

Good morning! I'm glad to see those of you who are here today. I hope everyone had a great weekend. Keri and I took a little vacation last week. We are refreshed and glad to be back home. Due to everyone's busy schedule this summer, we will not have Sunday night devotionals this month. Next month we will resume our Sunday night devotionals so make plans to keep Sunday nights open. We are also planning on some nights including the younger kids too. Parents please help me by encouraging them to attend. Our last **Summer Youth Series** is this **Tuesday at the Angelina Church of Christ in Lufkin.** We will leave the church building at 4:30p.m. I hope all of you will go! See you on Tuesday.
BEN

“WE SELL BREAD”

A German theologian told of a hungry man passing a store with a sign in the window, "We Sell Bread." He entered the store, put some money on the counter, and said, "I would like to buy some bread." The woman behind the counter replied, "We don't sell bread." "The sign in the window says that you do," the hungry man said. The woman explained, "We make signs here like the one in the window that says "We Sell Bread."" But, as the man concluded, a hungry man can't eat signs. Today many carry a "sign" saying they have "spiritual bread" to give, but in reality it is only a sign and there is no real bread available. The point is many are claiming to be Christians but only in name and no real Christian fruit is being produced. Are we really living as Christians if we are not spreading the good news of the Gospel of Christ (Matthew 28:19-20)? Are we really living as Christians if we are not contending for the truth of God's word (Jude 3)? Are we really living as Christians if we are living as the world (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)? Are we really living as Christians if our love is not manifested in action (1 John 3:17-18)? Are we really Christians or are we just carrying signs? Some are! That's something to think about. **DAN**

How To Tell If You Are Getting Weak Spiritually.

- When you had rather stay at home than to assemble with the saints.
- When you had rather watch TV than visit the sick (or weak) and to teach the lost.
- When you had rather read a magazine or the daily paper than the Bible or religious material.
- When you find a political speech inspiring but a gospel sermon boring.
- When you pray for the preacher but sleep through his sermons.
- When you thank God for the elders but refuse to cooperate with them.
- When you talk long and loud about what the church should do, but never do your part in what is being done now.
- When you sing with your lips what you really don't mean in your heart.
- When you look upon spiritual work as a chore rather than a privilege.
- When you are offended by an article like this!

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

“Overcoming Giants We Can Find Self Worth”

Some one once said that the only real disability in life is a bad attitude. Our attitude is the determining factor as to whether we will be successful in any endeavor. This holds true whether we are talking about life in general or talking about spiritual matters. Solomon said, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7).

The Lord once asked, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" (Matthew 20:6). We learn here and in many other passages that our Lord disapproves strongly of idleness. If there is one thing that our gentle, loving Savior dislikes, it is laziness, idleness and talent gone to waste. Sadly, some Christians are idle because they cannot imagine that God could have any use for them. They do not see any value in themselves, and they assume that they have nothing to offer the Lord. If we choose to maintain the pessimistic attitude that says "God can't use me," we will find ourselves spiritually handicapped. We will be guilty of doing nothing and in grave danger of being the unprofitable servant Jesus spoke of in Matthew 25:30. The truth is the Lord sees value in each person He has created. He knows every hidden talent we possess, He knows exactly how much we can accomplish, and He will one day call us to account for how we have used the skills and talents He has given us (Matthew 25:24-30). There are many giants we must overcome in life, and these can become impossible if we maintain a pessimistic attitude. We can have a dreary attitude of pessimism that makes our lives miserable and leaves us unfit for the Master's use, or we can have a happy, bright outlook on life and say, "here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8). Either way, life is hard work, so be optimistic toward serving God and let Him show you your real value.

CLAY BOND

Welcome Visitors and Members. We are glad you are here today



From Dan's desk:

Thanks for being here this morning. Several visitors were among us last Sunday and no doubt such is the case today. We appreciate our visitors as well as the members of the congregation here. The Summer heat has finally taken its toll on all of us. Even though the heat has been extreme, we have been so blessed in the early part of the summer with all the good rain. When it stopped, it stopped. Several of the ladies have been attending a Bible Teacher's Workshop in Austin, Texas. We are grateful for those who want to better equip themselves to teach our young children here and lead them closer to the Lord. We have several Bible studies going on at present with those who are non-Christians and we hope and pray that fruit will be born soon. Let's continue to reach out to others with the saving Gospel of Christ and do what we can to encourage them to obey the Gospel. The youth will be going to Lufkin on Tuesday afternoon. The trip is open to any who would like to go along. We will take the bus and we will be leaving around 4:30 P. Tuesday. If you can attend, you are welcome to come. We are always proud of our youth for their many accomplishments. We congratulate JAYDEN TOWNSEND who was selected to the Baseball All Stars Select Team, who won state, and they will be playing in the World Series for their age group in Gulf Shores, Ala. We hope to see each of you at the evening worship tonight at 6 P.M.
DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

SUSIE TATE has gone home from the hospital and is improving.

DOUG LOWE will have back surgery soon.

RUBY MERRITT has been in the hospital in Tyler recovering from a light stroke.

CARLTON BELL, father of Dee Bell suffered a stroke. He is a patient in the hospital in Tyler.

Please pick up a prayer list on the podiums for others with continuing illnesses.

BABY SHOWER

There will be a baby shower for Chasity Woods on Sunday, July 26th, at 2 PM in the activity building family room. Chasity is the daughter of Daniel and Debra Plummer.. She is having a girl.



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.

"THE DEVIL'S BEATITUDES"

BLESSED are they who are too tired *and* busy to go to worship on Sunday: for they are my best workers.

BLESSED are they who do not stand for and proclaim the truth: they are some of my best workers.

BLESSED is the Christian who expects to be begged to come to worship: he is an important member to me.

BLESSED are they who do not go to worship on Sunday evening: they cause the world to say "The church is failing."

BLESSED are they who gossip: for they cause strife and division, which pleases me much.

BLESSED are they who are easily offended: they soon get angry and quit.

BLESSED are they who do not give of their offerings to carry on God's work: they are my helpers.

Author Unknown

"DROWSY DRIVING"

There is a sign series on the West Virginia Turnpike that says, "Driving while drowsy can put you to sleep - permanently." My friends, drowsy, uncaring living can put us to sleep spiritually - permanently. The Bible says, "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11). "Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame" (1 Corinthians 15:34). "Therefore He says: Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14). Christians are sometimes drowsy at the wheel of life. Drowsy, apathetic, lackadaisical "Christian" living will cause our spiritual ruin. It is time to wakeup and get with the program!

Tom Moore