

Teen News

Good morning and welcome to services! We are so glad you are here. We had a wonderful class this morning as we continue our Bible marking studies on Sunday mornings. If you are not currently attending Bible classes we encourage you to do so. Bible classes provide wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. We have some fun activities coming up soon! If you did not receive a youth calendar during Bible class, please grab one from the youth bulletin board. We hope you'll be here Wednesday night for our hot dog supper and guest speaker! We hope you all have a great week. DOUG

"But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive."

Genesis 50:20

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."

Our Public Enemy #1

Our #1 enemy is Satan. His main objective is to cause each of us to lose our soul in the burning fires of Hell. We are warned in 1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." We must constantly watch out for Satan. He is very dangerous! Satan is real. He is not a fictitious character in a red suit, horns, and a tail and carrying a pitchfork. Satan can appear in many different forms. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 11:14-15, "For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness." Satan is a master of disguise. He and his ministers can appear to us so innocently. Satan's main weapon is the lie. Jesus says concerning Satan in John 8:44, "When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." Satan knows all of our weaknesses and how to tempt and deceive us. In Genesis 2:16-17 God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or they would die. But in Genesis 3:4 Satan told Eve, "You shall not surely die." Satan only added the word "not" to what God said and changed it into a lie.

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class

10:30 AM Worship

6 :00 PM Evening

Wed: 7:00 PM

“SPEAK TO US SMOOTH THINGS”

We are living in a "politically correct" world today. Much of this "political correctness" has made its way into the Lord's church just as it did in Isaiah's day. God says in Isaiah 30:9-10, "This is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of the Lord; who say...do not prophesy to us right things; **speak to us smooth things**, prophesy deceits." Many people did not want to hear God's truth then, and they do not want to hear it today. Paul says that people "will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap to themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned to **fables**" (2 Timothy 4:3-4). This is happening in the Lord's church today. Jesus says "For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them" (Matthew 13:15). If people do not hear and follow the Lord's word they will be lost.

Many in the church do not want to hear what the Bible says about Hell, drunkenness, adultery, lying, marriage, any of the other sinful activities that are going to cause people to be lost. People do not want to give up their sinful activities. For this reason many in the church are not preaching and teaching the whole counsel of God. People are wanting them to "speak to us smooth things". Some are preaching and teaching only what the people want to hear. We must have a desire to hear the truth of God's word or we will not hear it. Paul says, "because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they may be condemned who did not believe the truth." (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).

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**FIVE Responses in the
meeting.
We had a wonderful Gospel
Meeting.**



EXTINGUISHED EMBER

Thanks for being present this morning. We had some FIVE respond during the meeting. Thanks to Ben Rhone for filling in for me last Sunday evening. I know he did a good job. Thanks to Marty for teaching the Class on Weds. There are many who do not see the need of worship and attending services. A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The preacher found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the preacher's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The preacher made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back down in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The preacher glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it made a big difference in how he perceived.

Things around him.

It is something to think about. Perhaps there are others who should take note.

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PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

GLENDA BASKIN hopes to go home soon from Tru-Care.

JOYCE WEATHERLY has gone home from rehab.

LINDA HAWKINS is recovering from hip replacement surgery recently

KAYEANE LOWE is back home from Houston and she is recovering from additional surgery on her back.

BOBBY WARREN, Gary Warren's brother has Leukemia and asked for prayers.

BRENDA MORPHEW is in the hospital in Tyler for treatment.

My husband and I incurred several problems while assembling our new computer system, so we called the Help Desk. The man on the phone started to talk to Jeff in computer jargon, which confused us even more.

"Sir," my husband politely said, "please explain what I should do as if I were a four-year-old."

"Okay," the computer technician replied. "Son, could you please put your mommy on the phone?"

**"How Long Do You
Preach?"**

There are very few subjects over which preachers receive more criticism than the length of their sermons. Ezra read the Book of the Law to the people *"from morning until midday"* (Neh. 8:3), and while at Troas the apostle Paul preached a sermon and *"continued his message until midnight"* (Acts 20:7). When people ask me how long I preach, I usually respond, "Until I get done." I am not trying to be flip about the subject, but the length of a sermon depends upon the topic.

I've heard older preachers harshly criticize younger men for not preaching long enough. Sometimes this criticism is just—other times it is simply an attempt by a long-winded preacher to justify himself.

Preachers usually don't like to admit it, but long sermons are often the result of poor sermon preparation. Another factor to consider is the speed at which a preacher speaks. I know of several preachers who could cut the length of their sermon in half if they would simply speed up their rate of speaking—as an added bonus their audience might even be able to stay awake during the sermon!

I am reminded of the man who went to the dentist to have a tooth removed. The patient inquired as to the cost for removing a tooth and the dentist told him it would be \$90. The man told the dentist it seemed like a lot of money for a few seconds work. The dentist told his patient, "Well, if it would make you feel better, I can pull the tooth out real slow!" I feel the same way about sermons—if you think I preach too short of a lesson, I could just slow down my rate of speaking.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sept. 15th 2024

Bobby Warren, brother of Gary Warren, has acute Myeloid Leukemia and asked for prayers.

Glenda Baskin has been moved to Tru-Care nursing facility.

Kayeanne Lowe is back home from a Houston Hospital and recovering from back surgery.

Prayers for Linda Hawkins. She had hip replacement surgery recently. She is home recovering.

Joyce Weatherly is recovering from surgery at Legacy at Town Creek. nursing facility.

Brenda Morphew is in the hospital in Tyler with a sinus infection that has gone to her brain.

Ann Sparks continues to make progress. She is home.

Prayer for Becky Mitchell, daughter of Molly Ray who recently passed away.

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

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

Prayers for the family of Molly Ray She passed away this last week.

Jay Mays, relative of Doug Lowe has cancer, desires prayers

Lori Tanner Richardson, cousin of Cindy Thornton, has breast cancer

Prayers for Bill Ridgeway, brother-in-law of Dan Manuel. He is with hospice.

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

Jerame Gipson's friend, Lisa Safronoff, is improving 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, 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 and Cecil Stanaland.

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.