

Welcome visitors to our services today. We are glad you are here. There will be a L2L puppet practice for the middle and high school kids today at 4pm in the chapel. Also, tonight immediately following services there will be a devotional for 5th-12th grade in the Activity Building, boys bring chips and girls bring a 2 liter soft drink. Be sure to pick up your March calendar in the hallway across from the High School class today. Have a great week! "Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation." Habakkuk 3:18 DOUG

SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of ROBERT DUZAN who passed away last Monday night. His memorial service was held here at the building yesterday. Our prayers and love are extended to Lois on his death.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Our quarterly fellowship luncheon will be held next Sunday March 15th following the morning worship service. You are asked to bring two of the following: either salad, vegetable, casserole or dessert. Plan to stay for a great meal and fellowship.

"Why Were They Called Hypocrites?"

When Jesus called the Pharisees hypocrites, He was noting how they were neglecting the commandments of God for the sake of their traditions. Now here they were chastising others for failing to keep a tradition while they themselves were guilty of the violation of God's commands. The beam in their eye was much larger than any speck in the eyes of the disciples of Jesus, who were not breaking God's Law on this occasion. Traditions are a part of life. We really cannot do without them. To one degree or another, all that we know is passed down. Railing against tradition just because something is a tradition is rather naive. Even the commands of God are traditions handed down to us (2 Thess. 2:15). How we act about these traditions may be another matter. Again, we must distinguish between traditions that are commandments of God and traditions that are handed down otherwise. If we put man-made traditions on par with, or even over, God's word, then we are guilty of something very insidious. This is the point made in Isaiah 29:15-16. By putting their own traditions on par with God's commands, they were essentially saying that they were God's equal. They were guilty of pulling God down to their level and acting as though He did not have sufficient understanding of what they needed. They were smarter than God. That's serious business for which we need to repent. Tradition is not God's equal. DAN

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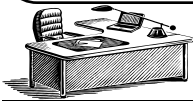
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KTXD—47 Dallas, Texas
ASSEMBLY TIMES
Sun: 9:30 AM Class
10:30 AM Worship
6:00 PM Evening
Wed: 7:00 PM

"REASON OR EXCUSES"

The first thing we need to remember about excuses is that they anger the Lord. Remember when God called Moses to deliver the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage? Moses made several excuses. He said, "I'm not equal to the task" (Ex. 3:10-12). Further, Moses said, "They will ask who sent me" (Ex. 3:13-14). Also, "They will not believe me" (Ex. 4:1). Then he said, "I can't talk well" (Ex. 4:10-11). Usually we read this account and say there is not much merit to Moses' excuses, while our own excuses always sound good to us. We think when we make our excuses God will excuse us. No, excuses don't alleviate the anger of the Lord. The point is not how good or poor the excuses are – but the Lord's reaction. God was angry with Moses because he was not going to do what God told him to do. **Second, excuses don't change the consequences.** In the parable of Luke 14:15-24, our Lord told us of three excuses. We might have thought they were good reasons, but the Lord said they were excuses. One man had bought a piece of ground, another a yoke of oxen, and another married a wife. We are amused at the shallowness of the excuses, yet the same principle is stated. The excuses did not appease the master (Lk. 14:21). The Lord's point is that because of the excuse making those who made excuses missed something. No matter how good the excuse, when it is given, it prevents us from partaking of the blessings of the feast. Therefore, the master sent his servants out into the highway and hedges to invite the outcast of society to the feast so that the house was filled. **Third, excuses don't eliminate the responsibility even though we like to think they do.** Generally, excuses are an attempt to do away with responsibility. "I never was responsible." Adam and Eve used this. Adam was called by God, "What have you done? Have you eaten the fruit I told you not to eat?" Before Adam admits that he ate the fruit of the forbidden tree, he tries to explain why he was not responsible. "The woman gave it to me. It is her fault. You gave me the woman, the fault lies somewhere between You and Eve, but not me" (Genesis 3:9-11). Eventually, Adam had to admit he had eaten. Eve had to bear her share of the burden for encouraging Adam. But, Adam was still guilty. In the final analysis the responsibility is mine. Crying about it won't change a thing. SELECTED

**One Responds To The
Invitation
Daylight Savings Time starts
today**



From Dan's desk:

Daylight Savings Time starts today. If you haven't moved your clock forward one hour, you may be wondering why you missed Bible Class. You might want to go ahead right now and do that or you will think that the preacher cut his sermon short today. Last Sunday Brett Michael Nash came forward to acknowledge sin in his life and asked for the prayers of the church here. We rejoice in his decision. We all at times need to examine our lives to determine if we are truly living our lives as the God of heaven directs. The Political jargon is over for a while. We will await the general election in November. I hope you are praying about the upcoming election next fall. We want to keep our country on the right track. We want to give great consideration to all those running for office, if they are pointing our country back to God. King David said, "The wicked shall be turned into Hell and all the nations that forget God." We must do our part to preserve the great Christian heritage left us by our forefathers. Spring break is coming up soon. Most of the schools in the area will have Spring break the week of March 16th-20th. We appreciate our teachers in the church education program and those who teach in public school. Many of them work hard and do a great job. The Dogwood Trails are coming up soon and we will have numerous visitors in our midst. Let's be sure to make them feel welcome. It is always wonderful to see the resurrection of flowers in the Springtime. We serve a mighty God who will someday resurrect our bodies from the grave. See you tonight at the evening service at 6 P.M.
Dan

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

DAVID CARDER has been in the local hospital this last week. He had pneumonia. He is home now. **DAVID PLUMMER** (Danial's brother) has been in the local I.C. U. locally with breathing problems. He is better and has gone home. **AXEL ROBERSON** young son of **Scott and Tiffany** has been ill and undergoing tests this week. **CECIL STANALAND** is in the local hospital with pneumonia.
Prayer list available in the foyer

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 com-

RESPONSES

**For Prayer
Brett Michael Nash**

"DECISIONS, DECISIONS"

On the night he was betrayed in the garden, Jesus knew that his death was just a few short hours away. He knew that pain and torture were waiting for Him. Jesus had a decision to make. He could have called upon the angels in heaven to come down and save Him from the impending torture of crucifixion or He could go along with the plan that was put in place from the very beginning. The choice was His, but notice that He didn't make this decision alone. "Jesus went with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to them, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray'" (Matt 26:36). His prayer was simple: "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will" (Matt. 26:39). Jesus understood that God's will and God's way was more important than His own. I wonder how many of us have the same trust in God that Jesus had in the garden? Do you trust that God's way is what's best for your life? Next time you are faced with one of life's big decisions, put the decision in God's hands. Ask God which way He wants you to go. From my own personal experience, God has a way of shutting some doors and opening other ones to help show you the way He intends for you to go. Sometimes it may take awhile for God's way to become clear. With patience and trust in the Lord, we can begin to make decisions that will not only benefit our lives, but further the work of God's kingdom. God's way is always more important. DAN

Plan to be with us at the 6 P.M. service tonight