

# Teen News

Good morning! I'm glad to see each of you today. Thanks to all of you who stayed for the devotional last Sunday. We had a great time and lesson. Thank you Billy and Amanda Lane for providing lunch. It was very good! I hope that all of you have a blessed week. Thanks to all of you who went with us on Wednesday night. Ben

## "KINDNESS"

Kindness is something in which every person can improve and grow; judging from the new testament's words on the subject, God plainly intends it to be a common characteristic of His saints. Kindness does NOT "come naturally" for everyone, and it is especially hard to extend kindness to some folks. When a man knowingly lives a wicked life, Christians can be sorely challenged to show him much kindness; but such is our responsibility, Colossians 3:12. In Ephesians 4:32, Paul instructs us to "... be ye kind one to another,...."

**purity, knowledge, patience, and genuine love, 2 Corinthians 6:6.**  
**tenderheartedness, and a forgiving spirit, Ephesians 4:32.**  
**compassion, humility, and meekness. Colossians 3:12.**

These are all qualities which God displays in His dealings with us; to be more like Him, we should begin by copying HIS KINDNESS. This means being the servants of one another, and considering each other above ourselves (as in Philippians 2:3).

## "HOW TO CATCH A MONKEY"

One of the oldest methods of catching monkeys is so simple you would seriously doubt its reliability although it really works. A hunter merely cuts a small hole in a gourd, ties it to a tree, then places a few seeds inside the gourd. Soon a monkey happens by, and overwhelmed by curiosity, reaches through the tiny hole to explore. Feeling the seeds, he scoops them up in his hand and tries to pull his fist out of the tiny hole. To his dismay, he finds that he cannot free himself. He stubbornly refuses to let go of his precious treasure and keeps his fist closed until the hunter returns and captures him.

Oh, how pitiful to witness the thousands of people trapped by Satan using the same method. Satan baits the trap with material possessions, success, popularity, physical pleasure, social acceptance, and numberless other "precious treasures" that are so important to us. Then we, like little monkeys, grab and grasp and make tight little fists around our treasures only to discover that we are trapped in an existence of worldliness. God says that we cannot serve both God and mammon (Mt. 6:24). ADAPTED

**DOOR GREETERS Nov. 9, 2014**

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## "WHAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS NOT"

The church, the body of Christ, is indeed a beautiful thing and very precious in the sight of God. You can assemble with the church for study and you can assemble with the church to worship God, but you cannot go to church. The church are the people, it is not a place, or a building. *Ephesians 1:22-23* tells us that the church is the body of Christ. It is not a place and it is not a destination. It is the living, breathing, bride of Christ himself! What or who makes up the body of Christ, the church? *1 Corinthians 12:12-13* tells us that the body has many members and that each member constitutes the body of Christ. It also tells us that the way into that body is baptism (*Galatians 3:27*). You cannot join this church and you cannot be voted in. You have to be added by the Lord himself (*Acts 2:47*) and that takes place in baptism. There are many other passages in Scripture that teach that the body is the church. It is not a place but a people who have been redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb. *Ephesians 5:25-27*

DAN

**FALL FEST, TRUNK AND TREAT,  
MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER  
GREAT SUCCESS!**



*From Dan's desk:*

The Fall fest at the Satterwhite's was just great. We are so grateful to Clint and Jonna for hosting the event. We had about 150 present and everyone who came really had a great time. Many were out of town and could not attend, but those present enjoyed an evening of good food, games, hayrides, fellowship and wonderful memories. Thanks also to all of you who opened your trunk last Wednesday for Trunk and Treat. The children really enjoyed the event. Thanks to those of you who came for "Monday Night For The Master" last Monday night. Much was accomplished and it too was a great opportunity to engage in fellowship and yet at the same time accomplish a lot of things for our Master and Lord. We are thankful for those who are involved in serving God. It seems like the last few weeks have been extremely busy. I hope you set your clock back one hour last night. If you didn't, you will be early to every activity or appointment today. I don't understand how people forget to do this, with all the publicity concerning it. I always remember, "Fall back" in the Fall and "Spring Forward" in the Spring. It is hard to believe that the month of November is already here. That means that near the end of the month, numerous activities will again be taking place. Thanksgiving is just a few short weeks away. Thank you for being present this morning. We are grateful for the presence of all. If you are visiting with us today, thank you for coming. We hope you will come again. We will look forward to seeing each of you tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**GARY OLIVER** remains in the T. Boone Pickens unit at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. He is in Room 523.

**MICHAEL MORRIS** is recovering at home from the burns he sustained in an accident.

**ED FURMAN** continues to undergo tests and is feeling very bad.

**JIMMY COOK** will began his cancer treatments this week.

**Those with continuing illnesses:**

Bob Stech, Linda Allen, Sandy Singleterry, Shelly Roggendorff, Mickey Bowles, Allen Brumley, Keith Hebert, Ann Baur, Emily Davis, Johnny Gunnells, Carrie Harding, Curt Donaldson, David Jenkins.

**LADIES BUNKO** has been disbanded for the months of November & December due to the holidays. They will resume this activity in January 2015.

**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."**

**JUST HOW MUCH TIME DOES  
GOD REQUIRE?**

Not long ago when discussing the importance of the church with a wayward church member, he was encouraged to become more involved in the activities of the church and to attend church on a regular basis. He quickly replied that going to church occasionally was a good thing, but that going to church three times a week and practicing a daily religion was really asking a little too much. With all the things he had to do he felt that the Lord was asking for far too much of his time.

Are the Lord's demands of daily discipleship ([Luke 9:23](#)), holy living ([Romans 12:1-2](#)), and faithful church attendance ([Hebrews 10:25](#)) asking too much of the Christian's time? Perhaps if we could see how the average person spends his or her time while here on earth, we might be able to see God's demands of us in a better perspective. It is said that if God granted someone a life of seventy years the average person would spend that life like this:

- Six years getting an education.
- Eight years in recreation and relaxation.
- Six years eating.
- Five years riding in a car.
- Four years talking.
- Fourteen years working.
- Three years reading.
- Twenty-four years sleeping.

In that life of seventy years, how much time would the average person give to God?

DAN