

I'm glad you are here today! I hope everyone had a great week. I know I did! I spent most of my time this past week in the woods hunting. "Now then, get your weapons-your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me" Gen. 27:3 I really enjoy being outdoors and watching God's wonderful creations. I thought a lot about how God is so good to us and how he provides for all his creatures. We are so blessed and have so much to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is right around the corner and I know you all are excited about being out of school and spending time with family and friends. **Remember next Sunday the youth will host a Thanksgiving lunch for the Widows, Widowers and Singles right after worship services. All youth need to attend!!** We will have a DEVO tonight right after church. See you all tonight. BEN

## TEACHER'S COPIER

The Elders are asking that teachers use the copier in the Media Center to make copies for your class. We have several teachers that are using the office copier and it keeps us from using the copier when needed. The copier in the Media center is new and is user friendly. The cost of copies on the office copier are more expensive than those available to you in the media center. We ask for your help. If you need a key to the media center, please check in the church office.

## LADIES BIBLE CLASS & LUNCHEON

The Ladies Bible Class that meets on Tuesday will meet on Wednesday morning this week only and there will be a covered dish luncheon that will follow in the activity building. All ladies are asked to bring a covered dish. Please make a note of this change for this week only.

## Thanksgiving Thoughts

This month we will all pause and observe a day our nation sets aside as a holiday. It is "Thanksgiving Day." Hopefully all Americans will pause to remember just how grateful they should be for the privileges and blessings afforded us. It is doubtful that will happen because of the decided turn toward secular humanism our government and society has taken.

It hasn't always been that way. In 1863, a noble statesman from Kentucky wrote the following Thanksgiving Proclamation. Abraham Lincoln wrote:

"It is the duty of nations as well as of man to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord."

What a pity that men who guide our government and men who greatly influence the morality of our society today do not have the sentiments expressed by one of the greatest leaders this nation ever produced.

Let us be thankful every day, and especially this season of the year. When we gather as families on Thanksgiving Day, let us be truly thankful for the benevolence God has lavishly poured out on us. DAN

**DOOR GREETERS –Nov. 22, 2015,  
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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## “TO CHANGE OR NOT TO CHANGE”

When we hear the Gospel, we learn early on that we have violated God's Word (1 Jn. 3:4). We have all done our own thing; we have all fulfilled the desires of our flesh and our mind. We have all taken matters into our own hands, lived the way we wanted to, and as a result, we have separated ourselves from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). The Gospel declares to us that the just payment for our sin is death, but also that God offers a gift, eternal life (Rom. 6:23). To receive this gift, we must repent. The repentant heart declares to God not only "I am sorry for my former manner of life" but also "I want to change from following my own way and begin following Your way." Notice David's penitent heart in Psalm 38:18, "For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin." Our repentance is what brings about the change in our thinking that allows transformation to take place. As Christians, we no longer live unto ourselves, but unto our Lord who died for us and rose again (2 Cor. 5:15). Repentance is where we determine that the way we lived prior to becoming a Christian was wrong and that we will no longer follow a lifestyle that leads to eternal damnation (Rom. 6:23). DAN

## Veterans honored last Sunday for their service to our country



*From Dan's desk:*

Welcome to each of you this morning. The cooler weather is truly a blessing. We all wondered when it would arrive and it is finally here. We have several things planned for the upcoming months. The month of November has already been filled with numerous events and the remaining days are going to be busy for us all. The month of December promises the same. We hope that each of you will want to participate in the activities that have been planned for us. Look elsewhere in the bulletin for a schedule of such events. Several guests were in the audience last Sunday and we are always grateful for those who visit among us. Several studies have been conducted recently and we believe that others will be baptized as a result. We are grateful for the additional numerical and spiritual growth that God has given us recently. This congregation has long been noted for its desire carry out the Great Commission as Jesus gave it in Matthew 28:18-20. We remain just as dedicated to that mission as ever before. Thanks for your positive comments about the lessons last Sunday. It was great to pay tribute to the Veterans in the audience. We appreciate their love for God and country and for helping to keep our freedoms that seem to be eroding as a result of those who are leading in Washington. Continue to pray for America and for the future of our country that there will be a return to our Father who has blessed our Nation. We hope to see each of you tonight at the evening worship service at 6 P.M. See you then. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



### TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

**BOB STECH** was hospitalized on Monday night with heart related problem. He is better. He will have surgery on Tuesday to implant a defibulator.

**LOWELL LEWIS** fell and broke his back at the nursing home in Frankston. He is the father of Toni Warren.

**Please pick up a prayer list of all that we have mentioned recently and others who have been ill with ongoing illnesses.**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Nov. 18 Ladies Bible Class luncheon
- Nov. 22 Single and Singles Again luncheon
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Devotional
- Dec. 1 Annual Holiday Dinner
- Dec. 6 Ladies Ornament Exchange
- Dec. 11 Natchitoches, LA. Trip
- Dec. 15 Ladies Bible Class Luncheon
- Dec. 22 Midweek Holiday service
- Dec. 29 Midweek Holiday Service

### 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 com-

### Faith and Works

An illustration of the balance between faith and works lies hidden within any tree, vine, or plant. Leaves use up the nutrients in the process of photosynthesis. As the leaves consume nutrients in the sap, a suction is formed, which draws more sap from the roots. Without the sap, the leaves and branches would die, but the continual flow of this sap comes only as it is used up by the work of the leaves. Likewise, we work, keep the Lord's commandments, in order to abide in His love. (John 15:4-10). A Christian worked each day transporting tourists across a lake. On occasions he would present the Gospel and its implications for life in an unusual way. He had painted the word "Faith" on one of the oars of his rowboat and "Works" on the other. When they got rather far from shore, he would stop, and beginning to row with only the one oar marked "Faith," he would cause the boat to go in circles to the left. Reversing the process, he would pull on the other oar marked "Works," and they would circle in the opposite direction. By this time the bewildered passengers were waiting for an explanation. This afforded him an opportunity to give the truth concerning discipleship. He always concluded by saying, "You see, neither faith nor works can stand alone. They are twins that cannot be separated!" (James 2:14-26). Adapted

### BABY SHOWER

There will be a "Diaper and Wet Wipe" Shower honoring Amanda Herbrough and Jodi Bainum today at 2 P.M. in the Family Room at the Activity Building. They are both having a baby soon. All ladies are invited to attend.