

Teen News

Thanks for being in class today. I really appreciate all the youth and your attendance in our Bible classes and at the Devotionals. We have several things planned this month including the luncheon for the Widows and Widowers on Nov. 23rd. Please plan to be here that day and help us. Thanks for the encouragement you give me and Keri.

BEN

“DROP OUTS”

Frequently members of the church, apparently for no reason at all, quit attending the services. This is usually preceded by a period of indifference and spasmodic attendance. Upon closer investigation it will be found that back of it all there is usually a hindering cause. It may be that the individual has become in some entanglement with sin, so that he feels so uncomfortable when studying God's Word in class, or listening to a gospel sermon, that he prefers to quit attending, rather than be constantly reminded of his ungodliness. His sin may be that of gambling, drinking, filthy speech, unethical business transactions, or some other equally sinful thing. There are many reasons why an individual should not act so. The following are some of them:

1) He owes God a life of service, and if every day that he lives upon the earth were spent in faithful service, he could never compensate for all that God has done for him.

2) Eternity is too long, hell is too hot, and heaven is too beautiful to spend life here in pursuit of things that will cause one to be lost.

3) Setting the proper example before others is the obligation of every professing Christian. It would be tragic to so live as to miss heaven, but it would be doubly tragic to lead others to the place of eternal suffering. Be an example to your family and friends.

“GOD IS ON THE THRONE NOT ON STAGE”

The God we serve is an august, spiritual being both deserving and desirous of our deepest respect. Though described in Scripture as a friend to man (Isaiah 41:8; James 2:23), He is not some sort of “good buddy” to joke with or about. Our God is still on the throne (Psalm 45:6), His ways remain (higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:9), and His authoritative Word still promises to judge us in the Last Day (Rev. 20:12). No measure of self-appointed, flippant familiarity with the God of heaven detracts one bit or whit from His inherent majesty. Our God is eminently worthy of our reverence, thus we must serve Him “*acceptably with reverence and Godly fear*” (Heb. 12:28). Truly, reverence is the “very first element of religion.” Moreover, our periods of public worship should express this spirit of reverence. “*God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all (them that are) about Him*” (Psalm 89:7). Worship performed “*in spirit and in truth*” (John 4:24) suggests a demeanor of awe and reverence. **SELECTED**

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FOX 44—Waco, TX.
FOX 29, Bryan-College Station, TX.
NBC 53—Lufkin, TX.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

“OUR ACTIONS TELL THE STORY”

I have found that we are really good at telling ourselves how much we love Jesus and His church. We are really good at telling ourselves, even singing the very words, of all the great things we would do for Jesus, but rarely do much with our faith. Our actions reveal more truth that we often like to admit. We sing “Sweet Hour of Prayer” and are content with praying 5–10 minutes a day. How could we truly understand the power and love shown to us in Jesus and not pray often. We sing “Onward Christian Soldiers” and wait to be drafted into His service. We can see and often see very clearly the work that needs to be done and wait for someone to ask us before we serve. We sing “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” and don't use the one we have. When faced with opportunities to sing praises to our God we are quiet and reserved. We sing “There shall be Showers of Blessing” but do not come when it rains. We allow good weather and bad weather to become an obstacle to our faithfulness to Jesus. We sing “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” and let the least little offense sever us from Christ. I don't doubt that our feelings get hurt and I don't doubt the pain of those feelings, but when we allow it to sever us from Jesus I doubt our love for Jesus. We can sing “Serve the Lord with Gladness” and gripe about all we have to do. We are a culture that is quick to fill up every moment of every day with joy. Yet, when we are asked to come to church more than 3 times a week, it's too much. We sing “I Love to Tell the Story” and never mention it at all. When we like a restaurant we tell everyone we know and yet do not tell anyone about Jesus. I think that reveals a lot more than we like to admit. We sing “We're Marching to Zion” but fail to march to worship or Bible study. If we cannot march ourselves to church on a regular, on-time basis, how can we think that we will actually make it to the eternal city of God? If we cannot make it to church why would we think we could make it to heaven? We sing “Cast Thy Burden on the Lord” and worry ourselves into a nervous breakdown. We try to carry all of our burdens, all of our stress and worry when we know that Jesus promises to help us. We sing about evangelizing “The Whole Wide World for Jesus” and never walk across the street to invite our next-door neighbor. The list could go on but I think you get my point. Do your actions reveal more than you like? Does your actions and your words line up? Only you can answer these questions but I urge to ask and answer it while you still have time. **James 3:11–12**

WHAT DO YOUR ACTIONS REVEAL TO OTHERS? WHAT DO THEY REVEAL TO GOD? DAN

November Arrives Cooler weather and rain a blessing from God



From Dan's desk:

The weather change has really been welcomed over the last few days. We have been looking forward to the cooler weather and the rain that we have needed so much in the East Texas area. We thank our Heavenly Father for all His blessings. As was announced last Sunday, we have a number of things planned for this month. The month of November is always a great time for family and friends to gather for Thanksgiving Dinner. Many will no doubt be coming here, but on the other hand a lot of folks will be traveling out of town. It is difficult at best to regulate the air conditioning and heat to suit everyone on Sunday. To some it is too hot, and to others it is too cold. If you are cold, we suggest that you bring a jacket or small wrap. We want everyone to be comfortable, but it is almost impossible to achieve that goal. We will continue to do out best. Thanks to all of you who came for singing night last Wednesday night. We appreciate all those who come to sing and encourage us with song. We still have so many that have been ill and those who have cancer and are taking treatment. Let's continue to pray for each of them. Please pick up a prayer list in the foyer and go to our Father in their behalf. I am thankful and grateful for the outcome of the recent election. I hope and pray that we can turn the country around once again and restore the principles of Christianity and morality to America once again. The Bible says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord". "The wicked shall be turned into hell fire and all the nations that forget God". See you tonight at 6 P.M. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

JIMMY COOK started treatment for cancer last.

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

DEANNA CHAPMAN has been in the local hospital last week with back problems.

WENDY FINCHER has been in the hospital this last week in Tyler for tests and treatment.

BARBARA HOMANN has been in the hospital this last week for tests and treatment.

Continue to remember all those we have listed recently as being ill or undergoing treatment. They are listed on the prayer list. Be sure to pick one up in the foyer.

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.

"Unity In The Body"

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1). "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2-3). Disagreement and division in the Lord's work is not good and not pleasant, as we see from the example shown in Acts 15:37-40 when Paul and Barnabas disagreed over taking John Mark on their missionary journey. "And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus; And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God" (Acts 15:39-40). Ephesians 4 shows the qualities that are necessary for good fellowship with unity. Notice the key words of Ephesians 4:2: "lowliness and meekness," which describe humility, Consider the last part of the verse: "with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love." The opposite of these good Christian qualities would be self-will, arrogance, impatience, and short-tempered anger. Forbearing one another in love is so important in the Lord's Church. DAN