

# Teen News

Thanks to those who stayed for the DEVO last Sunday evening. We had a great time and fellowship together. The youth group has been very good about coming to class and other activities. We have several of the youth signed up for Church Camp this year. They are looking forward to going. If you haven't turned in your camp registration form, please do so soon. I hope you all have a good week. See you tonight! Our DEVO tonight will be in the activity building, please make plans to attend. BEN

## “NOW THAT’S JUST LIKE A CAT”

Mark Twain once said: “We should be careful to get out of an experience only the wisdom that is in it — and stop there; lest we be like the cat that sits down on the hot stove-lid. She will never sit down on a hot stove-lid again — and that is well; but also she will never sit down on a cold one any more”. I think that we should carefully think on what he said. Have you ever had an unhappy experience with a person close to you and then said, “I will never be friends with anyone again. You just cannot trust people”? If you never formed another friendship in your life, you would not be hurt by a friend. But at the same time, you would never be warmed by the pleasures of friendship. It is true that at times a friend may let you down because he is a human being. However, chances are that he did not intentionally and deliberately set out to harm you. And, by the way, do you suppose that someone ever thought that you treated him in the wrong way? Maybe it is really a matter of communication. But the point is, don't avoid friendship just because you may have been hurt by a friend of the past. Everyone has experienced problems with friends in the past. We can either resolve to wallow in self-pity or move forward to develop new relationships which will enhance our lives and bring us joy. Maybe the nature of cats (unusual creatures) may be as Mark Twain said, but it should not be true of the human race and especially Christians. We as Crockett Rd. can rise above the decision to “never have friends again”. A potential friendship waiting. Seize the moment. DAN

## DO I HAVE TO COMPLETE AN ATTENDANCE CARD?

Attendance Cards provide a convenient way to update any change in your contact information. The church is a family and a family is to love one another, serve one another, encourage one another, comfort one another, admonish one another, etc. Changes to your contact info (like address, phone, email) can be shared on the Attendance Card so that the new information can be shared with the church. There are many good and valuable purposes for filling out Attendance Cards, but there is no more needful purpose than out of consideration for our elders. The number one reason that the elders request that cards be completed on Sunday is because the shepherds know all too well that one's attendance in Bible study and worship is a fairly accurate barometer of one's spiritual health. When a Christian's attendance record starts to slip, that is one of the first perceptible symptoms that his or her soul may need attention. Even the Lord connected the proper observance of the Lord's Supper on a weekly basis with one's spiritual health, for when one fails to properly partake of the Lord's Supper, he becomes “weak and sick” (1 Cor. 11:30). Since the shepherds of the congregation “must give account” for the souls within their care (Heb. 13:17), the completion of Attendance Cards by the sheep is out of consideration for their shepherds and the monumental, soul-tied task to which the Lord has assigned them.

**“We'd like to ask that members complete their Attendance Cards at this time.”**

Thank You. THE ELDERS

# Gospel Worker

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FOX 29 KSVP Lake  
Charles, LA.  
ABC 10—KTEN  
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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## HE THAT HATH EARS, LET HIM HEAR.....

In Luke 9, the followers of Jesus “were all amazed at the majesty of God. But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples, ‘Let these words sink down into your ears...’” (9:43-44). Can you imagine being there and hearing Jesus preach about faith, salvation and His atoning sacrifice? In our imaginations, we can easily envision His words entering our ears, being carefully processed in our hearts and minds, and then sinking deep down into our very souls to be stored up and cherished. If Jesus said to let these words sink down into our ears, what other words do we need to absorb into the recesses of our hearts and lives?

Let these words sink down into your ears: **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...”** (John 3:16). Stop. Give them time to sink down.

Let these words sink down into your ears: **“The Lord is...longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish...”** (2 Pet. 3:9). Stop. Let them sink down.

Let these words sink down into your ears: **“God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved) ...”** (Eph. 2:4-5). Stop. Give those words time to sink down.

Let these words sink down into your ears: **“For we know that...we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens...Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God...”** (2 Cor. 5:1, 5). Stop. Give them time to sink down.

Let these words sink down into your ears: **“We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose...If God is for us, who can be against us?”** (Rom. 8:28, 31). Stop. Give those words time to sink down.

Read His Word slow enough to let it sink down.

SELECTED

**Great attendance last Sunday with  
286 present.**

**Young people return from “Lads To  
Leaders” in Dallas with awards**



***From Dan's desk:***

Last Sunday was a great day with some 286 present for worship. We had some 30-35 in Dallas for “Lads to Leaders” program with the young people. The young people did a wonderful job and we appreciate each of them for participating in the program. A big thank you to all the parents and those who have been working with them. This is a great program and I am happy that we made the change from LTC to the current program. It affords the younger children an opportunity to be involved and this is great. Thanks to all of you who are present today. The month of April has arrived and with it some much needed rain. The flowers are in full bloom and God’s creation is shining through. Spring is my favorite time of year. To be able to see the resurrection of new life is just great. It reminds us that someday those we have interred in the earth will rise to a new body and new life. Thank God for the promises found in His Word. John 14:1-6. Lorelee has been on vacation this last week. We always miss her when she is not in the office. It has been a challenge to take care of all that needs to be done. At the time of this writing we are planning to take the retirees to Brenham, Texas to the Blue Bell ice cream factory. It should be a beautiful day for those planning to go. Our ladies Bible Class that meets on Tuesday morning will resume this Tuesday. All the ladies are invited to come and be a part of this class. We hope to see of you tonight at the evening worship service at 6 P.M. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**KENLEE HARBOUR** remains in I.C.U. at Medical Cities hospital in Dallas. She is doing better.

**KERMIT GRIMSLEY** will have knee replacement surgery tomorrow in Tyler.

**CINDY ODEN**, daughter of Johnny and Carolyn Jenkins, had surgery in Washington state this last week.

**GERALD MORRIS**, son of Patsy Bush, will have heart surgery a week from tomorrow.

**DOUG LOWE** had a heart cath in Tyler last Monday. He is doing better. Tests were good.

**JAMES PETTY**, father of Andrew Petty is recovering from recent heart surgery. He has gone home from the hospital.

**CRYSTAL MCGARTNEY'S** mother WANDA is seriously ill in ETMC in Tyler.

**Please be sure to pick of a prayer list of all those who have been ill recently**

**SANDWICH SUPPER NEXT  
SUNDAY NIGHT.**

We are planning a sandwich supper next Sunday evening following the evening worship service. We will give special recognition to the young people who went to Dallas for “LADS TO LEADERS”. You are asked to bring two of the following in combination: sandwiches, chips or desert. Plan to stay and encourage our youth.  
**THE ELDERS**

**HOW TO BE FAITHFUL?**

To remain saved, Christians must be consistent in their service to the Lord. Paul charged his readers, “be steadfast...” The Christian life demands that we constantly maintain Christ-like actions, words and attitudes. If we behave differently during the week around our worldly friends than we do on Sunday around our church friends, that’s not consistent. If we randomly go to worship some Sundays but not others, that’s not consistent. To remain saved, we must be consistent in our Christian lives.

To remain saved, Christians must be convicted in their service to the Lord. Paul further charges his readers to be “immovable.” Some stray from the faith and are “movable” because they are not completely convicted by the compelling nature of the love of Christ and the need for their faithful obedience. Why are some trees able to withstand hurricanes and driving winds while others are not? It is because they have been rooted and established and are unaffected by their surroundings. Read Colossians 2:1-7 and find the same solution for Christian strength and conviction.

To remain saved, Christians must continue in the service of the Lord. Finally, Paul charges, “always abounding in the work of the Lord.” Too often Christians just stop—sometimes from fatigue, discouragement or plain laziness. God calls upon us to keep on keeping on in our service to the Lord. “Always” means don’t ever stop. “Abounding” means don’t set a limit.

God provides us with this assurance if we consistently, with conviction, continue in our to service Him—“knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” God sees. God knows. God rewards. Will you remain faithful? DAN