and came for singing night last Wednesday. See you tonight.  
DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**GAYLE HAMILTON had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday of last week. She did great and is recovering at home.**

**BILLY MASON will have back surgery next Tuesday in Tyler.**

**MADISON VILLEREALL, 10 year old daughter on John Villereall former Youth Minister), fell from a horse at camp and has a brain injury.**

**All others who have been ill are improved. Continue to remember all others in prayer**

Mary Jo Thomason will be at the Cameron Church of Christ in Austin on July 18th speaking on "Leading the Visual Aid Brigade." She will be speaking between 1:00 and 2:00 and again between 3:30 and 4:30. This is a great honor to be asked to lead this topic, and we are proud of her. If you would like to go, the registration forms are posted on the bulletin board near the office. Registration fee is \$20.00 if post marked by July 7th & \$25.00 at the door that day.

#### **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.**

#### **"TURN THE OTHER CHEEK"**

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evil-doer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile" (Mt. 5:38-42).

A big sergeant from a Highland regiment, serving many years ago in Egypt, was asked the circumstances of his conversion: "What was it that turned you to Christ?" He told of a private in his company years before when he was serving in Malta. This private was frequently harassed by other soldiers for his religious faith. One night the private came into the barracks quite late. It was a very rainy night. Before getting into his bunk, he knelt, as was his custom, to pray. The sergeant picked up one of his boots, which was heavy with wet mud, threw it across the room and hit the private in the side of the head. The private said nothing. He wiped the mud from his face and crawled into bed. The next morning, however, when the sergeant woke up, he found his muddy boots cleaned and polished by his bedside. He said: "It broke my heart."

One religious group has an advertisement on television which shows a rude driver of an off-road vehicle who intentionally splashes mud all over a bicycle rider. Later down the road, his vehicle has broken down. The bicycle rider arrives on the scene, looks at him sternly for a moment, then smiles and tries to help him fix the problem.

Turning the other cheek is not easy. The first inclination is to strike back, to get even, or to seek revenge. The route Jesus urges upon us is the behavior which is more likely to influence the other person for good. It is not something which Jesus merely commands, because Jesus practiced this ethic all of his life, especially in his death. Let us all take his teaching and his example to heart on turning the other cheek and attempt to put it to practice in our lives. ADAPTED