

Teen News

Good morning everyone. I know you are all excited about school being out. We will have a devotional either this afternoon before evening services or following church tonight. I will let you all know before we leave today. Hope to see you all back tonight. Blake

Wiped Out

"Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out" (Acts 3:19).

In an old, one-room, country schoolhouse years ago, John Maynard was doing very poor work. About half way through the school year, though, something the teacher said inspired him. He diligently applied himself to his work. His grades improved. His assignments were neat and attractive. He finished the year with very good marks, and his parents were quite proud. On visitation day at the end of the year, however, John's heart sank as he saw his mother looking at his workbooks from that school year. He knew that the first half of those workbooks were full of messy work and unsightly blots. He watched as his mother leafed through them and was surprised that his mother was quite pleased as she called his father over to examine them. John discovered that his kind teacher had removed all of his work from the first half of the year and only left the work that was neat.

The point in life where we have a change of heart is called "repentance." Sometimes in the Bible this change is simply called "turning" (Acts 3:19). When we make an about-face, God covers up all of our shabby deeds from the past. He forgives, which means he removes them from the record book. In ancient times writing was removed from leather scrolls by washing or sponging the ink off, and this metaphor was employed frequently in the Bible. The Psalmist prayed: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions....Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities" (Ps. 51:1, 9). God declares: "I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins....I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist" (Isa. 43:25)

Donuts for Dad

June 16th (9:00 – 9:30am)
Activity Building

Come and bring your dad (or grandfather) to a special time on Sunday morning, June 16th 9:00 to 9:30 A.M. (prior to Bible Class) in the activity building. There will be a light breakfast served (by ladies), All ladies that can help serve need to arrive by 8:45am. There will be a special worship service at 10:30am to honor our dads. Don't miss it! *If you would like to help provide food for the light breakfast please see Gayle, Virginia, Pam, Sandy or Jennifer.*

THANK YOU

Thanks to George Wooden for taking pictures and for manning the Powerpoint booth each Sunday. Thank to Audrey Manuel for teaching the Wednesday Evening Ladies Class. Thanks to all the Children's Bible Hour Workers this year. Thanks to Steve Camp for his work in the sound room each week. Thanks to those who distribute the gift bags each Sunday and Gayle Hamilton & Pam Boyette who prepare them. Thanks to the Deacons who line up the men to serve in worship each Sunday. Thanks to those who prepare communion each Sunday for worship and who clean up afterward. Thanks to Charles McCullough, Martha Oliver, Jim Ricard, Billy Mason and Dan for driving the church bus. MORE TO COME.....

DOOR GREETERS June 16, 2013

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

“Let's Give God Our Best”

So few in life ever give or do their best. As Christians what kind of attention are we drawing toward Christ? It isn't always easy to get the attention of others when it comes to spiritual matters. Someone noted however this similarity between playing bagpipes and throwing a javelin blindfolded, “you don't have to be good to get everyone's attention!” What kind of person gets your attention? The Bible tells us the kind of person kings and other prominent people are searching for in proverbs 22: 9, “Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men.” Cream rises to the top, and excellence in work and character stands out like a diamond in the mud. A lack of excellence in our work for God will not please Him. Jeremiah 48:10 reveals the seriousness of serving God in a shoddy and less than excellent way: “A curse on him who is lax in doing the Lord's work” (NIV). The New American Standard Bible renders this verse, “Cursed be the one who does the LORD'S work negligently.” Every Christian at every position of service to God - can serve well, or we can serve poorly. We can excel, or we can be lax and negligent.

Mark 7: 34 says about Jesus, “He has done all things well,” revealing that Jesus was committed to excellence in His service to God and to us. A Lord who did His best for us deserves the best we can do for Him. A church cannot excel unless the members who make it up are devoted to excellence. How excellent are you in living, loving, giving, forgiving, attending, worship, praying, teaching, and serving?

**May God help each of us to give our
BEST to the Lord.**

**Two place membership.
Summer series to start
this Wednesday night.**



From Dan's desk:

Last Sunday evening, Jim and Bobbie Edge made the decision to place membership with the Crockett Rd. Congregation. We rejoice in their coming to be with us here. They will be active members and we welcome them into our midst. Jim is retired from the military and he and Bobbie have lived in the Elkhart area for some time now. Please take time to get to know them and welcome them to our congregation. We have had several visitors among us lately. Be sure to greet those folks and express appreciation for them being here. People want to feel loved and accepted. By the way, we have several Bible Studies in process with those who are members of the church. We believe that God will give the increase soon. Continue to pray to the "Lord of Harvest" that fruit will be borne. Our Wednesday Summer series begins this Wednesday night with our first guest speaker. Kerry Clark will be here to speak on the subject "The Lost Sheep." Thanks to all those who went to Fairfield last Friday evening. Thanks to Charles McCullough for driving the church bus. Everyone had a wonderful time. The food was good and the fellowship we have when we are together is just wonderful. Remember next Sunday is "Father's Day" and we will have "Donuts For Dad" in the activity building prior to Bible class. Thanks to the Sister To Sister group for organizing this effort. It's a great time to share a few moments with your father on this special day. Our "Super Tuesday" V.B.S. is rapidly approaching. Mark the date Tuesday June 25th for one more fabulous day of Bible study and activities. We will look forward to being with you tonight at the evening worship service at 6 P.M. See you then.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

LOWELL LEWIS undergoing tests in the East Texas Medical Center in Tyler.

CLAUIS LAMB underwent a heart cath last Thursday. Awaiting results.

ANN MOTTERN had oral surgery last week resulting from a fall.

JIM DAVIS will have a pace maker implanted next Friday in Tyler.

Continue to remember in

prayer: Linda Allen, David Lamb, Gary Oliver, Ed Furman. George Lester

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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."

Is Christ First???

An old Chinese woman with bound feet, balancing herself on a cane, listened to a missionary tell about Jesus. She was very interested in this new story, but she wondered if it was true. She did not trust the foreign missionary's word all by itself, so she asked a Chinese woman who was a Christian. "Yes, it is true," she was told. "I will come and see you and tell you more." The next day the woman arrived with a Bible and told her more of the story. The old Chinese woman believed. She was now in the conversion process, but that conversion meant the changing of many allegiances. She knew that she must put Christ first and renounce her idols and false gods. As she struggled with this, one night she had a dream, which was but a reflection of the internal struggle already going on in her heart. In her dream the idols on the shelves of her room began to shake. A light fell across the floor and a figure entered the room. The idols began climbing down off the shelves. The old woman asked her idols: "Where are you going?" They replied: "When Jesus comes, we have to get out." There are some things in life to which we can have dual allegiances. We can have more than one child and love every single one of them completely. We may love two or three types of dessert equally as our favorite dessert. But other allegiances are different, being exclusive in nature. They will allow no competitors, no equals, and no partial loyalties. As a young nation the Israelites were told: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me" (Ex. 20:2; Deut. 5:6). Similarly, Jesus stressed the futility of dual allegiances: "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters" (Mt. 12:30). "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Mt. 10:37). God must be first.