

Teen News

Good morning, I hope all of you had a good week last week. Tonight the devotional will be held at the home of C.T. & Hailey Brooks. I encourage all of you to attend, as it is a true blessing to have people willing to open up their homes to us for fellowships. If anyone needs a ride or directions, please see me after evening services. *Hope to see you all tonight!*

Blake

“WE ARE OBLIGATED”

During the Civil Wars in England a man on the Isle of Man was accused of treason and sentenced to death. The king eventually granted a pardon. The pardon fell into the hands of a bitter enemy of the condemned man, and it was never delivered. The man from the Isle of Man was executed. What do you think of someone who possesses a pardon which could save another person's life, but he fails to deliver it, whether intentionally or by neglect? Again, would you not be outraged at the insensitivity and inhumanity of this person?

Paul said that he was a debtor to the people of the world. Of course, Paul was in debt to God for his marvelous grace. Paul was in debt to Jesus Christ for his substitutionary sacrifice of atonement at Calvary. Why should Paul feel a debt to the sinners of the world, most of whom he had never met, many of whom were his enemies? Paul felt the obligation, because God had called him to be an apostle. Paul was "set apart for the gospel of God" (Rom. 1:1). Paul possessed the payment to save others from spiritual bankruptcy. He possessed the pardon from the king to save them from being executed. He had the gospel, the good news of Jesus, which was "the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith" (Rom. 1:16).

We possess this very same gospel which has the identical saving power today as it did in the first century. The needs of people today for salvation are just as pressing as were those of Paul's world. Should we not feel the same debt of obligation to others to share the good news of Jesus Christ? The Church is to reach out to others with the saving message of Christ. **WE ARE UNDER OBLIGATION.**

DOOR GREETERS

Nov. 20, 2011
Jim & Jane Davis

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nov. 20, 2011
Adam Harding

MOM AND DAD! TODAY IN SCHOOL WE LEARNED ABOUT HUMAN ORIGINS AND IT'S TOTALLY CHANGED THE WAY I SEE PEOPLE!



Parents, what did your child learn in school this year?

BAPTIZED

CARLOS BLANCO, from Nacogdoches (Dale and Ann Sparks brother –in-law) was baptized last Friday following a study with Dale and Dan.

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class
10:30 AM Worship
5:00 PM Evening
Wed: 7:00 PM

THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

A great American tradition is that of Thanksgiving. We can trace its history back to 1621 when governor William Bradford established a day of thanksgiving among the early settlers of the new world. In the early days of our great nation George Washington proclaimed a day of thanksgiving. In his proclamation, Washington reminded the citizens of the Divine care and protection they had enjoyed before and during the Revolutionary War.

Some time later during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln made a similar proclamation that read in part:

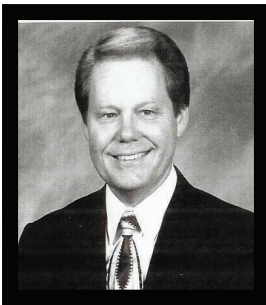
It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

Our forefathers enjoyed Thanksgiving as a time to re-count God's bountiful blessings. It was a time for families to be together. It was a time to rejoice and enjoy the simple things of life.

With the increase of affluence, many have become so self-sufficient that they have lost the grace of gratitude. Thanksgiving Day, for some, has degenerated into a day of feasting and football. It is merely an excuse to overindulge. Like ancient Israel, some take life's blessings for granted and forget to acknowledge the blessed Giver. God warned Israel about growing wealthy and forgetting that it was God "that giveth thee power to get wealth" (see Deut. 8:11-20).

May we look forward in a couple of weeks to Thanksgiving Day with our loved ones. Let us pause to acknowledge our great God and give thanks for his blessings. Furthermore, may we remember to be thankful every day. In the words of Inspiration: "Giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father" (Ephesians 5:20).

Dan



Great attendance last Sunday for worship periods and church fellowship.

From Dan's desk:

Good morning to each of you. We are glad you have come to worship with us this morning. It is a great day and we once again, have the privilege of coming together to honor our Lord in worship. Our worship and fellowship last Sunday was exciting. It was great to have the folks from the R.V. rally present for worship. A big thank you to those who shared in preparation for the fellowship meal. It too was great. Thanks to Sandy Singleterry, Beth Freeman, Joyce Weatherly, their husbands, Lois King and others who helped in preparing the meal and for the cleanup afterwards. A lot of effort goes into providing such an opportunity for such gatherings. We really appreciate what you do. Thanksgiving is just a little over a week away. This holiday provides an opportunity for families to be together and several will be out of town visiting with relatives, friends, etc. This year, we will NOT have the traditional dinner here at the building on Thanksgiving. Many who usually prepare for this event will be out of town with their own families. We hope and trust that each of you will have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with your family. We will again meet for midweek services on Tuesday night of next week, Nov. 22nd, for our annual Thanksgiving Service in the chapel.

We hope that each of you will plan to be with us at that time. There will be no classes that night. There will be no children's Bible hour next Sunday Nov. 20th or the following Sunday evening Nov. 27th. All will meet in the church auditorium. Thanks for making the transition from 6 P.M. on Sunday evenings to 5 P.M. for our evening worship services. See you tonight.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

JENNIFER SPARKS had a biopsy procedure on Thursday.

JIM DAVIS has also been undergoing tests this last week.

BENNY JOE McINNIS, Shelly Franklin's father, has learned he has chronic leukemia.

BEVERLY NORWOOD was hospitalized in Nacogdoches this last week.

DOROTHY HARDISON, mother of Jeanette Alford, is in the local hospital with pneumonia.

We have several who are ill at home and have been unable to join us in worship so please pick up a prayer list in the foyer. Continue to remember them in your prayers.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Briann Campos, Dennis Ellison, Gary Oliver, Bill Hogan, Toby Williams, Gerald Wilcher, Carlos Blanco.

The Youth Group will honor the Widows and Widowers with a Thanksgiving luncheon especially for them on Sunday, November 20th, immediately after morning worship services. A sign up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board, so they will know how much to prepare.

Our sympathy is extended to Annie Lee Birdow on the death of her brother, **GEORGE GOREE**. His services were held Friday in Houston, with burial here.

Our sympathy is also extended to Bob Stech on the death of his brother, **RAY STECH**. He passed away on Monday and his services were held on Thursday in Rockdale, TX.

PETER PAN CHRISTIANS

On December 27, 1904, a play written by Scottish novelist and playwright J. M. Barrie was presented on stage for the first time at the Duke of York's Theater in the city of Westminster, a borough of London. Partially titled *The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up*, the play has since been presented countless times and adapted for the musical stage, the screen, and even as a ballet. You may recognize it under the more familiar name of Peter Pan. I learned only recently that the original name for the play was Peter Pan, the Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up. You may be saying, "Duh!" It is, after all, the story of a mischievous little boy who spends his never-ending childhood adventuring on the island of "Neverland." The story contains some elements of fantasy, of course, one of them being that Peter has the ability to fly, and another is a fairy friend named Tinker Bell. The most apparent theme in the story is Peter Pan's desire to not "grow up" but instead to remain a child forever in order to escape the responsibilities of adulthood.

Allow me to make a spiritual application from the play — the Bible warns us not to be Peter Pan Christians! In clear language we read that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head; Christ" (Ephesians 4:14-15). The apostle Peter urges Christians to stay on the grow — "Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:1-2). Again, "beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:17b-18a). It's one thing to spiritually be a child. It's quite another thing altogether to stay a child and refuse to grow up. God has a word for all the Peter Pans in the pews — grow up! Are you a Peter Pan Christian?

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