

Teen News

Hope you all enjoyed your spring break. I want to thank all of you for showing up and helping with the bulletin boards. Not only was it a lot of fun but it also yielded some great boards. There will not be a devo this week, but we will have one next Sunday. See you all tonight.

Blake

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. Do come again.

NO BIBLE HOUR TONIGHT

How Can You Know For Sure?

Most of us have told the joke about the thermos. We may tell this joke about our biggest football rival, about people with certain colors of hair, or about rednecks. In the joke someone is introduced to a thermos. They are told: "It keeps hot things hot and cold things cold." And the dumb response is: "How does it know?"

Constantly I hear people speak of how they know that God wants this or that for them. A young man moves to a city and attends a church for the first time, a denomination with which he has had no association in the past. His immediate reaction is: "I knew this was where God wanted me to be." A lady switches from one religious group to another. She feels some uneasiness with her change on the part of a friend. She responds: "I think I am doing what God wants me to do." A man leaves his wife and runs off with a girlfriend to whom he later is married. When questioned about his decision, he says: "I know this is what God wants for my life so that I can be happy."

My question for all of these people is: "How can you know for sure?" How can you know if you are where God wants you to be? How can you know that you are doing what God wants you to do in order to be happy? Mankind has a long habit of transforming personal opinion into God's will. We make God over in our image. God challenges our assumptions that he thinks like we do: "You thought that I was one just like yourself" (Ps. 51:21). We assume that what we want, what makes us feel good, must be what God wants. And when our conscience disturbs us, we try to beat it back by saying: "This is what God wants for me."

DOOR GREETERS –March 24

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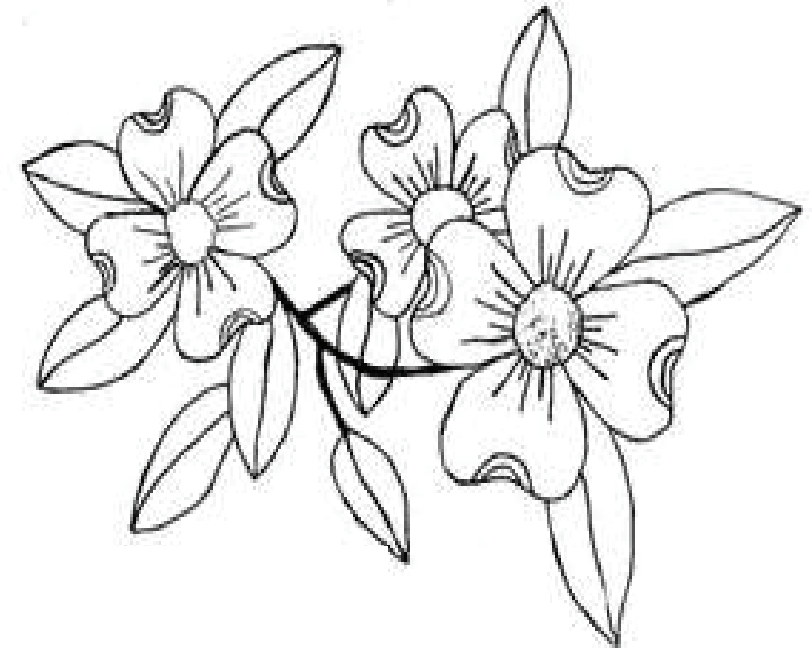
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FOX 44– Waco, TX.
FOX 29, Bryan-College Station, TX.
NBC 53– Lufkin, TX.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

WELCOME TO THE 75th ANNUAL DOGWOOD TRAILS



Come visit with us again

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One More Baptized Into Christ



From Dan's desk:



We rejoice with DESTINY PEARSON upon her baptism into Christ last week. Destiny has been attending services for a few weeks and I had the opportunity study with her and Deanna Douglas and she was baptized for the remission of sins. We are so happy for and with her upon this most important decision. If you are visiting with us this morning and you have come to see the Dogwood in Palestine, we are grateful. We hope our worship service will be helpful and provide an opportunity for you to worship our God in the spirit of holiness. We have had several visitors with us recently and that is great. Please be reminded that next Sunday following the morning worship service we will gather in the activity building for lunch together. Elsewhere in the bulletin you will find a list of this that we request for the luncheon. Take in mind that we will have several visitors with us and this will be an opportunity for us to show brotherly kindness to those who meet with us. We are grateful to James and Sandy Singleterry and others who help coordinate the quarterly luncheons. This always offers us the opportunity to be together in fellowship and we hope that each of you will take advantage of this special time. The young people met at the building last Sunday afternoon along with Blake and Brandy to prepare the bulletin boards for L.T.C. They look really nice and we appreciate those who are involved. Children's Bible will not meet again tonight, because so many are out of town for Spring Break. We will all meet in the church auditorium for worship together. See you tonight.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

SANDRA IVES was released from the hospital and returned home. Hospice has been called in.

ED FURMAN has been undergoing treatment this last week for cancer.

MATTHEW RAY was flown to Herman Hospital in Houston for treatment

KEEGAN WILCHER, grandson of Gerald & Diane Wilcher, will have ear surgery soon.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE WITH CONTINUING ILLNESSES:

Dennis Ellison, Gary Oliver, Linda Allen, Patricia Manville, Maggie Larsen, Billie Briley, Kathy Crook.

FOYER SEATING

We have had a number of people staying in the foyer during worship services. We encourage you to come into the auditorium for worship unless you have a medical problem or if you have small children you need to take out for some reason. We have two men working security at each service and we believe it is not only unnecessary for others to remain in the foyer during services, but it is distracting to those who are worshipping when others stay in the foyer instead of in the auditorium. We want to set the right example for our youth and we can do this by sitting with them in worship. When we come together, our purpose is to worship and when people are talking and laughing in the foyer it is a bad example to those worshipping. We would appreciate you honoring our request. THE ELDERS

Out of the Mouth of Babes

A little girl asked her father: "Daddy, do you love Jesus?" He responded: "How can I love someone I have never seen?" The girl thought for a moment or two, and then she asked: "Daddy, how old was I when Mother died?" "Only six months," he replied. Then her words cut him deeply: "Then I can't say that I ever saw her, and I don't remember her at all. But you have always tried to make me love her by telling me how good and kind she was. And I do love her." Soon tears were flowing down his face, and he knew that out of the mouth of babes wisdom had been spoken.

When Jesus appeared to some of the apostles after his resurrection, Thomas was not present. Thomas was reluctant to believe even after hearing the testimony of the other apostles. He demanded proof: "Unless I see the marks of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe" (Jn. 20:25). A week later Jesus appeared to the disciples again, and Thomas was present this time. Jesus offered the proof Thomas desired: "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe" (Jn. 20:27). The answer of Thomas showed faith: "My Lord and my God!" (Jn. 20:28). But it is the response of Jesus on which we want to focus at the moment. Jesus said to Thomas: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" (Jn. 20:29).

QUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Next Sunday, March 24th, we will have our Quarterly Fellowship. Please start making plans to attend. Please bring two of the following: meat dish, vegetable, desert. Numerous guests will be with us for the Dogwood Trails.

DINNER & BUNKO

Next Thursday night, March 21st, The Sister to Sister group will again meet at Bon Appetite at 6 PM for to enjoy Dinner & Bunko together. Those who would like to come are invited to and join us.