

Teen News

Good morning and welcome to services! We have had a busy but uplifting weekend at Lads to Leaders. So much work goes into preparing for our events, but it is always a wonderful time!! We are looking forward to celebrating all our participants on April 23rd!

It's time to start thinking about the summer! We will have a devotional and parent meeting on April 30th to discuss summer plans and get feedback. And speaking of summer, registration is now open for Camp Red Oak Springs! For more information, see Alison or me. DOUG

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Romans 12:2 NKJV

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.

“YOUR INFLUENCE”

If you're a Christian, you should not be startled to realize that you make a mark on the lives of numerous people every day, often without even realizing that you've done so. You may not even recall interacting with some of those folks, but they may well remember you — whether favorably or unfavorably will depend upon the nature of that interaction. Most importantly, what do those interactions tell the world about Jesus Christ? What portrait do we paint of our Lord and Savior with our words, our behavior, and our attitudes — even in those situations where we don't know the people around us and may not ever expect to see them again? Jesus often used casual contacts as stepping stones to more meaningful conversations: the woman at Jacob's well (John 4), the man born blind (John 9), and Zacchaeus (Luke 19) are but three examples we could cite. Paul did likewise — think of the Philippian jailer in Acts 16. How many seemingly insignificant connections do we make in the world around us that might turn into opportunities for the gospel — if we conduct ourselves in a Christ-like manner?

Dan

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

“Rescue Group ”

There is a woman who has a real soft spot for animals. She not only has many animals of her own, but belongs to a rescue group—a collection of similarly-minded men and women who pool their resources (financial, organizational and otherwise) in order to adopt animals who are scheduled to be euthanized in shelters around California, and then find them good, permanent homes. This past week she adopted a puppy who was otherwise going to die, along with 30 or so other dogs at an animal shelter near Bakersfield, California. Her and her group by themselves managed to save the lives of six dogs; and along with other rescue groups around the state, a total of 19 dogs have been saved from being killed so far (and probably even more by the time this article is published). It's difficult NOT to feel compassion for animals that have been lost, and seem to be all but abandoned; animals that appear to be doomed to die. But, as the story I just related to you proves: selflessness, and kindness and love have the ability to save, don't they? Do we feel compassion for those out in the world who are lost, feel abandoned and appear destined for spiritual death? Would we act out of selflessness and kindness and love to save them? God our Father did just that for all of us. “*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*” [John 3:16]

“*This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*” [1 John 4:10]

PAUL SEELY

Welcome to our worship services today. We are glad you have joined us in worship.

From Dan's desk:



Thank all of you for joining us in worship. Many will gather in houses of worship who will not return until next Easter. This is a shame and it is also an indication of a lack of love for God. We should be so thankful for what God has done for us that we would not want to be anywhere else but worshipping with God's children every time we have the opportunity. Jesus died on the cross that we might be able to gather in eternity with the redeemed of the ages and I would not want my Lord to question anything concerning my relationship with Him. Several are still ill and several over the last few weeks have suffered the death of loved ones. I know that this congregation is great about reaching out to those who hurt and to those who have had deaths in their families. We are so proud of the youth who went to Dallas over the weekend and participated in the Lads To Leaders program. They did a great job and we appreciate so much Doug and Alison and other parents who went along for this event. These young people had the opportunity to visit and participate with young people from all over the state of Texas. They made memories that they will never forget. They will be honored soon and given awards for their hard work. Several participated at the convention and also at home. See you tonight at 6 P.M.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

GWEN STURGESS will have a brain surgical procedure soon in Tyler for Parkinson's. Keep her and Jerry in your prayers.

JAMIE HUGHES suffered 2nd degree burns on both arms in an accident at her home. She is better and recovering.

We still have a list of those with ongoing illnesses and that list is available in the foyer.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to SONDA BAKER and HAILEY BROOKS and their families in the death of their mother, and grandmother, (JANN WASSON) this last week. Memorial services were held last Friday at the Kernes Church of Christ.

WELCOME VISITORS.

**We are glad you are here and we hope you will return soon.
God bless you.**

“Coals Of Fire”

I think most of us credit ourselves with being longsuffering, forgiving and patient (even if we don't deserve such credit). There is no getting around the fact that in this life, we are going to get on each other's nerves; we are going to irritate one another; we are going to face contention, and sometimes outright offense. If we can avoid plotting the downfall and ultimate demise of the offending party, we pat ourselves on the back and say we "turned the other cheek", don't we? But is that enough? Is it enough to merely refrain from violent outburst and mean-spirited thoughts and behavior? Jesus had a few words to say about this subject: "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evil-doer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile" (Mt. 5:38-42). Do we return a harsh word with a kind one? Do we seek to help those who have hurt us? It seems counter-intuitive, doesn't it? It goes against our selfish nature to put ourselves in harm's way; especially after we have just experienced a hurt. But there is a reason we are commanded to do this, and we trust the divine wisdom behind this practice of returning evil with good: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head with " (Romans 12:20-21) SELECTED

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Paul Cartwright continues to recover from a recent biopsy and is awaiting additional surgery.

Linda Lippold is improving in True-Care for rehab.

Nancy Miller continues to undergo heart tests and treatment.

David Carder is recovering from brain surgery . He was in worship last Sunday.

Kenneth Holland continues to have issues with COPD and remains at home.

Gerald Wilcher is still awaiting surgery on his heart soon.

Diane Wilcher is still having health issues at home.

Gwen Sturgess will have a surgical procedure on her brain soon.

Fred King is recovering from neck surgery and he is recovering at his home.

Prayers for Sonda Baker and Hailey Brooks and families in the death of their Mother and grandmother (Jann Wasson) respectively.

Former members, Johnny and Carolyn have been having heart and neurological issues.

Mark Thornton is recovering from hip surgery.

Jamie Hughes is recovering from a recent accident in which she received several burns on her body.

Phillip Foreman, son-in-law of Sam and Cheryl Ellis, is having tests on April 6th.

Randy Foreman continues to go through tests

Becky Barnes' great grandson had a bone marrow transplant. He is under observation.

Tina Teetz, daughter-in-law of Pat Baird, has started taking medication to shrink and slow down the cancer.

Mary Alice Largent has been ill but is doing better.

Sharron Grizzle recovering from cancer, and asked for prayers.

Bryce Stewart former member is still undergoing tests and cancer treatment.

Jamie Flores, niece of Ann Sparks, is having health issues and requests our prayers.

Deborah Hagemeyer (former member) has cancer and requests prayer.

Jerry Thornton of Canton, brother-in-law of Bill Rawson has bone cancer & requests prayer.

Remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers.

Monty Todd, Courtney Bell, Patsy Bush, Mary Chambless, Opalene Chapman, Mary Ann Colling, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, Joyce Matlock, John Mottern, Ed and Kathleen Compton, Lorelee Reeder, Martha Sims, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff and Charlie Young. **NOTE: We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list or removed, please notify us in the church office.**

THE ELDERS