

Teen News

I want to thank those who have been coming to Bible classes regularly. I know that in the summer it is hard to make it every time. I would like to encourage all of you to come to class when you can! I also want to encourage those who aren't coming at all, to start attending. We want you to join us in our study of the book of Luke. We are having fun and learning a lot about one another and God's blessings! Today, after church service all youth are invited to lunch (grilled hamburgers) in the activity building, followed by a devotional by yours truly. Please make plans to stay!

Ben

"OUR HEROES"

Willie Nelson sang, **"MY HEROES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN COWBOYS"**. There is a great "hall of fame" of heroes, **in the Bible!** Let us look at some "positive role models" or *heroes*; we will note some of the differences between good ones and bad ones, and try to answer the question *"Who are YOUR heroes?"* **Everyone HAS heroes:** These are people whose examples and actions in life we respect and imitate. Elijah was Elisha's hero (2 Kings 2), but Ahab surpassed Jeroboam his own in wickedness (1 Kings 16:29). "Hero-worship" can help us set goals to achieve: General Douglas MacArthur felt challenged to follow in the footsteps of his father (Gen. Arthur MacArthur), and ended up far surpassing his "hero's" record; likewise, Sir Winston Churchill with HIS father! **HOWEVER!** "Hero-worship" can also BLIND us to shortcomings of our heroes. Some of Willie's friends might not be proper role models. A hero is someone we look up to and admire and they serve as those worthy of emulation. Some young person might be looking to you even now and saying "I want to grow up to be like him or her."

DAN

"THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS"

When one's education (spiritual or secular) causes a person to look down their nose at others, then that person has fallen prey to his or her own brain. There is a difference between being "book smart" and being "wise in the word of God" (1 Corinthians 1:23). There is much more that I could say on this topic, but why write a book to share something when it only takes a few paragraphs to explain it? "Now when they saw that Peter and John were without fear, though they were men of no education or learning, they were greatly surprised; and they took note of them that they had been with Jesus." (Acts 4:13).



"Interesting...that's the same reading I got from my vacuum cleaner."

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

ARE YOU KIND TO OTHERS?

And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend (to them) of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and (to) the evil" (Luke 6:31-35).

Pay attention to that last statement; *"he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil."* We learn something important about God here; even those who hate Him receive kind treatment at His hands. Paul refers to the salvation God offers through Jesus Christ and His gospel as *"the kindness of God"* in Titus 3:4. Kindness is something in which every person can improve and grow; judging from the New Testament's words on the subject, God plainly intends it to be a common characteristic of His saints. Kindness does NOT "come naturally" for everyone, and it is especially hard to extend kindness to some folks. When a man knowingly lives a wicked life, Christians can be sorely challenged to show him much kindness; but such is our responsibility, Colossians 3:12. In Ephesians 4:32, Paul instructs us to "... be ye kind one to another,..." . KINDNESS is not a sign of "weakness" or some sort of a character flaw. In the New Testament, the word "kindness" means *usefulness, moral excellence* (in character or demeanor), or *gentleness*. In Ephesians 4:32, it describes being "usefully employed, in that which is good and gracious." When we read that **God** is kind, He is telling us that His actions toward us are good for us, useful, to the saving of our souls. His exceedingly rich grace to man is demonstrated by **His** kindness toward us through Christ, Ephesians 2:7. Nowhere does the Bible equate kindness with being weak, or backward, or ashamed of one's faith.

ADAPTED

**Thank the Lord for the rain
and cooler weather.**



From Dan's desk:

I know that each of us is thankful to the Lord God for the rain and cooler weather this last week. *It's almost unbelievable that a cool front could make it's way into Texas from Canada in the month of July*, but we have been blessed and we are grateful. Thanks to Corey Johnson for preaching last Sunday and to the men who spoke on Sunday night. I was with the church in Cushing. Our meeting went well and I appreciate the brethren there for their dedication and commitment to God. The Summer has really been busy for us all with a lot of events taking place here and other places as well. Several remain on vacation , but some have come back from recent trips. We continue to have numerous visitors among us on the Lord's Day and for that we too are thankful. This congregation is always good about recognizing our visitors and making every effort to encourage them, make them feel welcome and invite them back. *We commend each of you for your friendliness.* Several in the church here have been ill and in the hospital. Let's continue to reach out to them in love. Several in the congregation here have been reaching out to those who have been hospitalized of late with food and doing what they can to lighten the load. Again, we commend you for your kindness and thoughtfulness of others. We will look forward to seeing you tonight at 6 P.M. for the evening service. We are glad that you are here this morning. If you are visiting with us, thank you for coming and do come again, we always appreciate those who join us in times of worship.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

MICKEY BOWLES will have 2 more months of chemo as his counts are better but not high enough for surgery yet.

ANNIE LEE BIRDOW has been undergoing tests this last week at Palestine Regional.

JERRY GRAHAM has been moved to Palestine Healthcare Nursing Home. He is not doing well.

RIVER OWENS, grandson of Cathy & Don Young and great-grandson of Billie Bedford, was air lifted to Dallas unresponsive and with a breathing problem.

BILLY MASON will have surgery this week in Tyler on his back.

SYMPATHY:

Our sympathy is extended to Sam Ellis and family in the death of his mother NORA DUDLEY who passed away last week. Memorial services were held in San Antonio, Texas this last week at the Mission Park funeral chapel and cemetery. Our prayers are with the family.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of HARRY SCHMIDT who passed away on Wednesday morning. Funeral arrangements were not available at the time of this bulletin.

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.

YOU STAND UP FOR TRUTH?"

When a Christian defends God's revealed truth against error, especially in public, he deserves and is entitled to our whole-hearted support: Too many of us have used Pilate's washbasin for too long! If you want to be a genuine Christian, who will be in heaven with Jesus for all eternity, then *stand where Jesus and His apostles stood!* **Stand**, in unflinching, unwavering, uncompromising *opposition* to error, both in public and in private. **Stand**, doggedly determined to "hold up the hands" of faithful Christians who do the same thing. **Stand**, without excuse, without shame, and without regret on the plain, pure, precious Truth of Jesus Christ. **Stand**, brethren: **Stand!** whole-hearted.

"But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ." (Galatians 1:8-10,

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