

Teen News

I am glad to see you all this morning; I hope your week went well. For those of us that were able to deliver the blankets to the shut-ins last week really received a great blessing. I can truly say that it is better to give than to receive. Remember there will not be a devotional this Sunday, but next Sunday we will have our annual Christmas Devotional at the home of Brandy Ricard. I want to encourage everyone to make plans to attend and also bring a gift (\$10.00 or less) for a Chinese Christmas exchange.

Blake

Our Annual Holiday Church Fellowship will be held a week from Tuesday night in the activity building at 6:30 P.M. We have a wonderful evening planned. We hope you can join us for an evening filled with fun, laughter, songs, great food and fellowship. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

The event will be catered again this year and we have a lot of fun things planned this year. Make sure you sign up by tonight.

Ornament Exchange

The annual ornament exchange will take place next Sunday at noon at the home of Sonda & Henry Baker. The meal will be provided by Sonda. No finger foods are needed as announced before. Bring an ornament and join us.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN IN CHILD PROTECTION CUSTODY

We will again this year be providing Christmas gifts to the needy children of Anderson County. There are sixty children that are in Child Protection custody and we wanted to give you an opportunity to help make their Christmas a little brighter. We will place the ages of these children and their wish list on the tree ornaments. These are numbered. We ask that you consider taking at least one of the children, and then sign your name beside the corresponding number on the list posted on the glass. We will give you instructions how to mark the gift. It will need to be wrapped and brought to the building by Wed., Dec. 19th. Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

CARD SIGNING

Please join us on Monday night, December 13th, at 6:30 PM, at the home of V.J. & Pam Gallaway, 515 ACR 431, to sign Christmas cards for the shut-in's. We will eat and have fellowship. The soup will be furnished by Pam, Lois & Sue. You may bring finger foods to go with the soup, if you would like. Bus will leave building at 6 PM.

DOOR GREETERS

Dec. 9, 2012

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India Mission
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Tanzania Africa Work
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Tipton Children's Home
Tipton, OK
Gospel Broadcast Network

ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

THE FORGOTTEN

*"Can a virgin forget her ornaments,
Or a bride her attire?
Yet My people have forgotten Me
Days without number."
-Jeremiah 2:32*

One of the most striking images in the early oracles of Jeremiah is the one found in Jeremiah 2:32. Essentially, Jeremiah argues from the lesser to the greater. A virgin woman wouldn't dare go out in public without properly clothing and adorning herself. Even more absurd than that is the idea of a bride showing up at a wedding without her wedding dress! The point of these rhetorical questions is not to suggest the actual possibility that these things might happen, but to point out the absurdity of such an idea. No bride could ever forget her wedding dress on such an important day.

However, there is an idea that is even more absurd than a bride forgetting her dress. That idea is the idea that God's people would forget Him. If a bride could place so much personal value in something inanimate that she would never forget it, why would God's people forget the greatest treasure that they had? Their relationship with their Creator should have been far more valuable to them than a bride's wedding dress, and yet they had somehow managed to forget God and lose all knowledge of Him!

Today, it still appears as if many of God's people have forgotten Him. Some are quick to point out society's declining "church attendance" but that is only a symptom of a much bigger and older problem. The fact is that when people forget the reason they are gathered together, they lose any reason to keep gathering. Likewise, when people who are brothers and sisters in Christ lose sight of the one thing that they have in common, unity becomes impossible. The reason congregations divide and churches collapse is not because people get bored or despondent, but because people forget that they are all created by God to be a people for His own possession. They are like the bride who forgets her wedding dress. They are aware of where they are, but they are unable to remember why they are there. However, God does not forget His people, no matter how much they forget Him

THREE More Baptized into Christ



From Dan's desk:

We were thrilled last week when our next door neighbor, HEATHER KELLEY was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. Heather and her mom have been our neighbors for about a year. We had the opportunity to study with them last Monday and HEATHER was baptized that evening. We rejoice with her on this decision. Last Sunday two more were baptized into Christ. KALYN AND ERIN JOHNSON both responded to the invitation to be baptized for the remission of sins. Their parents WARREN AND KIMBER JOHNSON are former members here. The family now lives in Flint, Texas and go to church in Tyler. I married Warren and Kimber seventeen years ago and baptized them both. It was a joyous occasion to see their daughters 15 years old and 13 years old make this commitment to Christ. Let's continue to keep all of these in our prayers. It is hard to believe that we are already talking Christmas. This Tuesday night will be our annual Christmas fellowship dinner in the activity building. You will need to let Lorelee know **today** if you are planning to attend, as it is a catered event. You must give your money to her by **tonight**. The food will be excellent and the menu is located on the glass near the office. Please check the entrée you would like on the list posted on the bulletin board. We will all have a great time together. Hope you can make plans to be with us. If you are visiting with us today, we are glad to have you with us and we hope you will return. If we can assist you in any way, please feel free to call on us. We hope that your worship experience has been a good one for you and your family. We hope you will join us again tonight as we worship our Lord. **Children Bible Hour resumes tonight.**

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN
YOUR PRAYERS:**

JAKE GLENN, 7 year old son of Frank & Laura Glenn, had gall bladder surgery at Texas Children's hospital in Dallas.

MARK JOHNSON, GARY OLIVER and DWAYNE HAGEMEIER are all doing better following recent surgeries.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE WITH CONTINUING ILLNESSES: Dennis Ellison, Ed Furman, Sandra Ives, Maggie Larsen, LaShun Miller, Michael Morris.

PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR U.S. SERVICEMEN.

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SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to SHANE & JODI BAINUM on the death of their newborn son, MICHAEL SKY BAINUM, last week. Private services were held last week.

Sympathy is also extended to GERRI SIMPSON in the death her nephew DAMIEN STARR this last week.

JESUS' SENSE OF HUMOR

Remember Archie Bunker in the TV series *All In The Family*? Humor was used to get across things that are hard for us to accept. Jesus, too, loved to use humor to get across some of his more difficult points. Just imagine a man walking down the street with a telephone pole in his eye, then stopping to get a splinter out of someone else's eye (Matthew 7:3). Then there are the Pharisees who were so careful that they held a strainer over their soup to be sure they didn't swallow anything evil, then turned right around and chomped down on a smelly, dirty camel ~ hoofs, humps, fat lips, yellow teeth, and all (Matthew 23:24). What about missing out on God's big wedding celebration? "I've just bought a house on eBay and I need to go see whether it really does have bathrooms". The next says in effect "I've just bought a used car over the phone and I need to go see if it has wheels". (Luke 14:16-24) Just imagine a big ole camel trying to twist and turn and squeeze his way through ~ you'll never believe this ~ the eye of a needle (Mark 10:25). C'm on now! Jesus couldn't help but poke fun of the hypocrites who fasted, then got stage paint to make their faces disfigured and ugly so people would think they were really suffering (Matthew 6:16). Indeed, we say with Solomon, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" (Proverbs 17:22 ~ KJV).

LADIES

The ladies are reminded to check the bulletin board for various activities that have been planned on the SISTER to SISTER list. Several things are planned for December.