

Thanks to all of you who attended the swimming party last week. It is always a lot of fun. Our Lads To Leaders program will have its beginning tonight. We hope all of you will want to be a part of this year's activities. We still have a lot of plans for the Fall and we encourage you to get a calendar of youth events and if you have one, please refer to it for the special things we have planned.

DOUG

"If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also...."

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Begins a week from tomorrow night at 6:15 P.M. We will share the meal together and work between 7 and 8 P.M. Please to join us as we work together.

September 25 **Door Greeters Security Team Communion Preparation Brandon & Holly Franklin**

"Your Children and The Church"

It's hard to convince your children that the church is the most important thing in the world when you are negligent about attending its services and supporting its work.

It's hard to convince your children that the church is the greatest institution in the world when you permit them to miss services to go elsewhere

It's hard to convince your children that the church is to be held higher than anything when you insist that they do their homework for public school but permit them to neglect their Bible study.

It's hard to convince your children that the church is the most important institution when you give little to help finance its work and encourage them to do likewise.

It's hard to convince your children that they should respect the church when you continually criticize the leadership, belittle the teacher's work and appear a habitual faultfinder.

It's hard to convince your children the work of the church is important, when you have no part in what work is being done, either financially or personally.

It's hard to convince your children sin is a serious matter when they know you do things that are wrong, and you are not concerned about making the necessary corrections in life.

It's hard to convince there is really a heaven, and a hell, whey they realize that this life is the most important thing there is to you, and they don't see you making much preparation for a life after death.

It's hard to convince your children, when you don't even try to convince them of much of anything — just let them do their thing.

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Dan D. Manuel **Pulpit Minister Doug Rader** Youth Minister

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So what does God have to do to get our attention?

Several years ago dairy farmers in Belgium dumped 790,000 gallons of dairy product onto their fields to protest low prices. Couldn't they have just called a meeting to get the government's attention? Just think of all that milk being soaked into the ground, all of the hungry people who could have been served by that milk...I guess that's the point. They got our attention. Does God have ours? The apostle Paul preached that God "made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live." (Acts 17:26) Why? "God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us." (Acts 17:27) God wants our attention. If creation isn't enough to garner it, the apostle Paul adds, "For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead." (Acts 17:31) A day of judgment? A man resurrected from the dead? What else does God have to do to get our attention? Spill his own blood on the earth?

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"LET US SEEK THAT WE MIGHT EXCEL TO THE EDIFYING OF THE CHURCH. I COR. 14:12



From Dan's desk:

Worship times are always refreshing and encouraging. Your presence at each service means so much to the entire Body of Christ. What could possibly be more important that joining with brothers and sisters in Christ seeking to admonish and motivate each other to greater heights spiritually and at the same time glorifying God together? Our ladies class got off to a great start last Tuesday morning. Thanks to all those who were present and we encourage you to attend if you are not currently attending. Children's Bible Hour also had its resumption last Sunday night. Thanks to the Bible Hour workers and the children who were in attendance. Thanks to the parents who made sure that their children were a part of the program. Please be reminded that the "Monday Night For The Master" will resume a week from tomorrow night on Sept. 26th at 6:15 P.M. It will be great to have others working in the Vineyard of God doing various tasks. We all notice those who are eager to serve and you are to be commended. May God continue to bless us as we work together in the garden of our Lord and Master. I am in a gospel meeting in Dekalb near Texarkana, Texas beginning today and continuing through Wednesday night. RAY CROWDER from Central Texas Children's Home will be speaking today and JERAME GIPSON will speak tonight. Please plan to be present if at all Possible and support and encourage these men. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



MARY JO THOMASON is improving. She was in the hospital this last week.

LINDA LIPPOLD is in the hospital in Tyler with upper respiratory problems.

DAPHNE PRINCE has been in the hospital recently for tests. She is home now.

All those who have had Covid are improving at home.

Don't forget that there is a detailed prayer list in the foyer.

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.



"Don't Force Them"

The late Dorothy Canfield Fisher once said, "To force an opinion is like pushing the magnetized needle of a compass around to where we wish the North Star stood." How abundantly this is demonstrated in religious matters Webster defines an opinion as: "A belief not based on absolute certainty or positive knowledge but on what seems true, valid, or probable to one's own mind." An opinion in religion is a belief people hold that is not sustained by a book, chapter and verse. There are many in religious matters that force opinions because of an improper attitude toward the scriptures. They have formed opinions such as "one church is as good as another", "instrumental music is acceptable in worship," "churches may pool their resources to do a work common to them all." These people do not misinterpret the scriptures - they admit what the Bible teaches, they simply do not feel that they are limited by the scriptures – hence, form an opinion which creates a factious body of people. Opinions are the largest barrier to unity in the Lord's church. May it ever be that we as a local church continue to teach and practice that which can be believed with absolute certainty and positive knowledge because it can be found in the book, chapter and verse. We do not force opinions - we stand for "what is written."

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September 18, 2022 PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Phillip Castillo in the death of his brother Juan last week in San Antonio, Texas Ranette Vargas, sister of Roseann Carthen, is undergoing treatment for cancer. Ben Sanchez, (young 10 year old) friend of the Brooks, had open heart surgery last week. Daphne Prince, has been in the hospital in Tyler with a brain bleed. She is home and better. Jewel Jones, daughter of Mary Alice Largent, is critical in Detroit. Linda Lippold has been in the Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler with respiratory issues. Joni Clont, friend of many here, has been diagnosed with cancer and asks for prayers. Becky Barnes great grandson is awaiting treatment for cancer. Sam Ellis is undergoing outpatient treatment for cancer in Tyler. Madison and Mabry Gipson's grandfather is seriously ill with possible cancer. Bryce Stewart former member is still undergoing tests and cancer treatment. Ralph Wilcher, Gerald Wilcher's brother is undergoing health issues. Robert James, son of Linda Wilson is awaiting a biopsy for prostate cancer. Vernell Johnson's 4 year old daughter, Victoria recovering from heart surgery Kenneth Holland is better from Covid, and he is at home. Jamie Flores, niece of Ann Sparks is having health issues and requests our prayers. Meltha Adams, aunt of Scott Roberson is seriously ill in South Carolina. Bobby Fitzgerald (friend of Ellis family) is having surgery for thyroid issues and has breathing problems. Deborah Hagemeier has cancer and requests prayer. Vonda Simmons, cousin of Lue Gannon has serious health issues. Clayton Steen, son of Charles and Betty is cancer free but still has some health issues. Jerry Thornton of Canton, is undergoing additional oral cancer treatment.

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

Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Patsy Bush, Mary Ann Colling, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Lorelee Reeder, Irma Ray, Martha Sims, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, Charlie Young and Loretta 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