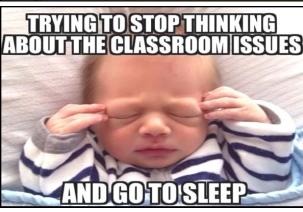


Welcome to services this morning! It's good to see everyone. It's hard to believe that most kids have started back to school or will start this week. I pray the LORD will protect them and their teachers, and everyone will have a successful school year. Next Friday evening, August 21st at 6:30 PM, we will be meeting in the Activity building for another service project. Please make sure you bring a mask because we will be preparing food. For those of you who are participating in the advanced Bible reading program, the deadline for the current incentive is August 31st. Let Alison or me know if you need help signing in. Have a great week! DOUG "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD." Psalms 1 2 2 : 1

# What's The Matter With Mrs. Craig?

A Nashville newspaper carried a tongue-incheek story about Mrs. Lila Craig who hasn't missed attending church in 1,040 Sundays although she is in her eighties. The editor commented, "It makes one wonder, what's the matter with Mrs. Craig? Doesn't it ever rain or snow in her town on Sunday? Doesn't she ever have unexpected company? How is it that she never goes anywhere on Saturday night so that she's too tired to attend the worship service the next morning? Doesn't she ever 'beg off' to attend picnics or family reunions, or have headaches, colds, nervous spells, or tired feelings? Doesn't she ever oversleep or need time to read her Sunday newspaper? Hasn't she ever become angry at the minister or had her feelings hurt by someone and felt justified in staying home to hear a good sermon on the radio or TV?





# SIN'S ARITHMETIC

Sin adds to your troubles, Subtracts from your energy, Multiples your difficulties, and will Divide your interest in His work. And its wages is death.

## **DOOR GREETERS**

**Sunday Aug 23, 2020 Security Team PREPARATION Sunday Aug 23, 2020 Dale Sparks** 

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

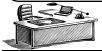
## The Grandfather Clock

There is a legend about a grandfather clock that stood in a corner for three generations, faithfully ticking away the minutes, hours and days. Its means of operation was a heavy weight suspended by a double chain. One of its new owners, believing that an old clock should not bear such a load, released the weight. Immediately the ticking stopped, and according to the legend the clock asked, "Why did you do that?" The owner replied, "I wanted to lighten your burden." The clock answered, "Please put my weight back for that's what keeps me going." All too often we try to remove the very things that keep us going, the things that make us worthy of the air we breathe and the space we occupy. As we take a backward glance at our life, we must confess that much of what has contributed to our character was achieved through conflict. Much of what people admire and praise in us, came through the double doors of opposition and frustration. In simpler words, we're like that grandfather clock: life's weights keep us going. Thus, we shouldn't try to get rid of the very things that give us our strength, especially since there's a source of help in bearing the burdens of this life. That source is Jesus Christ. He's promised to help us whenever we need that help if we're a child of God. Paul said regarding his thorn in the flesh, "Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Cor. 12:8 -10). Paul also said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil. 4:13). **ADAPTED** 

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# School Starts This Week. "Sharing The Blessings" "Let Faith Over-ride your fears"





# From Dan's desk:

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

The attendance continues to climb each week at our worship services. We had 184 in attendance last Sunday morning. That is great and we appreciate all of you who continue to come each week. Your presence is indicative of your "faith over-riding your fear". We believe that people should use caution but at the same time, how safe does it have to be for people to come to worship? We are all concerned about the pandemic but we have to live our lives and not allow the media and others to continue to put us in a "fear-mode" continually. We have made every effort to keep each other safe. Hand sanitizers, mask, gloves (if you desire), seating 6 foot apart, and socially distancing as much as possible meets the standards set by the sate and local governments. Above all of that, we are praying to the Father to keep us safe. That He has done. We hope to see you this Lord's Day. People are much safer here than in many of the places they frequent during the week. Let's continue to pray for our teachers and students as they return to public and private school this week. The adjustments and transitions that have to be made are dramatic and difficult to adjust to in the classrooms across America. Hopefully and prayerfully all of this will soon be over. We hope you took advantage of the free milk, and vegetables provided this last week. This is a great blessing to many. Thanks to the men who went to Crockett to help load the church bus. Charles McCullough, Doug Lowe, Steve Camp, and Dale Sparks, Carl Rutledge, Donnie Wells, Clayton Collins and Susan Lane went with us to bring the items back and distribute them. Thanks for coming today. It was a wonderful blessing. We will see you all tonight at 6 P.M. DAN





# TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

**HANNA GLENN remains a patient** in Children's Hospital in Dallas.

JOHNA STONE (daughter of Debbie Warren) has cancer and is undergoing tests.

**DOROTHY SPARKS** (sister-in-law of Dale Sparks) has cancer and undergoing tests and treatment.

**GARY MISSILDINE** has been hospitalized recently and undergoing tests.

**BROOKE JACKSON daughter of Gary and Liz Missildine had major** surgery this last week.

Prayer List is available in foyer.

#### **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." Thanks again for coming.

### SHARING THE BLESSINGS

You need to sign up by tonight for the items to be given away this Tuesday. You must be on time this week to receive the items.

#### "YOU NEVER ASKED ME"

When Henry Ford purchased a large insurance policy, the newspapers carried a story about it, since the amount was so large and the man so prominent.

An old friend of Ford's who was in the insurance business was surprised by the report since he had not heard that Ford was in the market for insurance.

The next time he saw Mr. Ford he asked him if the report was true. Ford replied that it was. The friend then asked why he had not purchased the policy from him since they had been friends for many years. Mr. Ford's reply was, "You never asked me."

This lesson is needed in Christianity. Many of our friends are not attending our services because we are not asking them. Sometimes our reasoning is that since we asked someone once and were refused, no one else need be asked. No reasoning could be more wrong.

Here is something that every member of the congregation can do. Ask your friends to attend services with you, especially on Sunday evening, If you ask your friends, you will come yourself and that will help. If you keep on asking your friends in the right way, they will come, and that will help even SELECTED more.