

Teen News

I want to thank those who went with us to the Youth rally in Livingston last Tuesday evening. We all enjoyed the trip and the Summer Series there. We will be going to Groveton next Tuesday night. If you have not been with us this Summer, you are missing a great opportunity to be in fellowship with other young people from the East Texas Churches of Christ. I know you have been busy this Summer, but don't get too busy to do those things that honor God and the things that help strengthen our lives. Thanks to those of you who continue to come to Bible Class on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. BEN

Would You Be Missed?

Let us suppose that last Sunday's service was the last that this congregation would ever be permitted to hold. Who in this community would miss us the most? Would the poor? The orphans? The Widows? Or the sinners? Or would it perhaps be the utility companies, the contractors, and the building supply people? Comfortable buildings are important and necessary. But should they be our major impact on the community? Are we wielding the proper forces for good in our community? Are we loved and appreciated by the people for the good things we are doing? In what ways do we touch the lives of those people outside our circle of fellowship? Are we doing as much as we are capable of doing and should be doing? In many ways we have become a society for mutual edification. Our worship services should be times of mutual edification. But we should depart from them to serve humanity. Our Lord was described as a person 'who went about doing good.' (Acts 10:38) He will not be satisfied with us if we do any less than follow in his footsteps. (1 Pet. 2:21) Would you be missed by anyone? BILL JOHNSON

The Most Valuable Discovery

In 1847, Sir James Simpson of Edinburgh discovered the use of chloroform as an anesthetic in surgery. Some claim this to be the most significant discovery of modern medicine. In his later years, Sir James was lecturing at Edinburgh University and a student asked, "What do you consider to be the most valuable discovery of your lifetime?" He answered quickly, "My most valuable discovery was when I discovered myself a sinner and that Jesus Christ was my Savior." The book of Romans makes clear these two significant truths that Simpson articulated. The problem is sin. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). And the penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23). Paul declares that the power of God unto salvation is the gospel of Jesus (Romans 1:16). In Christ we have the divine provision: "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). The price that was paid? "Being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Romans 5:9). Now what's the process by which we contact that blood? By placing our faith and trust in Jesus (Romans 5:1), confessing Christ (Romans 10:9-10), turning from our sins in repentance (Romans 2:4), and being buried with Christ in baptism (Romans 6:1-4). Then we are to dedicate the rest of our lives in service to Him (Romans 6:12-18; 12:1).

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

The Great Irony

"Behold; the nations are as a drop in a bucketHe gives power to the weak. -Isaiah 40:15,29 When President George Bush decided that action should be taken against Iraq to liberate Kuwait, he went to the United Nations to gain the support of "the family of nations." He realized that there is power in the unity of many countries. Yet notice how Isaiah described the nations of the world from God's perspective. They are nothing more than "a drop in a bucket" (Isa. 40:15). However great the collective power of the nations, it is insignificant compared with God's all-powerful reign over the earth. The fact that God rules over the world with such awesome might could give us a feeling of insignificance and oppression. Think about it. If the nations are no more than a drop of water in a pail, what does that make us? This is where the great irony comes in. Even though God considers the nations to be relatively insignificant, He views each individual as important. He cares about each man, woman, and child on this earth. And He renews the strength of those who trust Him. He helps them "walk and not faint" (v.31). Better than having the force of the nations behind us is the promise of having the power and love of a caring God to support us.

The God who made the firmament,
Who made the deepest sea,
The God who puts the stars in place
Is the God who cares for me.

NOTHING IS TOO GREAT FOR GOD TO ACCOMPLISH; NOTHING TOO SMALL FOR HIS ATTENTION. SELECTED

**Three respond
Two Baptized and One asked
for prayer**



From Dan's desk:



In our longing to be close to our Father in Heaven, we have come to worship this morning. We are glad you have joined us in that effort to honor the Lord. It is always a joy and delight to come into the presence of one another collectively, and to all come before the throne of our God. The Lord continues to bless the church here with spiritual and numerical growth. Last Sunday evening KENT JOHNSON was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. Kent has been coming for some time now and I have had several discussions with Him about the Lord. He was baptized Sunday evening following the regular worship service. We rejoice with him on this decision and know that our Father in Heaven and the angels rejoice over his commitment to Christ. Also responding for the prayer on Sunday morning was JUDY HALL who came asking for the prayers of the church in her behalf. We appreciate Judy and her love for God. She lives in the Dallas area and is seeking a congregation with which to worship God. We continue to pray for her. On Wednesday morning, I had the privilege of baptizing a longtime friend into Christ for the remission of sins. BLACKIE FOREMAN made the decision to obey the gospel of Jesus by confessing his faith in Christ and with a penitent heart was baptized. Both Kent Johnson and Blackie wish to place membership with the congregation here. We welcome them into our midsts. Thank God for the gospel and the tenderness of hearts that are receptive to the Lord's Call. We hope to see each of you tonight. The lesson for this evening is: ***"It is easier for a Camel to go through the eye of a needle..."***

Plan to be with us.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

MICHAEL MORRIS will have back surgery tomorrow in Tyler.
DIANE WILCHER continues to recuperate from her flu & pneumonia.
Others who have been ill and recently hospitalized are improving.

RESPONSES

Prayer & Rededication

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SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **MARJORIE MYERS**. Margie passed away last Sunday morning. Her services were held on Friday here at the building.

Sympathy is also extended to **Marlene Thompson** in the death of her mother, **EVA EARP EVANS**. A memorial service is planned in California.

**"Liberty Throughout All
the Land ..."**

July 4, 1776 is a day all patriotic Americans re-member as the birth of our nation. It was on that historic date that British colonies declared their in-dependence from England. On July 8, 1776, along with church bells throughout the colonies, the Liberty Bell peeled out the symbolic message of freedom and independence. On the bell is found the inscription, "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." The inscription is taken from the Bible, Leviticus 25:10.

Until 1835 the bell rang every year during the celebration of the declaration of independence. Now it is just a relic. The Liberty Bell is one of the few remaining national symbols on which a passage from the Holy Book of God remains. That indicates the respect the founding fathers of this nation held toward God and His word. The current legislators reflect just how far away from that respect this nation has come. The Bible has been made an illegal book in federally funded programs and in public schools.



The declaration of independence cost many rebellious colonists their lives. They fought for freedom, the right to pursue their own happiness. They inscribed on our currency, "In God We Trust." But like the Liberty Bell, that inscription means very little to Americans. Some have tried to get it removed from our currency. This nation's problems could easily be fixed by a return to the foundational disposition expressed in "In God We Trust." "Every word of God *is* pure: He *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in Him" (Proverbs 30:5). **SELECTED**