

Teen News

Two Sunday practices left till LTC. We will start practice at 1 today, so please try to be there on time. We have to finish up photography, and scrapbooks this week. Also we will be working on our other events as well. Next week we will be doing our scripture reading Sunday night, please plan on being here. I will be letting you know more about the LTC event schedule next week. Parents if you still need to pay for your room, please do so as soon as possible. Easter Sunday after the evening worship service we will be having our LTC awards banquet. We ask that everyone plan to attend to show their support for our youth.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a barbecue?

A mom is driving her second-grade daughter and two of her friends to school one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started talking about what the dog's duties were.

They use him to keep the crowds back. Said ."

"No," said another, "he's just for good luck."

The daughter said, "No! No! They use the dogs to find the fire hydrants."

"When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "It's open!"

To which he replied, "I know - I already got that side."

THE URGENCY OF CHOOSING WISELY

"Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:14, 15

The choices we make in life are critical. Often what appears as a simple choice of no consequence becomes an important choice of multiple consequences. Choices made early in life seem insignificant because numerous options seem to be a part of living. "After all, we always seem to have numerous options that come with most of our decisions. If we choose poorly, big deal! We will just make another choice." Choices are not as easily undone! (a) A choice resulting in an addiction [regardless of the kind of addiction] rarely is simple to abandon because it is powerful. (b) Choices that require an investment of resources often devour those resources. Would you use your credit or savings differently if five years ago you saw the recession coming? (c) Choices which require time do not return time if abandoned. Time spent is life lost! As life diminishes, one's choices diminish. As time and life pass, the person is reduced to living from the choices he or she has made. How often have you met a person over fifty years of age that does not wish "I could go back and do this differently." Fortunate is the person who has only one such thing! What we all discover is this: "I can change me right now, but I cannot change how I used the past". Choose soberly and wisely—you and your descendants will be affected powerfully by the choices you make.

DOOR GREETERS—April 17

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Jesus Is The Way Of Unity

In **John 17**, Jesus earnestly prays to the Father. He desires unity among those who believe on him. Listen to his words in verses **20-21**. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." Here is the part I want to emphasize, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Friend, Jesus is the way of unity! Remember Jesus says He is "the way, the truth and the life," **John 4:6**. We must unite around our Savior if we are to obey him. May His prayer be answered in our lives!

Following the teaching of Jesus, Paul compelled the church at Corinth to be unified in belief. **1 Corinthians 1:10** says, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

Their division caused Paul to ask, "Is Christ divided", verse **13**. Confusion reigned because of their carnal spirit, **1 Corinthians 3:3**. This reminds me of our present denominational attitude about the church. Friend, it was not pleasing to our Lord in the beginning and is not pleasing to Him now!

Jesus said in **Matthew 16:18**, "I will build my church," and He did, and we have no scriptural right to be factional. Remember that Jesus is the way of unity.

We must earnestly contend for "the one Faith", according to **Jude 3** and **Ephesians 4:5**, not the faith of our choice.

We are in unity in believing Jesus to be the Son of God, our Savior. We are followers of Christ are we not? Then why not unify and just call us Christians, (without any other name attached to it) and answer Jesus' prayer?

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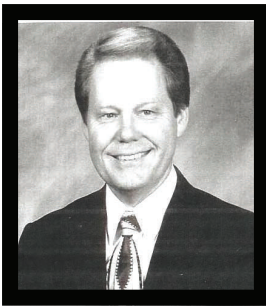
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ASSEMBLY TIMES
Sun: 9:30 AM Class
10:30 AM Worship
6:00 PM Evening
Wed: 7:00 PM



Thank the Good Lord for the RAIN



From Dan's desk:

My thanks to Bernie Baur for preaching for me last Sunday while I was away in the meeting new Lake Charles. The meeting went well and I appreciate the congregation for hosting the event. Lorelee has been on vacation this last week, so if the bulletin doesn't look up to par, you will understand and be patient with your preacher. The rain was a welcome sight last Monday. We have really needed the rain and we are grateful to our God for sending this much needed blessing. Don't forget to express your gratitude to God for all the blessings He give to each of us. Easter is coming up in a couple of weeks. It seems that it is coming last this year.. Several of the young people are participating in L.T.C. this year the same weekend. They will be back for services on Sunday. We are confident that they will do well. Thanks to all who work with the youth and do whatever they can to encourage them. We have a number of people who remain ill and in need of our prayers. Let's continue to do what we can to help lighten their load. Several are improved, but others are still having a battle with various illnesses. Many new faces are seen at our services each week. Let's go out of our way to make these folks feel welcome and invite them back to our services here at Crockett Rd.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN
YOUR PRAYERS:**

HUDSON SLATE young friend of the Baker's is seriously ill.

REAGAN JONES great niece of Wanda Burke had open heart surgery last week in Houston.

MARLENE THOMPSON remains in Mother Frances hospital in Tyler.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Dennis Ellison, Bob Burchfield, Gary Oliver, Vonolga Roberson, Mary Ann Chapman, Bill Hogan, Hunter Sheridan, Danny Sumrall, Toby Williams, Gerald Wilcher.

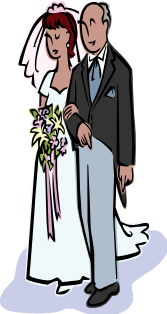
SOLDIERS OVERSEAS: Adam Keck, Jeremy Dixon, Blaine Kline, Jason Mottern

I tell you, women drivers are a hazard to traffic. Driving to work this morning on the freeway, I looked over to my left and there was a woman in a red Mustang doing 85 miles per hour with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner!

I looked away for a couple seconds and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane.

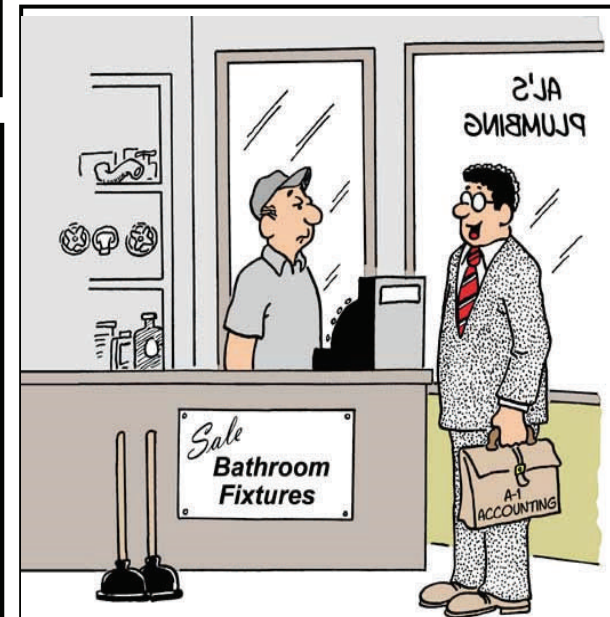
It scared me so bad I dropped my electric shaver in my coffee,

You're Invited
To a
Bridal Shower & Brunch
For
Hollis Cook
On
April 10th
From 1 to 3 PM
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