

Teen News

It's good to see every one here today. I hope that you had a great and blessed week! Last Sunday we had a fun time at the bowling alley. I'll try to plan another trip there soon. (some of you need the practice!) HA! I hope that all of you are enjoying our study in the book of Luke. I can already tell that your learning a lot and I want you to know that I'm proud of you all! Tonight after church we will have a DEVO at our house. Please make plans to attend and invite someone to come with you. God bless.

BEN

"Frequent Excuses That Cause Failure"

There is no cause for failure in Christian living more serious than the following excuses often heard by professed Christians. Have you used any of them recently?

1. I am waiting for...
2. That's the way we have always done it.
3. That's not my job.
4. I forgot!
5. I didn't think that was important.
6. I am so busy that I cannot do it.
7. Everybody else does it.
8. God does not require all this.
9. We are doing all right.
10. I thought...

"Be swift to hear"

We need to listen before we start speaking. Often we get into a conversation over the Bible and do not really listen to what the other person is saying. Before we can answer an argument we must know what that argument is! Don't assume you know what the other person is about to say. You might just be surprised. How many times did Jesus tell the people to listen? Phrases such as, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (Matt 13:9) or "Therefore hear the parable of the sower" (Matt 13:18) were used to tell the audience to listen. Being slow to speak in the conversation will keep us from making rash statements and taking ridiculous positions on subjects. Be quicker to listen than to speak.

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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



POTLUCK DINNER

Join us for our fellowship Luncheon next Sunday following the morning worship. Please bring two of the following.

Casserole, vegetable, salad or dessert.
Plan to stay for a great time of wonderful food and fellowship.

One Responds To The Invitation.



From Dan's desk:

Last Sunday Karen Brown responded to the invitation of Christ asking for the prayers of the church in her behalf. We commend her for her desire to draw closer to the Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks to all of you who expressed encouragement to her following the service. Encouragement is something each of us can give to one another. The watermelon supper on Sunday was great. Several remarked that the watermelons were better than the ones that came from Grapeland. We want to thank Mike and Renee for their thoughtfulness and kindness to donate them to the church here. It has been a great year for crops in the East Texas area. The cooler weather and wonderful rainfall that we have all needed to replenish the water levels in our part of the state has really been a blessing to us. We thank the Lord for His goodness. It was good to have the group from Lovelady last Sunday night. I will be working with them in a Lectureship in April of 2015. They all expressed their appreciation for the friendliness of this congregation and for the love that they felt among us. We had several visitors on Sunday morning as well. If you are guests of those in the church here today, we want you to feel welcome and we hope you will join us again in worship. Thanks for coming. Please remember that we will have a fellowship luncheon next Sunday following the morning worship service. Our last fellowship dinner was held back in the Spring. It is always great to get together. Plan to stay with us next Sunday for some great food and fellowship. We will look forward to seeing all of you tonight at 6 P.M. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

NANCY MILLER is in the University of Texas Hospital in Tyler for treatment and is scheduled to undergo surgery this week.

ANNIE LEE BIRDOW has been ill at home for the last couple of weeks.

BILLY MASON, and **DON YOUNG** as well as others are doing better following their surgeries.

MILDRED HOLMES (former member) has been ill and in the hospital in Tyler.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Next Sunday, August 17th. Please bring two of the following: A meat dish, a vegetable, a salad, or a dessert. Please make plans to stay and invite your friends to join us that day.

RESPONSES

For Prayer

KAREN BROWN

BABY SHOWER

Honoring Jonna Satterwhite and Baby Girl Satterwhite, next Sunday, August 17th, at 2 PM, at the home of Sonda Baker. Please make plans to attend. Selections are at O Sweet Pea.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to **BETH FREEMAN** in the death of her step-sister **LaDEANE SMITH** who passed away this last week. Services were held last Wednesday.

“One Of Our Biggest Mistakes”

One of the biggest mistakes a Christian can make is developing a mindset that being a Christian is easy. Jesus clearly warns us here that Christians will be persecuted. Oh, we may not be persecuted in the manner of which these disciples to whom He is speaking were to be persecuted, or as the Apostles and other first-century Christians were persecuted, but let it be realized that today's faithful Christian does receive his/her share of persecution. Human nature often makes us discouraged in the midst of our persecution. But we must never feel alone. Jesus stated in this section of scripture, *“for so persecuted they the prophets, which were before you”* (Matthew 5:12b). Not that we wish bad things on people, but there is a certain amount of consolation knowing that others have gone through the same trials we have faced. Let us rest assured that many of God's children have suffered great things for His name's sake. The Hebrews writer tells us, *“They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword. they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented”* (Hebrews 11:37). Peter and John were thrown into prison for preaching in the name of Christ. Stephen was stoned at Jerusalem because he preached to the Jews who rejected God's message as well as the prophets (Acts 7:51-52). There are many examples in the Bible where people of God have suffered at the hands of their enemies. Perhaps there is no greater example of suffering for the sake of righteousness than that of our Lord. Jesus suffered more than any because of the great burden he bore at Calvary. Hebrews 4:15 reminds us that He was perfect and sinless, yet still suffered for all mankind. What we must always remember is that the life we live on earth is temporary (Hebrews 11:25). It is full of trials and afflictions, yet the reward that we have promises to exceed far beyond our imaginations and expectations. John 14:1-6 DAN