

# Teen News

We were out of town last weekend. We missed you. I hope your summer has been good so far. It has been busy for us. We were in Houston last weekend. We are glad you are here this morning. Sorry we missed the watermelon supper last Sunday. Several of the youth stayed and said they had a good time.

Blake

## Silent Violins

Luigi Tarisio was found dead one morning with scarce a comfort in his home, but with 246 exquisite violins, which he had been collecting all his life, crammed into an attic, the best in the bottom drawer of an old rickety bureau. In his very devotion to the violin, he had robbed the world of all that music all the time he treasured them; others before him had done the same, so that when the greatest of his collection, a Stradivarius, was first played it had had 147 speechless years. Yet, how many of Christ's people are like old Tarisio? In our very love of the church we fail to give the glad tidings to the world; in our zeal for the truth we forget to publish it. When shall we all learn that the Good News needs not just to be cherished, but needs to be told? All people need to hear it.



What lesson can be learned from Luigi? Shall we keep hoarding our knowledge of God's wonderful story of salvation while others are dying without Christ every hour?

**If you cannot speak like angels,  
If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
You can say, 'He died for all.'**

## Judging Motives

The little boy was helping his mother serve the guests at the dinner table.

He brought in a piece of pie and set it in front of his father who passed it on to one of the visitors. After several such trips the little boy said,



"It's no use dad, the pieces are all the same size." You know, it's not unusual to have our motives questioned by others. Sometimes we're hurt when someone accuses us of things that have never entered our minds. However, we're guilty of imagining evil on the part of others. How often someone says, "I'll bet he said that for my sake," or "He said that to make me mad," or "He did that to get even." Often we imagine that someone is rubbing salt into our wounds, when that was the furthest thing from their mind. The person who has love in their heart thinks no evil according to Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:5. The Christian must not imagine evil or think the worst of others. He looks for the good and takes every action and word in the best possible light. It's true that people generally treat us the way we expect to be treated, because we treat them the same way. God tells us in his word, the Bible, how we should treat one another. (Matt. 22:37-40). (Matt. 7:12)

### DOOR GREETERS

**July 15  
Bernie & Millie Baur**

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

**July 15  
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# Gospel Worker

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## Power in an Acorn



The story is told of a German countess who lived a few centuries ago who was an avowed atheist. In an attempt to show her fearlessness of death, and to belittle the faith in God and the hope of eternal life of some of her associates, she left instructions that when she died she was to be placed in a specially prepared tomb, hewn out of solid rock, to be sealed with an enormous flat stone weighing several tons. This stone was to be bolted securely to the face of the tomb, and these words were to be carved on the face of it, "What Is Dead Is Dead--Set Forever--Never To Be Opened." When the countess died, her wishes were carried out and her body was sealed in the sepulcher. For several decades her tomb remained intact and seemed to be impregnable. But as the years passed, an acorn from an over-hanging oak fell, and found its way through a crevice of the rock and lodged in the earth beneath. The acorn germinated, and the fledgling tree, seeking the sunlight, eventually made its way back up through the crevice. Gradually but relentlessly the tree grew, and eventually, mighty life from that acorn snapped the bolts and shattered the seal of stone! Thus, God in His infinite wisdom, through the incomprehensible power of life that He had fashioned in that small acorn defied the brazen infidelity of the countess.

How sad that she had turned deaf ears to the words of the Savior when He declared, "the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth ..." (John 5:28-29). It is true we must die a physical death (Heb. 9:27), but it is just as true that there will be a resurrection and judgment, and that the souls of human beings will exist forever in one of two places! (Read Matt. 25:31-34, 41, 46). No wonder Jesus said, "For what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose or forfeit his own self?" (Luke 9:25).



# Guest Speaker this Weds. Night in Summer Series Watermelon Was great



*From Dan's desk:*

Thanks for your positive remarks about the lessons last Sunday. It was good to see several visitors in the audience, even though about 65 of our regular members were out of town for vacations, family reunions, and various other reasons. We always miss you when you are not with us. Summer is always that time when people go visiting. Let's continue to remember all of these in our prayers. Our Vacation Bible School held last Tuesday was just terrific. We had a lot of kids and adults and the day was truly a memorable one for the church here. The refreshments, lunch that was provided was also great. Thanks to Sue Grubbs for coordinating this part of the school. A big thank you to the teachers and others who helped in any way. The watermelon supper last Sunday night following the worship service was wonderful. Some said that the watermelons were the best that they had ever eaten. I agree. We had a great attendance, much larger than last year and everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to Marty Nash, Jim Ricard, Charles McCullough, Pam Boyett and others who helped set up and helped clean up after the fellowship. Richard Williams will be with us next Wednesday night for the Summer Series entitled, "The Future Is Bright If You Follow The Light". His topic for the evening will be, "Jesus Reveals The Truth". We will look forward to having him with us. Richard is from Groesbeck, Texas and has served as their preacher for over 40 years. We have a lot in common. He will encourage each of us. Please plan to be present. We will see you tonight at the evening worship service. Thanks for being here this morning. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN  
YOUR PRAYERS:**

**SHERRY SYBERT had hip replacement surgery on Tuesday. She will begin chemo soon.**

**BERNIE BAUR was taken to ER on Tuesday. He had leg wound cleaned out and was released. Recovering at home.**

**PLEASE PICK UP A COPY OF THIS WEEKS PRAYER LIST ON THE TABLE IN THE FOYER.**

**MILITARY: Blaine Kline, Dustin Delsi, Jim Griffith, III, Tyler Griffith & Joseph Griffith.**

## A Doctor Explains Death

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door. On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door/ A dog sprang into the room and leapt on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing... I know my Master is there and that is enough."

## The "Big Potatoes" of Life

Years ago Chinese farmers decided they would eat the good big potatoes and just use the small ones for seed. A new understanding of the laws of life came to them when through the years during which they kept up this practice, nature reduced all their potatoes to the size of marbles! These farmers learned through bitter experience that they couldn't keep the best things in life for themselves and use the leftovers for seed.

The laws of life decreed that the harvest would reflect the planting. But you know, planting small potatoes is still a common practice with a lot of us. Too many of us take all the big things of life for ourselves and only plant the leftovers. We expect that by some crazy twist of the laws of nature our selfishness will be rewarded with blessings.



We must learn that we can't always eat the big potatoes and still keep having them. Planting small potatoes simply means that is all we can expect in return. This law applies in family relationships, friendships, on the job, in community affairs, in politics and everywhere else. This law applies especially in our service to God.

We succeed when we sacrifice. Whether it is in attending worship services, teaching others about God, visiting the sick, or giving, the big potatoes given to God will result in more blessings than we can even dream about. In Malachi 3:6-18 God is teaching the Israelites the law of small potatoes. In verse 10 we read, "And try Me now in this, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it."

The greatest blessing of all, of course, is that of eternal life. We can have the hope of heaven if we choose to give our life to God, rather than keep it for ourselves. . (Matt. 16:25).