

# Teen News

The New Year has come and that means we are getting closer to L.T.C. Competition the weekend of March 25-26. That is less than three months away. I hope that you all are studying outside of class and getting ready to go to Dallas for the event this year. This is always a fun time, but a time for us to learn more about God. Thanks each of you who are participating and for your interest. Thanks for coming to class this last year on Sunday morning and Wednesday night. I hope that this year you will make that extra effort to be in class every Sunday and Wednesday night when we meet for Bible study and that you will make a resolution to participate in the Devotionals on Sunday night. Thanks. BEN

## DEGREES OF FAITH

While the Bible speaks of "one faith" (Eph. 4:5), it also tells of varying degrees of faith. Consider the following:

1. **Little faith.** "But He said to them, 'Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?' Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm" (Mt. 8:26).
2. **Dead faith.** "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (Jas. 2:26).
3. **Great faith.** "When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!'" (Mt. 8:10).

We also read about **strong faith** (Rom. 4:20), perfect faith (Jas. 2:22), active faith (Jas. 2:14-18; 21-23), etc. Of the numerous "faiths" mentioned, we must avoid the "little" and the "dead."

Faith comes from hearing God's word (Rom. 10:17). If we will feast regularly upon God's holy writ and apply its teachings, our faith will be active, perfect, strong, - indeed great! **What is your degree of faith?** ADAPTED

## OTHER'S NEEDS

Jesus explained His return in Judgment as follows: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left" (Mt. 25:31-33). Where will you be in that great day? Will you be on the right or the left? Among the sheep or the goats? The choice is yours. Jesus goes on to explain that those on the right will be those who have been mindful of others. Do you help give food to the hungry? Do you give drink to those who thirst? Do you take in strangers? Do you help clothe the naked? Do you visit the sick? Do you go to those imprisoned? (See vs. 34-36). Rather than being concerned about a specific checklist of six things, the point is this: Ours must be a life of ministering to others needs. Such is a true demonstration of "faith working through love" (Gal. 5:6).

May we all become better at seeing to others' needs! **SELECTED**

## DOOR GREETERS –Jan. 10, 2016

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



**We welcome the New Year  
2016 with Great Optimism.**



***From Dan's desk:***

Thanks to each of you for joining us in worship today. As we begin the New Year together, we are confident that the year 2016 promises many new blessings along with new challenges for God's People. The weather played havoc with everyone last weekend. The tornadoes that ripped through the Dallas area were truly amazing. We continue to pray for those that lost homes and for the families that lost their loved ones in the devastating storms. The winter weather has finally arrived this week. I have come to really appreciate the seasons of the year. We hope that each of you had a wonderful holiday experience with your family and friends. God blessed the congregation here during the year 2015. Some 23 souls were baptized into Christ. Others have responded to the call of Christ to either be restored in the faith or place membership with us during the year. A total of 70 responses to the invitation made it a great and memorable year. We give God the praise for the continued increase in numerical strength, as well as the spiritual growth in maturity witnessed on the part of many. The average contribution for the year 2015 was \$ 7,408.00. This is great. Because of the liberality in giving by members of the congregation here, we have been able to reach out and proclaim the Gospel of Christ in many areas as well as helping with benevolent needs of others. We are a blessed church. May each of us continue to ask God's Blessings upon us as we begin this year 2016. With God's help, we can make it our best ever. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PAUL HILLER** has been placed with hospice and is seriously ill in Lufkin.

**DEBRA PLUMMER** has been ill and had to go to ER this week.

**SAM AMYAPUR** remains in serious condition in Trucare Nursing facility.

**All others with continuing illnesses are listed on the prayer list in the foyer.**

**“To err is human.” Sin is a great equalizer. Each and every one of us has sinned and will sin. To say otherwise is self-deception that calls God a liar! (1 John 1:8). Sin is something that we all have in common.**

**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.

**“WANTED: DEPENDABLE PERSON”**

In virtually every classified section of the newspaper, we find some employer advertising for a “dependable person” to occupy some position of trust and responsibility. I have talked with many business owners who state that finding employees they can count on is their number one problem. No organization can succeed without dependable personnel. The lazy, irresponsible, hit-and-miss type is a shame to his company and hinders its effectiveness.

It is equally true that the local congregation cannot be an effective organization unless it consists of “dependable” Christians; that is, members who will shoulder their responsibilities along with the rest and cooperate to fulfill the mission of the church. While the Bible does not use the word “dependable,” it does use equivalent terms such as “steadfast” and “zealous” (see 1 Corinthians 15:58; Titus 2:14, etc.). Every Christian should be characterized by these terms. He should be one who can be “counted on” at all times.

The sad, but true, fact of the matter is, however, that many congregations have a percentage of undependable members: members who couldn't hold down a job for a week if they conducted themselves toward their work like they do toward the church and its work. **Adapted**