

# Teen News

I want to thank those who helped out with the lunch last Sunday and for going bowling. We all had a great time. I hope you are doing okay in school and that all of you have gotten back in the routine. I finally opened the funeral this last week. I would be happy to show it to any of you. I thank God for the opportunity to serve others who are grieving. Thanks also to those who came by during the open house. We had a large number from the community and from the church as well. I want to thank Dan for leading the prayer at our open house. Thanks to Dwight and Shelly and to my family for their help. The open house was a great success. Thanks for being here this morning and we will see you tonight. BEN

## “Escape From Confusion”

We live in a complex age, a time of great confusion. People rush madly from one place and thing to another. There seems to be time for nothing. The pace is taking its toll in a steady increase of neurotics and psychotics. A helpful suggestion for escape from confusion is to be found in the following recipe which we copied from a recent issue of *Nuggets* from the pen of an anonymous author: **“Amid the confusion of my day, give me the calmness of the everlasting hills. Teach me the art of taking minute vacations, of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pet a dog, to read from a good book. Remind me to look upward at the towering oak, and to know that it grew tall and strong because it grew slowly and well.”** - James W. Adams,

## “THE CHURCH IN YOUR HANDS”

During Bible classes, a member walked down the hall between the classrooms. As he passed by one of the elementary classes he heard two youngsters talking in very serious tones.

“Watch it, young man!”

“What?”

“You’ve got the church in your hands!”

Before he looked further into the situation, the member noticed that the young boy had a model of a church building that has been put together with great delicacy and care. It was a very delicate model the young boy wasn’t treating it so carefully. His classmate sternly reminded him of something he considered important.

What about that? Who has the church, not a model of it, but the church here at Crockett Rd. in hand? We all know the answer to that.

The church of today is growing older in age. As we all reach the end of our earthly journey we should be more concerned than ever what will happen in the coming generations, should the Lord extend time.

There is a sentiment found in the Psalms that reflect the right procedure.

*“Walk about Zion, and go round about her; number the towers thereof; mark ye well her bulwarks; consider her palaces that ye may tell it to the generation following”* (Psa. 48:13-14). Never let be our fate that which befell Israel. *“And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers; and there arose another generation after them that knew not Jehovah, nor yet the work which he had wrought for Israel”* (Judges 2:10).

When you think about it, these thoughts should impress parents with the task of being sure your children are faithfully in Bible study, worship, and family devotions. Pray and study at home regularly. Be faithful in attendance of Bible class and worship. I can think of nothing that offers more assurance that the hands into which we pass the church in the next generation. DAN

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

## SUMMER SERIES SPEAKER

**One week from this Wednesday night Bob Payne from Henderson, Texas will be our Summer Series speaker. His topic will be 2 Chronicles 7:14 Please plan to be here that evening at 7 P.M. This will be the last speaker in our Summer Series.**



**Children's Bible Begins tonight.  
Parents and children invited to attend first session.**



***From Dan's desk:***



Children's Bible Hour will begin tonight with an outline of the lesson material planned for this year. Parents and children are encouraged to attend. Following the outline of lessons to be presented, there will be a meet and greet with sandwiches, chips, and drinks in the activity building for the parents and children. Please help us by having your child present for each lesson. Bible Hour is always a learning experience and a fun time for those in attendance. We will also have Toddler's Bible Hour up through 3 year olds. Carolyn Jenkins is directing this class. Last Sunday evening lightning hit the church building and knocked out the phone lines, copier, alarm system, but all is just about up & working by now. Gratitude to those who helped this week. It has been an eventful week. Thanks to those of you who came for Bible School Promotion last Sunday. It was a great day. Thanks also to those who stayed for the card signing last Wednesday night. It was our largest attendance ever. It was a great evening. We thank those who brought food. We all enjoyed the fellowship. We are happy for Ben and Keri the opening of their new funeral home. We appreciate the time they spend with the youth and the planning of events for them. They do a great job. Remember a week from Wednesday night, our last speaker (Bob Payne) will be here to speak in the Summer Series on America. He will use 2 Chron. 7:14 as his text for the evening. We have had some great lessons this Summer. Thanks to all of you for being present and we trust that you will want to be here tonight for the lesson entitled, "Why Do I Not Receive Ready Answers To My Prayers"? See you tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**CHARLES McCULLOUGH** had surgery on Tuesday at ETMC. He is recovering there. **IKE WEATHERLY** had surgery at Mother Frances hospital also on Tuesday. **GERALD WILCHER** had surgery on Wednesday at ETMC in Tyler. **JENNA MOCK** has been undergoing tests this last week. **NETTA PRINCE**, daughter-in-law of R.D. & Daphne Prince, had surgery on Monday in Oklahoma. She is doing well. **BOBBIE KING**, mother of Sheila McCullough, continues to recover from recent surgery. **ANN BREWER**, sister of Virginia Stanaland & Doug Lowe, is in ETMC in Tyler with heart problems. **JOE HANCOCK** is undergoing tests and requests our prayers.

*Please pick up a prayer list for others who need our continued prayers.*

**LAST OF OUR SUMMER SERIES  
SPEAKERS**

**Wednesday night, Sept. 14, all classes will meet in the auditorium for the last of our speakers. Bob Payne from Henderson will speak to us that night on the Scripture: II Chron. 7:14. Please plan to be here.**

**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.

**"WIPED OUT"**

"Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out" (Acts 3:19).

In an old, one-room, country schoolhouse years ago, John Maynard was doing very poor work. About half way through the school year, though, something the teacher said inspired him. He diligently applied himself to his work. His grades improved. His assignments were neat and attractive. He finished the year with very good marks, and his parents were quite proud. On visitation day at the end of the year, however, John's heart sank as he saw his mother looking at his workbooks from that school year. He knew that the first half of those workbooks were full of messy work and unsightly blots. He watched as his mother leafed through them and was surprised that his mother was quite pleased as she called his father over to examine them. John discovered that his kind teacher had removed all of his work from the first half of the year and only left the work that was neat. The point in life where we have a change of heart is called "repentance." Sometimes in the Bible this change is simply called "turning" (Acts 3:19). When we make an about-face, God covers up all of our shabby deeds from the past. He forgives, which means he removes them from the record book. In ancient times writing was removed from leather scrolls by washing or sponging the ink off, and this metaphor was employed frequently in the Bible. The Psalmist prayed: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions...Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities" (Ps. 51:1, 9). God declares: "I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins...I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist" (Isa. 43:25; 44:22). **JOEL STEPHENS**