

Thank you for being here today. It has been a beautiful week! I hope you all are enjoying school this year. I know that many of you are doing well and are busy with other things outside of school. I don't want you to get so busy that you can't come to church or youth activities. Please allow time in your life for God and fellowship with other Christians! This **Wednesday at 6:15 pm, Jr. and Sr. High** will meet in the activity building for a meal, games and devotional. I want to encourage you to invite someone to come with you this Wednesday.

REMEMBER tonight after the worship service we are having a volleyball game against the adults. Please bring as many friends as you can for this!! **(We need some adults to play too!!!)** Before the game we will be serving BBQ. This will be a lot of fun. So come join us!! BEN

A hat was passed around a church congregation to take up an offering for the visiting minister.

Presently, it was returned to him...embarrassingly empty.

Slowly, the preacher inverted the hat and shook it meaningfully. Then, raising his eyes heavenward, he exclaimed, "I thank you, Lord, that I got my hat back from this congregation."

A mom is driving her second-grade daughter and two of her friends to school one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started talking about what the dog's duties were.

They use him to keep the crowds back. one-said . "No," said another, "he's just for good luck." The daughter said, "No! No! They use the dogs to find the fire hydrants."

The Road Less Traveled

Why are so many people concerned with living their lives in a pattern like those around them? It seems that a majority of people in this country are mainly concerned with fitting in and conforming to a pattern set forth by so called "Mainstream America". Sadly this pattern does not follow the path set forth by Christ, but it is one that leads to destruction. The famous poem, *The Road Not Taken*, by Robert Frost ends with these words: "...two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." As Christians, we do not need to take the path that is traveled by most people in this world. We need to look different and be set apart. The Psalmist understood who should lead him down the path of life in Psalm 16:1-7: *"I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."* We need to be instructed by God's word and let Him be our guide. The traditions that America were based upon are under attack, and as Christians we need to stand up and let our faith be seen.

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

Confessions of a Liar

A liar confesses, "Almighty God, as I sit here by the fire on this lonely Sunday morning, surrounded by the Sunday paper and half listening to one of the prominent TV Evangelists, it has just come to me that I have lied to Thee, to my family, and to myself. "I said that I wasn't well enough to go to Bible study Sunday morning and to worship Thee. I said I didn't feel good enough to go to mid-week Bible study. That just wasn't true "Had that been Monday and not Sunday, I would have gone to work. Had it been Saturday I would have played golf. Had it been Friday night, I would have attended a movie I wanted to see. If it had been Thursday night I would have gone to my son's basketball game. "It is true I didn't feel really good, but I wasn't a hospital case. My doctor would have said I was fine. In fact, I know that.

"You see, Lord, I just lied to you. When my wife asked me if I was coming with her and the children to Bible study, and I told her I didn't feel well enough to go, I lied to her. The next morning when I got up at 6:30 in the morning, shaved, showered, dressed, ate my breakfast, and drove out the driveway, I know my children knew I lied to them about going to church. "I am guilty of the sin of lying because I made Sunday, the day when I would seek some lame excuse to stay home. I used the Lord's own day as a means of covering a multitude of sins. "I confess to Thee, dear Lord, I have lied to Thee. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and help me to realize that in the future, every time I use some of those old excuses, I will sin with deliberate forethought. I am deeply sorry and plead for forgiveness." This is a story that describes many, many members of the church. Who among us is guilty of lying to God, to our families, and to each other. Attendance is an indicator of how enthusiastic, how interested, and how dedicated we are to the Lord. The Hebrew writer tells us to assemble to not only receive strength, but to strengthen others.

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:24-25).

Do you strengthen your children by making lame excuses for not attending the assembly of saints? Do you help a weak member? Do you help or condemn yourself?

Finally, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58)

ADAPTED

TWO MORE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST



From Dan's desk:

We are excited about the growth in the Kingdom of God at this place. Last Week, DENNIS HARGRAVE and CHRISTIE MITCHELL were both baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. We welcome them into our fellowship. They will be united in marriage in October. I had the opportunity to study with them and Audrey and I met with them on Friday of last week and assisted them in their obedience to Christ in baptism. Other studies are being conducted and we are confident that God will continue to give the increase. The month of October is shaping up to be a busy month. In next weeks bulletin, we will list events that are forthcoming. As I have stated before "A busy church is a happy church." Let's continue to be involved in the work of the Kingdom. After services tonight the youth are planning the evening meal and following the meal we will have an ADULT- YOUTH VOLLYBALL GAME. Make plans to stay. We always have a great time and a few tired muscles the day after. Lorelee Reeder has been on vacation this last week, but she will be back in the office tomorrow. We always miss her when she is out of the office. Our congratulations to BILL CHANDLER who was recently chosen to go to Washington on the World-War II honor flight. I am sure he has lots to tell about his trip there. Thanks for being here this morning in worship. A big welcome to all our visitors. We hope you will come again whenever possible. We always appreciate your presence at our worship services. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

MARK JOHNSON had kidney surgery on Tuesday in Tyler. **Better JAN TODD** had knee replacement surgery this last week in Dallas. **DOUG SUMRALL** has been undergoing tests & will have knee replacement surgery soon. **REBA WHITLEY** has been undergoing tests this last week. **CINDY PATE** (Lanova's daughter) has breast cancer & undergoing tests.

Keep everyone in your prayers

**RESPONSES
BAPTIZED & MEMBERSHIP**
*Dennis Hargrave
Christi Mitchell*

**Welcome to our
congregation**

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.

"He Never Let On!"

by Robert Turner

The musical "Oklahoma" has a character, Judd, who is eulogized in a mock funeral as one who was kind and gentle, and loved the whole human race; "Only they never knew it - he never let on." Poor Judd is not dead - he isn't even sick. There are thousands of his kind in the church. They love all people and long to see the whole world converted - the world never discovers this burning desire. They never "let on," even to a hair dresser. They love the truth, according to public prayers and songs. But if they attend Bible study at all, it is to give their opinion or experience, not to study the text. If a passage seems to run counter to their traditional concepts, they ignore it or "explain it away." They believe in salvation by grace - and if you push them hard enough they will admit it. They know that one may fall from grace - i.e. some one other than themselves. If they really believe that the Lord will reveal and judge the secrets of their lives and thought, "they never let on." You would never guess it. They "love the brotherhood" if not the brethren. They long for unity of all saints, and would do almost anything to see all issues properly settled - except meeting with those with whom they differ for an honorable and scriptural discussion of the issues which divide them. This is not intended as a blanket indictment of all church members, for I know the salt of the earth is at work. Christians are concerned, and endeavor to teach their neighbors. Gospel preachers are demonstrating by sacrificial efforts, their love for souls. There are those who care more for peace with God, than for approval of "the party." Selected