

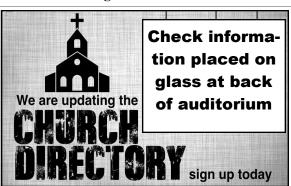
Good morning and welcome to services! We are so glad you are here. Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there. We appreciate the Godly mothers in our congregation who work so hard to instill a love for God in their children. We have summer calendars printed and ready to go. You can find them on the youth board or ask your kids, as we have sent them home with them from Bible class. The date for the CTCH trip is subject to change but we wanted to make sure you all had dates for the other events for summer. Hope everyone has a great week as we wind down the school year!

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her:"

Proverbs 31:28 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."



# **LAUGHTER IS GOOD MEDI-**CINE

An unmarried girl who worked in a busy office arrived one morning and began passing out big cigars and candy, both tied with blue ribbons. When asked what the occasion was, she proudly displayed a new diamond solitaire ring on her third finger, left hand, and announced, "It's a boy, six feet tall and 190 pounds!"

"If you'll make the toast and pour the juice, sweetheart," said the newlywed bride, "breakfast will be ready."

"Good, what are we having for breakfast," said the new husband. "Toast and juice," she replied.

Then there was a man who said, "I never knew what real happiness was until I got married; and then it was too late."

May 19th, 2024 **Door Greeters Security Team Communion Preparation** Eva Walker

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

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# **DO YOU "LOVE THE BRETHREN"?**

by Larry Ray Hafley

Well, do you? "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light" (1 Jn. 2:9, 10). "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death" (1 Jn. 3:14).

Some brethren are more loving and lovable than others. We will not feel the same emotional affection or attachment to some that we do toward others. However, we must "love (all) the brethren," for "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen" (1 Jn. 4:20)?

. How do we know if we "love the brethren"? "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments" (1 Jn. 5:2). Those who "love God, and keep his commandments" do not maintain membership in man made churches, worshiping God according to the traditions and commandments of men (Matt. 15:8, 9, 13). Their devotions are "in vain," the Savior said. Their religious plant, not being planted of God, "shall be rooted up." One does not "love the brethren" when he walks contrary to the commandments of Christ. If the man referred to above truly loved the brethren, he would "love God, and keep his commandments." If he loved the brethren, he would not be endorsing a religious institution unknown to the New Testament. He would not be following human traditions that make void the word of God (Mk. 7:7, 13; 1 Jn. 5:2). Therefore, he has not "passed from death unto life." Have you passed from death to life?

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# Happy Mother's Day. We are glad you are here. One Baptized.



# From Dan's desk:

Mother's Day is always a special time to pay tribute to the "keepers of the home". God truly blessed motherhood and we do as well. We have so many wonderful mothers in our congregation who do so much for their husbands and children each day. If you are blessed to have your mother still with you, you should be grateful. Many have gone to be with God since last Mother's Day. Oh how we have missed them. Mothers always go out of their way to make the home what God intended it to be. Last Sunday afternoon I had the opportunity to visit and study with KRISTEN CORBORN about her relationship to God,. On Sunday evening, she made the "good confession" and was baptized into Christ. We rejoice with her and her family on this decision. Kristen is a sweet young lady and it is good to have her with us. We are so glad you all are with us today in our times of worship. These are times when we are drawn closer together in Christ and it is a blessing to take advantage of such times. Thanks to those who came for Monday Night For The Master last Monday. We will resume this pro-See you tonight at 6 P.M. DAN gram in September.

# **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**





GLENDA BASKIN fell last week. and suffered several injuries.
CARSON CAMP has had pneumonia but doing better
All others are improving.

RESPONSES—BAPTIZED KRISTEN COBORN 1303 Breckenridge St Palestine, Texas 903-724-0286

CONGRATULATIONS
To JENNIFER SPARKS who is retiring from Public education as a teacher after some 27 years of service. We are proud and happy for her.

Graduating Seniors '24

Luncheon May 19th Noon

Jaden Roberson Elkhart

Brayden May Mabank

Brayden Chambless - Elkhart

Jake Glenn Palestine

Jarvis Purvis Oakwood

Our seniors will be honored
at a luncheon next Sunday

May 19th following worship.

# **Mothers: The Heart Of The Family**

Nations rise and fall, empires prosper or crumble and men are stirred to great accomplishments or driven to shameful failure often because of the influence of a wife or mother. The wise poet has properly said, "The hand that rocks the cradle, is the hand that rules the world." For most women, motherhood is a great privilege, a crowning joy and a sublime fulfillment. Perhaps the greatest privilege of motherhood is that of sharing and giving. No one shares and gives as a mother does. She shares her body with another in order to conceive. She shares it again with her unborn child. Then she shares her time, energy and talent with it after it is born in order to meet its needs and cause it to grow and develop. But most of all, she shares her heart and her love as she weeps, laughs, sorrows and rejoices with her child through the months and years of infancy, adolescence and youth and adulthood. Motherhood, while being a great privilege, also involves obligation. No task on earth requires more dedication, greater skill or fuller commitment. Her responsibilities demand devotion to the highest ideals and patient perseverance over long years of time. Her task is formidable because there is no human obligation that is less adaptable to substitution than motherhood. You can substitute for the teacher, policeman, governor and almost anyone else but no one has found an adequate substitute for a mother's love. In Scripture do we see the blessedness of a good mother fully described. "Her children rise up and call her blessed; ...a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised" (Prov. 31:28-31).

# PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

# May 12th, 2024

Carson Camp has had pneumonia but in improving at home.

Jimmie Lee Brown is undergoing tests and asked for our prayers.

Rodney Covington will be undergoing heart tests this week.

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.

Molly Ray is a little improved but still at home with health issues.

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

John and Ann Boothe friend of the Hawkins are recovering from health issues in Fairfield, Tex.

Jay Mays relative of Doug Lowe has cancer, desires prayers

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

Larry Johnson friend of Rodney Covington has cancer and requested 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.