

Teen News

Good morning! Thanks to everyone who came to the DEVO last Sunday. The hamburgers were very good and we had a good fellowship, as well. Thanks to Jim and Kenny for helping cook the hamburgers. We also had a great time Wednesday night, we had a devotional, played a few games, and ate tacos. I hope that each of you have a great week! See you all tonight. BEN

“NO ONE EVER ASKED ME”

How often have you heard this statement, “No one ever asked me”? Henry Ford once bought an insurance policy from his friend's most fierce competitor. As the story goes, Henry's friend had gone out of town for a vacation, and while away, his competitor came calling on Mr. Ford, and sold him a policy. Upon returning, Henry's friend learned of the business transaction and became furious. He asked Mr. Ford why he had bought the insurance policy from a rank stranger, when they had been friends for such a long time. "Because you never had asked," was Henry Ford's reply. And so, "we have not because we ask not" (James 4:2). Someone once said, "Heaven is full of un-asked-for blessings." God wants us to ask, and ask in faith (Luke 11). But many are afraid to ask Him for things. How normal would it be for your kids to never ask you for anything? And, how disappointed would you be if they did not? God delights in giving His kids good things (Luke 14:15-23). No one had ever asked Winston Churchill if they could do his film biography until Jack LeVein came along and did it. Afterwards, he asked Mr. Churchill why he was allowed to do it when there were so many other great photographers around. "No one else had ever bothered to ask me," was Churchill's reply. DAN



Those to Serve AUGUST 2014

AM . Opening

03 Henry Baker
10 Doug Lowe
17 J.B. Matlock
24 David Sparks
31 Kyle Lock

A.M. Closing

03 Adam Harding
10 Jack Thomason
17 Graham Williams
24 James Singleterry
31 Donnie Fincher

P.M. Opening

03 Truman Tate
10 C. Satterwhite
17 Ben Rhone
24 Bill Chandler
31 Robert Duzan

A.M. Closing

03 Clint Ellis
10 Johnny Jenkins
17 Steve Camp
24 George Wooden
31 R.D. Prince

Serve Communion

David Akins
Gary Chambless
Jim Ricard
Ike Weatherly

Dennis Homann
Luke Lane
John Mottern
Jim Edge

Communion Preparation



03 Jack Thomason
10 Marty Nash
17 Tom Watson
24 Bob Stech
31 Billy Lane

DOOR GREETERS Aug. 03, 2014

Fred & Beth Freeman

COMMUNION PREPARATION Aug. 03, 2014

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

Have you ever given much thought to *why* you do what you do as a Christian? Many Christians mistakenly think that the only acceptable reason to serve God is because we love Him (Matt. 22:37). While love for God is certainly a Biblical and worthwhile motive for service, it is far from being the only motive mentioned in Scripture. Consider several Biblical motives for serving God:

Expression of love — Jesus said, “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15). Genuine Christianity is characterized by a faith that works through love (Gal. 5:6). Our desire to please God because we love Him, is certainly a high and noble motive to serve Him with our whole heart (Deut. 6:4-6; cf. 1 Jn. 5:3).

Increased effectiveness for God's use — Another motive for obeying God's commands is that we desire to be used more fully in His service. Paul writes about Christians who cleanse themselves from sin in order to be, “a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work” (2 Tim. 2:21).

Fear of God — Some would undoubtedly object to this idea, but God clearly intends that we have a healthy fear of Him. The Hebrews writer warns us not to draw back from serving God, “for our God is a consuming fire” (Heb. 12:29). When Ananias and Sapphira were destroyed for lying to the apostles, “great fear came upon all the church, and upon all who heard these things” (Acts 5:5, 11).

Desire for influence on others — One great motive for serving God is the realization that our lives touch and influence others. Jesus commanded His disciples to, “let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:16). Peter wrote of how Christian wives could win their unbelieving husbands through their example, “without a word” (1 Pet. 3:1-2).

WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVE?

Four Respond , One Baptized in Cushing Meeting



From Dan's desk:

It is good to be back home after the meeting in Cushing. Four responded to the invitation of Christ in the meeting in Cushing. One man was baptized the last evening. Several remain on vacation, but we continue to have numerous visitors among us each time we meet. It is always exciting to see new faces who gather with us to worship our Lord and Saviour. Last Sunday following the morning worship service, the youth gathered along with a few adults for the hamburger cookout provided by Ben and Keri. They are doing a great job with the youth. We appreciate so much their efforts. Ben held a devotional with the youth following the meal and he did a great job. Near thirty were in attendance. It was a great day. The month of July is about to come to a conclusion. It has been a wonderful summer in many respects. We continue to thank God for the cooler weather and a reprieve from the usual heat. We are also grateful for the good rain we have received. We had about 4 and 1/2 inches week before last. I believe this is the best summer we have had in a long, long time. We appreciate all of you who have come today to join us in worship. If you are visiting with us, we want you to know how much we appreciate you being here. We hope you will come again. Remi and Jummy are moving to Waco, as we announced on Sunday night. We will miss them, but we bid them God-speed and our prayers go with them. They have been a great inspiration to us all. Today will be their last worship service with us for a while. We hope to see each of you at the service this evening at 6 P.M.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

BILLY MASON had back surgery on Tuesday in Tyler. He is doing well.
DON YOUNG had knee replacement surgery Wednesday at Palestine Regional.

ANNIE LEE BIRDOW was in the ER last week. She is a little better.

PHILLIP FOREMAN had another procedure done on his back last Monday.

SARAH FOREMAN is going through a battery of tests. Please pray that the results are all good.

OTIS OSBORNE, son-in-law of Ruth Cox, was transported to Tyler with A heart attack

JASON STRINGFIELD, friend of Billy Mason, has a brain tumor.

RIVER OWENS, grandson of Don & Cathy Young & great-grandson of Billie Bedford and Charlie & Loretta Young, is some better.

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.

"DEFENDING TRUTH"

Difficult and distasteful are some tasks, but they cannot be avoided. In fact, faithfulness to God brings us to posts of duty; and not all of them are pleasant. For instance, the "spirits" (false prophets) are to be "tested" (examined) (1 John 4:1). The mouths of un-uly men are to be stopped (Titus 1:10-11). A divisive man is to be rejected "after the first and second admonition"; with the realization that "such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned" (3:10-11). They who are teaching "according to their own desires" must be rebuked (2 Timothy 4:1-4). Those who cause division contrary to the doctrine are to be noted and avoided (Romans 16:17). No fellowship or encouragement is to be extended to those who do not abide in the teaching of Christ (2 John 9-11). These are but a few of the many directives given. It is evident from Revelation 2:1-7 that in opposing error, the Ephesians were not guilty of inappropriate actions. Jesus commended them for their actions. The problem was not in their actions, but in them and in their hearts. The responsibility to defend truth is repeatedly stated. Yet, there are dangers in this work. Jesus' words more than suggest the reality of this danger. Is anything more formidable faced by the people of God than the responsibility to recognize, expose and stand against false teachers and refusing to follow or fellowship divisive and dangerous people? The people of God are to contend earnestly for the faith (Jude 3). They are to be set for the defense of the gospel (Philippians 1:17; 1 Peter 3:15). This task cannot be entered into lightly. Each servant of God must come to a full understanding of the hidden and grave dangers involved in this work. Are we willing to argue and defend the following? (1) Love for God is essential. (2) Love for His will is essential. (3) Love for souls is essential. (4) Love for one another is essential.

If we lose love for God, what are we? If we lose love for mankind, what are we? If we fail to honor God's command to love one another, what do we become? If we serve God, but not out of love, what are we before Him?

May God help us to always stand firmly on God's Word.
DAN