

Teen News

It was good to see all of you in Bible class last Sunday on promotion day. We had to put out more chairs. We are grateful for the support of our youth and their parents. I hope everyone had a good time at the ice cream social and devotional last Sunday. Thanks to all that were able to attend. Tonight I would like to have a special fellowship with you. Try to bring at least five dollars (or whatever you can manage), of your own money, with you to worship tonight. If you do not have any money, don't worry, I want everyone to be a part of this activity.

BLAKE

Monday Night for the Master will resume on September 26th for the Fall/Winter. Please mark your calendars now and plan to make this a monthly ministry. A lot of good is done in this one hour and we know the Lord must be pleased to see His people being servants.

SINGING NIGHT THIS
WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

CHILDREN'S
BIBLE HOUR
RESUMES
ON SEPT.
11TH AT 6pm.
COME JOIN

US!!!
DOOR GREETERS

Sept. 11, 2011
James & Sandy Singleterry

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sept. 11, 2011
Johnny & Carolyn Jenkins



"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"

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

" GENUINE REPENTANCE"

Someone once wrote, "Some often repent, yet never reform; they resemble a man traveling in a dangerous path, who frequently starts and stops, but never turns back." What is repentance? How important is it to Christians of any age? And finally, what does this have to do with walking by the Spirit? To help answer these questions I was drawn to a familiar text, the parable of the lost son found in Luke 15:11-32. A father had two sons and one of them chose to leave the security of home and venture out into the world, a dark sinful world filled with sin. Most of us know how the story ends, with the son coming back home.

But what helped to bring this about? I believe it is in part, the act of repentance. Notice three vital characteristics of what I would like to call Spirit driven repentance. **First, there is what I would like to call Spiritual Realization.** In v17 we read, "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!'" For repentance to be real he had to be honest about his situation and what he had done. **Second, there is Spiritual Resolutin.** We read in vv18-19, "I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' So he got up and went to his father." This young man, through his selfish decisions, had impacted many people, but the most important was his father. (I think of Psalm 51:4 & 2nd Corinthians 7:9-10.) No finger pointing other than the one pointing back at himself. He was so convicted of this reality that when he greeted his father he said, "I am no longer worthy to be called your son." He had true sorrow. **Third, there is Spiritual Reformation.** Up to this point, the work of repentance has been the young man's. He had some serious choices to make and the best one he made was to **turn around and go back.** I think of how this young man must of looked upon his return for he was in the "fields to feed pigs." The father clothed him with a robe, a ring and sandals for his feet. The father also fed him at a banquet, providing all he could possibly need. The son's decision to turn around set the stage for God to do some amazing renovating.

So, what does this have to do with us as Christians? As we grow in our understanding of God's will, there are times when we come to understand that what we are doing conflicts with His will. True change, I believe, is the result of this same process called repentance. We realize that we need to change as well as be real that without change it causes our Lord pain. Turning to Him we can know that He will renovate our hearts (Romans 12:1-2) so we can be more like Him. When was the last time you repented as a Christian?



THREE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST



From Dan's desk:

Our Bible class promotion went great last Sunday. Thanks to each of you who were in attendance. We had near three fourths of those who attended worship in Bible Class that morning. This is great. We continue to encourage you to come to Bible Class if you are not doing so at present. We have some great folks teaching the Word of God on Sunday and Wednesday night. Children's Bible Hour will begin next Sunday Night. We encourage parents to bring their children as the program this year will be a New and Exciting series on "LESSONS FROM GOD'S WORD". Some exciting and energetic new teachers will motivate your children to be present each time. With Bible Lessons, puppets, songs, key words, Bible Drama, it proves to be a wonderful year for those attending. Mark the date NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT Sept. 11th. We rejoice and are made happy about the Baptism of KEN WOOSLEY, LISA WOOSLEY and their son COREY, who were all baptized following study together last week. Ken works for the Railroad, Lisa is self-employed and Corey is employed at Tractor Supply. We commend them for taking this step. God continues to give the increase and strengthen the Body of Christ at this place. The ice cream supper last Sunday was well attended. We had a wonderful time and thanks to all who stayed. The fellowship was great. Blake and Brandy had to put out more chairs in the teenage classroom last Sunday. This is wonderful They are doing a great job with the youth. Offer them an encouraging word. We hope to see each of you tonight.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN
YOUR PRAYERS:**

SYBIL PERRY was taken to East Texas Medical in Tyler. She is in critical condition. She is in Room #2508A.

MARLENE THOMPSON had additional knee surgery in Houston on Wednesday.

JIMMY RAY has come home from the hospital in Tyler and is recovering at home from his recent accident.

FRANK Mc CLELLAND came home from the hospital on Tuesday. He has blockage in the carotid artery and will have treatment soon.

GAYLE HAMILTON is recovering at her home from her back surgery.

JANE GRUMBLES was hospitalized last week for tests & treatment.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE CONTINUEING HEALTH PROBLEMS: Dennis Ellison, Owen Perry, Gary Oliver, Maggie Larsen. Liam Lowe,

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

RESPONSES

For Baptism

Ken & Lisa Woosley

Corey Woosley



The Visual Aid group will begin meeting again on Tuesday, September 6th at 10:30 AM. Tuesday Ladies Bible class will resume the following Tuesday, September 13th, at 9:30 AM.

Shhhhhhhhhh-
A SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY for David Burke. He will be turning 70 on Saturday, September 12th, 2011. The party will be on September 10, 2011 from 2 to 4 PM in the activity building of the church. No gifts please.

Congratulations

To John & Ann Mottern on the birth of a new granddaughter, Bella Ann Mottern, who was born on August 25th. Parents are Jason & Ashley Mottern. Jason as you know is in the Mideast and will be home for a while to welcome Bella.

