

It was a wonderful week at church camp. The young people really made some new friends and they had a wonderful spiritual experience. I am so glad they got to attend this year. Those that did not go, really missed out on a spiritual experience that they will never forget. I am grateful to Alison who took them and stayed with them this last week. They are such a wonderful group of young people. Thank all of the members of the congregation who supported our efforts that made it possible for them to go. We are glad that they are back safe and sound, but I know they are tired. DOUG

1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

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.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS TO STRENGTHEN .

Those who are converted need to be strengthened. Jesus said, And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren (Luke 22:31,32). Paul, in Ephesians 4:12, speaks of the edifying of the body of Christ. It is imperative that those who have been saved remain saved. Those who are concerned about the flock realize the importance of keeping the sheep busy. Likewise, periods of edification and fellowship are necessary for strengthening and edification purposes. Hence so many congregations have a period of Bible study during the middle of the week with its primary focus centered on edifying the church. Let us notice some areas where the church can effectively strengthen the brethren.

Assembling (Heb.10:25)

Teaching (Acts 20:32)

Praying (Acts 2:42)

Encouraging (2 Tim. 1:16)

Helping (Acts 6:3; 2 Cor. 8:1ff)

Fellowshipping (Acts 2:42)

Since God uses the church as a tool to strengthen, do you as an individual member help to strengthen the Body and edify others?

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class

10:30 AM Worship

6 :00 PM Evening

Wed: 7:00 PM

A Donkey With Five Legs?

Patrick Morrison

Have you ever seen such a thing? I have not, and, as far as I know, there has never existed such a creature. However, some extremely religious-minded people accidentally created one. Many years ago, someone claimed to have found a shin-bone of the donkey on which Jesus made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The discoverer immediately realized the value of this "holy relic" to the religious world. This donkey's shin-bone was sold for a large sum of money. However, throughout the years, five of these shin-bones have been sold, purportedly belonging to the same donkey. Refresh my memory: **how many legs does a donkey have ?**

Over the years there have been pieces of wood sold that supposedly came from the cross on which Christ was crucified. Rusty spikes have been pawned off as the ones that were used in the crucifixion of Christ. There are the stories about Noah's ark, David's throne, the burial shroud of Jesus, and on and on. The truth of the matter is that none of these things have ever been discovered, nor will they ever be. God in His infinite wisdom has kept these things from man. Man has a tendency to worship such things, and God knows that. Just think of the brass serpent, and the golden ephod made by Gideon. Try as man might, he will never find the original Ten Commandments, the ark of the covenant, the original letters of Paul to the churches, etc., and we need to thank God for that.

Some things are better left unknown

Deut. 29:29

Watermelon Supper enjoyed by a large number present. Perry Cowan to speak this Weds. Night.



From Dan's desk:

The middle of July is approaching. Time is moving fast and before you know it, Summer will be over. I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to the first "blue norther". The young people who went to Summer youth camp report a great week. I don't know how they handle the heat. Someone said, "they are young". I guess so. The watermelon supper was great and one of the largest attendance we have ever had. We had to set up about five more tables than what we anticipated. The watermelons were great and the few that were left, were all purchased by those attending. Several are still out of town on vacation and family reunions and we pray for their safety while the are away. It has been a busy summer so far and other activities are planned. Perry Cowan will be our guest speaker Wednesday evening. He will do a good job. Perry is the preacher for the Shady Grove Church of Christ. We have been friends for many year and he serves as a panelist on the Give Me The Bible television program each week. We continue to have numerous people request materials that we offer on the program. We are happy to make such materials available. Our role as Christians is to preach and teach the gospel to the lost and that is what we are endeavoring to do on this program. Please tune in on "Texas 47" t.v. next Sunday morning at 7 A.M. We appreciate all of you for coming to worship this morning and we hope that all of you will make the evening service at 6 P.M. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

DOUG SUMRALL continues to undergo treatment in Tyler
DAN HUGHES is improving following recent surgery. He is home now.
KENNETH HOLLAND is improving from his recent hospitalization. He is back home.
BECKY RAY, daughter of Molly Ray is recovering from a dog attack and hospitalization.
JUDY HALL, daughter of Jane Grumbles is recovering from recent surgery.
LANOVA MITCHELL is recovering from a recent fall.
JACK THOMASON will have knee surgery this week.
Prayer list is available in the foyer.



"...anything you say, can and will be used against you..."

That Much?

To the delight of every grandparent is the grandchild who stretches out his arms to the fullest length of his little stature and says, "I love you this much." And, we don't mind our children telling they love us also – ours do all the time.

That much? So, if we were to try to measure how much God loves us in the childish way our grandchildren measure, the arm span would reach throughout the universe. How much? John says, "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren," (1 John 3:16). And again, "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loves us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sin," (4:9-10). Redundant? Sure! John says the same thing but in different ways but how could he stress too much God's love? But for what purpose does he repeat himself? The giving of his son measures the extent of God's sacrificial love. "If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another," (4:11). I wallow in the love of my grandchildren. I covet the love of my brethren. May we always love each other as we understand the measure of God's love for us.

ADAPTED

July 9th, 2023

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Tom Watson is recovering from heart stents at his home.

Paul Cartwright continues to recover and has started radiation in Houston.

Glenda Baskin had surgery on her foot, and is improving.

Cecil Stanaland has been diagnosed with Parkinson's tremors. Still undergoing tests. He will have a nerve stimulator placed in his back this week.

Rick Giles has prostate cancer and will undergo radiation soon.

Doug Sumrall is still undergoing treatment in Tyler. He will continue treatment for about 5 more weeks.

Kenneth Holland continues to have issues with COPD. He has been in the local hospital for treatment but home now.

Dan Hughes has been in the hospital in Temple for surgery, He is now home recovering.

Delmer Wilson had a biopsy on his face in Tyler and no cancer but awaiting additional tests and removal of facial growth.

Shari Hughes mother Mary Elizabeth Burden, is undergoing health issues in San Antonio.

Becky daughter of Molly Ray was attacked by a dog and has been in the hospital locally. She is home now.

Cooper McClung grandson of Jerry and Gwynette Sturgess has cancer and is taking chemo.

Dale Sparks undergoing tests for dizziness.

Lanova Mitchell has been in the local hospital recovering from a fall.

Jack Thomason will have knee surgery this week in Tyler.

Jan Ridgeway, Dan's sister, is in the hospital in Longview, Texas with upper respiratory problems.

Judy Hall, daughter of Jane Grumbles, had shoulder replacement surgery last Thursday in a Dallas area hospital.

Gayle Hamilton is recovering from surgery and rehab. She is home improving.

Mike Smith brother of Don Smith is having health issues and has asked for our prayers. He is home.

Gerald Wilcher is recovering from a recent fall at his home

Bob Monroe former member has prostate cancer and is undergoing treatment.

Shelia Thompson's granddaughter, Kymber (10 months old) has stage 2 cancer and the family request our prayers.

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

Prayers for Tara Patton, sister of Robin Covington is still having health issues.

Tina Teetz, daughter-in-law of Pat Baird, is improving. As a result of her cancer treatment her tumors are shrinking.

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

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

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

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

Courtney Bell, Patsy Bush, Mary Chambless, Opalene Chapman, Mary Ann Colling, Ed and Kathleen Compton, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs,

Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Joyce Matlock, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Lorelee Reeder, Martha Sims, Monty Todd,

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**