

Teen News

Thank all of you for being here this morning. The area wide Youth Rally will take place again this Tuesday night. We will be taking a group and we hope you will want to go along. It is always a lot of fun being with young people from other churches as well as our being together. I hope you all had a great fourth of July last Tuesday. It is always nice for us to remember our heritage and to be reminded of those who helped give us our freedom. The Summer is slipping by fast and I know you have been busy, but I hope you will continue to put first things first. We hope to see you in Bible Class this Wednesday night. See you tonight at the worship service. BEN

YOU ARE INVITED

Pam Gallaway is hosting a 90th birthday party for her mother SUE GRUBBS next Saturday, July 15th at 2 P.M. at her house. All of the church family are invited to join them for this special occasion.

“OPINIONS— Don’t Force Them”

The late Dorothy Canfield Fisher once said, “To force an opinion is like pushing the magnetized needle of a compass around to where we wish the North Star stood.” How abundantly this is demonstrated in religious matters Webster defines an opinion as: “A belief not based on absolute certainty or positive knowledge but on what seems true, valid, or probable to one's own mind.” An opinion in religion is a belief people hold that is not sustained by a book, chapter and verse. There are many in religious matters that force opinions because of an improper attitude toward the scriptures. They have formed opinions such as “one church is as good as another”, “instrumental music is acceptable in worship,” “churches may pool their resources to do a work common to them all.” These people do not misinterpret the scriptures – they admit what the Bible teaches, they simply do not feel that they are limited by the scriptures – hence, form an opinion which creates a factious body of people. Opinions are the largest barrier to unity in the Lord’s church. May it ever be that we as a local church continue to teach and practice that which can be believed with absolute certainty and positive knowledge because it can be found in the *book, chapter and verse*. We do not force opinions – we stand for “what is written.” SELECTED

“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? I 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 trials endured in this life won't be long. Hang in there. Love life and see good days. Serve the Lord.*

ADAPTED

DOOR GREETERS

Sunday, July 16th
Doug & Alison Rader

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday, July 16th
J.B. & Joyce Matlock

Gospel Worker

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GIVE ME THE BIBLE

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College Station, TX.
NBC 53—KLSB Lufkin, TX.
FOX 29 KSVP Lake
Charles, LA.

ABC 10—KTEN
Sherman-Denison, TX

ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

ATTENTION

So what does God have to do to get our attention?

On September 16 of last year dairy farmers in Belgium dumped 790,000 gallons of dairy product onto their fields to protest low prices. Couldn't they have just called a meeting to get the government's attention? Just think of all that milk being soaked into the ground, all of the hungry people who could have been served by that milk...I guess that's the point. They got our attention. Does God have ours? The apostle Paul preached that God “made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.” (Acts 17:26) Why? “God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.” (Acts 17:27) God wants our attention. If creation isn't enough to garner it, the apostle Paul adds, “For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.” (Acts 17:31) A day of judgment? A man resurrected from the dead? What else does God have to do to get our attention? Spill his own blood on the earth?

Selected

**Three respond
One for Prayer
Two Baptized into Christ**



From Dan's desk:

Thanks to all of you for being present this morning. We are glad you have chosen to be with us, especially those of you who are visiting this morning. We hope you will come again. The month of July has arrived and several plans are made for the congregation here for the remaining days of the summer months. Remember that a week from this Wednesday night our second speaker in the Summer series will be here. Chris Vidacovich from Kilgore will be speaking on the subject, "Jesus The Bright and Morning Star." He is a wonderful speaker and you will enjoy his presentation. Chris is a regular speaker on the "Give Me The Bible" T.V. program. The watermelon supper last Sunday night was great and we appreciate Dale, R.D., Kevin Sherrod and Clayton Collins for going to Grapeland to pick up the melons. Everyone had an enjoyable evening on Sunday night. The watermelon was great. A big thank you to Doug Sumrall for loaning us the water trough to ice down the melons. Thanks to Marty and Kevin who set up tables and helped wash everything down. Last Sunday morning three responded to the invitation. DANIAL PLUMMER asked for prayer in his behalf and MELVIN DAVIS and KASHIA were baptized for the remission of sins. Thank you for your positive and encouraging remarks about the lesson on America last Sunday. Several remain ill and have been in the hospital and we want to continue lifting our prayers to the Father in Heaven on their behalf. If you have ever been ill and unable to attend worship you know how important it is to remember these brethren. We hope to see you tonight. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

NANCY MILLER is recovering at home from leg surgery last week.
BOB STECH has been undergoing rehab at Trucare Nursing facility.
MARJORIE MYERS remains in hospice care in Tyler.
EVELYN HARPER ELLIS is doing much better and is expected to go home early.
JIMMY OSMOND, son-in-law of Harold & Bobbie Johnson, is undergoing cancer treatments in Houston.
JAMIE FLORES, niece of Ann Sparks, serious health problems.
DIANE WILCHER has been in the hospital with the flu, and pneumonia.

***RESPONSES
FOR PRAYER***
DANIAL PLUMMER
BAPTIZED
MELVIN DAVIS
KASHIA DAVIS
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SYMPATHY
Our sympathy is extended to Robert Perry and family in the death of OWEN PERRY. Owen passed away on Thursday morning. Services were here yesterday.
Our sympathy is extended to Sara Briley in death of her mother, NORMA HINSON last Sunday. Services were conducted in Lufkin this last week.
Our sympathy is also extended to Billy Lane in the death of his aunt EDITH JO JO BAGGETT in Mabank this last week. Services were held Wednesday in Seagoville, Texas.

Think About It

It was a pretty basic sermon. The message was salvation from sin, a new focus for life, the promise of heaven... many of us have heard it many times before. But sitting next to me was someone who only came to services a few times a year. I noticed his restlessness as the preacher spoke of the wages of sin. He was quieter as he heard about Jesus and the price He paid for our transgressions. He seemed to be staring at the floor, deep in thought, as he listened to the hope of a better life in Christ. He raised his head and looked intently at the preacher as he closed his lesson with comments about grace and a home in heaven. "If there is anyone here today who hasn't yet become a Christian the preacher said, "we'd like to offer you this opportunity..." Suddenly a stir swept through the congregation! Many slid songbooks noisily from the racks. A mother near us began to gather her child's toys. Members uncrossed their legs, coughed, sat forward, noisily zipped up their Bible covers... One member chose that moment to walk out. The man beside me looked away from the preacher, looked at the commotion around him, and he too shifted in his seat. I didn't hear much of the fervent plea of that preacher for a lost soul to respond to the call for salvation. And neither did the unsaved man beside me. He died shortly after this... still unsaved. He was my husband.

A Sister In Christ