

Thanks for your attendance today and welcome visitors! This past Sunday in our High School class, we discussed Barnabas and how we could all be an encouragement to everyone trying to do their best to serve God. Parents, you all are an encouragement to me with the great participation in our Children's Bible Hour program, all the activities with Lads to Leaders, and faithful attendance at Bible classes and devotionals each week. We are looking forward to our Challenge Youth Conference in Dallas on Friday and Saturday this week! The young people signed up to go will definitely be in for a spiritual feast. Pray for our safe travels. Our thanks to the elders for the opportunity to go. Remember "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

DOUG

BUNKO

The ladies will meet for Bunko this Thursday night Jan. 16th at 6:00 P.M.. Please bring your favorite finger food and join in the fellowship.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

will take place a week from tomorrow night. We will meet for Pizza and Salad at 6:15 P.M. and work between the hour of 7 and 8 P.M. Plan to join us.

"DO YOU FLOURISH?"

"The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon" (Psalm 92:12). To many people, the palm tree, because it is always green and luxuriant, represents that which grows lush and full. However, the cedar tree is something with which I have always been familiar because it grows abundantly in the area of East Texas. Palm wood is not good for much of anything, but cedar wood is prized because it is strong, durable, and fragrant. Also, cedars can grow where other trees will not, so it represents tenacity and endurance. Thus, the "cedars of Lebanon" are used to symbolize strength and stability (Psalm 80:10, 104:16). Yet, it also exhibits a certain luxuriousness, because, as the old song says, it stays green "Not only when the summer's here, But in the coldest time of year." The Psalmist is saying that the righteous flourishes luxuriously like the palm tree and at the same time grows strong like the cedar tree. In fact, he goes on to tell us, "Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing, to declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him" (Psalm 92:13-15). When trees grow old, they no longer produce good fruit (have you ever tried to eat the apples from an old and gnarled apple tree?). Yet, the Psalmist says that those who are planted in the house of the Lord will still bear fruit in old age because God is the one in control. How strong are you?

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DOOR GREETERS

Sunday Jan. 19, 2020

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

"REKINDLE THE FIRE"

Do you ever feel that a lot of your zeal for God and Church has eroded? As Christians, it is possible for our spiritual passion and enthusiasm to wane. Do you ever feel yourself growing cold toward the Lord? The scriptures reveal that even Timothy experienced a decrease in his excitement for God. That's why Paul wrote to him, encouraging the young evangelist at Ephesus to fan the flame of his faith. Spiritual "cooling" can happen to any Christian. Oftentimes it starts when tragedy or disappointment divert our attention. Instead of crying out to the Lord and finding shelter in Him, we gradually cease reading the Bible. The Word of God is like wood in a fireplace: The flames can be kept alive only when there are logs to burn. As less time is spent in Scripture, other aspects of our relationship with God are affected. Church attendance diminishes, giving becomes sporadic, and prayer --which seems increasingly stale --is used only for emergencies. At this point, we may find ourselves unwilling to stand up for what we once thought was important. The temptation to compromise can lead to guilt and defensiveness about how we're living. Finally, the joy, contentment, and peace of God are replaced by worry, doubt, and fear. A believer who allows himself or herself to drift will miss out on the comfort and fulfillment of a close, vibrant relationship with the Lord. Think back, Is your excitement about the things of God stronger now than ever before? Or has it diminished over time? If your fire needs stoking, ask the Holy Spirit to help you. We have a tremendous opportunity with the year 2020. I hope we will only increase in zeal and knowledge of the Word of God and this year will mark the best yet in the lives of those of us here at Crockett Rd.

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*New Year 2020 offers a lot of
plans and activities
Leadership Sunday Today*



From Dan's desk:

At the end of the worship service today we will be passing out a schedule of events for the year 2020. We hope that each of you will take one and plan to be involved in as many of these events as possible. We will have a great year 2020 together. We are working to organize our security team at the church and put it in place soon. Several of the men met last Sunday afternoon with the Elders and Deacons to discuss ways that we might improve. We are planning to put new doors at each end of the foyer with panic bars. This will make those doors more accessible to those when leaving the church building. The doors will be locked from the outside after services start and certain men will be seated near the door to let those wishing to come in. We appreciate all of you cooperating with us. We are endeavoring to make our building safer for those in attendance. There are a lot of deranged people in our world and many are bent on causing trouble. We have learned that "any thing can happen anywhere". ANN SPARKS responded last Sunday night asking for the prayers of the church. We appreciate and commend her upon this act of humility and desire to draw closer to God. It was good to see so many back in services this last Sunday and we hope that the "flu" season has turned the corner. We are glad that you are here this morning and we hope that you will get in the routine of being here each time the door opens for worship and Bible Class. Remember to greet each other with the spirit of love. We can show to others the true spirit of Christianity. God bless us as we approach the New Year. See you tonight.

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PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

ROSE MARIE FOREMAN has been ill at the Cartmell Home and has asked for our prayers.

MIKI KISER fell at the nursing home. She is doing better.

MARLENE THOMPSON is improving following her recent fall

PATSY BUSH is improving her recent stay at Palestine Regional

ROBERT DUZAN, former member here, has learned he has esophagus cancer.

Keep all these in your prayers!

Several others have been ill with upper respiratory illnesses.

**RESPONSES
For Prayer
ANN SPARKS**

THOSE IN U.S. MILITARY

Matthew Chennault

Jacob Johnson

Jordan Johnson

Jason Mottern

Chance Wrinkle

Jonah Ellison

Justin Morrison

"GOD STILL HATES IMMORALITY"

One of the biggest sins prevalent in the church at Corinth was immorality. Immorality was a common problem in the first century, especially among Gentiles. "For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries" (I Peter 4:3). This had been a pattern of life among some of the Corinthians before their conversion. "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (I Corinthians 6:9-11). Our bodies belong to God who made us, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Corinthians 6:19,20). Paul said that sin is not to rule over us. "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lust thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God" (Romans 6:12,13). Don't let us be named among us.

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