

Teen News

There will be a devotional this Sunday after the evening worship services, we will be going to Reagan Park and have a lesson and we will sing. If anyone needs a ride there please talk to me.

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies Bible Class, which meets on Tuesday mornings, will not begin until September 22. Dan will be in a gospel meeting in Groesbeck the week of the 15th and Audrey will be speaking to their ladies on the morning of September 15th. Sorry for the mix up.

A SERMON THAT REALLY SPEAKS

*I'd rather see a sermon
Than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me
Than merely tell the way.*

*The eye's a better pupil
And more willing that the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing,
But example's always clear.*

*And the best of all the preachers
Are the men who live their creeds;
For to see good put in action
Is what everybody needs.
Edgar A. Guest*

MIXED MESSAGES

The note my daughter brought home from school outlined plans for her class field trip. "Part of the morning will be spent searching for slugs in the forest." it said. "The children do not need a snack."

From a company memo notifying employees that the passenger elevator service, air conditioning and water would be shut off for repairs: "We have been advised to please refrain from using the restrooms during this shutdown. The freight elevator can be used in an emergency."

A little child in church for the first time watched as the offering was collected. When they neared his pew, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear, "Don't pay for me, Daddy; I'm under five."

Billy's English teacher wrote on the chalkboard, "I ain't had no fun all summer." "Now Billy," she said, "What shall I do to correct this?" "Get a boyfriend," said Billy.

Young husband: "Why can't you bake bread like my mother?"
Young wife: "Why can't you make dough like my father?"

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

GIVING BACK TO GOD WHAT IS HIS

I love the story of a church that had a parking problem. It was right next door to a store that was closed on Sunday. They asked the owner if they could use his parking lot. He said that they could use it for 51 Sundays out of the year but that it would be chained off one week. They were happy with the deal, but curious why it would be chained off that one Sunday. He explained that he just wanted them to remember that it wasn't their parking lot!

You know, there's a lot of wisdom there. Because if you use something long enough, you tend to assume that it's yours. But everything we have belongs to God. God wants us to remember that. He told Israel that one day they would be richly blessed. But he warned them: "But then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of mine hand have gained me this wealth' And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth." Deut. 8: 17-18

Think about it. Is it harder to give up something of your own or give someone back what is already his? If I need to haul some stuff around, I might need to borrow a friend's pickup truck for a while. Suppose I kept it for a day. Then I start to give it back to him. Is it hard to do? Here's a car that's worth thousands of dollars and I'm just giving it to him? Sure, its easy to give it to him because its not mine; it belongs to my friend.

What we have belongs to God; it's His stuff to begin with! He blesses us by letting us use it, but it's still His. And when we understand that, giving to God becomes a lot easier.

Someone has said that "As long as a man thinks he owns what he has, then the church will always appear to him as a beggar appealing to him to part with what he has to meet her needs. But once a man realizes that he owns nothing, but owes everything, and even his life is given him in trust, then a proper portion of his blessings will be given back to God."

Kern Porter, Fairfield Bulletin

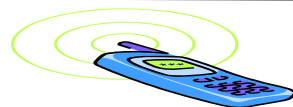
Promotion Day-Great Success
Men's Breakfast and Workday
well attended



From Dan's desk:

Last Sunday was promotion day in Bible classes. We had almost 25% more in attendance than usual. This is great. We all get into the habit of doing things or not doing things we should be doing. Bible class is a great way to learn about God and to help children grow spiritually as well. Thanks to all the teachers who give so much of their time to prepare these lessons for our youth and to those teaching adult classes. It was a great day. A big thank you also to the men who came to the work day. We had 23 men present for a day of fellowship at breakfast and on the work detail. Much was accomplished. The flag retirement ceremony was truly inspiring. Thanks to Charles and those who attended at the early hour of 6:30 A.M. The GARY SMALLEY SERIES, "HIDDEN KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS" was well attended. A special thanks to the many young couples who attended. This is a great series and we hope you will want to be present for each of them over the next 5 weeks. You will be blessed. Glad you are here today.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES
OR PUT THEM ON VIBRATE.**



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:

HELEN LEWIS has been moved to Cartmell Home for rehab.

BRIAN TITLOW, nephew of Bert & Dee Ricard, was in a battle in Iraq and his unit was captured by the enemy. Soon after thankfully, the Americans rescued his unit. Please remember these brave young people in your prayers.

Remember our members fighting long term illnesses:

Donna Freeman, Glenda Wilson, Elmer Alford, Ida Lee Parkman, Oran Bengé

Continue to remember our shut-ins:

Edith Lamb, Mareta Alford, Lydia Herren, Sylvia Masters, Freddie Martin, Ruby Gurganus, Ida Edge, Lillian Pettiette, Ann Fulford, Paul & Reba Worley, Mary Woods, Jessie Kraus, Bill Johnson, Nell Sims.

Continue to remember our service men:

Brian Wayne Titlow, nephew of Bert & Dee Ricard, Army Rangers in Iraq, David Sims, nephew of Bob & Mary Stech, & William Hardy, the minister at South Jackson Church of Christ.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Our Monday Night for the Master program begins again on Monday, September 28th. Please make plans to be involved in this program this year. It is a good program of working for the Lord, and only takes an hour out off your life per month. Can't you spare that!!

BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a Bridal Shower in honor of Hailey Baker on September 13th, from 2 to 3:30, at the home of Jill Camp. Hailey's selections are at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Silver Lady, and Dicken's Jewelry. Transportation will be provided from the church parking lot to Jill's door, if you wish to take advantage of it.



SUMMER SERIES GUEST SPEAKER

This Wednesday night we will have the last of our Summer Series speakers. Bruce Ligon from the Corinth Street Church of Christ in Jacksonville will be here to speak to us on the topic "The Renewed Mind." Please plan to be here Wednesday night to hear this fine man speak.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

Children's Bible Hour begins next Sunday night at 6 PM. The topic this year will be "Hero's & Villian's of the Bible." We hope you will have your children's here at every session this year. This class is for children 3 yrs. through 6th grade. We also have a Toddler Bible Hour for children 0-2yrs. of age in Room # 11.

