

Teen News

Today is the last day to turn in L.T.C. forms, if you will be going with us. We also need to know how many of your parents will be going with us. Please get these to us no later than tonight. The devotional will be at the home of Henry & Sonda Baker tonight. Hope to see you all tonight.

“Sometimes Life Seems Unfair”

Have you ever felt that life is unfair? For those of us who are committed to following the will and ways of Jesus, it's easy to get frustrated when people who don't care about Him seem to do well in life. A businessman cheats yet wins a large contract, and the guy who parties all the time is robust and healthy --- while you or your loved ones struggle with financial or medical issues. It makes us feel cheated, like maybe we've been good for nothing. If you've ever felt that way, you're in good company. The writer of *Psalm 73* goes through a whole list of how the wicked prosper, and then he says, "Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain" (v. 13). But the tide of his thoughts turn when he recalls his time in God's presence: "Then I understand their end" (v. 17). When we spend time with God and see things from His point of view, it changes our perspective completely. We may be jealous of the nonbelievers now, but we won't be at judgment time. As the saying goes, what difference does it make if you win the battle and lose the war? Like the psalmist, let's thank God for His presence in this life and His promise of the life to come (vv. 25-28).



Those to Serve March 2012

A.M. Opening

4 Henry Baker
11 Kyle Lock
18 Doug Lowe
25 GUEST

A.M. Closing

4 Jack Thomason
11 Graham Williams
18 Bernie Baur
25 GUEST

P.M. Opening

4 Steve Camp
11 Dale Sparks
18 Dwight Franklin
25 Ben Rhone

P.M. Closing

4 Luke Lane
11 Johnny Jenkins
18 Bob Stech
25 Billy Lane

Serve Communion

Clint Satterwhite	Dale Sparks
Jim Ricard	Adam Harding
Todd Perry	Robert Duzan
Alex Lowe	Clint Ellis

Communion Preparation



4 Truman Tate
11 Sheila Link
18 James Henry
25 Toni Warren

DOOR GREETERS

March 4, 2012
James & Sandy Singleterry

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Sam Ellis
Dwight Franklin
Adam Harding
Kyle Lock

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Lorelee Reeder

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Brown Trail School of Preaching, *Bedford, TX*
Jose Cuadras- *Mexico*
School of Preaching
Hershel Bearden
India Mission
Ken Upchurch
Tanzania Africa Work
Central TX Children's Home—*Buda, TX*
Tipton Children's Home
Tipton, OK
Gospel Broadcast Network

ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

“SING TO ME OF HEAVEN”

We sing a number of songs in worship which have to do with that ultimate promise of God to faithful Christians – Heaven. From the picture we receive from the Holy Scriptures, we know that these songs are not exaggerated in the least. They are not songs to just “pump us up” in a desperate search for “something” beyond this life – not just an empty, impossible longing for a place of rest from this world's strife and struggle – not a fairy tale for those bowed down in pain who seek relief – not just an empty hope for the elderly nearing the end of their lives. Instead, they are an assurance, an encouragement to us not to give up the fight, and yield to the devil (where there is no hope). By faith, we know Heaven is real, rather than a mere figment of imagination – and we know this, because of the source of our faith, the Word of God. Romans 10:17 says, “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Consequently, if the Scriptures tell us there is such a place, by faith we know that there is. Do we believe Jesus spoke the Truth? Listen to His words of John 14:1-4 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.” ? Do we believe the Father? Paul says in Titus 1:2-3, “in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior; “?Do we believe the description of that resting place in Revelation 21 and 22 – that it will be a beautiful place of no more tears, pain, sorrow, tribulation, or temptation? Heaven is real, and as true as anything else we read in the Holy Scriptures. Either it is, or we have no hope, no Savior, no God – no sin. Paul says in Ephesians 4:4 that there is one hope of our calling --- did he lie there, too? The songs we sing about Heaven indeed reflect the Truth of Almighty God, Who cannot lie. We can not only “feel good” when we sing them, but can be secure in our faith that when we sing “My Home Above” – there is one!!! “Let not your heart be troubled”, Jesus says – “I go to prepare a place for you.”



MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER TOMORROW NIGHT



From Dan's desk:

The wonderful rain last week was a welcome sight. God is blessing us with great weather conditions this winter. I believe this is the mildest winter we have had in years. It was good to see everyone last Sunday for worship periods and for Bible class. Several in the congregation are still out with various viruses and upper respiratory conditions. Several visitors were present last Sunday at the services. This is great. Let's be sure to make these folks feel welcome and invite them to return again. I hope that each of you remember that tomorrow night is "MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER". It is an opportunity to anyone who would like to participate in various ministries to join us at 6:15 P.M. for the meal (hot dogs, chips and desserts) and then stay for the work hour between 7 P.M. and 8 P.M. It is amazing what can be accomplished when we all work together this one night out of the month. It is hard to believe that we will go back on "Daylight Savings Time" two weeks from today. Time is passing us by and it is hard to believe that we are two months into the New Year. The youth continue to work toward the weekend of April 8th and L.T.C. competition, in the Metroplex, where several thousand young people will be gathering for the annual event. I hope you will continue to encourage our young people and those who work with them. We will look forward to seeing you tonight at the evening service. We are glad you are here today.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

MARK JOHNSON had a heart cath on Thursday in Tyler.

BERNIE BAUR went to Temple on Wednesday for additional tests.

JOYCE WEATHERLY has shingles on the heart muscle.

JANET ROBERTSON, daughter of Lola Williams, has learned that she has cancer.

BILLIE BRILEY, mom of Gary Briley, is ill in Tyler with a heart problems.

BETTY WRIGHT, friend of Gerry Hahn, is seriously ill in Corsicana.

Continue to remember those who are at home with continuing illnesses: Dennis Ellison, Gary Oliver, Maggie Larsen, Ed Furman, Billy Whitley, Lisa Woosley, Scott Johnson, Paul Witt, Edna Strauss, Nona Brogden, Toby Williams, Connie Lowe.

REMEMBER our U.S. Servicemen: Blaine Kline, David Sims, Jason Mottern, Clinton Le Master & William Fairbanks.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Please remember that tomorrow night we will meet here at the church building to work for the Lord. If you can help, we would appreciate you being here. Last month we had near fifty people who gathered to do various things that needed to be done. We will meet at 6:15 for the meal and then work for ONE HOUR. Why not join us? Be an example of service to others who watch us and observe what we do for the Lord.

On Sunday evening, March 11th, the youth group will be hosting the annual Chili Cook-Off and Cake Auction. If you would like to compete in the cook-off or provide a cake for the auction, please sign the sheets on the bulletin board across from the office.

What To Do When You Hurt

Isn't life strange? I mean, one minute all is fine and the next your whole world seems to be falling down at your feet. Perhaps it is just an occupational hazard, but I see a lot of hurting people. Often, as right now, they stay on my mind long after most folks are asleep – and long after I would normally be asleep. A part of me hurts when my friends hurt, and so it should be.

Sometimes, in the midst of pain, people forget about what is truly important. Perhaps the hurt is so deep that they are unable, at least practically speaking, to look beyond the circumstances of the moment to the "big picture." Feelings of betrayal, abandonment, fear, anxiety, concern and the like tend to be bigger than the advice we often offer those experiencing them. Many times through the years I have told sufferers to hold true to their principles. Be a man or woman of character. Set a good example for others. Show them how the Lord helps His own...

All of that advice is true. Hard as it may be to recognize the truth of it during periods of crisis, it is true. Uninspired hands have written no truer words. No matter how bad things get here, they are nothing to compare with the torments of hell in the after-a-while.

Keep your eyes fixed on the mark for the prize... Ask for the prayers of the faithful. Be about the Lord's work. Be active. Study the Bible regularly. Know that He knows how you feel and that He is there for you. May God Bless You as You Study and Obey His Word.

BABY SHOWER honoring JANAE (LOCKE) EVANS TODAY from 2 to 3:30 at the home of Henry & Sonda Baker. Ladies, please make plans to attend.

"Keep your commitments. Even when you came into this world, there was a string attached."