

Teen News

3 more Sunday practices till we leave for LTC. Practices are going great and we are getting a lot accomplished. If you have to finish photography or children's book, try to get them done by next week. If you are a parent that's going to the convention and staying at the hotel, please pay for your hotel room by next week. If you need to know how much you owe, just let me know.

We will have a devotional tonight after the evening worship service. Please plan on sticking around afterward.



I invited the Sunday School Class over for a pool party. All we need now is a pool!

One More Night with the Frogs

In the book of Exodus we find the great account of the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage.

God's power is seen over and over again through the plagues which were sent against Egypt. The plagues were designed to display the power of God and draw man into submission to His power. Today we are blessed to have all of this recorded so that we can also realize the power of Almighty God, and be drawn to Him.

One of these plagues brought an interesting response from Pharaoh, which reveals a lot about how "bad soil" reacts to the power of God. When the frogs were sent upon Egypt, and Pharaoh was desperate to rid his land of this great travesty, he called Moses and said he would let the children of Israel go if the frogs would leave (Ex. 8:8). Pharaoh begged Moses to entreat the Lord to remove the frogs. Moses asked Pharaoh "when shall I entreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, that they may remain in the river only?" (Ex. 8:9). The response from Pharaoh was rather interesting. We read in verse 10, "and he said, Tomorrow." What an incredible response. If Pharaoh truly understood the situation would he have waited until tomorrow? Maybe he was hoping the frogs would go away by themselves and then he wouldn't have to let the children of Israel go after all. Or, maybe he was hoping that his "magicians" would be able to come up with some solution before daybreak so he could keep his slaves. Whatever the reason, Pharaoh chose "one more night with the frogs," and therefore allowed time for his heart to harden.

DOOR GREETERS—April 10

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

WAKE UP CHRISTIAN PARENTS

We have a major spiritual crisis in our nation. The latest polls show that 7 out of every 10 children raised in the church are leaving the church by their second year of college. The two main reasons for this is worldly influences and lazy parents.

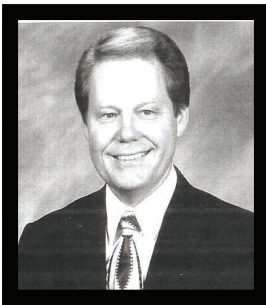
Many parents have forgotten that it is their Christian duty to raise their children up in the way of the Lord (Deut. 6:6; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4). If you are not teaching your children about God by your example or teaching them the importance of God's Word, then you may lose your children to the world. If the current trend continues, the church will die out in America.

We can defy the current polls by taking action and making time to teach our children about God in our homes. We should not expect our children to get all their education about God at church, because it is not enough. Your children are being influenced by world in many ways. For example, when you send your children to public school, not only are they taught the fundamentals of education, they are taught that evolution is a fact, instead of theory. They are being taught to think that we should not oppose worldly views. Instead, we should accept them and just call them alternative lifestyles. They are also being taught there is no absolute truth and many other things that are contrary to God's Word. Many of these teachings are coming from their textbooks.

The world understands that if they can train our children with information like this, that they can change our nation. Adolf Hitler understood this, which is why he said: "Let me control the textbooks and I will control the state..." During a speech he delivered on November 6, 1939 Hitler said: "When an opponent declares, 'I will not come over to your side,' I calmly say, 'Your child belongs to us already.... What are you? You will pass on. Your descendants, however, now stand in the new camp. In a short time they will know nothing else but this new community.'"

Not only do we have to combat worldly views our children are learning from their textbooks, they are being influenced by their worldly friends. Peer pressure is very powerful because most do not want to stand out from what is popular. On top of this, they are being influenced by Hollywood and by the Internet.

If we want to combat all these worldly influences, it is imperative we get involved in our children's life. Stop relying on others to teach them about God, because God has given you that responsibility. Before you can teach them, you must be committed to serving God yourself. You cannot tell children how they should not do certain things, if you are doing them. Your children will follow your actions, not your empty words. In other words, practice what you preach. When your children see your dedication to God and how you strive to be a good example, it will make a deeper impact on them.



THREE BAPTIZED One asked for prayer



From Dan's desk:

We were made to rejoice last week when three souls were baptized into Christ. On Thursday I had the privilege to study with GERALD and DIANNE WILCHER and then baptize them for the remission of sins. We are so happy for them and welcome them into our fellowship at the church here. On Saturday afternoon we studied with LUKE LANE, our grandson, and that evening we gathered with Billy, Amanda, Susan and Audrey as he was baptized for the remission of sins. We are so happy for him. It is always exciting to see your grandchildren become Christians. We are all so happy for him. On Sunday morning MARTY NASH responded to the invitation asking for the prayers of the church here on his behalf. We commend him and continue to pray for him and his family. I am in Lake Charles, LA. for a special lectureship. I will conclude the lectureship on Sunday evening. My thanks to Bernie for preaching while I am away. We appreciate Bernie and what he continues to do for the Lord in our community. He is doing a great job. Thanks to those who came for Monday Night for the Master last Monday and to the Men's breakfast and work day last Saturday. Many in the church here do a number of things that are often overlooked. God bless each of you. See you on Wednesday night.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

MARLENE THOMPSON remains in Mother Frances hospital in Tyler.
PHILLIP FOREMAN is still having problems with his back.
RAY STECH, Bob Stech's brother is seriously ill with cancer in Rockdale.
DWAYNE HAGEMEIER is home and has been suffering with a kidney stone.

REAGAN JONES, 3 1/2 month old great niece of Wanda Burke, will have open heart surgery on April 7th in Houston.

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 Motters

RESPONSES

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

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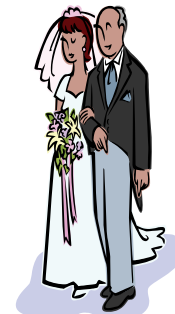
Luke Lane



FOR PRAYER

Marty Nash

You're Invited
To a
Bridal Shower & Brunch
For
Hollis Cook
On
April 10th
From 1 to 3 PM
At
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Little Johnny's father said, "Let me see your report card."

Johnny replied, "I don't have it."

"Why not?" His father asked.

"My friend just borrowed it. He wants to scare his parents."

Teachers never give up, and neither does Little Johnny. She asks him, "Can you name the Great Lakes?"

You know Johnny, he is always fast with an answer, and he pipes up with, "I don't need to. They've already been named."

A child comes home from his first day at school. His Mother asks, "Well, what did you learn today?"

The kid replies, "Not enough. They want me to come back tomorrow."