

# Teen News

Good morning! Its good to be see everyone today. Thank you Jim Ricard for feeding the youth group last Sunday night. Our Devo went well and we all had a lot of fun. Today we will begin getting ready for L.T.C. 2015. The theme is "GIVE IT UP" taken from the book of Luke 14:33. We will have a DEVO after church tonight, please make plans to attend! BEN

## "SPIRITUAL GOALS"

An auto maker stresses both the power of a car's engine and the safety of its steering and brakes.

It's true in the live of every individual. A person needs the spark of hopes and dreams and aspirations. He needs also a solid foundation of convictions and principles and faith. Where either of these is missing, the person's life suffers.

It's also true for the church. A Christian must be grounded solidly on Christ and what His word says. But it also needs high purposes and goals which inspire it to action and guide his work. Without the former he will lose sight of the truth and get off track; without the latter he will lose interest and die on the vine.

There is no joy in being securely dead. Neither is there any merit in being in a hurry to crash. Our aim must ever be to accomplish great things for our Lord while standing firmly upon His word.

DAN

## "POWER OF INFLUENCE"

Jeroboam further made Israel a nation of sinners by misusing his influence. When he was crowned king, he had a "golden opportunity" to show that he would be a man of God by emphasizing and encouraging spiritual goals. Instead, he turned Israel away from *Rehoboam* (the rival king, who ruled in the Southern Kingdom of Judah) by turning them away from **God**: It was "too much trouble" to be a godly king. Christians often abuse their influence among the lost by striving to please men rather than God (note Gal. 1:10). The Christian life is *not* an easy one in this present world (Phil. 1:28, 2 Tim. 3:12), and when those who profess to be Christians can be seen smoking, cursing, drinking alcohol, lying, gossiping, backbiting, skipping worship; practicing, condoning, or simply not opposing fornication and immorality, and such like, then the Body of Christ suffers great damage. *Jesus* said, "*If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me*" (Luke 9:23, ESV).

Dan

## DOOR GREETERS July 20, 2014

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## Why Study God's Word

By Ron Boatwright

Just as we eat 3 meals a day to sustain our physical bodies, we must also feast on God's word daily to sustain our souls. If we don't we are in danger of losing our souls. God says in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." People will be lost because they did not care enough to read and study God's instruction book on how to go to Heaven. Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 2:10 that people will be lost "because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved." Satan wants to distract us with the cares and deceits of this world. He does not want us to read and study our Bibles every day. He knows that we become weak and vulnerable when we fail to study. Our strongest defense is a shield of faith. How do we obtain that shield of faith to protect us? Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." The more we study the word of God the stronger our faith will be. If we want to protect ourselves against Satan we must have a strong faith. In years past we in the churches of Christ were known as "walking Bibles" because brethren then studied their Bibles. But sad to say, this is no longer true because we have failed to study God's word, as we should. But what happens when we fail to study God's word and become spiritually starved? 2 Peter 3:16 says that those who are "untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the scriptures." We cannot understand God's word unless we study it. And because of this Jesus says in Matthew 15:14, "They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a ditch." To keep from wandering around in spiritual darkness, let's study God's word so that "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalms 119:105). Let's not endanger our souls by a lack of study of God's word. Let's take time to study the word of God and grow in our relationship with our Father. Jesus taught "Search the scripture". John 5:39.

**Corey Johnson Guest speaker  
this morning. Welcome!**



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

It is hard to believe that mid-July is already here. The Summer so far has been nice. It has been hot the last few days, but not to the extreme that it has been in the last few Summers. We were blessed in the month of June with cooler than normal weather and the rains were truly a blessing from God. Along with the material and physical blessings, the Lord has blessed us spiritually. We have had numerous additions to the church family since the first of the year and for this we are grateful. Several of our brethren were out last Sunday. Several visitors however graced the assembly last Sunday and on previous Sundays. We are always grateful for those who visit. Thanks for your favourable comments about the lessons last Sunday. I hope that all of us will determine to be "Spirit Refreshers." We can all encourage others and this is our calling from God. I am in a meeting with the church in Cushing, Texas today. My thanks to Corey Johnson for preaching this morning and for teaching the Bible class. Corey is a student at Brown Trail School of Preaching in Ft. Worth. Thanks also to the Deacons for preaching tonight. They always do a great job and we appreciate them. Thanks to Paul Hillier for speaking in our Summer series last Wednesday night. I was speaking at the Longview Church of Christ in their Summer series. Robert Johnson is the minister there. Let's continue to reach out to others with the saving message of Christ. So many in our world are lost and separated from God. You might just be the one who could reach them. Make the effort.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**BILLY MASON'S back surgery has been postponed July 22nd in Tyler.**

**JERRY GRAHAM is now in Palestine Healthcare Center.**

**Continue to remember: Gary Oliver, Mickey Bowles, Ruth Cox, Ed Furman, Gary Briley, Ann Baur, Curt Donaldson, Donnie Myers, Nikki Satterwhite, Sarah Ellis, Johnny Gunnels, Marshall Holland, Carrie Harding.**

#### **BUNKO NIGHT**

The ladies group will meet July 17th at Bon Appetite at 5 PM. We will not play Bunko this time, but meet for food and fellowship. A sign up sheet has been placed on the board across from the office. Please sign up, if you plan to attend.

#### **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.**

#### ***INSIGNIFICANT ??***

The story is told of a giant tree in Colorado, which fell to the ground after having stood majestically on a hill for over 400 years. A mere sapling when Columbus landed in San Salvador over the centuries it had been struck by lightning 14 times, braved great wind storms, and even defied an earthquake. In the end, however, it was killed by some little beetles. Boring under the bark, they chewed away its mighty fibers until one day that lordly king of the forest came thundering down. So, too, apparently insignificant things often make substantial inroads into our spiritual lives, and if left unchecked may cause our downfall. The idle word spoken, the prayer time omitted, and the occasional fleshly pleasure indulgences — these things "spoil" the vineyard much more than we realize. If Satan gets an entering wedge on inconsistency, the leverage he then exerts is greatly increased. D.M.