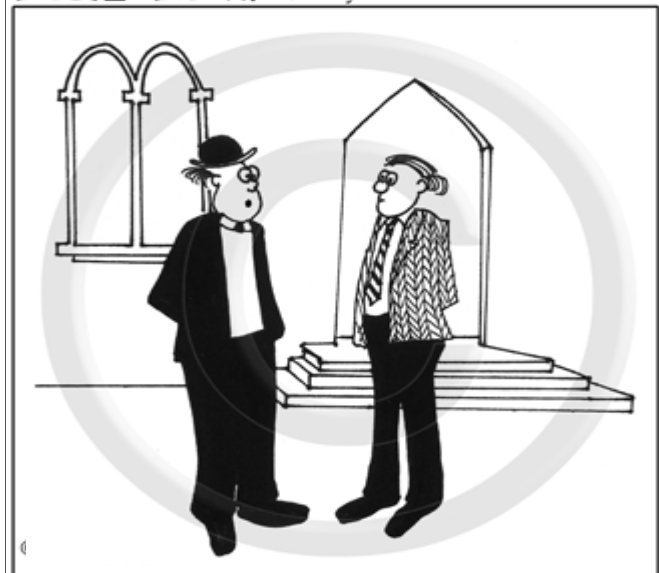


# Teen News

Good morning!! I'm glad that you're here today. School is about to begin and I know some of you are excited. I hope you all have a great school year! We are about to begin our study in the book of Acts in Bible Class. This will be a good study and I want to encourage each of you to make it to class so you won't fall behind. We will resume having DEVO'S after school starts. I hope to see you tonight at worship.

Ben



"It's good to see you, Mr. McWit, but you do realize that today is neither Christmas or Easter?"

## "THE DAY THE UNDERTAKER DIED"

I was still pretty young when one of the funeral directors in my hometown died. To a young mind, that seemed so strange. He was always supposed to be there when other people died. Now, his family needed the services of a funeral director. Have you ever wondered who cuts your barber's hair? To whom does your doctor go when he gets sick? Who puts the fillings in the teeth of your dentist (in case he doesn't follow the advice he gives you and gets a toothache)? Those who usually serve need, at times, need to be served. This is just as true in the church as it is in the world. Remember that Paul admonishes us, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). What about the person you usually rely on for support? Do you try to observe moments when you can serve and support him or her? There are those times when they need you, you know. All of us, including elders and preachers, and their families, need somebody to talk with, cry with, laugh with – somebody who has no particular talent other than the ability to care.

"...but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." -- Galatians 5:13-14

### DOOR GREETERS

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## WHAT MAKES A STRONG CHURCH

**Strong Bible preaching and teaching!** God's word, when it is disseminated plainly, forcefully, uncompromisingly, and yet kindly, will BUILD UP! Paul said, "I commend you unto God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up." Acts 20:32.

· **Exemplary Leadership!** Men who make themselves "examples to the flock," and who are careful in tending it (1 Peter 5:2-3). To grow, the church must have quality leadership — men who know how to lead it and will do so.

· **Christian living on the part of every member!** Unimpeachable conduct so clearly evidenced in the lives of Christians will illuminate the way for many in the realm of darkness (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:15).

· **Congregational warmth and love!** The fellowship of the Lord's church should be so sweet and precious that the whole community takes note, and observes, "See how they love each other!" Without this, a congregation will never be what God would have it be!

· **Compassionate hearts!** The church of Christ needs to be known as the most tender-hearted bunch of people in all the world . . . ready and willing to help all, and especially those of the household of faith (Galatians 6:9-10).

**Evangelistic fervor!** The emphasis of the early church was soul-winning! The church will grow when we cease not to "teach and to preach Jesus as the Christ" every day, wherever we have opportunity (Acts 5:42).

**An atmosphere of happiness, friendliness, cordiality, and hospitality!** No stranger should ever come into the midst of the Lord's church without being graciously greeted and welcomed by a happy, friendly membership! We must reach out to others, and not just "visit" with friends only. It is my conviction that these eight ingredients will build a strong church! I pray fervently that all eight will become a reality here, more than ever before!

SELECTED

**WELCOME VISITORS  
CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR  
MEETING today @ 5 P.M.**



*From Dan's desk:*

It was good to have Mark Engel with us last Wednesday night for the Summer Series on America. He did a great job in presenting the truth concerning those who reject God and what happens to the Nations that dishonor our Father in Heaven. Thanks to all of you who came for the evening. The middle of August is here and that means that in about another month a little cooler weather should be arriving. The temperature this summer has really been hot. It seems hotter this year than last year. It could be that we just forget from year to year. I am waiting on the first "blue norther." This afternoon, we will have a Children's Bible Hour reorganization meeting in the chapel. If you would like to help in Children's Bible Hour you are encouraged to attend. This is a great program and the children in the church really learn a lot from the efforts of those who participate. Please make it a point to be here at 5 P.M. this afternoon. School will be starting in another week. Teachers and students will be back in the classroom. The teachers and students are bemoaning the fact that the time has arrived again. The ladies who work on Tuesday morning will resume their schedule on Tuesday Sept. 6th. Ladies Bible class will resume from the Summer break on Tuesday September 13th. If you haven't been attending, this would be a great time to get started if possible. If you are visiting with us this morning, we are glad you have come. It is always great to have visitors among us, and each week there are new faces. Thanks for taking the time to join us in worship and come again whenever possible. See you tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**JERRY THOMPSON** will have heart bypass surgery tomorrow in Tyler.  
**LINDA CHEAIRS** is recovering from surgery this last week. Room 4433 ETMC.  
**IKE WEATHERLY** will have surgery later in the month.  
**DANNY KING**, brother of Carolyn Jenkins, is recovering from surgery.  
**MARY RAWSON**, mother of Bill Rawson, is in the Olympic Towers rehab in Tyler. She has been seriously ill but is better.  
**JAMIE BROWN**, cousin of Ann Sparks, has leukemia and has asked for our prayers.  
**BECKY MCGEE**, friend of Nancy Mooney, is waiting for a kidney & liver transplant.  
**Pick up a Prayer List in the foyer.**

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR  
MEETING**

**We are having a planning meeting for Children's Bible Hour this Fall. We will meet in the chapel this afternoon at 5 P.M. If you would like to help, please come. Don't forget**

**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.

**OUR EVER CHANGING TIMES?**

The history of the Lord's church teaches us that churches grow, not by adopting some new method, but by proclaiming a message. It teaches us that every time the church is revived, it does so when people renew their respect for God's word. It teaches us that while kingdoms rise and fall, the kingdom of God will "never be destroyed" (Daniel 2:42, ESV). It teaches us that the church is always in danger of becoming unfaithful. And that when it does, God will raise up a judge (or a leader) who will revive it. I am amazed at the short-term perspective of many brethren. They want to try the latest fashion in church growth, the latest theory on what certain segments of the population want, and forget that today's church fashion will go the way of pantsuits and lava lamps. It has been said, "The reason we can see so far into the future, is that we have read so far back into history." Do you remember bell-bottoms, the Brady Bunch and the Eagles? How quickly fashion changes. Many of the young people sing what we call "praise songs" but I can't wait to have these teenagers say: "I don't want to sing your praise songs. That's old! I want to sing 'Amazing Grace!'" We must learn the lessons of history. "What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9) Remember, it was the Lord who declared of the church: "The gates of Hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). The greatest book on history ever written is the Word of God, the Bible. It is worth reading. DAN