

Teen News

I hope all of you are geared up for L..T.C. as it will not be long before it gets here. We will be studying the book of Genesis in our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes, so make plans to attend as much as possible. Remember, a little at home reading or studying is OK. Also as a reminder, there will be no devotional tonight. Have a good week.

Blake

The insult

My brother is a terrible musician. The other day he asked my sister if she had heard his last recital.

She replied: "I certainly hope so".

An elderly married couple were walking in the park the other day and noticed a young man and woman sitting on a bench, kissing.

The wife asked, "Why don't you do like that man?"

The husband replied, "I don't even know that woman!"

CHILI COOK OFF

The YOUTH will host the annual chili cook off on the evening of March 11th. This will follow the evening worship service. Please make plans to be here. It will be a great evening of fellowship.

DOOR GREETERS

February 26

Jim & Jane Davis

COMMUNION PREPARATION

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S. Grubbs & Lois King

CREATED OR EVOLVED?

The Bible teaches that God created man in his present form in the beginning (Gen. 1:26). The theory of evolution says that humans developed millions of years later from less advanced forms of life. Another theory, one of which Pope John Paul II recently declared his acceptance, is theistic evolution. This theory states that God initiated life on earth and allowed evolutionary principles to bring man to where he is today. In other words, God guided the process outlined by Darwin. The Scripture however states, "For in six days the Lord made the heavens and there earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day..." (Ex 20:11). The question is, 'If in six days God created everything in the heavens and on the earth, what does that leave out that God did not create?' The obvious answer is, "It doesn't leave anything out!" The animals were created, according to the Scriptures on days 5 & 6. They state man was created on day 6. These are literal days; for after each creation it is stated that "there was evening and there was morning, one day," or "a second day," etc. Gen. 2:1-2 states, "Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their host. By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done..." It is true that God allowed variation in the gene pools of animals and humans. However, God's creating of kinds and types was finished. The opening verses of the Bible speak of the creative word of God. God "created," i.e. when God speaks; it occurs. He said, "Let there be..." and there was. These passages do not teach that God said, "Let there be a slow development through an evolutionary process over a period of millions of years." The Scriptures teach that man was made from the "dust of the ground" (Gen. 2:7). Evolution teaches that man evolved from life forms that developed in the ocean. The Scriptures teach that man was made from the "dust of the ground" (Gen. 2:7). Evolution teaches that man evolved from life forms that developed in the ocean. If God allowed man to come into existence through the evolutionary process then how is the creation of Eve explained? The Scriptures teach that she was created by God, out of one of Adam's ribs (Gen. 2:22). The consequences of denying the truth of Gen. 2:22 is to deny the validity and authority of Jesus Christ; for Jesus, quoting from the book of Genesis declared, "But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female" (Mk. 10:6). There is no way to accept both Jesus' words and a theory which includes the process of evolution!

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class

10:30 AM Worship

6:00 PM Evening

Wed: 7:00 PM

"CHOOSE FRIENDS CAREFULLY"

In the first chapter of Proverbs, Solomon addresses one of the most important choices a young person can make, i.e., their choice of friends ([Prov. 1:8-19](#)). It is unfortunate that such important decisions in life have to be made by those who lack the experience and wisdom needed to help them make the proper choices. This is why parents need to help their children choose their friends. Solomon instructs us that "The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray" ([Prov. 12:26](#)). I have observed in the public schools that the worst children are often the easiest to make friends with. Friendships are so important -- we must not let them develop "by chance."

It is far worse to have the wrong sort of friends than to have no friends at all -- just as Paul warns us that "evil company corrupts good morals" ([1 Cor. 15:33](#)). Friends have much influence over us. Their ideas soon become ours. My mother used to tell me that "birds of a feather flock together." Solomon expressed the same thought when he said, "He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed" ([Prov. 13:20](#)).

The wise man tells us, "Do not be envious of evil men, nor desire to be with them; for their heart devises violence, and their lips talk of troublemaking" ([Prov. 24:1-2](#)). Even adults are warned that in business relationships "whoever is a partner with a thief hates his own life; he swears to tell the truth, but reveals nothing" ([Prov. 29:24](#)).

Through the pen of the wise man, God tells us to "Make no friendship with an [angry man](#), and with a furious man do not go, lest you learn his ways and set a snare for your soul" ([Prov. 22:24-25](#)). Franz Delitzsch, the renowned German scholar, said the word furious "signifies a hot-head." The New American Standard translates the word as "hot-tempered."

"When commenting on this verse, Matthew Henry said, "Though we must be civil to all, yet we must be careful whom we lay in our bosoms and contract a familiarity with. And, among others, a man who is easily provoked, touchy, and apt to resent affronts, who, when he is in a passion, cares not what he says or does, but grows outrageous, such a one is not fit to be made a friend or companion, for he will be ever and again angry with us and that will be our trouble, and he will expect that we should, like him, be angry with others, and that will be our sin."



VALENTINE LUNCHEON GREAT FELLOWSHIP



From Dan's desk:

Close to seventy gathered last Tuesday for the Valentine Luncheon. It was a great day. The food was superb and the fellowship was equal to it in many ways. A big thank you to AUDREY for helping to decorate the fellowship Hall for the luncheon, and to AUDREY, LORELEE, SANDRA IVES, WENDI BARNES, TONI WARREN, PAM GALLOWAY and MARTHA OLIVER for helping to coordinate the luncheon. It was great. The trivia questions proved enlightening. It was a lot of Fun. The "Pin the Heart on the Bull's Eye" brought more laughs than I had seen in a long time. It was just a delightful day. Thanks to all who had a part in the preparation for a wonderful time of fellowship. It was memorable indeed. The Youth are involved in L.T.C. once again this year. Blake and Brandy met with parents and youth last Sunday in the planning stage for the events that will be taking place on April 8th (Easter Weekend). The youth will go to Dallas to participate with thousands of other young people who will gather for the annual occasion. We appreciate Blake and Brandy for the work that they do with the youth. They are doing a great job. Offer an encouraging word occasionally. I know that they would appreciate it. Lets all encourage our youth as well. We live in difficult time and the youth need love & encouragement. We have some good kids in this church. We have a lot of younger children coming on to fill the posts when others go off to college. Continue to pray for them. Great to see you this morning. Join us for the 6 P.M. service

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN
YOUR PRAYERS:**

SCOTT JOHNSON had surgery on Wednesday at Palestine Regional.

TIFFANY BELL remains in Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Johnson #710, with problems with her pregnancy. Her address is on the board in hall.

JOYCE WEATHERLY had a heart cath this last week in Tyler. Everything checked out good. We are grateful for her.

JERRY WOODY, father of Deanna Lock, had a heart cath on Thursday.

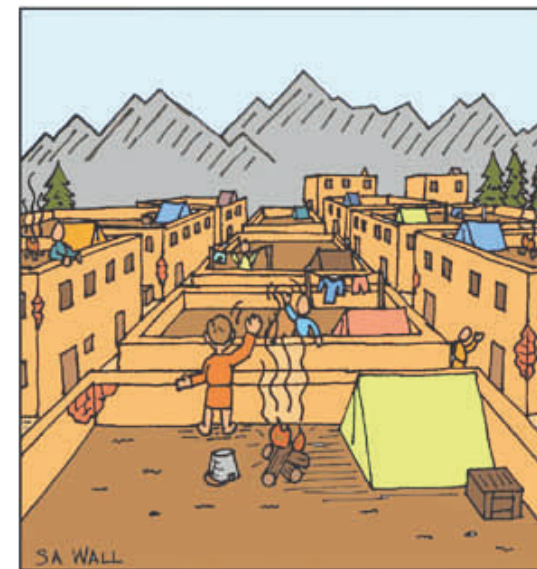
SHERRY, daughter of Bill Sherrill, preacher in Nacogdoches, has learned she has cancer.

Continue to remember those who are at home with continuing illnesses: Cloyce King, Dennis Ellison, Gary Oliver, Maggie Larsen, Edna Higginbotham, Ed Furman, Toby Williams. Billy Whitley, Don Seale, Gerald Wilcher, Benny Joe McInnis

REMEMBER THE SERVICEMEN!

Blaine Kline, David Sims, Jason Mottern, Jason Parker, Clinton La Master, William Fairbanks & Dustin Delsi.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER
Our next "Monday Night for the Master" will take place one week from tomorrow, February 27th. Please make plans to attend. We will meet for dinner at 6:15, and begin our work at 7 PM.



Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife. - Proverbs 21:9

"Husbands, Love your wives and be not bitter against them"
Col. 3:19

BABY SHOWER

Baby Shower on Sunday, February 26th, in honor of Janae (Lock) Evans at the home of Henry & Sonda Baker, from 2 to 3:30 PM. Austin & Janae will be having a little boy soon. Their selections can be found at Target & Babies R' Us.

