

Everyone had a great time at the Volleyball game last Sunday night. We appreciate all who stayed for the fun and fellowship. Please mark your calendar for the upcoming "Fall Fest" on October 30th. We will have a wonderful time and a lot of plans for the evening are being made. We will have another planning meeting this afternoon at 5 P.M. in the small fellowship Hall. Plan to attend and bring your ideas .      **Josh**

## **S T R O N G   I N   T H E   L O R D**

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." (Ephesians 6:10). This admonition is found near the conclusion of Paul's beautiful epistle to the Ephesians. Verse 10 is followed by principles that enumerate the armor of the Christian that are necessary in his being strong in the Lord. It appears that man has a natural desire to be strong. Perhaps it goes without saying that no one desires to be weak. Though men almost universally have a desire for strength, the objective in strength often varies. With some it is a quest for physical strength (1 Timothy 4:8). With others, it may be a longing for financial strength and they sell their soul in pursuit of it. (Mark 8:36-38). Still with others, there is the craving for intellectual strength and recognition. (Ecclesiastes 12:12). These do not constitute the true objective of strength. The greatest strength is to be strong in the Lord. This is the very thing that so many ignore and for which they have little regard. Several admonitions in the New Testament are noted regarding this subject: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." (1 Corinthians 16:13).

## "A TIME TO LAUGH"

According to a radio report, a middle school in Oregon was faced with a unique problem. A number of girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints.

Finally the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls into the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night. To demonstrate how difficult it was to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to clean one of the mirrors. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it into the toilet and then cleaned the mirror.

Since then there have been no lip prints on the mirror. There are teachers and then there are TEACHERS.

## DOOR GREETERS

**Oct. 24, 2010**

**Patsy and Frank McClelland**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

**October 24, 2010**

**Johnny Jenkins**

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*India Mission*  
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*Tanzania Africa Work*  
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Tipton Children's Home  
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### **ASSEMBLY TIMES**

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

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SPIRITUAL FAMILY**

**FAMILY RESEMBLANCES** In physical families there is a family resemblance manifested in each member. The same is true in the family of God. Godliness is the trait or mark that His spiritual children bear. "...denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world." (Titus 2:12) The rulers "took knowledge of them (Peter and John) that they had been with Jesus." (Acts 4:13) Was it the resemblance that they observed?

**LOVE FOR THE FAMILY** It is natural for one member of the family to love other members. Even greater love should prevail among members of the spiritual family. There should be no place for hatred, jealousy and ill will in the hearts of members one toward another. The same law that makes one a child of God makes him a brother or sister to every child of God on this earth. "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently..." (1 Peter 1:22) Love for the family of God should prompt us to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2); to prefer one another (Romans 12:10); to do all we scripturally can to keep the family faithful (Galatians 6:1; James 5:19-20); to rejoice in the family gatherings. (Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:25).

**INTERESTS OF THE FAMILY** Physical families have interests in which all the members are to engage. In like manner members of God's family are to be gravely concerned about royal interest. God's family is to be interested in the spreading of the Gospel – the power of God unto salvation. If we are truly interested in the royal realm, we will be spending time, talent and money on it. Many lost frontiers and provinces would be won for Christ if all who bear His name were concerned about His kingdom. How much interest do you have in spiritual affairs? Aren't you a member of the family?

**THE GREAT FUTURE** "But we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like Him." As faithful children of God, we shall one day be gathered with other members of God's family where circles will never be broken...blessed thought! ." (2 Timothy 4:7-8)



## SEMINAR IN DALLAS Tomorrow. Leave at 5 A.M. Two Respond

*From Dan's desk:*

We will be leaving in the morning at 5 A.M. to attend the Leadership conference in Dallas. It will be a great day. We will be back sometime that night. Those going along will enjoy hearing some great speakers and the fellowship that accompanies such events. Thanks for being here this morning. It is great to see each of you. Last Sunday morning Kim and Lyndsey Gibson responded to the invitation expressing their desire to draw closer to God. We love and appreciate them so much. We continue to lift up our prayers for and with them. Fall is in the air we appreciate the change of season to season. We are grateful to all who are in attendance this morning. Thanks to our visitors who have come to worship with us this morning. We hope you will want to return. We still have several on the sick list and we want to continue lifting up our prayers in their behalf. Remember our church Fall fest that is coming up on Saturday night, October 30th. We have a planning session today at 5 P.M. Join us in the small fellowship hall. See you then.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

### **PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:**

**BOB BURCHFIELD** is improving following recent hip surgery  
**BUDDY HART** father of Pam Shellenbarger is improving following surgery this week in Tyler.

**GLENN LOWE** brother of Virginia Stanaland and Doug Lowe I is seriously ill.

### **Those with continuing health concerns:**

Maggie Larsen, Charlie Hall, Ida Lee Parkman, Danny Sumrall, Jerry Mahan, Carlos Blanco, Lauren Dollarhide Mary Brown and others who have been ill recently.

There are still dishes that remain in the foyer. PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF THEY BELONG TO YOU. We need to move them out of the foyer. If you help prepare food recently and brought dishes to the building they may belong to you.

John and David were both patients in a mental hospital. One day while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool, John suddenly dove into the deep end. He sunk to the bottom and stayed there.

David promptly jumped in to save him. He swam to the bottom of the pool and pulled John out. The Medical Director came to know of David's heroic act. He immediately ordered that David be discharged from the mental hospital as he considered him to be okay. The doctor told David, "We have good news and bad news for you, David! The good news is that we are going to discharge you because you have regained your senses. Since you were able to jump in and save another patient you must be mentally stable. The bad news is that the patient whom you saved, Mr. John, hung himself in the bathroom, and died".

David replied, "Doctor he didn't hang himself, I hung him there to dry".

## FALL FEST

2010

OCTOBER 30,  
5-7 P.M.



## IN THE ACTIVITY BUILDING

Cake walk, ring toss, washers, horseshoes, face painting, free throw shots, pumpkin carving, pie eating contest, many other events etc. lots of fun and games and a hayride. We hope you will join us.

OCT. 30th 5-7 P.M.



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## RESPONSES

**For Prayer**

**Kim Gibson**

**Lyndsey Gibson**