

# Teen News

Thanks to those who stayed for the DEVO last Sunday evening. We had a great devotional and fellowship together. We just started a new lesson in Bible Class on Soul Detox. Our thoughts matter so much because what you think determines what you become. Unfortunately, most of us tend to be held captive by toxic thoughts, rather than focusing our thoughts on God's truth. I hope you all will take this lesson into consideration. It will help you grow stronger in your faith. Next Wednesday we will meet in the activity building at 6:30pm. We will have a meal, so come hungry. See you tonight!  
Ben

## "Give It Your Best"

This expression basically means that if you are not willing to work hard and suffer a little for your efforts, then you are not going to accomplish very much. Just doing the easy and simple exercises that don't challenge one's body won't lead to lasting results. The same principle is true in life as well. In order for one to be productive in business, for example, one must be willing to make sacrifices of time and money; one must make an effort in order to do well. The more we put into a relationship the better it is going to be. The parent who makes an effort to spend time with his children is going to have a better relationship with his child than the parent that doesn't. Should it cause us to wonder, when we come to the spiritual world, that if we don't make an effort at serving the Lord that we're not going to get anything out of our relationship with God? The same principle is true here as well. "No pain, no gain." Sometimes I think that people expect church to be some kind of spiritual playground where we can just relax and have fun in the glow of God's goodness. While I certainly believe that coming to church can be rewarding, it doesn't quite work like a playground. Our worship and service requires of us some effort, both mentally and physically. The more effort we put into our worship and service, the greater our relationship with God will become. DAN

## ARE BIBLE CLASSES A WASTE OF TIME?

Why do we have Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday? Do we have classes just because others have them? Do we have classes just so we can say that we are at least doing something? Until we come to learn the significance of them, we will not appreciate them as we should. If we appreciate them, then and only then will attitudes and attendance change for the better.

**Bible classes are significant because they help promote the work of the church.** The Bible classes are one avenue through which the Word of God can be taught. We certainly want to take advantage of every opportunity to teach and study from the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 1:1-3).

**Bible classes are significant because they help provide a way for the elders "to feed" the flock.** The apostle Paul, in speaking to the Ephesian elders, said, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). Peter declared to the elders, "Feed the flock of God which is among you" (1 Pet. 5:2). Through our Bible classes, we are helping the elders carry out their work.

**Bible classes are significant because they help prevent unfaithfulness in the church.** We all need encouragement in living the Christian life. Through our Bible classes, we can encourage and edify one another (Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25) to be strong in the Lord. See you Sunday DAN

## DOOR GREETERS

Sept. 17, 2017

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Sept. 17, 2017

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

# Sandwich supper tonight after services. Plan to stay.



Bring either Sandwiches or desserts

**Special contribution for Flood Victims  
after regular contribution today  
"Sandwich Supper" tonight following  
the evening service.**



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

Everyone is reminded that tonight Children's Bible Hour will resume and parents are encouraged to bring your children. This is a great program and the children really enjoy learning about God. Thanks to those who are working in Bible Hour this year and a big thank you to Clint and Jonna Satterwhite for serving as coordinators. They will do a great job. Remember also that we will have a sandwich supper following the evening service tonight. You are asked to bring either sandwiches or desserts. We always enjoy the time we spend together as God's children. After the meal together, we will again sign cards to those who have been ill or those who need encouragements. Cards are also sent to the bereaved. This is a good way to show our concern and love for one another. Plan to stay with us. We will take up a special collection for the flood victims on the gulf coast after the regular contribution today. Please remember that they need our help. We have a lot of activities planned for the congregation this Fall. We will be telling you more about these as they approach. Please refer to you schedule of activities that we passed out to the congregation at the beginning of this year. You will find a detailed list of numerous events that will take place. Continue to pray for the victims of "Hurricane Harvey". Many are still homeless and displaced from their jobs. Several died in the aftermath of the storm. Continue to pray for these families and thank the God of Heaven that you were not in its path. We truly are blessed. Thanks for being here this morning. See you tonight at 6 P.M. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**ASHLEY RADFORD is undergoing tests and surgery soon.**  
**ROSE ANN CAUTHREN continues to improve and is undergoing rehab following her recent surgery.**  
**MICHAEL MORRIS is improving from his surgery last week and will be undergoing rehab on his back.**  
**KYLIN MAY had emergency appendectomy last week in Tyler. She is doing well.**

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR**  
Parents be sure to bring your children tonight at 6 P.M. The program is for 3 year olds through 4th grade.

**September Birthday's**

- 5 Misty Ellison**
- 7 Amanda Lane**
- 8 Jill Camp**
- 9 Dennis Homann**
- 10 Gayle Hamilton, Truman Tate**
- 11 Cynthia Thornton**
- 12 Audrey Manuel**
- 13 Chloe Collins**
- 14 Gary Chambless**
- 20 Quinn Glass**
- 21 Gerry Hahn**
- 22 Travis Franklin**
- 26 Patricia Barrett**
- 29 Doug Lowe**
- 30 Keri Rhone, Bob Stech**

***"BRADFORD PEARS"***

Have you ever noticed the beauty of a Bradford pear tree? It had beautiful blooms, thick, dense leaves, and almost perfect shape. It is a very desirable tree to most people. Those of us who do not desire them have spent time with them, cleaning them up! You see, the life span of a Bradford pear tree is about 15 years. After that, it breaks, splits, and falls to pieces. If you cut it down to the ground, what grows back is a thorn laden bush! Why? Because it is a pear tree grafted with a rose bush. That is why it flowers so beautifully. That is also what gives it the brittleness. What makes the things around us seem so beautiful and perfect, may have underlying things that destroy them down the road! Like all the "perfect" families with the "perfect" lives and all of life's beautiful toys... some are destroyed because of the things they graft into their lives to make it "look" more beautiful! What starts off as a sticker bush usually returns as sticker bush. Those things we implement into our lives will return to strengthen us or bite us, depending on whether they are good or bad things. Many people might say, it was beautiful or fun while it lasted, but compared to eternity, it will be a bad decision! Life is short. Don't trade the value of your eternal life for the pleasure of sin that just lasts for a short while. You need deep roots in God's word to sustain your life. Drink from the rivers of water of life. Enrich the soil in which you grow. Prune the bad, excessive, and rotten limbs out of your life so there is room for the healthy parts to grow! And never graft yourself to anything that promises to make you "look" better, only surround yourself with things that make you better! This world will end. Where will you "grow"?

Moses chose this: Hebrews 11:24-25 "By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin."

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