

Good morning and welcome to services! We are so happy you are here. We had such a great time at our Back to School Bash last evening. We enjoyed cooking out, swimming and great fellowship. We are so appreciative to all who supported our car wash last weekend. We are always blown away by the generosity of our brothers and sisters at Crockett Road! Our youth group is very blessed to be a part of such a loving congregation. School is starting tomorrow for many of our young people and within the next couple of weeks for many others. Our prayers are with all of our students, teachers and school staff as they begin a new year! DOUG

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col. 3:17

#### **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. "NO ONE EVER ASKED ME"

How often have you heard this statement, "No one ever asked me"? Henry Ford once bought an insurance policy from his friend's most fierce competitor. As the story goes, Henry's friend had gone out of town for a vacation, and while away, his competitor came calling on Mr. Ford, and sold him a policy. Upon returning, Henry's friend learned of the business transaction and became furious. He asked Mr. Ford why he had bought the insurance policy from a rank stranger, when they had been friends for such a long time. "Because you never had asked," was Henry Ford's reply. And so, "we have not because we ask not" (James 4:2). Someone once said, "Heaven is full of un-asked-for blessings." God wants us to ask, and ask in faith (Luke 11). But many are afraid to ask Him for things. How normal would it be for your kids to never ask you for anything? And, how disappointed would you be if they did not? God delights in giving His kids good things (Luke 14:15-23). No one had ever asked Winston Churchill if they could do his film biography until Jack LeVein came along and did it. Afterwards, he asked Mr. Churchill why he was allowed to do it when there were so many other great photographers around. "No one else had ever bothered to ask me," was Churchill's reply. DAN

<u>August 11th 2024</u> <u>Door Greeters</u> Security Team Communion Preparation Kathy Chambless



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Have you ever given much thought to *why* you do what you do as a Christian? Many Christians mistakenly think that the only acceptable reason to serve God is because we love Him (Matt. 22:37). While love for God is certainly a Biblical and worthwhile motive for service, it is far from being the only motive mentioned in Scripture. Consider several Biblical motives for serving God:

*Expression of love* — Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). Genuine Christianity is characterized by a faith that works through love (Gal. 5:6). Our desire to please God because we love Him, is certainly a high and noble motive to serve Him with our whole heart (Deut. 6:4-6; cf. 1 Jn. 5:3).

*Increased effectiveness for God's use* — Another motive for obeying God's commands is that we desire to be used more fully in His service. Paul writes about Christians who cleanse themselves from sin in order to be, "a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work" (2 Tim. 2:21).

*Fear of God* — Some would undoubtedly object to this idea, but God clearly intends that we have a healthy fear of Him. The Hebrews writer warns us not to draw back from serving God, "for our God is a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:29). When Ananias and Sapphira were destroyed for lying to the apostles, "great fear came upon all the church, and upon all who heard these things" (Acts 5:5, 11).

**Desire for influence on others** — One great motive for serving God is the realization that our lives touch and influence others. Jesus commanded His disciples to, "let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). Peter wrote of how Christian wives could win their unbelieving husbands through their exam-

ple, "without a word" (1 Pet. 3:1-2).

## WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVE?

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NEW ADDRESS The new address and phone number for Debbie and Amanda Warren is 751 A.C.R. 161 Elkhart, Texas 75839 Ph. 903-731-3945

# School starts in less than one week. **Guest speaker this Weds.** evening.



## From Dan's desk:

It is great to have you all present today for worship. School will be starting and hopefully everyone will be back from summer vacations and back into a routine of things. We have a lot of folks who have been out this summer but it will be wonderful to have them back in worship with us. We always miss them when they are away. Those who have been ill and in the hospital are all improving. We are truly thankful to those who have reached out to them. They all expressed their gratitude for your prayers, cards and manifestations of kindness in any way. We are our brother's keeper. This coming Wednesday night, Brother JAMES BIVINS will be our guest speaker in our Summer Speaker series. His topic is "The fields are white unto harvest, John 4:35. We will meet in the church auditorium. We hope you will plan to be with us that evening and show support. The young people did a great job last Saturday at the car wash, close to \$1,500 by donation, was raised for the youth. We want to thanks Doug and Alison again for the wonderful job they are doing with the youth. We are proud of the youth and their involvement in various activities that are planned. The sandwich supper last Sunday evening following worship was great and all those in attendance had a wonderful time. Not only did we share in the meal, but it was an opportunity to shower the Warren family with gifts and gift cards for their new home. We love and appreciate this family and their faithfulness. We hope to see you all tonight at 6 P.M. DAN

### PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





**KAYEANNE LOWE** remains in a rehab facility at Trinity, until Aug 10th

KAY OSMOND, mother of Jamie White, is seriously ill in the Christus Mother Francis hospital in Tyler.

**GLENDA BASKIN** is in Christus in Tyler recovering from a fall, broken arm and brain bleed.

All others who have been in the announcements of late are all improving.

#### "THE NAME CHRISTIAN"

takes the name of Christ. He becomes a "Christian." 1 Peter 4:16 indicates that we are to glorify God in the name "Christian." Ephesians 4:1 tells us that we, as Christians, are to live a life worthy of the calling we have received. Philippians 1:27 teaches that we are to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. According to Philippians 2:9-11, at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. It's sad that there are many whose lives do not reflect the image of Christ who they claim to serve. There are many so-called Christians who drink, gamble, and do all the ungodly deeds which are common among worldly people. In the Bible, when God's children brought shame on God's Holy name, He disowned them. If we're not willing to have the name of God and His Son, but are living like the people of the world, we ought to "change our ways or change our name." DAN

## HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO **PROVE ALL THINGS**

It is extremely important to prove all things. It is the difference between Heaven and Hell. Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good," stated the beloved apostle Paul (I Thessalonians 5:21). Carefully note what he told us should be a guiding principle of our lives: "Prove (confirm, verify, make sure of) all things (not just one or two; not just a few; but every single one of them); hold fast to (make them firm and sure in your life, do not let go of) that which is good (after you have done all that is in your power to make sure that it really is good and fine and ac-When a person becomes a child of God, he ceptable to the all-powerful and benevolent God of Heaven)." Not only is this a mandatory requirement for the Christian where all spiritual affairs are involved, but it has a very important application to the physical world. John the beloved reaffirmed this high principle of thorough investigation (I John 4:1) with the statement, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try [] the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." That is true, we know. We can see the proof of it all around us each day of our lives. May each of us seek for kind of behavior which reflects the high and holy Truth that sets us free. John 8:32. Real Truth never changes. It is absolute. DAN

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER August 4th 2024

Kayeanne Lowe remains in a rehab in Trinity, Texas until Aug. 10th. She is better. Adrian Mitchell is recovering from brain surgery in Tyler. He is a cousin to Jill Camp and Melody Paul. John Martin, friend of Steve Powell, is in Mother Francis Hosp. recovering from heart by-pass surgery. Glenda Baskin is recovering from a fall, broken elbow, and brain bleed. Ann Sparks continues to make progress from her recent hospitalization. . She is home. Kay Osmond, mother of Jamie White, is critically ill in the Christus hospital in Tyler. John Booth, friend of the Hawkins is gravely ill and desires prayer. James Henry has been having problems with sleep apnea and asked for our prayers. Mason Johnson (great grandson of Linda Johnson) has Cortical Dysplasia, eventually needing brain surgery. Bryan Titlow, cousin of Jim Ricard, has cancer & is undergoing treatment. Ann and Ken Holland both continue to have health issues at home. Molly Ray is a little improved, but still at home with health issues. Jay Mays, relative of Doug Lowe has cancer, desires prayers Lori Tanner Richardson, cousin of Cindy Thornton, has breast cancer Diane Wilcher continues with health concerns. She is at home. Jerame Gipson's friend, Lisa Safronoff, is seriously ill in Memphis, Tenn. 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, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Joyce Matlock, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Martha Sims, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, Charlie Young, Johnny Jenkins. Cecil Stanaland.

**NOTE:** We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better, and 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.