

Good morning and welcome to services! We hope you all had a great Spring Break and are ready to finish out this school year. Our thanks to everyone who took the Bible Bowl and Pearls test for L2L. You are to be commended for your diligence in learning more about Hebrews for L2L. The young ladies enjoyed finishing up their scrapbooking this last Friday evening. Mark your calendars for Sunday evening March 28th as there will be a devotional for the youth ages 5th-12th grade in the Activity Building immediately following the evening worship service. We hope to see you there.

Have a great week!

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Proverbs 1:7

DOUG

“DON’T STRIKE OUT AND QUIT”

Sometimes we strike out in the game of life as well. We fail at something and we are tempted to just quit. The apostle Peter often failed in serving Christ. In fact, when Jesus was on trial, Peter denied he knew Him three times, the last time “cursing and swearing” (Matt. 26:74). But he didn’t give up! Peter repented and went on to become a great leader and preacher in the early church. John Mark quit on the apostle Paul during his first missionary journey and Paul refused to take him along on his second missionary journey. But Mark repented and also became a great minister, so that even Paul later said, “Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry” (2 Tim. 4:11). God used Mark to write the second book of the New Testament, the Gospel of Mark. How do you handle failure and defeat? Do you let sin discourage you in God’s service or do you repent of it and persevere in His service? Sometimes we will all strike out, but let us all be like Babe Ruth and step back up to life’s plate determined to hit a home run next time!

DAN

“Cast Your Cares On Him”

Although God gives us this assurance that He will care for us, there are many of us distraught over how we're going to make it until the next payday. Jesus instructs us in Matt. 6:25-33 not to be overly anxious or worried about the affairs of this life. He points out that God cares for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. Will He not care for us also? Jesus further informs us that our "heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. "let us remember the words of our Savior who said "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." If we concentrate our thoughts and actions upon these words, then we can have the same confidence the psalmist had as he wrote, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Do you ever get the feeling that you run out of money before you run out of month? Each day when you pick up your mail, does it seem that the "gimme, gimme" letters will never end? Do you find that the majority of your thoughts dwell upon the struggles and difficulties you have in just making it from day to day? God has promised that he will care for us if we trust in Him. This assurance is clearly seen in Psalm 23. God gives us direction in our lives as a shepherd would give his sheep. God provides a place for us to rest and he revives us day by day through His word. He is by our side even when we come near to death. He honors us with His presence when we are compassed about by those who would tempt us to turn from Him. Trust Him. Prov. 3:6 **DAN**

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

LEASE MAKE IT CONVENIENT!”

Would it make a difference if we changed our meeting time to 3 AM on Sundays. While we might not like it, many of us would be here despite the inconvenience. Now, relax! There are no plans to change the meeting time! It brings up the question, though: How willing are we to be inconvenienced in our service to God? Antonius Felix, governor of Judea, didn’t like what he was hearing as Paul was instructing him in the gospel. “Go away for now,” Felix said. “When I have a convenient time, I will call for you”(Acts 24:25). As far as the record goes, that convenient time never came. The governor wasn’t much interested in becoming a Christian anyway; mostly he was hoping Paul would pay a bribe. Unlike Felix, Christians are interested in hearing and doing the will of God. (Or we’re supposed to be, anyway.) Are we willing to be inconvenienced for the Lord? Let’s be specific: Are we willing to make a visit instead of watching our favorite TV program? Or does that visit have to wait until we have “spare time”? Would we schedule something if it conflicted with a worship? Would we attend services rather than getting an early start on that business trip? In short, are we willing to put God (not our convenience) first? The early Christians certainly did not practice a religion of convenience! Acts 2 **DAN**

We are so excited about so many returning for worship. It was great to see new faces among us last Sunday. One places membership.

From Dan's desk:



Our attendance is climbing toward normal. We have not reached that point as of yet but each Sunday we have returning faces among us. It was great to see several last Sunday and also the faces of visitors among us. It is great to hear the sound of “crying babies” once again. I would much rather hear a crying baby than a “snoring saint” in worship. We welcome into our fellowship, JERRY BRISCO. Jerry recently moved to Grapeland and expressed his desire last Sunday to place membership with the Crockett Rd. congregation. We are happy to have him with us. Jerry recently retired from the F.B.I. He has been coming for the last several weeks and we are glad that he has made this decision. Several were out of town last Sunday with their children for Spring break in school. We totaled up those who are regular that were gone and if all had been here, that coupled with those present would have gone way over the 200 mark. Let’s continue to shoot for that number. Numbers represent souls. This is great and encouraging. Our hearts have been made sad recently with the death of several members. Let’s continue to pray for those left behind. Monday Night For The Master will take place tomorrow night. We need to remember that this always takes place the fourth Monday night in the month. Please plan to be with us. Several things we need to do tomorrow night. We can use your help. Join us for pizza and salad at 6 :15 and we will begin work at 7 P.M. and work for one hour. We hope to see you in worship at 6 P.M. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

BETH FREEMAN is critically ill in the Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler on a ventilator.

LORELEE REEDER is scheduled for a back procedure at Texas Spine and Joint Hospital this week.

PATSY BUSH is in the local hospital with pneumonia. She will go to rehab this next week.

Prayer list in foyer

“CHEETAHS”

Cheetahs survive the African plains by running down their prey. These big cats can sprint to more than seventy miles per hour, but they cannot sustain their fast pace for long. Within their long, sleek bodies are disproportionately small hearts, which cause them to tire quickly. Unless the cheetahs catch their prey in their first fast sprint, they will abandon their chase. Sometimes Christians seem to have the cheetah’s approach to serving the Lord. They speed into projects with great energy, but lacking the hearts for sustained effort, they soon fizzle out. Let us have great staying power - stamina that comes from big hearts - so that we can patiently run the race set before us. *“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...”* (Heb. 12:1-2) Author Unknown

“OUR GREATEST DANGER”

I heard a news item about a man who was attacked by a great white shark in Australia. The shark bit off one of his legs and mangled the other one. What is interesting about this story is that the man was warned repeatedly that there was a large shark in the water. The beaches were closed and warning signs were posted telling people to stay out of the ocean. Even the lifeguards warned the man not to go for a swim, but he ignored every warning and nearly paid for his folly with his life. In 1 Peter 5:8, God gives us this warning about another even more dangerous predator: “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” Now friends, are you heeding this warning? If you’re not a faithful Christian, then you’re no different from the man in Australia who went swimming with the shark. Only it’s not just your physical life that’s at stake, it’s your immortal soul. Friends, Satan is on the prowl for your soul. Eventually, he’s going to devour you. The only Savior is Jesus, the only remedy is the gospel, and the only place of safety is the church of Jesus. Let us all heed God’s warning about the world’s greatest danger and live accordingly. May we realize that We have to be alert at all times. To fail to be alert is to face a more dangerous situation in the future. DAN

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Beth Freeman has been in the Christus Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler for tests and treatment.
Lorelee Reeder will have a surgical procedure on her back this week at the Texas Spine and Joint Hospital in Tyler.

Troy Attaway, (Beth Freeman's son) had brain surgery and is now home doing better

Mary Jo Thomason is having Therapy treatments on her legs

Jo Ann Henry (sister of James Henry) recovering from surgery in Ft. Worth

Ike and Joyce Weatherly are both having health issues.

Kenneth Holland-COPD

Rhonda Paul, sister-in-law of Gary Paul has cancer and they have asked for our prayers.

Eva Walker's (99 year old) mother-in-law is recovering from pneumonia and in the hospital in Tyler.

J.B. Matlock has been moved back to Legacy At Town Creek nursing facility. He also has shingles.

Clayton Steen (son of Charles and Betty Steen) is recovering from Colon Surgery at U.T.

Elizabeth Attaway (Beth Freeman's daughter-in-law) cancer

Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer

Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer

Please remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers. They need our prayers. Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Ruby Merritt, James and Irma Ray, Ola Pearl Reeves, Emalie Tuschoff

NOTE: We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list or removed, please notify us in the church office.

THE ELDERS