

Good morning and welcome to services! We are so glad you are here. We had such a great evening last Sunday at the L2L Recognition and Sandwich Supper. We are so appreciative to all who stayed and encouraged these amazing young people. Special thanks to Jill and Jeanette for keeping the kitchen running and organized, as well as to all who pitched in to get the food out. Tonight we will be meeting following worship for our summer planning meeting. It is REALLY hard to believe that we are already planning our 2024 summer. We are looking forward to a great summer break filled with opportunities to serve in the kingdom and grow in the faith while having a wonderful time together. We are encouraging parents to stay tonight for this meeting so we can plan together. Hope to see you then! DOUG

Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.
Romans 13:8 NKJV

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Pam Gallaway and family in the death of her mother, SUE GRUBBS who passed away last Thursday. Funeral services will be held today at 2:30 P.M. here at the building. Visitation at 1:30 pm prior to the service.

“JUST WANT TO BE FREE”

The greatest freedom in the world comes from the liberation Christ gives to us as a result of the cross and our obedience to Him. Are you free from the law of sin and death? Humans are always declaring their freedom, wishing for more "space," announcing that they belong only to "themselves." We want to be free from the enslavement of the kitchen, or from confinement of a job we don't like. Airplane companies claim to set us free, and medical companies say the same. There are deodorant companies that promise to set us free from the worry of underarm wetness and odor; a certain toothpaste declares we can be set free from dull teeth. Then we are promised freedom from pain by Tylenol, Excedrin, Bayer, and others. Other products play on our desperation for freedom by telling us we can be free from "ring-around-the-collar," and Lysol sets us free from germs. What we should want most is freedom from sin. Paul said, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death" (Romans 8:2). "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32). This most important freedom can only be found in our obedience to Christ. "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Hebrews 5:8-9). Are you free from the law of sin and death? DAN

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

“Should We Be Alarmed?”

From what I am reading —and hearing and seeing in the media, Christianity may soon be facing the period of its severest confrontation and its biggest challenge for survival since the Roman persecutions in the first and second centuries.

Dear reader, I hope by that statement I have not given you a reason to think of me as an alarmist, harmfully creating an atmosphere of needless fear. No one will be happier than I, if I am proven wrong about that. It is not my purpose to frighten, but *awaken* our beloved brotherhood! For I believe the gospel message in the hearts of the people is our only hope of continued freedom to practice our faith in the good old USA.

The church Jesus built, the one you read about in your New Testament was designed to be always and everywhere in constant confrontation with the wisdom and the ways of the world (1 Cor. 1:20-25). The idea was not to be converted to the culture, but to convert the worldly culture to belief in and acceptance of God.

But today too many of us seem to be making peace with the ungodly world. Even many of the known to be conservative churches have not only modified their worship styles and moral standards, but their message too, to conform to the world's demands. It seems the idea is for the church not to confront the contemporary evil culture, but to seek its acceptance and approval.

MACK LYON

PROUD OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

**They have received
numerous honors**

**Great attendance at the Sandwich
supper.**



From Dan's desk:

We are so proud of all of our youth. Many received honors at Lads To Leaders this year and we celebrated them last Sunday evening. Others have received honors and awards at the Youth Livestock program last week. We have such a great group of young people who love the Lord and are endeavoring to live before their peers in a way to lead them to the Lord they all love. We are thankful that their focus is on spiritual things as well. The sandwich supper was great. We had to put out more chairs to accommodate all those in attendance. Doug present the awards for Lads To Leaders. It was a great event and we are grateful for all who brought food and stayed for the event.

Since a person's character is shaped by their thoughts, we understand that to build Christian character we must apply Philippians 4:8 and learn to think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous and praiseworthy. True: God's ways are just and true (Revelation 15:3). We need to learn to meditate more upon the truth of God's word and allow it to be our guide for this life (Psalm 1:2; 119:105).

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Prayer List is In The Foyer
KRISTEN COBORN is having health
issues and undergoing tests and
asked for our prayers.**

**JIMMY ALLEN is improving at the
Providence health care center in Ty-
ler.**

**KELLI TAYLOR had emergency sur-
gery at the Methodists hospital in
Mansfield Texas this last week. She
is doing better. She is home.**

A prayer list is available in the foyer.

“THE Most Horrible Word”

Words are signs of ideas. They convey thoughts that we wish to convey to others. They serve well to express joy, anger, happiness, Truth, sorrow, and even error. The study of words is interesting, intriguing, and important. Some words bring exuberant joy almost in the sound of them, such as Mother, Father, home, husband, wife and Heaven. The Worst Word. We would suggest that the worst word in any language is the word "lost." Whether it refers to a child lost in a great forest or from one of our city streets, one overboard and lost a sea, or perhaps to the hundreds of lives lost on a ValuJet, our thinking is adversely affected! Whatever the reference, it seems this is the worst word available. This word strikes terror, sorrow, and fear to the heart! GARY COLLEY

“Stay Calm, It's Better”

All individuals who have learned to be content in what ever circumstances he finds himself, are those who knows how to live at peace with themselves (Phil. 4:10-11). Such a person is not upset because he does not win every contest. Rather, he finds satisfaction in playing the game simply for the joy of playing, not focusing on victory alone. Such a person has recognized his sense of godly values so that the fulfillment of his desires brings inner satisfaction and peace of mind rather than unrest and remorse (1 Timothy 6:6; cf. 1 Timothy 4:7-8). True peace is as often realized in resisting passions and in satisfying them (Colossians 3:1-15). The danger lies not so much in what we want, as in wanting something simply to satisfy an unworthy desire (James 4:1-4; Psalm 66:18). The individual who is content with himself knows how to be quiet within. Let's think about it! DAN

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

April 21th, 2024

Kelli Taylor recovering from abdominal surgery. She is at home.

Pam Gallaway in the death of her mother Sue Grubbs

Jimmy Allen continues to recover from hip surgery. He is in Providence rehab in Tyler.

James Henry has been having problems with sleep apnea and asked for our prayers.

Mason Johnson (great grandson of Linda Johnson) has Cortical Dysplasia, eventually needing brain surgery.

Becky Welborn, sister of Kyle Lock has been seriously ill.

Ike and Joyce Weatherly have both been having health issues and requested our prayers.

Bryan Titlow, cousin of Jim Ricard has cancer & undergoing treatment.

Ann and Ken Holland both continue to have health issues at home.

Spencer Kieffer (friend) has lymphoma and asked for prayer.

Molly Ray is seriously ill with health issues. She is home.

Robbie Cox, friend of the Hawkins has been in the hospital for two weeks. He has been seriously ill.

Kristen Coborn daughter of Frank and Laura Glenn is having health issues and undergoing tests. Asked for our prayers.

Peggy Higginbotham is having surgery on her heart tomorrow in Tyler.

Keith Bellamy, preacher at Woodville, is recovering from hip surgery and requested our prayers.

Jay Mays relative of Doug Lowe has cancer, desires prayers

Angela Starr has heart problems, friend of Jim Ricard, desires prayers

Robin Covington- has bronchitis and asked for the prayers of the church.

Larry Johnson friend of Rodney Covington has cancer and requested our prayers.

Mary Bryant, cousin of Linda Hawkins, has Lymphoma Leukemia.

The Hawkins friend, Vernon Dickinson, has staph infection and asked for our prayers.

Lori Tanner Richardson, cousin of Cindy Thornton, has breast cancer and asked for prayers.

Diane Wilcher continues with health concerns. She is at home.

Jerame Gipson's friend, Lisa Safronoff, is having health issues.

Becky Barnes' great grandson continues to have health issues. He is improving but will still require surgery in the future.

Tina Teetz, daughter-in-law of Pat Baird, is still undergoing tests and treatment

Remember those in nursing homes and home bound in your prayers.

Courtney Bell, Patsy Bush, Mary Chambless, Opalene Chapman, Mary Ann Colling, Ed and Kathleen Compton, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, George Wooden, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Joyce Matlock, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Martha Sims, Monty Todd, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, 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 improve. Please notify us in the church office.