

Teen News

Good morning! I hope all is well with everyone. We had a great time at the Ranger's game Friday. Thanks to everyone who went and thank you Mr. & Mrs. Howell for helping out with the youth, as well. School is about to start back up soon, so I hope that you all will enjoy the last days of your summer break. See you all tonight!

BEN

LADIES BUNCO

This Thursday, August 21st, at Bon Appetite. We will arrive between 5 & 5:30. Please make plans to attend and sign the sheet indicating you will be attending.

HE KNOWS

A little boy was asked to say the prayer before dinner. He thanked God for each of his friends, naming them one by one. He thanked God for each family member, from his parents to his brothers and sisters, his grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Then he gave thanks for the ham, the mashed potatoes, the corn, the green beans, the salad, the bread, the butter, the pickles and even the salt & pepper, then came a long pause, and everyone waited and waited. Finally, the little fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thanked God for the broccoli, won't He know that I'm lying?"

(READ 1 John 3:20)

"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.

DAN

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

"Comfort In Encouragement"

One of the highest duties that a Christian has is to encourage others. In a world filled with pessimism, violence and despair, our need for encouragement is great. It is all too easy to let the "ways of the wicked" become our ways. The happy man is the one who refuses to "stand in the path of sinners" or "sit in the seat of the scornful" (Psa. 1:1).

After a week of listening to the gripes and complaints of this sin-sick world, Christians should look forward to an isle of retreat on the Lord's day. A place where the name of God is blessed, not cursed. A place where we can enjoy the "seasons of refreshing" which only God can provide (Acts 3:19).

It is truly a shame that Christians do not spend more time in each other's company. The Hebrew writer bids us to "consider one another in order to stir up love and good works" (Heb. 10:24). After the command, he tells us how it is to be accomplished, i.e., "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Heb. 10:25).

DAN

One Baptized Fellowship today following worship



From Dan's desk:

We are always happy when one is baptized into Christ. Last week Annie Lee Birdow called to tell me that she was baptized at an early age and was concerned that she was not baptized for the right reason and wanted to make sure of her relationship with the Father in Heaven. Dale, Audrey and I met with her at the church building and she was baptized for the remission of sins. We rejoice with her upon this decision. We commend her as well. The best way to remove all doubt is to do it again. We want to remind you to stay for the fellowship luncheon to follow the morning worship service. The food will be great and the fellowship will be equal to it. We now have round tables for the fellowship, thanks to a generous donor. We had to replace some of the tables that were getting old and needed to be replaced. The new tables will serve us well, as did the older tables for many years. If you are visiting with us this morning, we hope you will join us for lunch. Preparations have been made for a delightful experience. School starts back next week. The teachers are gearing up for a wonderful year. Moms and Dads are excited about the children going back to school. Our Bible School promotion will take place on August 31st instead of August 24th, which had previously been planned. Parents are reminded to allow your children to move to their new classes on August 31st. We will have a meeting on "Bible Hour" this afternoon at 5 PM. If you want to be involved this year, please be here. It is almost unbelievable that the Summer is just about over. Thanks to Joe Hancock who spoke to the congregation last Wednesday night in the summer series. We appreciate Joe and the work that he is doing. We hope to see each of you tonight.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS

ANNIE LEE BIRDOW remains ill at her home.

NANCY MILLER is home from the hospital. Her leg surgery has been postponed because of some stomach issues.

JIM DAVIS had additional procedures on the liaisons behind his ear.

Others who have been ill of late are doing better. Pick up a prayer list in the foyer for our long term illnesses.

RESPONSES

**BAPTIZED
ANNIE LEE BIRDOW**

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.

ARE YOU BUSY?

Jesus went to the house of Mary and Martha, two sisters who lived in Bethany, both of them were busy. They were busy with different things. In the eyes of the world and even in the eyes of her sister, though, one seemed to be idle (Luke 10:38-42). Martha was "distracted with much serving" (Luke 10:40). She busied herself seeing that the needs of her guests were satisfied. She became so anxious about it that it consumed her. Her sister Mary sat at the Lord's feet not wishing to miss a single word He was saying. She busied herself listening to Him knowing that it was the most important thing she could be doing. When Martha complained to Jesus about her, He told her not to worry about so many things that, in reality, were not necessary. Rather, she should devote herself and her time, as Mary had, to "the one thing that is needed" -- hearing and obeying the word of God. Again, with what are you busy? Is it your job, a hobby, material possessions or worldly pleasures? If so, what does that say as to what you really are? What do others think is your first love? Are you busy doing the important things?

Dan Manuel