

# Teen News

Happy Easter everyone! As much fun as hunting eggs and having your picture taken with a cuddly bunny rabbit in the mall can be, we as Christians should be filled with an even greater joy. As tragic and horrific as Jesus' death was his resurrection was just as spectacular. His death was for the forgiveness of our sins but, his resurrection was for our eternal life. Remember the real reason for Easter.

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## 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**



THESE DAYS WE DO NOT NEED HYMN BOOKS  
AS ALL OF THE WORDS TO THE SONGS  
CAN BE FOUND ON THE INTERNET

## OUR AWSOME GOD

I'm awed by the might of a Creator who can fashion this innumerable array of heavenly wonders — a universe that only grows richer and deeper the more closely we examine it. If you've seen some of the photographs taken by the Hubble orbiting telescope, which has enabled scientists to look further into space than any earthbound telescope ever has, you know that God's physical realm teems with incredible sights beyond our ken. And the greater our ability to examine God's handiwork grows, the greater still the scope of His imagination and majesty is shown to be. Every aspect of the Christian's life shares this characteristic. Like the night sky, the spiritual blessings in Christ reveal more and greater wonders the more closely we experience them, and the more we come to know about our God and Savior, the more amazed we are. Think about how great His grace seemed the day you were baptized into Christ, and you stepped forth from the water knowing all of your sins had been washed away by the blood of Jesus. Now think how much more reason you have to rejoice in Him today — how much more mature an appreciation you now have of the kindness and mercy He's shown you! Paul wrote to the Christians at Philippi, "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent" (Philippians 1:9-10) DAN

**DOOR GREETERS –April 7, 2013**

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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

## "The Word that Is Steadfast & Sure"

Sometimes people who visit our services or begin a Bible study with us are struck by our unwavering focus on the Scriptures for everything we believe, teach, and practice. We hear people say, "The Bible is important, but it's not all there is to a relationship with God." It's certainly true that our relationship with God cannot be limited exclusively to book knowledge, even if that book is the Bible. It's imperative that we take what we read in the Scriptures and make those words the foundation and blueprint of an active life in Christ. The Bible itself says that it is the "implanted word" that is able to save the soul (James 1:21), not merely the "read and understood word." The doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in the inspired Scriptures are intended to complete us as servants of God, and equip us for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Discipleship, therefore, is not merely an educational exercise — it is the process of allowing God's word to transform us into the likeness of Christ (Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18). It is infinitely more than studying as though for an academic exam — it is being recreated into a "new man who is renewed in knowledge," by means of the instruction and direction of God's word (Colossians 3:10). Consider these words of David, recorded in 2 Samuel 22:31 and its parallel passage, Psalm 18:30: "As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him." Of whom else but God could it be said that "His way is perfect"? We have all learned many valuable things from parents, teachers, and other persons of positive influence, but would we say of any of them that everything they taught was perfect? I am continually grateful for the many vital lessons I learned from my mother and father, but they — though usually right — were not always correct. I have benefited from the study of many learned brothers in Christ, both through their preaching and teaching and through their writings, but I have never met a gospel preacher who was right about everything — myself included. Many times I've been compelled to go back to the Bible and restudy some issue, once I realized that what I had previously believed and taught on the matter was wrong. — we can be 100% certain that what He says is so. "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19). As Moses said, "He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He" (Deuteronomy 32:4). DAN

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**Welcome Dogwood Trails  
Visitors.  
We are glad you are here.**



***From Dan's desk:***

We again welcome those who may be visiting our city for annual 75th Dogwood Trails. It is good to have you with us and we appreciate you coming to worship with us this morning. We hope you will come back at any opportunity that you may have to do so. It is always great to have visitors among us. It was especially great to have the church group from the Alta Mesa congregation in Ft. Worth with us. Mickey and Patty Bowles attend there and we want to say thank you for bringing your group down to be with us. It was great to have you with us for the day of Saturday and last Sunday also. Thanks also to those who helped with the luncheon last Sunday. James and Sandy Singleterry always do a great job of putting this together and those who assist them. We really appreciate all the hard work you do to bring this together each quarter. The food was great and the fellowship equal to it. It was a great day. Thanks also to David and Jennifer Sparks for hosting the Easter Egg hunt last Saturday. All the kids (and parents) enjoyed it. Spring is here and the allergies are showing it. Everything is turning yellow. Lorelee is out and recovering from shoulder surgery. She is at home. We want to continue to pray for her recovery. If things in the office are not as efficient, you will understand why. Hopefully she will be back in a couple of weeks. Thanks to those who attended Monday Night For The Master last Monday night. We had a good group present and a big thank you to Jane Grumbles and others who helped with providing the evening meal. It was great and you always do a good job. We appreciate so much those who help in this area. See you tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**SANDRA IVES** is seriously ill at her home

**MATTHEW RAY** is a patient in Herman Hospital in Houston recovering from brain surgery

**LORELEE REEDER** is recovering at her home from recent surgery this last week.

Others who have been ill continue to improve for which we are thankful

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE WITH  
CONTINUING ILLNESSES:**

**Linda Allen, Dennis Ellison, Ed Furman, Gary Oliver, Patricia Manville, Maggie Larsen.**

**Doing GOOD to Our Brethren**

Having a relationship with Christ puts us into a spiritual family along with all others who are in Christ. It requires that we develop and maintain affection and love for those of like-precious faith-- (Rom.12:10). While we have an obligation to do good to all, we have a special duty to do good "to those who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10). Our differing personalities and temperaments can make this a difficult task, but that does not excuse us from accomplishing it. It is inevitable that we will come in contact with other Christians who "rub us the wrong way." The tendency, in such cases, is to avoid as much contact with them as possible, but that is not the solution. Abraham Lincoln is quoted as saying about another person, "I don't like that man. I'll have to get to know him better." Many times a true friendship can evolve from dislike if we get to know one another better.

**"A Miserable Day"**

According to the radio and television news, January 22<sup>nd</sup> was the most miserable day of the year for most people. I am not sure of the particulars, but some mathematician came up with a formula to calculate the most miserable day. All of us have had miserable days. Days when we are sick tend to be miserable. We do not feel good and wish people would just leave us alone to die. Days when we have to do our taxes can be miserable. Days when you are separated from your family and loved ones tend to be miserable. I know those who have lost loved ones can tell you the day of the year it happened. We find such grieving at the house of Mary and Martha after the death of their brother, Lazarus. ***"Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled"*** (John 11:33). Grieving is normal, (1 Thess. 4:13-14). **Yes we miss our love ones when they pass on to the other side, but we must also rejoice with those that have the hope of heaven. The misery of this life is temporary. Paul described the persecution he faced as "light affliction" in 2 Corinthians 4:17. We as God's Children can look forward to eternity with joy instead of dread. Our miserable days will be over.** DAN