

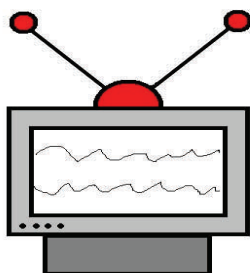
Teen News

What a great number we had attend the Watermelon Supper, but some need to practice on their seed spitting skills for next year. Just kidding you all did a great job. Thanks for participating. The devotional will be in the activity building following services tonight. Be sure to thank the wonderful ladies who prepared the meal and remind them of what a blessing they are in supporting our Youth!

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."
Ephesians 4:2 (NIV)

There are several in the congregation who may need transportation to and from church on Sunday morning. If you would be willing to give these people a ride, please sign the list on the bulletin board across from the office. Thanks!

... man wins \$32,000 dollars from MacDonald's in obesity lawsuit, spends it all on cheeseburgers ...



THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS TO STRENGTHEN .

Those who are converted need to be strengthened. Jesus said, And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren (Luke 22:31,32). Paul, in Ephesians 4:12, speaks of the edifying of the body of Christ. It is imperative that those who have been saved remain saved. Those who are concerned about the flock realize the importance of keeping the sheep busy. Likewise, periods of edification and fellowship are necessary for strengthening and edification purposes. Hence so many congregations have a period of Bible study during the middle of the week with its primary focus centered on edifying the church. Let us notice some areas where the church can effectively strengthen the brethren.

- Assembling (Heb.10:25)
- Teaching (Acts 20:32)
- Praying (Acts 2:42)
- Encouraging (2 Tim. 1:16)
- Helping (Acts 6:3; 2 Cor. 8:1ff)
- Fellowshipping (Acts 2:42)

Since God uses the church as a tool to strengthen, do you as an individual member help to strengthen the Body and edify others?

DOOR GREETERS

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- Sam Ellis
- Dwight Franklin
- Adam Harding
- Kyle Lock

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- Lorelee Reeder

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

- Brown Trail School of Preaching, *Bedford, TX*
- Jose Cuadras—*Mexico School of Preaching*
- Hershel Bearden
India Mission
- Ken Upchurch
Tanzania Africa Work
- Central TX Children's Home—*Buda, TX*
- Tipton Children's Home
Tipton, OK
- Gospel Broadcast Network

ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

A Donkey With Five Legs?

Patrick Morrison

Have you ever seen such a thing? I have not, and, as far as I know, there has never existed such a creature. However, some extremely religious-minded people accidentally created one. Many years ago, someone claimed to have found a shin-bone of the donkey on which Jesus made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The discoverer immediately realized the value of this "holy relic" to the religious world. This donkey's shin-bone was sold for a large sum of money. However, throughout the years, five of these shin-bones have been sold, purportedly belonging to the same donkey. Refresh my memory: how many legs does a donkey have ?

Over the years there have been pieces of wood sold that supposedly came from the cross on which Christ was crucified. Rusty spikes have been pawned off as the ones that were used in the crucifixion of Christ. There are the stories about Noah's ark, David's throne, the burial shroud of Jesus, and on and on. The truth of the matter is that none of these things have ever been discovered, nor will they ever be. God in His infinite wisdom has kept these things from man. Man has a tendency to worship such things, and God knows that. Just think of the brass serpent, and the golden ephod made by Gideon. Try as man might, he will never find the original Ten Commandments, the ark of the covenant, the original letters of Paul to the churches, etc., and we need to thank God for that.

Some things are better left unknown
Deut. 29:29



A large number attends Watermelon Supper.

From Dan's desk:

Those that attended the Watermelon supper on Sunday night had a great time. The watermelons came from Pennington Farms in Grapeland and they were great. We had a few left over and it didn't take long for others to request one. We all had a great time. Thanks to those who helped set up tables and help with the cleanup. Charles McCullough, Pam Boyett, Blake and Brandy Baker, Jim Ricard and the Youth really helped out a lot. The "Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest" was won by Jayden Townsen, (Elementary Level) Austen Evans (Teen Level) Dale Sparks (Adult Level). It was a wonderful day. Several were out of town for the three day weekend, but we did have visitors among us also. It was great celebrating our Nation's 235 Birthday. The flags out in front of the building were real impressive. Each of us should be more patriotic and grateful for our country. We were sorry that the "Power point" was malfunctioning Sunday morning. Thanks to you for your favorable comments about the lessons on Sunday. Due to a scheduling conflict our guest speaker for this Wednesday night will be rescheduled for another time. We will have regular classes. I hope that each of you will plan to be present. We will meet in the church auditorium together. All adult classes and teens will meet together that night. I spoke to the church in Athens last Wednesday night in their Summer series. It was great being with the brethren there. We welcome Owen and Sybil Perry back to Palestine. Owen was in worship services last Sunday morning. They are residing at the Sterling House, Apt. 135. Continue to pray for rain. We all need it so badly. See you tonight.

Dan

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

LINDA ALLEN had surgery last Friday here in Palestine. She is doing fine.

JIMMY ALLEN continues to undergo tests.

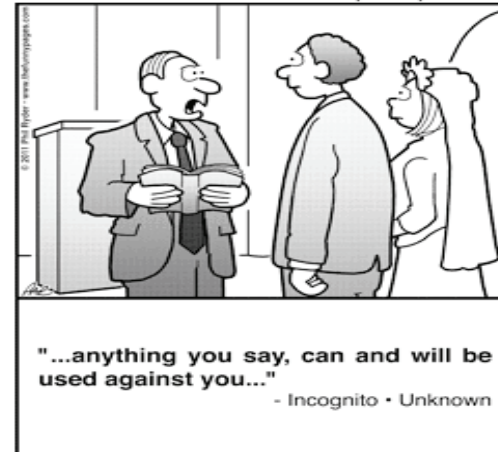
MARLENE THOMPSON will undergo knee surgery this week in Tyler

JACE CAMPOS underwent a digestive procedure this last week. He is better.

ADELLE BENGE had a bone marrow test on Thursday.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Dennis Ellison, Bobby Johnson, Vonolga Roberson, Bill Hogan, Gary Oliver, Gerald Wilcher.

SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS: Jason Mottern, Jeremy Dixon, & Blaine Kline.



OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Lauri Akins in the death of her father DIXIE MALTSBERGER of Denton, Texas Services were held last Thursday.

That Much?

To the delight of every grandparent is the grandchild who stretches out his arms to the fullest length of his little stature and says, "I love you this much." And, we don't mind our children telling they love us also – ours do all the time.

That much? So, if we were to try to measure how much God loves us in the childish way our grandchildren measure, the arm span would reach throughout the universe. How much? John says, "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren," (1 John 3:16). And again, "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loves us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sin," (4:9-10). Redundant? Sure! John says the same thing but in different ways but how could he stress too much God's love? But for what purpose does he repeat himself?

The giving of his son measures the extent of God's sacrificial love. "If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another," (4:11).

I wallow in the love of my grandchildren. I covet the love of my brethren. May we always love each other as we understand the measure of God's love for us.