

Good morning and welcome to services! We are so glad you are here. A number of us from the youth group are not in attendance at Crockett Road this morning. We are at Central Texas Children's Home for the weekend and are enjoying worshipping with the staff, houseparents and children in Buda. Thank you for all the prayers for safety on our behalf! We got behind a traffic accident last Tuesday evening on our way to Whitehouse on Hwy 79 and had to turn around and come back. We were unable to attend the Summer Youth Series that was scheduled at Whitehouse. A big thank you to Brook Williams for driving us to the last two places. It's hard to believe that this Tuesday night is our last SYS for 2023! We have really enjoyed these Tuesday evenings this summer and have come away encouraged and strengthened. We will be leaving the building at 5:15 this Tuesday night to head to Henderson and we hope to see you there. Hope everyone has a great week!

DOUG

"For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Philippians 1:21 NKJV

# **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.

# "Except"

Exceptions may be good, or they may be bad, depending upon how they are used. We come across a few exceptions in God's word. Fortunately for us, these make life easier and they make our lives worth living. Without these exceptions, our lives would truly be mis-Jesus stated, "Except ye be conerable. verted and become as little children, ve shall not enter into the kingdom heaven" (Mt.18:3). The rule: "ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Why is this so? Because of man's problem with sin (Is.59:1,2). However, our gracious God offers an exception: "Except ye be converted and become as little children." Those who manifest an humble spirit, a forgiving attitude, and a simple trust in God, as little children do, will be exceptions to the rule. Sin will not bar these from entering into the kingdom of heaven. It is a sad reality that most in this world will choose to adhere to the rule, rather than being an exception to the rule. Another exception offered by our Lord is this: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Lk.13:3). The rule: "ye shall all likewise perish." Why is this? Again, the answer is man's problem with sin. Yet, the Lord extends his mercy and grace in providing an exception: "Except ye repent." All men who are led by godly sorrow (2 Cor.7:10) to repentance can escape this sentence of death Rom.6:23 Consider EXCEPT? DAN

**July 30th 2023 Door Greeters Security Team Communion Preparation Bill and Linda Hawkins** 

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## KTXD- 47 Dallas, Texas **ASSEMBLY TIMES**

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

# "Isn't It Ironic" ???

"Behold; .the nations are as a drop in a bucket ....He gives power to the weak. -Isaiah 40:15,29 Several years ago when President George Bush decided that action should be taken against Iraq to liberate Kuwait, he went to the United Nations to gain the support of "the family of nations." He realized that there is power in the unity of many countries. Yet notice how Isaiah described the nations of the world from God's perspective. They are nothing more than "a drop in a bucket" (Isa. 40:15). However great the collective power of the nations, it is insignificant compared with God's all-powerful reign over the earth. The fact that God rules over the world with such awesome might could give us a feeling of insignificance and oppression. Think about it. If the nations are no more than a drop of water in a pail, what does that make us? This is where the great irony comes in. Even though God considers the nations to be relatively insignificant, He views each individual as important. He cares about each man, woman, and child on this earth. And He renews the strength of those who trust Him. He helps them "walk and not faint" (v.31). Better than having the force of the nations behind us is the promise of having the power and love of a caring God to support us. The God who made the firmament,

Who made the deepest sea, The God who puts the stars in place Is the God who cares for me.

**DAN** 

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# **Don't Take Things For Granted!**



# From Dan's desk:

# Who Would Miss Us?

Let us suppose that last Sunday's service was the last that this congregation would ever be permitted to hold. Who in this community would miss us the most? Would the poor? The orphans? The Widows? Or the sinners? Or would it perhaps be the utility companies, the contractors, and the building supply people? Comfortable buildings are important and necessary. But should they be our major impact on the community? Are we wielding the proper forces for good in our community? Are we loved and appreciated by the people for the good things we are doing? In what ways do we touch the lives of those people outside our circle of fellowship? Are we doing as much as we are capable of doing and should be doing? In many ways we have become a society for mutual edification. Our worship services should be times of mutual edification and upbuilding. But we should depart from them to serve humanity. Our Lord was described as a person 'who went about doing good.' (Acts 10:38) He will not be satisfied with us if we do any less than follow in his footsteps. (1 Pet. 2:21) See You tonight at 6 P.M. DAN

# PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





# TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

JACK THOMASON is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
BOB STECH is recovering from a Bone Marrow biopsy in Tyler last Monday.

DELMER WILSON had another biopsy on his face this last week.

JAN RIDGEWAY, sister of Dan is in the hospital in Longview seriously ill with lung issues.

Prayer list is available in the foyer.

One Sunday in a Midwest City, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

# **THANKS**

Our sincere thanks to Marty Nash and Jerry Sturgess for purchasing the new communion vessels for the church. They are beautiful.

# The Right Signal

Jesus saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them.

Matthew 14:14

It was a tragic mistake. On July 3, 1988, the navy cruiser USS Vincennes shot down an Iranian airliner with 290 aboard. All were lost. The ship's captain mis-takenly thought they were under attack by an F-14 Iranian fighter. Public opinion polls showed that most Americans opposed paying compensation to the victims' families. The cruel treatment of American hostages in Iran was still fresh in many minds. But President Reagan approved compensation. Asked by reporters if such payment would send the wrong signal, he replied, "I don't ever find compassion a bad prece**dent.**" To many people, the principle of revenge is so much simpler to practice. Yet compassion is Christ's way — a deep caring for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the whole person. It reveals the heart of God for sinful people — for you and for me. Selected

# **OUR SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to Tammy Vasquez in the death of her mother PEGGY this last week.

# **July 23rd, 2023**

# PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Paul Cartwright continues to recover and has started radiation in Houston.

Glenda Baskin continues to recover. Her foot is doing much better from her recent surgery.

Cecil Stanaland awaiting a back procedure in Jacksonville, Texas

Rick Giles has prostate cancer and will undergo radiation soon.

Doug Sumrall is still undergoing treatment in Tyler. He will continue treatment for about 2 more weeks.

Kenneth Holland continues to have issues with COPD. He has been in the local hospital for treatment but home now.

Dan Hughes has been in the hospital in Temple for surgery, He is now home recovering.

Delmer Wilson had a biopsy this last week on his face in Tyler and no cancer but awaiting additional tests and removal of facial growth.

Larry Baskin is also undergoing tests on his heart. Keep him in your prayers.

Shari Hughes mother Mary Elizabeth Burden, is undergoing health issues in San Antonio.

Cooper McClung grandson of Jerry and Gwynette Sturgess has cancer and is taking chemo.

Dale Sparks undergoing tests for dizziness.

Ann Tillman niece of Mary Stech is having copd problems and asked for our prayers.

Bob Stech had a bone biopsy in the local hospital in Tyler this last week.

Jack Thomason had knee surgery last week in Tyler. He is home recovering.

Judy Hall, daughter of Jane Grumbles, had shoulder replacement surgery recently in a Dallas area hospital. and recovering at home.

Mike Smith brother of Don Smith is having health issues and has asked for our prayers. He is home.

Gerald Wilcher and Diane Wilcher both continue to have health issues. It was good to see them last Sunday.

Bob Monroe former member has prostate cancer and is undergoing treatment.

Angela Buddin, niece of the Cartwrights, has a brain tumor and having health issues.

Vernetta Walker Dwight's mother is recovering at their home from recent hospital stay.

Lanova Mitchell is recovering at her home from a recent fall.

Sympathy to Tammy Vasquez in the death of her mother, Peggy this last week. A family service is planned.

Shelia Thompson's granddaughter, Kymber (10 months old) has stage 2 cancer and the family request our prayers.

Becky Barnes' great grandson had a bone marrow transplant. He is under observation.

Tina Teetz, daughter-in-law of Pat Baird, is improving. As a result of her cancer treatment her tumors are shrinking.

Bryce Stewart, former member, is still undergoing tests and cancer treatment.

Deborah Hagemeier (former member) has cancer and requests prayer.

Jerry Thornton of Canton, brother-in-law of Bill Rawson has cancer & requests prayer.

# Remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers.

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