

Teen News

Good Morning!! What a great day the Lord has made! Thanks to those who were in Sunday School this morning. It is very encouraging to others when you are there. Thanks to those who stayed last Sunday evening for the ice-cream. We really enjoyed each others company. School is about to start back up for the year. My prayers are with each of you. Remember to work hard and good things will happen. Thanks for being here today.

BEN

A father wanted to read a magazine, but was being bothered by his little daughter, Susie. Finally, he took a sheet out of his magazine, on which was printed the map of the world. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Susie, and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together."

After a few minutes, Susie returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together. The father was very surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.

"Oh", she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got Jesus in His place, then the world came out all right."

QUITE A LESSON HERE!

"The Quitter"

Fate handed the quitter a bump, and he dropped; The road seemed too rough to go, so he stopped.

He thought of his hurt, and there came to his mind The easier path he was leaving behind.

Oh, it's all much too hard, said the quitter right then; I'll stop where I am and not try it again.

He sat by the road and he made up his tale To tell when men asked why he happened to fail.

A thousand excuses flew up to his tongue, And these on the thread of his story he strung, But the truth of the matter he didn't admit; He never once said, I was frightened and quit.

Whenever the quitter sits down by the road And drops from the struggle to lighten his load, He can always recall to his own peace of mind A string of excuses for falling behind; But somehow or other he can't think of one Good reason for battling and going right on.

Oh, when the bump comes and fate hands you a jar, Don't baby yourself, boy, whoever you are; Don't pity yourself and talk over your woes; Don't think up excuses for dodging the blows.

But stick to the battle and see the thing through.

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

Let Downs

It is a common problem that many teams face. After a big victory it is often easy for a team to overlook or underestimate their next opponent. Their confidence is sky-high and they feel that after winning the previous game it should be easy to win the next. Inevitably they lose that next game. You may be asking, "Why the sports lesson?" Well, as Christians we need to guard from let-downs as well. It can be easy for us to feel like we have arrived. That we are doing so well, we are above temptation. The Bible warns us to avoid that attitude, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." (1 Corinthians 10:12). Just like sports teams, when we get over-confident, we become vulnerable. Paul knew of this danger, "If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil 3:11-14). **There is a continuing need for us to realize that we have not "arrived"**. Christianity is a lifestyle in which we must continue to grow until we depart from this life. There is a never ending need for us to discipline ourselves, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Corinthians 9:27). Let us never get too comfortable with ourselves. When we stop growing as Christians, we start dying. I am not saying that we can't be sure of our salvation but rather that we must watch.

We Must Guard to Ensure We Don't

Lose it Through Our Own Negligence

Bible School Promotion just two weeks away. Great Ice Cream Fellowship



From Dan's desk:

Promotion in Bible Class will take place on Sunday Sept. 3rd. That's just two weeks away. We will have a list of new classes and teachers on the front page of the church bulletin next week and we will post them around the building for your convenience. Many are excited about getting back in a routine now that Summer is just about over. School will be starting and that means that things will settle down for most of us. We are excited about the Children's Bible Hour program this year. Several new people will be involved in teaching, coordinating and help with the Children's Bible Hour program starting on September 10th. Parents are encouraged to bring your children and allow them the privilege of hearing God's Word taught on Sunday evenings. They will learn much and will benefit greatly from their participation in this program. Thanks to all who stayed for the ice cream fellowship last Sunday night after worship. We had a large number stay and the ice cream was delicious. Thanks to those who made homemade ice cream. Thanks also to those who brought cookies. It was a nice event and everyone really enjoyed the time we spent together. Continue to pray for our teachers who will be teaching in public school systems this year. We have several from Crockett Rd. who are involved in roles of teaching others in public education. We also ask that you pray for the students who will be attending these classes. Pray also for our teachers and young people here who will be attending Bible classes. We encourage all of you to participate in the education program this year on Sunday morning and Wednesday night. See you tonight.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

SAM ELLIS remains in ETMC in Tyler recovering from his recent accident. He has been moved to rehab.

GERALD WILCHER is also recovering from surgery last week.

KEVIN SHERROD has been undergoing heart tests.

TINA ATTAWAY daughter-in-law of Fred and Beth Freeman is recovering from brain surgery in Dallas.

Remember all who are ill your prayers.



I remember the day when preachers wore suits and ties. Could you imagine Preacher Dan in this?

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.

"Up Against False Standards"

I read a story about Barney Colson who was an elder for University City Church of Christ in Florida for thirty-three years until his death in 1998. During World War II at the age of twenty-one, Barney Colson was a skipper of an amphibious ship in the South Pacific. His and three other ships had unloaded their cargo on an island near the end of the day. They backed away from the shore and dropped anchor as the sun was setting. An anchor watch was assigned to make sure the ships did not drift. Everyone else went to sleep. When morning light came, all four ships were within sight of one another with about a quarter of a mile of spacing for safety. When Colson questioned the sailor on anchor watch, the sailor pointed to each of the ships nearby. But then Colson asked him: "Where is the island?" During the night with the limited light available on the dark ocean, the watch had been able to discern the nearby ships. He did not think they were drifting, because the other boats were nearby all night long. What he did not realize was that all four ships had drug their anchors and were drifting together. They drifted over twenty miles, so that the island was completely out of sight over the horizon the next morning. By comparing themselves with one another instead of a fixed point such as the island, they were able to drift all night long while thinking they were securely anchored. When we as humans compare ourselves with one another, we are likely to be deceived into thinking we are doing well. If we are at least average, we think we are making progress, even though we may be drifting away from the standard. If we compare ourselves to a reprobate, even the lukewarm person will be deceived in a smug self-satisfaction. Paul warned against such comparisons: "We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another, and compare themselves with one another, they do not show good sense" (2 Cor. 10:12). If we are going to compare ourselves with others, we ought to pick the very best, the holiest, and the most devout persons we know. Best of all, we ought to compare ourselves with God and Christ. We ought to strive to be "perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt. 5:48; cf. 1 Pet. 1:15-16). Beware of improper comparisons with an inadequate standard.

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