

Teen News

Good morning! I hope your time at school is going good. We are not going to have a devotional this Sunday, but we will have one next Sunday. Make plans to come next Sunday and we hope you will invite all your friends. Lets make our class grow and save our friends.

Hebrews 12:11 “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

Sister to Sister/Joy Club



Princess Tea Party



When: Sept 14th from 11 AM to 1 PM
Where: Toni's Petals
We must have a firm count by Sept. 11th for the caterer. Please sign up

The week of September 17th, the truck from Tipton Children's Home will be here to pick up our donations. They are asking us to collect :

Napkins

Paper towels

Kleenex

Please have these to the building no later than Sunday, September 15th.

WAKE UP! CHRISTIAN PARENTS

We have a major spiritual crisis in our nation. The latest polls show that 7 out of every 10 children raised in the church are leaving the church by their second year of college. The two main reasons for this is worldly influences and lazy parents. Many parents have forgotten that it is their Christian duty to raise their children up in the way of the Lord (Deut. 6:6; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4). If you are not teaching your children about God by your example or teaching them the importance of God's Word, then you may lose your children to the world. If the current trend continues, the church will die out in America. We can defy the current polls by taking action and making time to teach our children about God in our homes. We should not expect our children to get all their education about God at church because it is not enough. Your children are being influenced by world in many ways. For example, when you send your children to public school, not only are they taught the fundamentals of education, they are taught that evolution is a fact instead of theory. They are being taught to think that we should not oppose worldly views. Instead, we should accept them and just call them alternative lifestyles. They are also being taught there is no absolute truth and many other things that are contrary to God's Word. Many of these teachings are coming from their textbooks. The world understands that if they can train our children with information like this, that they can change our nation. Adolf Hitler understood this, which is why he said: *“Let me control the textbooks and I will control the state...”* During a speech he delivered on November 6, 1939 Hitler said: *“When an opponent declares, ‘I will not come over to your side,’ I calmly say, ‘Your child belongs to us already.... What are you? You will pass on. Your descendants, however, now stand in the new camp. In a short time they will know nothing else but this new community.’” Parents, do not neglect your children.*

DOOR GREETERS Sept. 15, 2013

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FOX 44—Waco, TX.
FOX 29, Bryan-College Station, TX.
NBC 53—Lufkin, TX.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

We live in a society that is obsessed with negative news. Whether you watch the news on TV or read it in the newspaper, most of it is gloom and doom. How often do they cover good news? Not often enough. As much as we focus on negative things, it shouldn't surprise that many in our nation are depressed.

While it is hard to have a positive attitude while being surrounded by negativity, as Christians, we should have a positive attitude about life because we are the children of God. When we remind ourselves of how awesome our Creator is and what He has done for us, it will help us to have a positive attitude about life. When we look at the beauty of a sunrise or a sunset or enjoy the wonderful smell of a flower, we can know that God created everything on the earth for us (Ps. 19:1).

Knowing that God created us with a free will should cause us to have a positive attitude as well. He could have made us like mindless robots, but He wants us to choose to serve Him. If we choose to love Him, we will serve Him and keep His commandments (1 Jn. 5:3). When we fear God and obey His commands, it will cause us to have a positive attitude because we can know that He will bless us, and we will receive the promise of heaven (Rev. 2:10).

It should cause us to have a positive attitude knowing that the Word of God thoroughly equips us with the knowledge we need to live faithfully to God (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3), which means we do not have to guess or wonder if our final home will be in heaven (1 Jn. 5:13).

We should have a positive attitude knowing that we are never alone because God is always there for us. No external forces can separate us from the love of God or the salvation He has offered us through His Son (Rom. 8: 35-39; Heb. 13:5-6).

We should have positive attitude knowing that other Christians have been through the same trials we have and were able to resist the devil steadfast in the faith (1 Pet. 5:6-11). It will help us to spend more time with our brethren, since they are striving to be a positive light in our dark world.

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**Good Morning Church Family
Welcome to all visitors
May God be praised**



From Dan's desk:

School has started and everyone will soon be back to their routine. We hope your routine will include worshipping God regularly. Why not begin by allowing your schedule to include Bible class on Sunday morning, Worship and then again on Sunday evening. Included on your schedule should be Wednesday night Bible class. It's a great way to learn more of God's Word and encourage and enlighten your children. Tonight at 6 P.M. Children's Bible Hour is on our schedule of events. Children's Bible Hour is for children age 5 through the third grade. Toddler Bible Hour is for children 2 years of age through 4 year olds. This year we also have a class for children 4th through 6th grade on Sunday evenings. All of these classes provide an opportunity for these young people and we hope that each of you will want to take advantage of them and be present. We are also planning a once a month JOY CLUB activity after services for this group. We will tell you more about this soon. This year, the Children's Bible Hour will be studying "*Adventures In The Bible.*" An active congregation is one that grows and stays healthy spiritually. Several have been inviting their friends and family members to worship and bringing them to services. Let us encourage you to do the same. Let's do our part to build and strengthen the Body of Christ. Monday Night For The Master will meet on Monday night Sept. 30th. Please put this on your calendar. We will share in a meal at 6:15 P.M. and then work from 7 P.M. till 8 P.M. There is much to do and all can be involved. We hope to see each of you at Services tonight at 6 P.M. *Don't disappoint the church.*

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

MARK JOHNSON had a heart cath on Wednesday. A stent was implanted and he is doing better.

BOB STECH had a pacemaker implanted on Thursday.

Continue to remember all those on the prayer list in the foyer. Please take one home and really pray for these folks.

Do you know the three times that most people are in church? *When they are hatched, matched and dispatched.*

If your left hand doesn't know what your right hand is doing, you should consider running for a job in Washington. [Anonymous]

Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited --- until you try to get into their pew.

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.

The Righteousness of God

An alchemist once went to Leo X and declared that he had discovered how to change ordinary metals into gold. He expected to receive a huge sum of money, preferably in gold, for his discovery. Leo was very clever in responding to this announcement, though. He merely gave the alchemist a large purse in which he told him to keep the gold he would make from other metals.

God's way of working with mankind is very similar to what Leo did with this alchemist. In several places in Paul's writings he uses the phrase "the righteousness of God." The phrase often means "righteousness" which has its origin in God. This is in contrast to man's righteousness which we seek to develop within ourselves. Paul explains: "For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness" (Rom. 10:3). If we appear before God and announce that we can change ordinary human thoughts and deeds into righteousness, God's response will be similar to that of Leo to the alchemist. Instead of rewarding us for our supposed discovery, he will give us the opportunity to stockpile our human righteousness. Our personal storehouse of righteousness will be as empty of merit as the alchemist's purse was of gold.

Instead of achieving righteousness on our own--something impossible for us to do due to the universality of sin--we should lay hold of God's righteousness through faith. Paul said he wanted to "be found in Christ, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith" (Phil. 3:9). As the great hymn "Rock of Ages" by A. M. Toplady puts it:

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill the law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save and Thou alone.