

Good Morning! Thanks for being here today. Last Tuesday we hosted the Youth Summer Series here in the building. We had a good crowd of people from our church and from other congregations around the area. We had good time and great fellowship. Thanks to Keri, Jill, Toni, Quinn, Coco, Dwight, Shelly, Jim and Dan for helping with everything. I also want to thank Doug Sumrall for providing and cooking the hamburgers for everyone. They were delicious! Thanks to those who brought cookies as well. We are so blessed to have people in this church who are always willing to help. God bless you all!

**BEN** 

#### YOU ARE AN EPISTLE

In our own personal lives, we are writing our own history (an epistle). A man will be judged by the story he has written. I won't be judged by yours (although your story may have an effect on mine, or mine on yours), but I will be judged on my own story, the one I have written. "We will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Rom. 14:10). And "...everyone of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12). So we need to be careful how we write our lives. We need to see to it that our story is a good one. DAN

#### **WORKING TOGETHER**

Getting along together takes working together. God asked through Amos, "Shall two walk together, except they have agreed?" This is true in any combination of people. No combination is it more important in than marriage. The strife that enters a marriage relationship that is unchecked portends evil results. In the early pioneer days there was an older couple who seemingly could not get along because they fought and quarreled continually and had done so for many years. A new preacher moved into the area and, when he heard of their evil habit, paid them a visit. He said to them, "If you will cooperate, I will teach you a simple lesson that will help you." When they had agreed, he threw a rope up over a tree limb and asked each one to pull on the end of the rope. After they had pulled hard against each other for a while, he asked them to stop, and said, "Now, I want each of you to pull on the same end of the rope." When they did so, they very easily pulled the rope over the tree limb. The preacher then said, "Pull together, and not against each other" and jumped in his buggy and rode off! The same is true with congregational relationships. It is essential that brethren work together for they are working for God. "For we are God's fellow-workers: ye are God's husbandry, God's building" (1 Cor. 3:9). All of us in this congregation are workers together -- for the Good Lord. Pull on the same end of the rope.

**SELECTED** 

DOOR GREETERS
Sunday July 9, 2017
Lorelee Reeder & Linda Johnson

COMMUNION PREPARATION
Sunday 9, 2017
Deanna Chapman

## Gospel Worker

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#### **ASSEMBLY TIMES**

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



May God bless us as we celebrate the birthday of America this coming Tuesday This nation was founded upon the belief in God and His Son and the Word of God that was given to each of us as a standard for our walk spiritually. May the Lord who reigns above and below bless us again and may we always remain a nation UNDER GOD.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

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# One responds to the invitation. Watermelon supper tonight after services.





### From Dan's desk:

Thanks to all of you for being present. We especially want to say thank you to all who may be visiting with us this morning. We are glad that you have come to join us in worship. This last week has been a busy one. We had a great attendance at the youth rally on Tuesday night. Ben did a good job and we appreciate him so much. It was great to have the youth from various congregations all over East Texas. Also on Wednesday night a good number of people gathered for the sandwich supper and card signing that followed the evening Bible Study period. We are grateful to all who stayed. Remember that tonight after the P.M. worship service we will have a watermelon supper. This has become a tradition with the church here. This coming Tuesday is Independence Day in America. July fourth is definitely a time for us to be mindful of our Nation and the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. We are so blessed in this country. Let's continue to offer up our praise to God in Heaven for the many liberties we have come to enjoy through the years as a result of God's loving hand and the leaders of our nation. Last Sunday night GRAHAM WILLIAMS responded to the invitation to confess wrong and ask for the prayers of the church here at Crockett Rd. We bowed in prayer for him seeking the forgiveness that comes from our Father in Heaven. We appreciate Graham and his tender heart. The month of June is history and July has been ushered in and we will again have a busy month. We continue to thank God for this great church family and the love that abounds here. See you tonight. DAN

#### PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





<u>NANCY MILLER</u> is recovering from surgery this last Tuesday.

<u>BOB STECH</u> has been hospitalized this last week with a leg injury. He is undergoing rehab.

<u>MARJORIE MYERS</u> has been placed with hospice care here in Palestine.

EVELYN HARPER ELLIS (baby daughter of Clint and Emerald) remains in the hospital in Tyler with lung issues. She's a little better.

<u>RONNIE MASON</u> (nephew of Billy Mason) will have by-pass surgery soon.

#### WATERMELON SUPPER

Our annual watermelon supper will follow the evening service tonight. Watermelons from the Pennington farm in Grapeland will be furnished. Plan to stay after services. It will be a wonderful evening.

#### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Fred Freeman
- 9 Denise Carroll- Loretta Young
- 10 Brandon Franklin- Carl Rutledge
- 11 Sue Grubbs
- 15 Gerald Wilcher
- 19 Virginia Stanaland
- 24 Susan Lane
- 27 Dianne Wilcher
- 29 Claire Camp



The Lord included in His "Sermon on the Mount" a warning that causes us to ponder. He taught His followers to not call anyone a fool or he would be in danger of hell fire (Matt. 5:22). Why such a severe penalty for simply calling someone a fool? The usual definition of "fool" is "one deficient in intellect or judgment." We run into to those quite regularly! "The fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Ps. 14:1). Solomon with "wisdom" gave a lengthy discourse in his Proverbs on the matter. "Fools despise wisdom" (1:7); "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth to counsel is wise" (12:15); "Folly of fools is deceit...Fools make a mock at sin" (14:8-9); "A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil, but the fool rageth, and is confident" (14:16). "A fool is soon made angry" (14:17). The lips of the foolish does not disperse knowledge (15:7); "The mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness" (15:14). Isaiah addressed this matter in his prophesies concerning the church and the behavior of New Testament Christians (725 B.C.). "And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the way faring men, though fools, shall not err therein" (Is. 35:8). The Pharisees were chastised by the Lord and called "fools" because they criticized and judged the hearts of men by what they observed outwardly (Lk. 11:37-40). The rich man, who built bigger barns to amass worldly goods but was not "rich" toward God, was called a fool by the Lord and told that his soul would be required of him the very same night (Lk. 12:20). Some were charged as being fools because they were "slow of heart to believe all that the prophets [had] spoken. Finally, we can conclude that the real fool is the one who denies God and resists his Word. We may feel too refined to be considered a fool, but a careful examination of our personal life may reveal more than what we would like to ac-

knowledge about ourselves. Submit to God!