

Teen News

We are so glad to be back in Texas from a much needed vacation in Florida. I only wished I could have brought back some of the rain we encountered on our drive in. Hope everyone one is getting geared up for school, there are just a few weeks left. We are planning a back to school lock in for next Wednesday. The devo will be held in the activity building following the worship service. BLAKE

"I'm worried about you always being at the bottom of your class," said the father to his son.

"Don't worry Dad," he replied. "They still teach the same thing at both ends."

WE THE WILLING
LED BY THE UNKNOWING
ARE DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE
FOR THE UNGRATEFUL
WE HAVE DONE SO MUCH
FOR SO LONG WITH SO LITTLE
WE ARE NOW QUALIFIED
TO DO ANYTHING
WITH NOTHING

Grandma Changed

In the dim and distant past
When life's tempo wasn't so fast,
Grandma used to rock and knit,
Crochet, tat and baby sit.

When the kids were in a jam,
They could always call on Gram.
But today she's in the gym
Exercising to keep slim.

She's checking the web or surfing the net,
Sending some e-mail or placing a bet.
Nothing seems to stop or block her,
Now that Grandma's off her rocker.

Passing an exam

Three patients in a mental institution prepare for an examination given by the head psychiatrist. If the patients pass the exam, they will be free to leave the hospital. However, if they fail, the institution will detain them for five years.

The doctor takes the three patients to the top of a diving board looking over an empty swimming pool, and asks the first patient to jump.

The first patient jumps head first into the pool and breaks both arms.

Then the second patient jumps and breaks both legs.

The third patient looks over the side and refuses to jump. "Congratulations! You're a free man. Just tell me why didn't you jump?" asked the doctor.

To which the third patient answered, "Well Doc, I can't swim!"

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

“HONEYCOMB GIVERS”

In this article, let us briefly look at three kinds of givers and the results of their giving:

1) The Flint

To get anything from the flint, you must hammer it. And even then, you generally get only chips and sparks. It gives “nothing” away if it can help it, and even then only with a great display.

2) The Sponge

To get anything from the sponge, you must squeeze it. It is good-natured. It readily yields to pressure, and the more it is pressed, the more it gives. Still, one must press.

3) The Honeycomb

To get anything from the honeycomb, one must only take what flows from it. It takes delight in giving, without pressure, without begging or badgering. It gives its sweetness freely.

There is another difference in the honeycomb. It is a “renewable” resource. Unlike the flint or sponge, the honeycomb is connected to life; it is the product of ongoing work and creative energy.

One of the reasons “honeycomb givers” are able to give freely, is that they are aware that their lives are continually being replenished. They believe that what they give away will soon be regenerated (Deuteronomy 15:10; Proverbs 19:17; Ecclesiastes 11:1; Matthew 10:42).

As long as you are connected to the Source of all giving (James 1:17), you can never run dry. When you give freely, you will receive in like manner (2 Corinthians 8:1-5,12-15).



ONE RESTORED AND PLACES MEMBERSHIP



From Dan's desk:

The Summer heat continues. Records continue to be broken. Hopefully relief will come soon. Thank you for being present this morning. I begin a Gospel Meeting today in Ore City, Texas. I will be driving back and forth this week. Bernie Baur will be our speaker this morning and we appreciate his efforts so much. Last Sunday night IOLA WILLIAMS responded to the invitation to be restored in her relationship with God and the Church. She also wants to place membership with the congregation here. She was baptized a few years ago. We are glad she is here with us. Iola is the twin sister of Vi Burchfield. We still have a lot of people on the sick list who need our prayers. Please pick up a copy of the prayer list out in the foyer. Continue to pray daily for those who are ill. Some are still in the hospital and others who are anticipating surgery soon. Continue to remember those who have suffered the loss of loved ones in death. Our sympathy is extended to Frankya Cooper in the death of her first cousin, Dr. Leroy Mathis. Dr. Mathis was a physician in Palestine for many years and loved by all. Our sympathy goes out to his family. I baptized his son, Rusty a number of years ago and he is a faithful member of the Lord's Church near Houston. School begins in the area schools next week. I hope that each of you will be praying for the young people and teachers as they return to the classroom. This is always a difficult transition for both. Out thanks to Norvie Cottingham who spoke to the congregation last Wednesday evening during our Summer series on Heaven. He did a good job and those present benefited from his presentation. He has been in Palestine for many years and does a good work with the Salt Works congregation. Regular classes will resume next Wednesday night.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

MARLENE THOMPSON remains in Houston awaiting additional knee surgery.

TONI DEGELIA, one of our new members, was hospitalized with an infection in her back from recent back surgery.

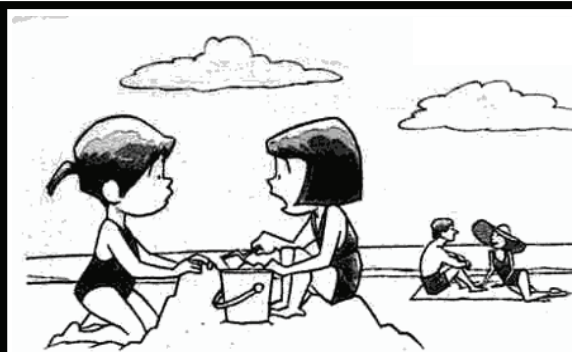
DAVID DEGELIA, Toni's son, has been ill with a reaction to a new drug prescribed for him.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Dennis Ellison, Bobby Johnson, Vonolga Roberson, Jesse Kraus, Toby Williams.

SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS: Jason Mottern, Jeremy Dixon, & Blaine Kline.

RESPONSES

RESTORED & PRAYER IOLA WILLIAMS



"I'm never having kids. I hear they take nine months to download."

THE JUDGEMENT

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Cor 5:10). "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works" (Matt 16:27). When we obey the Gospel the Lord adds us to the church (Acts 2:47). At that time our name is added to the book of life (Heb 12:23). If we then labor within the Gospel (Phil 4:3) and overcome the temptations and trials of this world (Rev 3:5) in an ongoing faithfulness (Rev 2:10), our names will remain in the book of life. In this fact, we have a wonderful reason to rejoice and great motivation to remain faithful. In contrast, the names of those who do not obey the Gospel will not be in the book of life (2 Thess 1:7-9) - neither will those who obey but turn away (2 Pet 2:20-22). However, Revelation 20:12 says "...and the books were opened..." Notice the plurality of the word "books." The book of life will not be the only book opened at that time. We are not given the specifics regarding these other "books" but this same verse tells us that they contain information pertaining to our works - "the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." Let's remember that we cannot earn our salvation - not a one of us has a perfect record. So, when we stand there in judgment with the books opened, we will be dependant upon the grace and mercy of God which was offered through the blood of Christ. But, if we don't diligently strive for a good record, we will not stay in contact with the blood of Christ. Through God's word we are urged "...to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called (Eph 4:1, NASB). We must "walk in the light as he is in the light" (1 John 1:7). It is then that "we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Let's always remember these words of Jesus, "...when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10). As Christians, we should regularly ask ourselves how we are walking. Is our walk bringing us closer to God or is it leading us away from Him?