

Teen News

We had a great devotional last Sunday night. Thank you all for coming and a special thanks to the Satterwhite's for opening up their home, and their kitchen to us. The food was wonderful and the fellowship was fun. There will not be a devotional tonight as I will be out of town attending a wedding.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13

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SINGLES NIGHT OUT

The Singles group will meet on Tuesday, July 26th at 5:30 PM to go to Clear Springs in Tyler for supper. Clear Springs is a Seafood-Steak Restaurant. Please sign the sign up sheet, if you will be going with us.

One Sunday after Sunday school, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson had been about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the minister stopped by and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson had been about. He said, "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

HORSE SENSE

"They want to be law teachers, pose as such with great pride; yet they do not themselves comprehend with their nous or mind the things they say or the questions concerning which they make confident affirmation as though they know," according to the words of 1 Timothy 1:7.

To the shame of the Corinthians, Paul assessed that there was not among them one who was "wise" ...not one who could "judge" (discern), (1 Corinthians 6:5). It is "savvy," the ability to discern, to differentiate, to act wisely among us which is probably lacking more than intellectual comprehension.

It is axiomatic that one cannot teach what he does not know nor explain what he cannot comprehend but is also axiomatic that one cannot teach effectively when he is not wise in the application of truth to his listeners. You can tell what kind of wisdom a person employs by observing the result of his speech and action (note James 3:13-18). Heavenly wisdom is hard to provoke and is easily pacified -- earthly wisdom always genders strife and contention. Start each day with a prayer for wisdom. Then, seek that wisdom by studying the scriptures which are able to make you wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:15).

DOOR GREETERS

**July 31
Jim & Gerri Hahn**

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Central TX Children's Home—*Buda, TX*
Tipton Children's Home
Tipton, OK
Gospel Broadcast Network
ASSEMBLY TIMES
Sun: 9:30 AM Class
10:30 AM Worship
6:00 PM Evening
Wed: 7:00 PM

"THE GOOD FIGHT"

Some battles in life are fought and instantly won; passing tests, playing games, solving a puzzle in the newspaper, or winning at a sporting event. We preoccupy ourselves with these "battles" because they give us instantaneous gratification and bring us a measure of pleasure and self assurance.

There are other battles, however, that are ongoing and we will never, in this life, completely win until we conquer them in death. These battles are constant and daily efforts with which we must struggle on a regular basis. This is a hard thing for our society to accept who are accustomed to complex crimes being solved in a one hour TV program, sporting events ending in less than two hours. This kind of battle is only won in the continued fighting of it; it isn't a battle that is won, never to be fought again. It is a constant and daily effort.

We need to realize that living the Christian life is the same kind of battle. If we realize and accept this, I believe we will have a great weight lifted from our shoulders. The person who is constantly telling himself, "I've got to win today!" will soon find himself hopelessly burned out with trying to achieve this task. Why? Because living the Christian life is only something that is won while we continue the struggle. Paul told Timothy, "Fight the good fight of the faith?" (1 Timothy 6:12) and wage the good battle (1 Timothy 1:18). It was a battle that Paul was only expecting Timothy to win by continuing to fight it.

Let us recognize that today we fight the battle and that our victory is in our faith on a daily basis (1 John 5:4) and through this, we will overcome, not in this life, but, in the next. For today, however, if I have struggled, then I have won.



**Two baptized into
Christ last week.
“HELPING HANDS”
To meet next Saturday morning**

From Dan's desk:

The dry hot summer continues. We are thankful for the little rain shower last Monday however. Hopefully before long the change will come and we will start receiving more precipitation and cooler temperatures. I am thankful that we have a cool place to meet and worship God. Thanks you for being present this morning. Be sure and greet our visitors this morning. We are glad you too have come to join us in our time of devotion to God. We are thankful for the continued growth in the Kingdom of God at this place. New faces continue make their way into our midst and this is always exciting and encouraging. Many continue to be away on vacations and trips this Summer. We will be glad when everyone is back in their usual pew. Several studies continue to be conducted by those in the church. We are grateful for the participation of so many who are working to lead others to our Saviour. Last Monday Dale and I studied with **PATRICIA MANVILLE** and she was baptized into Christ following our study. Patricia has been coming and we rejoice with her on this decision to serve the Lord. We welcome her into our fellowship here at Crockett Rd. Last Thursday, **ANN HERRINGTON MOTTERN** was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. We commend her for taking this step. We welcome her into the fellowship of the Lord's Church at this place. She has been coming for some time with Shelly Franklin. I know that Shelly has been a great influence on her life. Please greet her and make her feel welcome. The **HELPING HANDS** group will meet next Sat. morning July 30th to assist the older folks who might need assistance various jobs around the house. There is a list posted on the bulletin board to sign up for assistance. We will look forward to seeing you tonight.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR
PRAYERS AND CARDS:**

BERNIE BAUR had tests run last week and the results were not good and there is a possibility he has prostrate cancer.

MAURICE HIGGINBOTHAM is in the hospital in Tyler with pneumonia .

TED MISSILDINE had a procedure on Wednesday in Tyler. He is doing good.

VONOLGA ROBERSON is not doing well and has been placed with hospice.

PHILLIP FOREMAN had a procedure on his back last Wednesday in Dallas. He is recovering at home.

MAGGIE LARSEN did not get a favorable report last week in Florida. She is not a candidate for a bone marrow transplant.

ANICE CAMP, mother of Steve Camp, is in the hospital here in Palestine.

MARIE LANE sister of Mary Jo Thomason in in St. Joseph Hosp in Bryan.

**REMEMBER OTHERS ON THE SICK
LIST IN THE FOYER**

SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS:

Jason Mottern, Jeremy Dixon, & Blaine Kline.

RESPONSES

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“A Mules' Nature”

Perhaps you have heard the old story of the stubborn, balky mule? It goes like this. Two farmers were riding home in a wagon one day. The wagon was being drawn by a mule and the mule was notorious for balking. Once he balked it took hours of pulling, tugging and beating to convince him to be on his way – sometimes even building a fire under him didn't help.

This day was one of those days. The mule balked. The first farmer said, “You're driving, what are you going to do?” The second farmer replied, “I'm going to talk with him – perhaps I can persuade him that we need to be traveling on.” So, he climbed down, went to the nearby rail fence and picked up a six foot cedar rail (now, you faint hearted, animal rights activist who have never dealt with a mule may not want to read the rest of this). The farmer walked to the front of the mule, drew back and hit him right between the eyes and knocked the mule to his knees. The mule scrambled back to his feet stunned and quite shaken. The farmer reached over and gently whispered something in the mule's ear. Then, he climbed back onto the driver's seat, flicked the reins and off they went at a brisk trot. The first farmer asked, “Why did you hit him? I thought you said you were going to talk to him.” The second farmer answered pointedly, “Well, I had to get his attention first!” That is the nature of mules but human beings are not to act like mules – they are to act like reasonable, rational, thinking beings. Human beings should have convictions and be willing to stand with courage for what they believe (1 Corinthians 15:58; Jude 3). But Samuel told King Saul that stubbornness was lawlessness and idolatry (1 Samuel 15:23). The Lord cannot stand a “wishy-washy” or “weak-kneed” person (Revelations 3:15-16), because such a man has no real convictions. But somewhere between stubbornness and “wishy-washiness” lie the love for truth and the capacity to be taught. You can't teach a stubborn man anything – you can teach a “wishy-washy” man everything. Most folks don't ride in wagons drawn by mules nowadays. Rail fences are virtually nonexistent, except for a few decorative ones. But stubbornness remains evident and not always in mules. If I have your attention, let me whisper gently in your ear and ask that you yield your will to God's.