

Teen News

Next Sunday we will be hosting the Widows & Widowers Thanksgiving luncheon. We need all the teens to be here early Sunday morning to help set up for this luncheon, we also need some parents to make desserts for next Sunday. Parents, if you are able to help us prepare food or make desserts, please let me know.

DID YOU KNOW ANNIE?

This lady lived in Palestine years ago and went to church at Queen & DeBard before they merged with Crockett Road. This article was written by the preacher from that church and Billie Bedford brought it to us as an inspiration to us all.

AN EXAMPLE OF FAITH

Jim Lundy-Tulsa, OK

I knew a fine lady about fifty years ago that still stands out in my mind as one of the greatest examples of how Christians face adversity that I have ever known. I was preaching for the DeBard Street church in Palestine, TX in the late 1950's where I met Sister Annie Lou Day. But, what made her so different than most other people? Annie had a son, Billy, when she was in her early twenties. Billy was born with a mental problem, but was able to remain at home. About this time Annie developed a severe case of arthritis and became bedfast. Her husband left her and she was faced with supporting herself and Billy from her bed. She lived in a small

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apartment over a store (she owned the building) and had some income from the rental. She also used the telephone to sell magazines and other items that could be sold over the phone. When Billy became older, he fixed a tray that hung around his neck loaded with pencils, shoestrings, etc. and walked the streets selling them. Together they survived. Annie was a faithful Christian. Though bedfast, she seldom missed a service. She built a hand operated elevator so she could be lowered to the ground in a wheelchair. She also taught the principals of serving the Lord to Billy. One day when I was visiting, Billy came in from selling his wares. He sat down and began counting his money. He would place some of them in a pile and place the others in a jar. The jar was his contribution jar. Annie said he put the money in every time he came home so it would be ready each Sunday. He was afraid he would spend it all and not have it ready for the contribution on the Lord's Day. Annie Lou did not think of herself as handicapped, she simply had a few more obstacles to overcome than most people. When I begin to feel discouraged, I think of Annie Lou and realize how richly I have been blessed. She departed this life, but I am confident she has a home of peace and rest awaiting her in eternity. How much better this world would be if there were more Annie Lou Days.

DOOR GREETERS— November 15, 2009

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

MOTHERS ARE NOT BIRDS



My son found a bird's nest. It was empty. After just one season, the mother bird finished with it. Next year she will build another. But I am glad human mothers are not like birds.

Did you know that if someone handles eggs in a wild bird's nest the bird may stop sitting on them? And if a mother bird has a defective chick she will shove it out of the nest and not allow it to grow up? Thank God our mothers care for us, regardless of the many problems we have. They take care of us when we are hurt or sick. Like God, they love us even when we do wrong things.

A mother bird keeps busy feeding her young and protecting them. That is all she does, though. Think of how often our mothers have to be nurses, teachers, housekeepers, cooks, chauffeurs, counselors and friends. With all we ask it is a wonder they DON'T PUSH US OUT OF THE NEST.

Baby birds are out of the nest in one season. Our mothers are forever. They continue to do things for us even when we get older. They never stop caring for us. They pray for us. They become grandmothers and care for our children.

During this month of Thanksgiving don't forget to thank the one who gave you life, and keeps on giving every day of her life.

"Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old." Proverbs 23: 22

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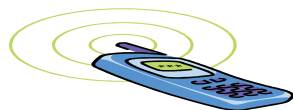
"A SALUTE TO OUR HEROS"
THANKS VETERANS



From Dan's desk:

This coming Wednesday is November 11th, better known as Veterans Day in America. We are proud of those who have worn and continue to wear the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. We are truly thankful for our country and those who have given us freedom. We salute the men of the congregation here who make us proud by serving their country. God bless you. Last Sunday was a wonderful day. One of the largest attended luncheons was witnessed by those who attended. There was an abundance of good food and fellowship. Thanks to JAMES and SANDY SINGLETERRY, FRED AND BETH FREEMAN, SANDRA IVES, MARTY and PAM NASH, SCOTT and SARAH JOHNSON, JIM RICARD and LORELEE. No one understands how much work goes into preparing for such an event. We are grateful to JAMES and SANDY for coordinating the meal and their helpers. You might tell them. Thanks for being here this morning. It is a wonderful day to worship God. Glad you have come.

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



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

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

IKE WEATHERLY will have surgery on Friday of this week in Tyler.
WANDA BURKE will have surgery on the 19th at ETMC in Tyler.
BILLY LANE continues of recuperate at his home after surgery.

**REMEMBER OUR MEMBERS WITH LONG-
TERM ILLNESSES:**

Elmer Alford, Richard Prince, Glenda Wilson, Ida Lee Parkman, Oran & Adelle Benge, Edith Lamb, Arnold E. Shellenbarger.
SERVICEMEN: Brian Titlow, David Sims, Christopher Bevins & William Hardy.

Widows and Widowers Lunch

The Youth Group will again be providing and serving lunch to the Widows and Widowers on November 15th in the activity building. There is a sign up sheet on the youth board and they need to know how many will be attending by Wednesday night, November the 11th. Please go by and sign up as soon as possible.



**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CLASS
HAD A GREAT START WITH OVER
40 IN ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY.**

HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Our annual church Holiday Christmas Fellowship Meal and Program will take place on ***Dec. 1st*** this year. Make plans to join us. A sign up list and menu is on the bulletin board. It may sound early, but it will be here before you know it. It will be a catered meal and we need to let the caterer know how many to plan for.



2nd ANNUAL THANKSGIVING

On Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, we will be having a Thanksgiving lunch for any of you who would like to be here with us. Please indicate on the sign up sheet 2 things you will be bringing as your contribution to the lunch or you can make a donation to help defray the cost of the meat.

