

Teen News

Due to the fires here in Palestine last Sunday we were unable to have our special fellowship. Tonight I would like to have this 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

QUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP

Our quarterly fellowship luncheon will be held two weeks from today Sept. 25th following the morning worship. Please bring two of the following, Meat Dish, salad, vegetable or dessert.

We Must Put Away Lying

One of the more common sins that is going to cause many people to be lost is the sin of lying. Because of this Ephesians 4:25 says, **"Therefore, put away lying, let each one speak truth with his neighbor."** If we tell a lie it is a little lie, but if someone else tells a lie it is a big lie. There are no little lies or big lies, but as far as God is concerned, a lie is a lie. Proverbs 6:16-19 says, "These six things the Lord hates, yes seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a **lying tongue...a false witness** who speaks lies. The Bible tells us that "God who cannot lie" (Titus 1:2). God despises a lie. In John 8:44 Jesus says, "You are of your father the Devil...there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." When we tell a lie we are like the Devil, but if we always tell the truth we are more like God. In Acts chapter 5, Ananias and his wife Sapphira had conspired to lie. In Acts 5:3-5 we read, "But Peter said, Ananias why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit?...Why have you conceived this thing in your heart?...Then Ananias hearing these words fell down and breathed his last." Three hours later his wife Sapphira came in and also told the same lie. "Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last." God struck them dead because they each told a lie. This shows us how God feels about lying.

DOOR GREETERS

Sept. 18

Jim & Gerry Hahn

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sept. 18

Billy Lane

**A wise old owl sat on an oak,
The more he saw the less he spoke;**

The less he spoke the more he heard;

Why aren't we like that wise old bird?

SIN'S ARITHMETIC

**Sin adds to your troubles,
Subtracts from your energy,
Multiplies your difficulties,
and will**

Divide your interest in His work.

And its wages is death.

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

Our Bible Study Classes

I want to commend Bible class teachers for the great job you are doing and especially those teaching children. Teaching others is a very important responsibility in grounding our children, young people, and adults in the faith to help them to go to heaven. The eternal destinies of many souls are involved. We are only one generation away from apostasy. If we don't teach our children the truth of God's word while they are under our guidance, they will apostatize and be lost. This is very serious.

God wants His word to be taught diligently. We read in Deuteronomy 6:6-7, "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." Teaching God's word is one of the most important things we can do. In 2 Timothy 3:15 Paul told Timothy, "From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation." Timothy was taught as a child but what happens when God's word is not studied and taught? God says in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." If we fail to study and teach God's word both our children and we will be destroyed for a lack of knowledge.

Why do people fall away? Hebrews 3:12 says, "Beware brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." How do we build our faith so we will not have "an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God"? Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." And as James 1:21 says, "Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." Only by knowing God's word can our children and our souls be saved so we can go to heaven. Besides our study at home, let's take full advantage of our Bible study classes at church.



Children's Bible Hour Begins Tonight. New Teachers, New Material. Be Here 6 P.M.

REMEMBER

"Don't make someone a priority, who only makes you an option."

From Dan's desk:

Much time and effort has gone into planning for Children's Bible Hour this year. Thanks to all those who met with us last Sunday for the planning session and to review the material that will be used. A big thank you to Audrey for all her hard work in drafting up the material and to those who have agreed to help this year. We believe it will be one of our finest years. Last weekend was a memorable weekend. On Sunday night attendance was really down because of the fires that were burning all over Anderson county and the state as well. Many in the church were told to make plans to evacuate their homes and some did. The fires were burning dangerously close to several. Fire trucks were out all over the country and those from surrounding counties. Several of us went to the homes of those who might be in danger on Sunday evening after services. That is why we had a short amended service. We felt it best to check on those who might be in danger. It is good to see everyone back this morning. We want to say welcome to those who might be visiting with us today. We are also glad you are here as well and we hope you will return as soon as you possibly can. The ladies are minded that this Tuesday morning at 9:30 A.M. the Ladies Bible Class will resume. Our study is entitled, "Conquering your Giants". Hope to see you tonight for worship.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SYBIL PERRY is still in Palestine Regional hospice unit at the time of this bulletin. She is in critical condition.

DAPHNE PRINCE fell and broke her hip on Sunday. She is recovering from surgery in Tyler.

MARLENE THOMPSON is still in Houston recovering from surgery. Her address has changed. See bulletin board.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Jimmy Ray, Jane Grumbles, Dennis Ellison, Maggie Larsen, Owen Perry, Gary Oliver, Gerald Wilcher, Liam Lowe, Toby Williams.

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

"THE POWER OF ENCOURAGEMENT"

Several years ago studies were conducted among former American POWs to determine what methods were most effective in breaking their spirit. The findings revealed that they did not break down from physical deprivation and torture as quickly as they did from solitary confinement or from disrupted friendships caused by frequent changing of personnel. Attempts to get the prisoners divided in their attitudes toward one another proved to be the most successful method of discouraging them. It was further learned that the soldiers were not sustained primarily by faith in their country or by the rightness of the cause for which they fought. They drew their greatest strength from the close attachments they had formed to the small military units to which they belonged. Please read Philippians 1:3-5 and make the obvious connection to the Lord's army.

CAN GOD COUNT ON YOU?

Do you love God? How much? Are you willing to be fully committed to him in every way? Is there anything you would not do for God (Mark 12:29-30)? We live in a world that is constantly at war, at war with sin (2 Corinthians 10:3-6). Whose side are you on? Can God count on you to increase your knowledge of his word so you can defend it against false teachers and their disciples? *"You must continue growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* (2 Peter 3:18). God wants us to go beyond a state of spiritual infancy and advance to maturity (Hebrews 5:11-14). We do this when we pray, study, and apply the Scriptures (Acts 17:11). Will you resolve to study the Scriptures on a daily basis? Can God count on you to defend the truth against every foe? Too many people will defend the gospel if someone they do not like is perverting it. But, if one of their friends perverts God's word, they tend to be very tolerant, or they will make excuses for them. When truth is at stake, we should have no friends except God. Do you find yourself wetting a finger and sticking it in the air to see which way the wind is blowing before you take a stand on a controversial issue? The Bible says stand (Ephesians 6:13-14; Jude 3)! Can God count on you to take an active role in the work and worship of the local congregation? God has not placed the responsibility for building up the local congregation on the shoulders of only but everybody is to work! Can God count on you. Selected.

Don't follow the crowd, let the crowd follow you.