

Good morning and welcome to services! We are looking forward to celebrating our L2L participants tonight immediately following worship with a sandwich supper in the Activity Building. Congratulations everyone on a job well done! Our get together at the Krumnows has been moved to Saturday evening, April 17th. We hope to see you there! Have a great week! DOUG

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

Galatians 5:22-23

Hugging is a special gift. Great for any occasion, and it is fun to give and receive, shows you care, comes with it's own wrapping, and of course, is fully returnable. Hugging is practically perfect. No batteries to wear out, inflation proof, nonfattening, no monthly payments, theft-proof and nontaxable.

**April 18, 2021
Door Greeters
Security Team
Communion Preparation
Billy & Amanda Lane**

“Is There An Exception?”

Exceptions may be good, or they may be bad, depending upon how they are used. We come across a few exceptions in God’s word. Fortunately for us, these make life easier and they make our lives worth living. Without these exceptions, our lives would truly be miserable. Jesus stated, “Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven” (Mt.18:3). The rule: “ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” Why is this so? Because of man’s problem with sin (Is.59:1,2). However, our gracious God offers an exception: “Except ye be converted and become as little children.” Those who manifest an humble spirit, a forgiving attitude, and a simple trust in God, as little children do, will be exceptions to the rule. Sin will not bar these from entering into the kingdom of heaven. It is a sad reality that most in this world will choose to adhere to the rule, rather than being an exception to the rule. Another exception offered by our Lord is this: “Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Lk.13:3). The rule: “ye shall all likewise perish.” Why is this? Again, the answer is man’s problem with sin. Yet, the Lord extends his mercy and grace in providing an exception: “Except ye repent.” All men who are led by godly sorrow (2 Cor.7:10) to repentance can escape this sentence of death (Rom.6:23). Jesus gave another exception when he stated, “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (Jn.3:3). The rule is this: “he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Why? The answer remains the same—man’s sin problem. “Except a man be born again.” Anyone who obeys the gospel (born of the Spirit), culminating in his immersion into Christ for the remission of sins (born of water) has been born again who is born again is a Christian, and has been admitted into the kingdom of God, the church. DAN

Keep smiling. God loves you.

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

“A NEW PANDEMIC”

If you’ve watched the news any time lately, you’ve probably been aware of the new “epidemic” in our country. This epidemic isn’t caused by a virus; it isn’t caused by a bacteria; it isn’t caused by any “disease” at all. The new epidemic in our country, say the experts, is obesity. In contrast to our burgeoning physical waistlines, we are spiritually wasting away. Spiritually, we need to have a balanced diet as well; we need less spiritual sugar and fat; we need more spiritually healthy choices. It isn’t easy to give up a diet of sugar and fat, after all, they taste so good! Similarly, it isn’t easy to divorce ourselves from spiritual sugar and fat (i.e. the “feel good” approach to spirituality). So, how can we improve our spiritual diet? First, we need a daily serving of prayer. We begin to grow weak spiritually when we think that we are self-sufficient and have no need to depend upon God. A daily serving of prayer is packed with the daily essential vitamins of humility, selflessness, and thankfulness. Paul wrote, “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Second, we need a heaping portion of God’s word. Every day we make decisions in our relationships that affect our family, friends, coworkers and acquaintances. We need nourishment of God’s word to guide us in such decisions. (Psalm 119:11) Third, we need a regular dose of service to others. There are many around us who need help. It’s not enough for us to sit back and relax and wait for them to come to us. We need to be active in going out and seeing how we can help others. Galatians 5:13 Finally, we need to pour ourselves several cups of a good attitude. Attitude makes all the difference in our daily walk with God. Regardless what we may believe, we have complete control over our attitude regardless how things are going in life and we must conform our attitude toward God’s will. What must we do? Show love toward our fellow man, exercise patience, practice longsuffering and generously give forgiveness to those around us. Jesus said, “In your patience possess ye your souls” (Luke 21:19). We need constantly drink from the water of life to help our attitudes! Exercising spiritually healthy choices, however, will maintain a healthy spiritual life and fortify us with the basic essential spiritual nutrients. This will go a long way toward our spiritual health and well being. Consider it! “It’s Something To Think About” DAN



We began our 50th Year with the Crockett Rd. Congregation last week. 210 present last Sunday– GREAT!

From Dan's desk:

It only seems like yesterday that we moved to Palestine to become the minister of the church here. Just about everyone that was a member here at that time has gone on to be with God or has moved away. I will never forget just how patient the Elders were with this young preacher at that time. Through the years we have been so blessed and encouraged by so many of you. Few preach-privileged congregations have been so encouraged by a congregation for such a long period of time. May God bless us this year as we get back to a degree of normalcy. We hope and trust that much good will be done for the cause of Christ this year. I hope it can be our best ever. Thanks for your encouragement and love. Easter is over but we will never forget the Lord's Day and the risen Christ each week. I tell folks that "Easter is every Sunday when we assemble to remember the Lord's death and His resurrection in the observance of the Lord's Supper. What an honor to do so. May God continue to bless our congregation as we labor together in the vineyard of our loving Father in heaven. Let's make that special effort to return to Bible classes and worship every time we have the privilege. Hope to see you here at 6 P.M. tonight.

DAN



PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

JENNIFER SPARKS is recovering from her recent accident.

GLENDA BASKIN remains at home recovering from a problem with her foot.

LORELEE REEDER has been undergoing test this last week.

Those who have been in the hospital but are improving -J.B. MATLOCK, LORELEE REEDER, GARY MISSILDINE DOUG LOWE, PATSY BUSH, SAM ELLIS. There is an extensive prayer list in the foyer listing names and illnesses of those requesting prayer.

MEMBERSHIP

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What Price a Sermon?

One beautiful Sunday morning, the preacher announced to his congregation, 'My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons.....

**A \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes.
A \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes.
And a \$20 sermon that lasts a full hour.**

Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver.'

"REMOVING RECORDS"

In an old, one-room, country schoolhouse years ago, John Maynard was doing very poor work. About half way through the school year, though, something the teacher said inspired him. He diligently applied himself to his work. His grades improved. His assignments were neat and attractive. He finished the year with very good marks, and his parents were quite proud. On visitation day at the end of the year, however, John's heart sank as he saw his mother looking at his workbooks from that school year. He knew that the first half of those workbooks were full of messy work and unsightly blots. He watched as his mother leafed through them and was surprised that his mother was quite pleased as she called his father over to examine them. John discovered that his kind teacher had removed all of his work from the first half of the year and only left the work that was neat. The point in life where we have a change of heart is called "repentance." Sometimes in the Bible this change is simply called "turning" (Acts 3:19). When we make an about-face, God covers up all of our shabby deeds from the past. He forgives, which means he removes them from the record book. In ancient times writing was removed from leather scrolls by washing or sponging the ink off, and this metaphor was employed frequently in the Bible. The Psalmist prayed: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions....Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities" (Psa. 51:1, 9). God declares: "I, I am He who blots out your transgressions..." mist" Isa. 43:25. Isn't it wonderful to know that God removes the sin-stains from our lives (record). We must always give Him thanks.

DAN

April 11, 2021

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lorelee Reeder has been undergoing tests this last week.

Jennifer Sparks is recovering from leg and ankle surgery this last week in Tyler.

Patsy Bush has been in the local hospital with pneumonia, but is now in Windemere assisted living.

Ola Pearl Reeves suffered a stroke and is in Greenbrier Nursing facility.

Sam Ellis is scheduled for additional leg procedure last week.

Randy Foreman is still undergoing tests

Gary Missildine- recovering from heart procedure.

Charlene Grumbles (Jane's daughter-in-law) undergoing tests for leukemia

Troy Attaway is improving at home from recent cancer surgery.

Mary Jo Thomason is having Therapy treatments on her legs

Leilani Leonard mother of Adam Krumnow had surgery this Friday in Waco. She is better.

Three family members of Eva Walker are in need of our prayer, her mother-in-law (Lucile Walker) is with hospice. Her Niece (Cecilee Walker) has colon cancer. Her brother-in-law (Charlie Ray) has been seriously ill.

Jo Ann Henry (sister of James Henry) recovering from surgery in Ft. Worth

Ike and Joyce Weatherly are both having health issues.

Kenneth Holland-COPD

Bert Ricard– heart and lung disease. He has not been feeling as well as usual.

Rhonda Paul, (sister-in-law of Gary Paul and aunt of D'Anne Davis) has cancer and they have asked for our prayers.

J.B. Matlock is back at Legacy at Town Creek nursing home.

Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer

Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer

Please remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers. They need our prayers. Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Ruby Merritt, James and Irma Ray, and Emalie Tuschoff

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