

We had a great time at the lake last Sunday!! Thank you Steve & Jill Camp for allowing us to use your cabin and for all of y'all's help. We would like to thank Doug Sumrall for providing and cooking the BBQ. It was very delicious!!!! I would also like to thank my wife, Keri Rhone, for making this possible. She does a lot of work in helping me and I'm very thankful. School starts back tomorrow and I know you all are ready to go (Ha!!). I hope that this school year is a good one for everyone. My prayers are with each of you and the teachers. Remember to lead by example and be careful not to hang out with the wrong crowd.

**NEXT SUNDAY** after the morning service **ALL YOUTH and PARENTS** are invited to go bowling. We will eat lunch in the activity building and then take the bus to the bowling alley. I want to encourage parents with smaller children to bring them along too.

**THANKS FOR BEING HERE TODAY!!!**

BEN

## “HE STOOD MOTIONLESS”

The sign on the stage proclaimed: "The Motionless Man: Make Him Laugh. Win \$100." The temptation was irresistible. For three hours boys and girls, men and women, performed every antic and told every joke they knew - but Bill Fuqua, the Motionless Man, stood perfectly still. Fuqua is the Guinness Book of World Records champion at doing nothing. In fact, he appears so motionless during his routines at shopping malls and amusement parks that he is sometimes mistaken for a mannequin. When I read about Bill Fuqua, "The Motionless Man," I was reminded of a lot of Christians I know -- many congregations seem to have mastered the fine art of doing almost nothing. The Bible, though, says, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Are you motionless or active? How about you? It is time that we get our spiritual lives in motion! Wouldn't today be a good day to make a change? DAN

## “THE SPIRITUAL BODY”

So much is to be said about the comparison between the Physical body and the Spiritual Body. When we study the word of God we often find the Lord's Church compared to a physical body (1 Cor. 12, Eph. 1:22-23; 3:6; 4:4, 12, 16; 5:23-33; Col. 1:18, 22; 2:19; 3:15; Heb. 13:3). Since this analogy is used so often in the sacred text, it behooves us to understand the many ways the church resembles a physical body. The apostle Paul makes clear that a vital purpose of the body of Christ is to be able to care for itself. In Ephesians 4:15, 16 Paul pens: "but speaking the truth in love we are to grow up in all aspects into him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted together by what every joint supplies according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in Love." The body needs to be able to sustain itself by the proper operation of each element. In a physical body we know that every organ and digit serves a purpose, and we should recognize that this is also true in the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12). Paul makes it clear the Spiritual body must be working and serving one another if we are to please our Father in Heaven. Let's all do our part to help the entire body.

DAN

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## “HOW FAITHFUL IS FAITHFUL?”

If you were to ask almost any member of the church if he is faithful, chances are he would say "yes". If he is not, why would he tell you he is faithful? Probably because he does not have a correct understanding of what it means to be faithful. Faithfulness requires that one be reliable, steady, dependable and trustworthy. People are sometimes faithful in some areas of life but not faithful in others. If you have a job that requires you to be on the job Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. till 5 p.m., and you show up for work every other working day, are you faithful? Of course not! If you have a wife, you may be faithful to your wife, but are you faithful on the job? What if you are on the job every day but you always show up late, are you faithful? What if you always attend church but you are always late? Are you faithful? Sometimes people go to work even though they have a headache. They may not go to church when they have a headache. They may be faithful on the job but not faithful in church. Also, one may be faithful to attend the assemblies of the church but not faithful in his worship while in the assembly. He may fail to sing. When prayers are led, he may not make them his. When offerings are collected he may not give as God has prospered him nor with a cheerful and willing heart.

## One Baptized last Sunday Night.



*From Dan's desk:*

Last Sunday night JENNA FITZGERALD granddaughter of Terry and Kay Adams of Gray's Chapel Church of Christ responded to the invitation of Christ to be baptized. We are happy for her and her family. We had several visitors among us last Sunday. We always appreciate our visitors and if you are visiting today, we are glad you have come and we hope you will come again. It was nice to have several visitors from my home town of Hallsville last Sunday morning. They are not members of the church, but came for the Jamboree and stayed over to worship with us. It was great. Teachers started back to school last Monday and the students start back tomorrow. Thanks to Dale Sparks for leading us in prayer for both groups of people. We wanted to remind you that Promotion in Bible classes will take place next Sunday August 30th. It is hard to believe that time is here already. Students will move up to their new classes. Children's Bible Hour will begin on the following Sunday night (two weeks from today). A lot of effort is being made to have a successful year in Bible Classes and also in Children's Bible Hour as well as Toddler Bible Class. We will post a new list of the Teachers and classes, so students will have no trouble knowing where to go next Sunday. Thanks for being here this morning. Hope to see each of you tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

**CHARLIE YOUNG** had surgery last Monday. He is doing better.

**MILLIE BAUR** fell last Saturday and broke her wrist. She had surgery on Wednesday. She's recovering at home.

**RENEE WHITLEY** had tests last week and will have additional foot surgery on Thursday in Tyler.

**KATHY JOHNSON** will have back surgery next week.

**GINGER BELL**, is undergoing tests in Mother Frances hospital in Tyler.

**DENNIS HOMANN** has been in ETMC this last week for treatment.

**HELLEN LEWIS** has been placed with Hospice.

**Others are improving.**

The Ladies Bible Class and Visual Aid Brigade will take place on Tuesday morning, Sept. 8th. All ladies are encourage to attend.

## BAPTIZED JENNA FITZGERALD

### 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 coming.**

## Am I My Brother's Keeper"



The title of this article comes directly from Genesis 4:9 which says, "And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?" Let us learn some valuable lessons about being our brother's keeper that can be found in God's word.

Being our brother's keeper does not mean that we are to watch over him with an evil eye. Rather, we are to be concerned for his soul. The first way in which we can be our brother's keeper is through love. Paul tells us that we are to "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another." (Romans 12:10).

Second, we can pray for our brethren in their time of need, whether they ask us to pray for them or we do it voluntarily. The Bible instructs us to "Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18).

Third, being our brother's keeper requires that we strive to live righteously in order that he may follow our example to Heaven, so long as we are following in the footsteps of Christ (1 John 1:7) and doing His commandments (2 John 1:9-10). Paul, in 1 Corinthians 11:1 wrote, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."

Last, as part of being our brother's keeper, we are required to attend worship on the first day of the week (Hebrews 10:25). When we worship God together we must do so "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). In doing so, we are able to edify and encourage one another through "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (Ephesians 5:19), the observance of the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7), giving to the Lord (1 Corinthians 16:1-3), and prayer and teaching (Acts 2:42). ADPT