

Its good to see each one of you here this morning. Thanks to those who came to Monday Night for the Master last week. I hope that everything is going your way this year at school. Just remember when things don't go your way, put your trust in the Lord. We have been having a good Bible study on Sunday mornings about immorality in today's world. 1 Corinthians 10:13 promises: When you are tempted, God will provide a way out. Since God always provides an escape hatch, the task is to find one and use it. But a word of warning: some Christians wait too long and bypass the exit. The time to deal with sin is when the lust ritual begins, not when you are driving down the cliff. I hope you all will make plans to stay after church tonight for the Devo. Tonight's Devo will be hosted by Keri and I at the funeral home. Come hungry!!! See you later. BEN

Silent Violins

Luigi Tarisio was found dead one morning with scarce a comfort in his home, but with 246 exquisite violins, which he had been collecting all his life, crammed into an attic, the best in the bottom drawer of an old rickety bureau. In his very devotion to the violin, he had robbed the world of all that music all the time he treasured them: others before him had done the same, so that when the greatest of his collection, a Stradivarius, was first played it had had 147 speechless years. Yet, how many of Christ's people are like old Tarisio? In our very love of the church we fail to give the glad tidings to the world; in our zeal for the truth we forget to publish it. When shall we all learn that the Good News needs not just to be cherished. but needs to be told? All people need to hear it. What lesson can be learned from Luigi? Shall we keep hoarding our knowledge of God's wonderful story of salvation while others are dving without Christ every hour? ADAPTED

The Kindness Society

In our unkind uncaring world, there is a "kindness society". Kindness is something in which each of us can improve and grow. Judging from the new testament's words on the subject, God plainly intends it to be a common characteristic of His saints. Kindness does not" come naturally" for everyone, and it is especially hard to extend kindness to some folks. Paul instructs us to "... be ve kind one to another,...." The Bible shows us that KINDNESS is one of the essential qualities of God; When we cultivate it in ourselves, we become more like Him! Kindness is shown in many ways; Jesus said "...love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again;..." (Luke 6:35). Paul described some **non-**Christians as "kind" in Acts 28:2 because they "kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold."KINDNESS is not a sign of "weakness" or some sort of a character flaw. In the new testament, the word "kindness" means usefulness. moral excellence (in character or demeanor), or gentleness. In Ephesians 4:32, it describes being "usefully employed, in that which is good and gracious." When we read that **God** is kind. He is telling us that His actions toward us are good for us, useful, to the saving of our souls. His exceedingly rich grace to man is demonstrated by His kindness toward us through Christ, Ephesians 2:7. The church is the "Kindness Society" Go forth and show you love and kindness to others.

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INNOCENT LIVES

January 22, 1973 (Roe v. Wade) is the darkest day in the history of the United States. On this day the U.S. Supreme Court made the unconstitutional ruling that killing an unborn baby is an act protected by the Constitution of the United States. It ruled that any woman who wants to kill her alive, but unborn, baby may do so whenever and however she decides. Since then 23% of all babies in this country are killed before they ever see the light of Iday. The total of murdered babies in the USA since 1973 is **46 million** and climbing. This legalized murder is called "Pro-Choice", but the baby has no choice. Any unborn child can be doomed to death if his mother deems him an inconvenience or burden to her life. It is argued that any woman has the right to do with her body as she chooses. But the baby she carries is not her body. Its life belongs to the body of another human being. An awful inconsistency exists in this country. One can be put into Federal prison for taking and destroying an unhatched American bald eagle egg. Yet one can kill a human child before it is born and receive our government's blessing. This is insane. Life is a gift from God. Acts 17:25 says God "gives to all life, breath, and all things". Proverbs 6:17 says God hates "hands that shed innocent blood". How much more innocent and defenseless can an unborn child be? Revelation 21:8 says those who are quilty of murder "shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone". SELECTED

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One Baptized Monday Night For The Master involve many.





From Dan's desk:

It was good to be back home from the meeting in Buna. That meeting resulted in one being restored to God as she came forward asking to rededicate her life to Christ. I appreciate the opportunity of going back and trace roots from many years ago when I first started preaching the Gospel. Allison Rader's parents live in Buna. Her dad serves the church there as an Elder. The church there is alive and well. We are grateful. Last week, Dwight studied with BRAD STARR and he was baptized into Christ. We are happy about his decision to obey the gospel of Christ and our thanks to Dwight who took the time to study with him about the gospel. We welcome Brad into our fellowship and congregation here at Crockett Rd. Our thanks also goes to the individual who treated the ladies to lunch last Wednesday morning following the ladies Bible class. It was a wonderful day. If you have never been by to visit at the 1904 Kolstad Inn, you need to do so. Mary Williamson is a gracious host. Many of you are aware that I will be out again today. I am preaching in a meeting in Hallsville. My roots go back much further to when I grew up there as a child. I was baptized there and preached my first sermon. I will be there in the meeting from Sunday till Wednesday. BEN RHONE will preach today. Dan

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

<u>LINDA CHEIARS</u> is improving and has gone home from the hospital after almost 2 months.

<u>DEBRA PLUMMER</u> is scheduled for surgery this week. Continue to remember her in prayer.

<u>ROBERT TAYLOR</u> had a procedure on his back this last week.

<u>DIANE WILCHER</u> is schedule for surgery on Oct. 13th.

BOBBIE JOHNSON has been undergoing tests this last week.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Gregg Gurganus and family in the death of his mother *JAUNETA GURGANUS* who passed this last Tuesday. Memorial services were held this last week here in Palestine. Our prayers are with the family.

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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.

Is It Really A Matter Of Concern

Does it really matter what you believe as long as you are sincere? But to believe this, is to believe something untrue. If it doesn't matter what you believe, then it doesn't matter if you believe at all. God's word tells us "he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." God's word tells us we must believe in Him. To believe in God is to believe and obey every word He has given us. If it doesn't matter what you believe, are Buddhist, Hindus, Muslims, and others, who are so sincere that they will even die for their false beliefs, lost? Jesus declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). The only way to God is through Jesus. Jesus says, "For if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins" (John 8:24). The many false religions do not believe in Jesus. They have no real hope. By not believing in Jesus, one will die in his sins and be lost in the burning fires of Hell. So it does matter what you believe. What about the false beliefs of others? The reason many religious people are so divided is they want to pick and choose what they want to believe, reject the parts of God's word they do not like, and add the things they want. Does it matter what they believe as long as they are sincere? But what does God say about this? "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 all may be condemned who did not believe the truth" ALL LIVES MATTER TO GOD. (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). DAN