

Good morning and welcome to services! It's hard to believe that by the end of this week Lads to Leaders convention 2024 will be completed. We are so encouraged by all our young people and the hard work they are putting into their projects. It's amazing to see the growth that occurs from year to year, and we appreciate all the young people and their parents who are a part of this program. We have a lot of planning for our youth group summer going on, so if you have anything you would like to see added this summer please let us know. There is a planning meeting on the calendar for April for parents and youth, so please check your March calendar for that "save the date" near the bottom. We want to make it another great summer filled with fellowship and opportunities for spiritual growth. Hope everyone has a great week! DOUG

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." Colossians 3:23

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.

Don't Get Cheated

In Colossians 2:8, Paul warned his brethren: *"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ"* (NKJV). The KJV translates it: *"Beware lest any man spoil you..."* The idea is that false teachers would lead them away from truth if they were not careful. These Christians could become the booty or spoil of wicked men who could pervert their minds through error. There are few who enjoy cheaters or being cheated. In sports, the possibility that Barry Bonds cheated to become baseball's home run king had thousands of fans frustrated to no end. The fact that an NBA referee cheated players and fans through gambling schemes has outraged scores of hoops enthusiasts. While these may have a legitimate beef and justified concerns, there is a greater problem today. Let's get worked up about the cheating of Colossians 2. The cheating Paul spoke of is as real now as when he penned it. Those who fail to respect the authority of Christ cheat themselves and others. Give me the Bible. DAN

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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



Over the next two weeks, we will have numerous visitors to our city for the Annual DOGWOOD TRAILS. Many will be attending worship services with us. Be sure to make them all feel welcome.

“Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you.”

From Dan's desk:



CALLING IN WELL

We've all heard of calling in sick, but have you ever called in well? One manager boosts morale among his workers by allowing them to "call in well" one day a year. If an employee is just feeling too good to waste a day at work, he can call in well and head out to the golf course. It's nice to see a manager who recognizes there is much more to life than just work (Mark 4:31). Jesus said, "Come apart and rest awhile." It is so important that we rest our bodies. When we sleep we are allowing our bodies to renew and refresh for the next day. I know that people can often abuse the system and when the "boss" says "take a day off", don't misuse it, but take advantage of the kindness of others. Most people respond to the kindness of others and want to work even harder to do a good job. All employers would do well to consider others and "do unto them as they would want others to do unto them." Our world would be so much better if we all practiced the law of kindness. Thanks for coming this morning. See you tonight.
DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

RANDY FOREMAN is recovering from abdominal and hip replacement surgery, but has now had a brain bleed.

LINDA FOREMAN is scheduled to have a heart ablation this week.

AUDREY & DAN MANUEL are improving from Covid this last week.

Jealousy, Envy, Bitterness

One of the saddest things in the world is to see a person who looks like they've been weaned on a sour lemon. Various circumstances can no doubt trigger this miserable look. Often times it is the result of a heart filled with jealousy, envy and bitterness. Folks, the Bible has something to say about such qualities. "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice" (Eph. 4:31). - "Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy" (Rom. 13:13). - "for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?" (1 Cor. 3:3). - "Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!" (Jas. 5:9). - "Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, {2} as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby," (1 Pt. 2:1-2). Adapted

“Buried Alive”

On the Oregon Trail, at least some of the emigrants who died en route to Oregon were buried alive. The reason why was because the survivors were in a hurry. For many years, cholera ravaged the emigrants along the Oregon Trail. Whoever caught it was dead—no cure or treatment existed. Usually, the infected emigrant died in 24 hours or less. If an entire wagon train stopped for an elaborate funeral, it would slow their progress. Too many delays meant the pioneers might not get to Oregon before winter—and then everyone might perish. So, on most wagon trains, the burials became shorter and shorter as more and more people died. Some even abandoned the terminally sick by the side of the Trail, where they would eventually die alone. The more humane wagon companies elected a "watcher" to wait with the person while the wagons forged ahead. It wouldn't take long for the watcher to catch up. Many watchers were in such a hurry that they started digging the grave long before their infected companion was dead. Needless to say, watching your own grave being dug was probably quite disturbing. If you happened to linger too long, well, no one is for sure, but evidence strongly suggests that some were accidentally buried before they took their final breath. That is disturbing isn't it? Yet, what is even more disturbing is that this very thing is happening today. There are many sick and diseased Christians that will soon wither away and die. They are spiritually diseased by the sins of the world (2 Peter 2:20-21). Their only hope is that some other healthy Christian will have enough compassion to see them nursed back to health (James 5:19-20). Too often, sick Christians are left for their own burial.

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March 24, 2024

Dan & Audrey Manuel are improving following their recent illness with Covid.

Brooke Akins is recovering from surgery at her mom and Dad's home.

Randy Foreman is also improving from hip replacement surgery, but has now had a brain bleed.

Bob Stech continues to improve and is at home.

Molly Ray is having health issues at her home and asked for our prayers.

James Henry has been having problems with sleep apnea and asked for our prayers.

David and Sharron Carder have both been ill at home.

Mason Johnson (18 month great grandson of Linda Johnson) has been diagnosed with Cortical Dysplasia, eventually needing brain surgery.

Becky Welborn, sister of Kyle Lock has been seriously ill.

Ike and Joyce Weatherly have both been having health issues and requested our prayers.

William Hawkins, son of Bill and Linda has been having health problems in Okla.

Bryan Titlow, cousin of Jim Ricard has cancer & undergoing treatment.

A close friend of the Whitley's has been diagnosed with cancer and requests prayers.

Chloe Collins is recovering from recent tests that indicated that she has M.S. She will begin treatment soon in Dallas.

Ann and Ken Holland both continue to have health issues at home.

Spencer Kieffer (friend) has lymphoma and asked for prayer.

Robbie Cox, friend of the Hawkins has been in the hospital for two weeks. He has been seriously ill.

Keith Bellamy, preacher at Woodville, is recovering from hip surgery and requested our prayers.

Mary Bryant, cousin of Linda Hawkins, has Lymphoma Leukemia.

The Hawkins friend, Vernon Dickinson, has staph infection and asked for our prayers.

Lori Tanner Richardson, cousin of Cindy Thornton, has breast cancer and asked for prayers.

Sue Smith, friend to several is recovering from surgery in Dallas.

Diane Wilcher continues with health concerns. She is at home.

Jerame Gipson's friend, Lisa Safronoff, is having health issues.

Becky Barnes' great grandson continues to have health issues.

Tina Teetz, daughter-in-law of Pat Baird, is still undergoing tests and treatment

Remember those in nursing homes and home bound in your prayers.

Courtney Bell, Patsy Bush, Mary Chambless, Opalene Chapman, Mary Ann Colling, Ed and Kathleen Compton, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, George Wooden, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Joyce Matlock, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Martha Sims, Monty Todd, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, Charlie Young.

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 improve. Please notify us in the church office.