

It's good to see you all here today! Our attendance in Sunday school was way up last week. That is great! The only way we can grow spiritually is to be in God's word as much as possible. God wants us to be ever moving forward so we can discover the fullness of the life He came to provide. And as people who follow Him, we want to go forward too. Please be encouraging to others and invite them to join us. Thanks to Dan for two wonderful sermons last week. We are so blessed to have him! For those who weren't here for the afternoon worship, you missed out! If you missed either sermon you can listen to them on our church website. School is back in full swing and our students have been very active in different activities. Please remember our youth in your prayers. See you all tonight! BEN

LADIES BUNKO

This month's Bunko Get Together will take place Thursday, Sept. 19th at 5:30 P.M. in the small fellowship hall. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign if you will be attending. Please bring your favorite snack and join us. All ladies are invited.

On Friday night Sept. 20th, a group will be going to SAM'S RESTAURANT in FAIRFIELD, Texas for some of the finest gourmet food in East Texas. Any one who would like to go along is invited to do so. We will leave at 5:30 P.M. There is a sign up list on the bulletin board. Please sign the list if you are making plans to go along.



"Interpretation"

Many of us have heard other people say concerning their own pet religious doctrine, and then justify (?) it with the statement, "Now this is my interpretation of the Bible; and we all have a right to our own interpretation." And many times they have scarcely read what the Bible says on the subject, to say nothing of having made the careful study necessary for objective interpretation. Perhaps they have accepted the preacher's word for it; who, in turn accepted the word of some school teacher, commentator, or church father. Perhaps they read the Bible AFTER mentally acquiescing to a doctrine advocated by their parents or friends. Frequently this "interpretation" bit is only an effort to give respectability to a purely private opinion. "Interpretation" — when properly used with reference to God's Word, means, "to tell the meaning of."The "meaning" must originate with the Bible, not in the person's imagination. In any event, no one has the right to speak of their interpretation of the Bible until they have made a careful study of the text, in its context, coordinated all like passages, and reached a conclusion as free of bias and prejudice as is humanly possible. The Bible does not contain the Word of God. The Bible is the Word of God. It needs no interpretation. DAN

DOOR GREETERS Sunday Sept. 22, 2019 **Orre and Donna Costlow COMMUNION PREPARATION** Jerame Gipson Sunday Sept. 22, 2019 **NURSERY Donna Giles**



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Between the atheist who would not dream of financially supporting the church and the Christian who will not financially support the Lord's church?... Between the skeptic who does not believe the Bible and the negligent Christian who never reads it? ... Between those who do not believe in Bible classes and those who choose never to attend a class? ... Between the atheist who does nothing to build up the Lord's church and the Christian who finds fault with others but does nothing himself? ... Between a man of the world and a person in the Ichurch who lives like a man in the world? ... Between a man of the world who lives for self and a person in the church building who lives for self, not God? These are tough questions for Christians who live in a tough world. The fact is, Christians make no difference until they are different. Adapted

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NUMBER 38 Sept. 15, 2019 Many activities are taking place among us. Olan to be a part if possible.



From Dan's desk:

The numbers in Bible class, worship and Children's Bible Hour were great last Sunday. It is good to have everyone back home and in the routine of coming. Children's Bible Hour started last Sunday night and we had some 29 present. This is wonderful. Thanks to all those who help with this program for young children each week. They do a tremendous job. The Ladies Bible class breakfast was fabulous. We had some 40 signed up for the breakfast and we had a large attendance for the first lesson in the fellowship Hall. Thanks to all the ladies who attended the breakfast and those who were in attendance. It is always nice to resume the class after a summer break. Many are on vacation and different functions during the summer months and we always start back in the Fall with a new vigor. Thanks for your comments about the lessons last Sunday. I have been studying with others recently and I hope and trust that their obedience to Christ will follow soon. We continue to pray for them. The new Church directories were made available after services last Sunday. If you were not here you can pick up a copy in the church office. We have one directory per family. This directory will give us greater access to numbers and emails of those in the church. We hope you will take advantage of them. By the way, as was announced last Sunday, the Men's breakfast was great and we had an opportunity visit with each other and the food was good at Denny's. It was nice to have someone else prepare the breakfast instead of the men having to do so. Thanks for coming today. See you tonight. Dan

TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

<u>JIM DAVIS</u> is undergoing tests and will go to Dallas for additional tests & treatment. <u>DEBBIE WARREN</u> is undergoing tests and will have surgery soon.

<u>LINDA LIPPOLD</u> will be going to Houston this week for additional Cancer Treatment. <u>DEANNA CHAPMAN</u> will be undergoing radiation treatment for the next ten days. <u>DAVID CARDER</u> is having serious problems with his eyes.

TAMMY YOUNG daughter-in-law of Charlie and Loretta Young is undergoing tests and we have been asked to remember her in prayer. <u>GARY MISSILDINE</u> has been in the hospital recently and is still undergoing tests.

> RESPONSE BAPTIZED & MEMBERSHIP Kim Elliott 515 ACR 2210 Palestine, Texas 75803 903-724-9498 WELCOME TO OUR CONGREGATION

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Sympathy

<u>Our sympathy</u> is extended to Ike Weatherly in the death of his brother last week in Las Vegas, Nevada. <u>Our sympathy</u> is also extended to John and Ann Mottern in the death of their oldest son, JOHN MOTTERN JR. who died last week in

Painting Possums

Several years ago we knew a man with the unusual hobby of trapping possums. No, he didn't eat them. He painted them! That's right - he would catch these critters in a box trap, and then he painted them with fluorescent paint and released them. Sounds weird, doesn't it? But this fella had a ball with his "off the wall" hobby. And imagine the folks in the small town where he lived! What would you think if you saw a bright orange possum rummaging through your garbage? And if you came in late one night, it probably would not be wise to tell your family that you saw a "hot pink" possum crossing the street - they'd have good cause to wonder about you! One thing about those possums though - there's was no mistaking it when you saw one of them. It would be nice if religious false teachers could be marked in a similar way. Wouldn't it be something if everyone who taught a false doctrine or practiced religious error suddenly sprouted orange hair? It sure would look funny when some religious groups met together for worship. It would look something like a convention of "punk rockers"! These days, almost everyone would be sporting some unnatural hair color. It will never happen though. False teachers don't stand out that plainly in a crowd. Paul warned of "deceitful workers disguising themselves as servants of righteousness" (2 Cor. 11:13-15). We must be on our guard: "Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (1 Jn. 4:1). We can see them clearly by comparing their teachings to the plain word of God. -

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