

Teen News

This morning the Youth at Crockett Road will be hosting the annual Singles and Singles Again Luncheon after the worship service. We have plenty of food and are looking forward to a great time today. This is a good time to get to know others better and share a delicious meal together. For some, this time of year is difficult for them, we want to encourage them and lift their spirits up. I hope that all of the singles will join us today. *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”* **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Thanks to the Youth for planning this event and for all the hard work you all have put into it. I would also like to thank those who have helped prepare the meal and desserts. I hope everyone has a blessed week!

Ben

Thanksgiving

For each new morning with its light,
 For rest and shelter of the night,
 For health and food,
 For love and friends,
 For everything Thy goodness sends.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

When God Drops The Reins

God pleaded with Israel to listen to him and put away foreign Gods, “But my people didn’t listen, Israel paid no attention; so I let go of the reins and told them, ‘Run! Do it your own way!’” (Psa. 81:11-12, The Message).

One man said, “If men will not be checked, but madly take the bit between their teeth and refuse obedience, who shall wonder if the reins are thrown upon their necks, and they are let alone to work out their own destruction.”

Will God reign in the stampeding herd that is rushing to do evil, or will he drop the reins, saying, “Have it your way.” Author Unknown

At Thanksgiving with her folks, single Sally prayed the following, "Oh Dear Lord, I'm thankful for all the blessing in my life. And, I'm not asking for this for myself. But please send my mother a son-in-law."

DOOR GREETERS – Nov. 27, 2016

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

“Thanksgiving For God’s Cleft Of The Rock”

On the Gettysburg battlefield, there are two round top hills with a rocky area between known as “Devil’s Den” It became a place of refuge during the fierce battle. Following the battle, many bodies were retrieved of soldiers seeking refuge “in the cleft of the rock.” What was hoped to be protection became a vault by which they were entrapped. We have been promised refuge during times of threat and harm which cannot be penetrated by the most cunning enemy. David had found refuge in God’s protective custody many times about which he wrote with these words: *“I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies”* (Ps. 18:1-3). God’s glory is seen from the Rock as is expressed by the words of the old song, “Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee”. I find comfort in the passage where God told His people of the Exodus that *“There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock”* (Ex. 23:21-23). There is the story of a little bird that was being chased by a much larger bird of prey. The little bird flew to save its life, darting about while being pursued by the larger bird. The little bird quickly flew into a crevice in a rock face, inside the cleft in the rock. The larger bird gave up. The little bird had found shelter in the rock, out of reach from fearsome claws. It’s life was saved. How like the little bird are we! Keep in mind that *“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty”* (Ps. 9:1). “He will cover you with His pinions and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark” (Ps. 91:1). The wonderful and warm embrace of our heavenly Father is a place of refuge and not a “Devil’s Den.” When we try to find comfort in the clutches of alcohol, drugs, sex, money or so many other cares of the world by which we are surrounded, they become a prison and not a refuge. We must take confidence and courage in knowing that our God is our protectorate and never a threat. Praise God and be thankful for His loving care in the past, eve now and in the future that rests before us.

SELECTED

A list of planned activities & upcoming events posted on the bulletin board for Nov. & Dec.

**Family placed membership
One responds for prayer**



From Dan's desk:

The Crockett Rd. congregation is an active church. Over the next two months, we will have the opportunity to be involved in numerous activities. Please check the church bulletin board for a detailed list of events that will be taking place. We hope you will want to be involved in these activities. These events provide an opportunity to become better acquainted. Thanks to the men who attended the Men's breakfast yesterday. It was great and the food was good also. Thanks to those who went to Sam's in Fairfield on the church bus and thanks to Charles McCullough for driving the bus. Remember that we will meet this Tuesday night for midweek services. All will meet in the church auditorium for our annual Thanksgiving service. We were made happy when Matt Barber his wife Jaylin and teenage son Matt all placed membership with us. We rejoice over their decision to be identified as members here. Matt is the regional Director of T.D.C. and this family has just moved from Beeville, Texas where they were faithful members of the Lord's Church there. We welcome them into our fellowship. ADAM HARDING also responded asking for prayer last Sunday. We appreciate Adam and continue to pray for him that God will bless his life in ways that are needed at this time. Thanks for being here this morning. We hope to see you tonight. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

BOBBY BAIRD is in ETMC with pneumonia. He will have heart-bypass surgery soon.

PAUL PEARSON is recovering from hip replacement surgery in Palestine Regional.

IRENE McCALLY BEE is in True Care with hospice.

TRUMAN LEMASTER nephew of Billy and Liz Mason suffered a heart attack. He is better.

Others have been placed on the prayer list in foyer.

RESPONSES FOR PRAYER ADAM HARDING

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ORNAMENT EXCHANGE



The Ladies annual Ornament Exchange will be at the home of Sonda & Henry Baker, following the morning worship service on Sunday Dec. 4th. Sonda will be providing lunch. Ladies are asked to go to her home immediately following the worship service.

Faithfulness

In Gal. 5:22-23 faithfulness is described here as a Fruit we must produce in our Christian walk. It is defined in the way we deal with situations and those around us. We often forget what God has really promised us. While we forget what He has promised us, we tend to make His promises something they never were intended to be. God did promise us that He would never forsake us and that there would be no temptation put before us, but what there would be a way of escape. There would never be a burden we could not bear due to the fact that God is faithful in His promises (Matthew 28:20; 1 Corinthians 10:13). God never promised us success in worldly things, though He does lavish us with "showers of blessings" (Ezekiel 34:26) each and every day. So often we get caught up in the things the world considers important, not necessarily even bad things, just things that in the spiritual realm do not make any difference at all. In fact, "worldly wisdom" tells us they are important, but we must remember "*God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty*" (1 Corinthians 1:27). God has not promised us that we would each rise to the top of our chosen profession, be the most popular person, have the nicest things, or always feel physically well. More importantly, He has promised if we overcome adversity and be faithful to the end that He will give us a crown of righteousness (Revelation 2:10). The fruit of the Spirit, faithfulness, will help us overcome and give us some of what we hope for now. God is always faithful and He expects us to be faithful as well. "Be though faithful unto death and I will give thee the crown of life". Revelation 2:10.

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