

Good morning and welcome to services. We had a great time last night enjoying fun and fellowship at the Krumnows' house! We so appreciate their hospitality and the love they have for our young people! Thank you to everyone who attended our Lads to Leaders recognition on Sunday night. We are so proud of our young people and their accomplishments and are so thankful for the spiritual growth they experience in Lads to Leaders. Make plans to stay after evening worship next Sunday for a devo and games in the activity building! Also, if you are not currently attending our Bible classes on Sunday morning and Wednesday night we certainly encourage you to do so. Have a great week! DOUG

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." LJn. 1:7

WELCOME VISITORS

A big 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. Thanks again for coming.

> **April 25, 2021 Door Greeters Security Team Communion Preparation** Mike and Renee' Whitley

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

In the Book of Galatians, we have a list of qualities called the fruit of the Spirit. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love. joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control. (Galatians 5.22-23). As we allow God's Spirit to guide us, we will produce this fruit. The guidance is allowed by submitting ourselves to God's word. "For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1.8). The knowledge of Christ and His will comes through reading and studying the Bible. The word of God is the instrument the Spirit uses to guide us and make us fruitful. "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6.17). A person that is not producing the fruit is either ignorant of God's word or not submitting to it. The result of producing this fruit is, a person without the sins mentioned in Galatians 5.16-21 and a person living in harmony with God. To do this, a person must first become a child of God. "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3.17 After one becomes a Christian, he must then grow. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3.18). Fruit does not appear full-grown and ripe all at once; it grows and matures over time.

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

FORGIVENESS FULL AND COMPLETE

Forgiveness is more than just speaking the words. It must be sincere and from the heart. It must be patterned after the forgiveness God has granted to us. It must be accompanied by actions which befit true forgiveness. Forgiveness involves a kind attitude -- abandoning all animosity and hatred. All bitterness, anger, wrath, clamor and evil speaking should be put away (Eph. 4:31). We can hold no grudges. One must deny the impulse to get even and seek to do the forgiven one good.

Forgiveness involves forgetting (Heb. 8:12), but what does it mean to forget? It is impossible for a person to completely obliterate the wrong from his mind. Rather it means to not hold the person accountable for it anymore. When forgiveness is granted that should end the matter. It should never again be dredged up or held against the one who has been forgiven.

Forgiveness should be given by the "golden rule" (Matt. 7:12).

One should always be willing to forgive -- even at repeated offenses. Matthew 18:21-22 has the apostle Peter asking, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven." Jesus was willing to forgive those who crucified Him, but they were not forgiven until they acknowledged their wrong and repented of it (Luke 23:34; Acts 2:36-39). When one refuses to repent, he is to be regarded as a "heathen and a tax collector to you" (Matt. 18:15-17). May God help us to have such a forgiving spirit. **SELECTED**

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Things getting back to a degree of normalcy. One responds for prayer

From Dan's desk:

I know you are glad that things are getting back to normal. The attendance has remained about the same in numbers, but a number of folks were here last Sunday for the first time in several months. We are so thankful to have them back with us. On Sunday morning, GLENDA BASKIN responded asking for the prayers of the church here. We continue to pray for her. We know that she is going through a difficult time at present. The fellowship on Sunday night was great. A large number stayed for the Lads To Leaders Sandwich supper and program. Everyone in attendance really enjoyed the food and presentation by our young people. They did a fantastic job at the convention this year and we are so proud of them and those who have been working with them. Special accolades go to Doug and Alison Rader and others who have done a wonderful job of encouraging our youth in this great program. The puppet play was really good and the young people were recognized for their accomplishments and awards received while at the convention. SO many good things are happening in spite of all the bad going on in our country. We just all need to stay positive and know that God is working things out for us all. It is easy for us to think the worst instead of trusting in the One who promised to be with us. Matt. 28:20. The trip to Tyler with the ladies and the group who went to Fairfield to Sam's had a wonderful time. The fellowship of other Christians provide for us additional spiritual strength. Thanks you for coming today. Plan to join us tonight as we worship collectively at 6 P.M. See you then. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

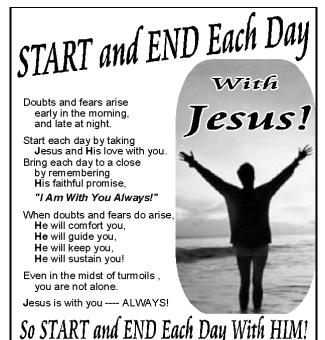
LORELEE REEDER is undergoing tests on her heart as she has been having difficulty recently.

J.B. MATLOCK has been released from the hospital and is at home under hospice care.

DOUG LOWE will be undergoing surgery on his back a week from tomorrow week.

PAT BAIRD had knee surgery last Tuesday in the hospital here.

Others who have been on the prayer list are all improving. List available in foyer.



PLAYING THE PART OF A FOOL

The Lord included in His "Sermon on the Mount" a warning that causes on to ponder. He taught His followers to not call anyone a fool or he would be in danger of hell fire (Matt. 5:22). Why such a severe penalty for simply calling someone a fool? The usual definition of "fool" is "one deficient in intellect or judgment." We run into to those quite regularly! "The fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no God" (Ps. 14:1). Solomon with "wisdom" gave a lengthy discourse in his Proverbs on the matter. "Fools despise wisdom" (1:7); "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth to counsel is wise" (12:15); "Folly of fools is deceit...Fools make a mock at sin" (14:8-9); "A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil, but the fool rageth, and is confident" (14:16). "A fool is soon made angry" (14:17). The lips of the foolish does not disperse knowledge (15:7); "The mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness" (15:14). Isaiah addressed this matter in his prophesies concerning the church and the behavior of New Testament Christians (725 B.C.). "And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the way faring men, though fools, shall not err therein" (Is. 35:8). The Pharisees were chastised by the Lord and called "fools" because they criticized and judged the hearts of men by what they observed outwardly (Lk. 11:37-40). The rich man, who built bigger barns to amass worldly goods but was not "rich" toward God, was called a fool by the Lord and told that his soul would be required of him the very same night (Lk. 12:20). Some were charged as being fools because they were "slow of heart to believe all that the prophets had spoken. Finally, we can conclude that the real fool is the one who denies God and resists his Word. We may feel too refined to be considered a fool, but a careful examination of our personal life may reveal more than what we would like to acknowledge about ourselves. Submit to God and His Word!

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lorelee Reeder has been undergoing tests this last week.

Glenda Baskin is undergoing treatment on her foot.

Jennifer Sparks is recovering from leg and ankle surgery from an accident recently

Patsy Bush has is now a resident in Windemere assisted living.

Ola Pearl Reeves suffered a stroke and is in Greenbrier Nursing facility.

Pat Baird is recovering from knee surgery this last week in Palestine.

Sam Ellis is scheduled for additional leg procedure

Charlene Grumbles (Jane's daughter-in-law) undergoing tests for leukemia

Eddie Stanaland is having heart tests

Troy Attaway is improving at home from recent cancer surgery.

Mary Jo Thomason is having therapy treatments on her legs

Leilani Leonard mother of Adam Krumnow recovering from surgery in Waco.

Three family members of Eva Walker are in need of our prayer, her mother-in-law (Lucile Walker) is with hospice. Her Niece (Cecilee Walker) has colon cancer. Her brother-in-law (Charlie Ray) has been seriously ill.

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

Bert Ricard-heart and lung disease. He has not been feeling as well as usual.

Rhonda Paul, (sister-in-law of Gary Paul and aunt of D'Anne Davis) has cancer and they have asked for our prayers.

J.B. Matlock has been back in the hospital in Tyler for treatment.

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, and 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