

Good morning and welcome to services! We hope everyone is having a wonderful Christmas Eve and is looking forward to a Christmas Day spent with those you love We had the best time caroling last Thursday night. This is a favorite holiday tradition for Alison and me and we love sharing it with our church family. It means so much to those we visit and really lifts their spirits. We are taking a second trip to Six Flags Holiday in the Park this Friday the 29th. I'm not sure of our departure time just yet, so stay tuned to Facebook and Group Me for more information. We will be having our New Year's Eve party at our house next Sunday evening. Bring your favorite finger food! Merry Christmas, y'all DOUG

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14 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.

"No Pain, No Gain."

This expression basically means that if you are not willing to work hard and suffer a little for your efforts, then you are not going to accomplish very much. Just doing the easy and simple exercises that don't challenge one's body won't lead to lasting results. The same principle is true in life as well. In order for one to be productive in business, for example, one must be willing to make sacrifices of time and money; one must make an effort in order to do well. The more we put into a relationship the better it is going to be. The parent who makes an effort to spend time with his children is going to have a better relationship with his child than the parent that doesn't. Should it cause us to wonder, when we come to the spiritual world, that if we don't make an effort at serving the Lord that we're not going to get anything out of our relationship with God? The same principle is true here as well. "No pain, no gain." Sometimes I think that people expect church to be some kind of spiritual playground where we can just relax and have fun in the glow of God's goodness. While I certainly believe that coming to church can be rewarding, it doesn't quite work like a playground. Our worship and service requires of us some effort, both mentally and physically. The more effort we put into our worship and service, the greater our relationship with God will become. ADAPTED

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"The Lord is my light and my salvation..." Psa. 27:1

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



Merry Christmas and the happiest of holidays

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More activities planned this week. We are glad you have come to worship today.



From Dan's desk:

The activities continue. This is a good thing. Like young children, we all long for the holidays. Christmas is a joyous time when families and friends come together. Our thanks to David and Jennifer Sparks for opening their home to all of us last Sunday evening following the worship service. It was a great and memorable evening for all who were in attendance, The finger foods were delicious and everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks also to all who came. Please remember that we will not have an evening worship tonight. Many will be out of town and others will be with their families celebrating the holiday. We hope that each of you have a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year will promise many wonderful times of good fellowship and other blessings that come from our Father in Heaven. Thanks also to those who went along for the caroling of our members in the nursing homes in Palestine last Thursday evening. We all went to the Rader's home for fellowship afterward. Thanks to Doug and Alison for having everyone over. We also had a good time and the weather was seasonal. Continue to remember those in the nursing homes and pray for them. Many times they are often forgotten. Thanks for the opportunity to brighten their day. We will look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening.

HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





A PRAYER LIST IS AVAIL-ABLE IN THE FOYER. PLEASE BE SURE TO GET A COPY.

MARY ALICE LARGENT'S DAUGHTER, JEWELL remains in the hospital in Wisconsin with heart infection She is in I.C.U.

KENNETH THOMASON, son of Jack and Mary Jo remain ill from a recent fall.

We will have a devotional this Wed. 27th, in the church auditorium due to the holiday and several being out of town. Please make a note of this change in scheduling.



Am I Giving My Best?

I read that Queen. Mary used to go to Scotland every summer. She was so loved by the people that she went about the country without an escort. One afternoon she was walking with some children. Suddenly dark clouds came up. The queen stopped at a house and asked to borrow an umbrella. She said to the lady of the house, "I'll send it back to you tomorrow.' The lady was reluctant to lend a good umbrella to a stranger, but remembered that she had an old one in the attic. One rib was broken and there were several holes in it. but she turned it over to the lady at the door with an apology. The next day there was another knock at the door. When she opened the door, a man in gold braid stood with a big envelope in hand. The queen sent me," he said, "and she asked me to thank you for the umbrella." For a moment the woman was stunned and then she burst into tears. She said, "Oh! What an opportunity I missed that I did that I did not give her my best!" .The story is told of a rich man who wanted to help a poor carpenter and his family. He hired him to build a house and went away on a long journey. The carpenter said, "My boss is away, so I can use shoddy materials, cut down on supporting work, and no one but me will know." So he build a cheap and shoddy house. When the rich man returned, the carpenter said to him, "Here is your house all finished according to your instructions.". "Good," said the rich man, "and here are the keys and the deed. It is yours. I am giving you this house." Over the years the carpenter grieved. In using cheap materials, he had only cheated himself. 2 Cor. 8:5 "They first gave themselves" SELECTED

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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Mary Alice Largent's daughter, Jewel, is having health issues and asked for prayers.

Ann and Ken Holland both continue to have issues with COPD and eye issues.

Ed Compton is recovering at his home from recent surgery.

Mary Stech is improving at her home from a recent hospital stay.

Spencer Kieffer (friend) has lymphoma and asked for prayer.

Lori Tanner Richardson, cousin of Cindy Thornton, has breast cancer and asked for prayers.

Jeffery Wooden, will begin cancer treatment soon.

Sue Smith, friend to several is recovering from surgery in Dallas.

Paul Cartwright is still undergoing tests.

Kenneth Thomason, son of Jack and Mary Jo, is in an Irving hospital with a head injury.

Madison White, step daughter of Jamie White, is recovering from brain cancer and will began radiation soon.

Jo Ann Hannah friend of Mary Alice Largent recovering from surgery.

Rusty McLen friend to others is having health concerns and surgery.

Clara Davis had knee surgery this last week and is recovering at home.

J.T. Grumbles had knee surgery and is improving

Virginia Stanaland has been ill at home and awaiting surgery.

Buddy Townsend, brother-in-law of Dan and Audrey, is with hospice in Tyler.

Diane Wilcher continues with health concerns.

Jerame Gipson's friend, Lisa Safronoff, is having health issues.

James, Angela and Anthony Birdow. All have health issues and need prayers.

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

Trent Barrett, son of Pat Barrett is recovering from an accident.

Angela Buddin, niece of the Cartwrights, has a brain tumor.

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, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Jessie Kraus, George Lester (has moved to nursing home in Houston) Joyce Matlock, Annie Lee Birdow, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Martha Sims, Monty Todd, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, 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 improve. Please notify us in the church office.