

# Teen News

I would like to welcome those who moved up to the High School class this morning. I know you will enjoy our studies and activities together. Our goal in class is to grow in God's word and exercise what we learn in our lives. It seems in the world today many go to church for the wrong reasons or not go at all. I want to encourage everyone, especially those who never come to Bible Class, to start attending. You are missing out on the most important thing in life by not coming. Parents please help us with encouraging them to be active. We are having a DEVO tonight after our worship service. This will take place here at the church building. I have a lot of fun activities planned, a great devotional and we will have a meal. ALL TEENS ARE WANTED! Please remember to pray for those south of us who are in need of help.

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## Send the Fire Truck!

In a small eastern Kentucky town, the local police chief also served as part of the Volunteer Fire Department. His job was to answer the phone and in the event of a fire was to ring the fire bell to summons all the volunteer firemen in the county. One Saturday morning, the phone rang and the chief answered, "Fire department." Out of the ear phone came the terrified voice of a woman yelling, "Hurry, send the fire truck!", but immediately hang up the phone. The chief sat there stunned. "Send it where?" In a very few minutes, the phone rang again, and the chief again answered, "Fire department." Once more, in hysterical cries, the voice on the other end of the phone cried, "Hurry! Hurry!, send the fire truck," and again immediately hung up the phone. The chief was even more perturbed. He ran out into the street and surveyed the scene for a full 360 degrees, looking for smoke. No smoke. Where was the fire? Whose house was going up in flames? Were there children who were in danger? All these things flitted through his mind. He heard the phone rang again, and on the way back to the station office, he devised a way to keep the lady on the phone long enough to find where to send the fire truck. He grabbed the phone, and yelled, "Where's the fire?" The voice on the other end returned the yell by saying, "In the kitchen!" and promptly hung up the phone once more. So much of what is called religion is a lot like this humorous situation. Insufficient information leaves people insufficiently informed and the lack of information promotes nothing but insufficient confusion. Only the full truth of God satisfies every situation in life. **Adapted**

### DOOR GREETERS

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ABC 10—KTEN  
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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## "IS IT REALLY THAT IMPORTANT?"

*To help you set and keep your priorities straight, take the following personal inventory.*

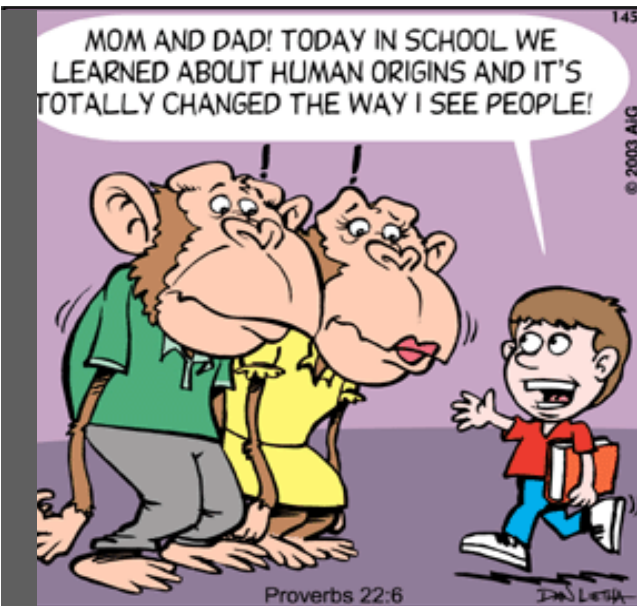
1. **Which is more important to you?** Making sure your dog (or cat) gets fed every day or making sure that your child gets daily spiritual nourishment?
2. **Which is more important to you?** Watching television or taking time for prayer and Bible study every day?
3. **Which is more important to you?** Speaking out on current issues or speaking out to help someone understand Bible truth?
4. **Which is more important to you?** The time you spend playing sports, hunting, or fishing or the time you spend with your children?
5. **Which is more important to you?** The time you spend adorning your body or the time you spend improving the inner man?
6. **Which is more important to you? What you think of last Sunday's sermon or what God thinks of your response to the sermon?**
7. **Which is more important to you?** The condition and appearance of your house or what goes on inside your house?
8. **Which is more important to you?** The preacher speaking to you at the door after worship or the preacher speaking to you through the sermon?
9. **Which is more important to you?** The temperature in the church building or the spiritual temperature of the church which meets in the building?
10. **Which is more important to you?** The number of people who show an interest in you or the number of people in whom you show an interest?
11. **Which is more important to you?** The number of people who speak to you at church or the number of people to whom you speak?

IT'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT DAN

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Parents, what did your child learn in school this year?

**“And the rain came down....”  
Continue to pray for those displaced in the Houston area.**



***From Dan's desk:***

We were all taken by surprise by hurricane Harvey last week. Little did we know that the effects of the hurricane would be so long lasting and devastating. We do continue to pray for those in Houston, Rockport and other places where the flood waters have displaced people from their home, etc. We are once again reminded of the damage that can be done in a short time. Many continue to ask the Elders and Deacons, “Are we going to help?” The answer to that question is a resounding “Yes”. An assessment of needs and damage must first be done and we will respond accordingly. We have been in contact with the Champion Church of Christ in Houston where Brother David Arnold serves as the preacher and as an Elder. He is keeping us up to date to what is going on. They will serve as one of the “help Centers” for the Houston area. We are blessed here in Palestine inasmuch as we did not feel the effects of the storm as others have done. Tomorrow is labor Day. Many will take the holiday. Many will be in the Houston area responding to the cries for help. It is wonderful to see people coming together to help one another. Remember those who are less fortunate. Today is promotion Day in Bible classes. We are glad you are here. If you are not attending Bible class on Sunday or Wednesday evening, we want to encourage you to start doing so. You will be blessed and you will learn a lot. Children’s Bible Hour will resume next Sunday night at 6 P.M. Parents are reminded to bring your children. Thanks for being here this morning. We hope to see you at the evening service at 6 P.M. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**ROSE ANN CAUTHREN** had knee replacement surgery at Palestine Regional last Monday. She is doing better.

**MICHAEL MORRIS** had back surgery this last Monday and he is improving following his surgery.

### **SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to Jane Davis and family in death of her brother CHARLES NELSON of West Virginia. Services were held yesterday.

Our sympathy is also extended to Carol Ann Cartwright in the death of her brother EARL MILNER JR. who passed away in Dallas last Wednesday. Memorial services were held yesterday in Rockwell, Texas

### **CHURCH FELLOWSHIP**

Please remember that we will have a sandwich supper next Sunday evening after services. Please bring sandwiches and deserts. Those who would like to stay and sign cards to the shut-ins and those who are ill are encouraged to do so.

### **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.**

### **“WE ARE RESPONSIBLE”**

During the Civil Wars in England a man on the Isle of Man was accused of treason and sentenced to death. The king eventually granted a pardon. The pardon fell into the hands of a bitter enemy of the condemned man, and it was never delivered. The man from the Isle of Man was executed. What do you think of someone who possesses a pardon which could save another person's life, but he fails to deliver it, whether intentionally or by neglect? Again, would you not be outraged at the insensitivity and inhumanity of this person? Paul said that he was a debtor to the people of the world. Of course, Paul was in debt to God for his marvelous grace. Paul was in debt to Jesus Christ for his substitutionary sacrifice of atonement at Calvary. Why should Paul feel a debt to the sinners of the world, most of whom he had never met, many of whom were his enemies? Paul felt the obligation, because God had called him to be an apostle. Paul was "set apart for the gospel of God" (Rom. 1:1). Paul possessed the payment to save others from spiritual bankruptcy. He possessed the pardon from the king to save them from being executed. He had the gospel, the good news of Jesus, which was "the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith" (Rom. 1:16). We possess this very same gospel which has the identical saving power today as it did in the first century. The needs of people today for salvation are just as pressing as were those of Paul's world. Should we not feel the same debt of obligation to others to share the good news of Jesus Christ? The Church is to reach out to others with the saving message of Christ. Author Unknown

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