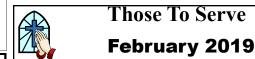


I want to thank you all for being here this morning. Keri and I apologize for not being here last Sunday. We had to go out of town on business. My thanks to Mr. Plummer for teaching the teens last Sunday.

Tonight after our worship service will have a DEVO. I hope you all will make plans to attend. Also be thinking about church camp, sign up is coming soon! I hope you have a great week. See you tonight! BEN

"NO LIP SERVICE"

Joshua warned the people of his day that they must follow through on the commitment they were making. They could not go back to their idols, or God would punish them severely. They could not just talk the talk, they would have to walk the walk. They affirmed their choice: "No, but we will serve the LORD!" (Josh. 24:19-21). Joshua then told the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD for yourselves, to serve Him." They responded, "We are witnesses!" (Josh. 24:22).On that basis Joshua instructed them to put away the idols that were among them and turn their hearts "to the LORD God of Israel." (Josh. 24:23). They declared once again, "The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!" (Josh. 24:24). The people of Israel chose, emphatically, to serve God. For awhile they remained true to their choice. But after awhile they slipped away, and God punished them just as Joshua had warned that He would. We need to choose whom we will serve. Make up our mind. Stop giving God lip service. Choose, and stay true to our choice to honor God. DAN



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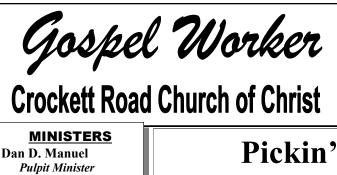
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Pickin' Out Walnuts

When I was a boy we had large black walnut tree in the yard. The nuts would fall off in the fall and then we had the task of extracting the meat from the shells. First you had to remove the outer husk which would stain your hands a dark brown if you touched it. Then you had to crack the hard shell with a hammer. I always enjoyed "hitting stuff' with a hammer, but that's where the fun ended. The tedious part came when it was time to remove the nutmeat from those hard shells. Usually this job was attempted while sitting in a chair watching the television. At times like this I often wondered why God put such a hard shell around such a delicious nut. Why couldn't they be more like a peanut or even a pecan? Have you ever noticed that many of the joys of life are like that? Much of the really "fun stuff in life has a hard shell around it, meaning you have to work hard to reach the enjoyment part. Perhaps you are familiar with an expression which says, "anything worth having is worth working for." If you have sufficient days on this earth you know this is true. If you want to be a good student, businessman, salesperson, fisherman, athlete, etc., you have to work at it. Occasionally something easy may come your way, but if you count on everything being easy, you will be disappointed and often. This principle certainly applies to living the Christian life. Jesus paid a high price to make it possible for us to even be his disciples. Thus it should be no surprise that a high price is expected of us too. In Luke 14:33 Jesus predicted that his disciples would have to forsake all that they had. Sadly many Christians think of their discipleship as something they fit in with the many others parts of life. They have jobs, hobbies, friends, family, etc., and being a Christian is just another role they play from time to time. But Jesus doesn't want part time players. He wants us to take up the cross and follow him on a daily basis, Luke 9:23. **TERRY BURRESS**

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The Give Me The Bible Conference Draws Many Visitors From In And Out Of State



From Dan's desk:

The Give Me The Bible Conference was well attended by not only members here, but by a number of visitors and guests from so many other places. It was a great day and we are grateful to so many for helping to make it a great success. Thanks to Sandy Singleterry for coordinating the meal. It was great. Thanks also to others who helped in the kitchen. Sandy did a wonderful job of decorating for the event. We are thankful also to the men here who helped set up tables last Sunday afternoon in the activity building. There are so many in the congregation here who are always so willing to help in every way to make things function properly. We want to remind you also that tomorrow night is the designated time for "Monday Night For The Master". We will meet at 6:15 P.M. for the meal and then work between the hour of 7-8 P.M. We encourage each of you to come. The only cost to you is a little of your time and effort to help with things that need to be done. Last Monday I was in Dallas at the studio along with preachers from all over taping the Give Me The Bible program. We taped some five programs for future presentations. We are so thankful that we can continue to present this program around the world. We are endeavoring to fulfill the great commission of Christ found in Matthew 28:19-20. Souls continue to be taught and led to Christ. We are grateful to the many congregations (some 38) who assist us in this great evangelistic outreach. Thanks to all of you for coming this morning and we hope you will join us in our evening service at 6 P.M. If you are visiting from out of town or from within the city, please allow us a few minutes after services to greet you. You are always welcome We hope you will come again at your earliest convenience. See you tonight. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





BILLIE BEDFORD fell this last week and has been in the Christus Mother Francis hospital in Tyler for treatment. She suffered a brain bleed. She is back at the Nursing Home. SONJA ROSE will have surgery on Wednesday in Dallas. LINDA FOREMAN will have surgery on Feb. 1st in Tyler. NANCY MILLER is recovering from a surgical procedure on her leg. *Pick up a copy of the prayer list in the foyer of those for whom we continue to pray.* <u>WELCOME VISITORS</u>

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

gation. "It is a small gift, but it comes from big hearts." Thanks again for coming.

PLEASE NOTE

Lorelee will now be working on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 5 and Beth Freeman will be working in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Friday between the hours of

9 to 3 P.M.

"Except"

Some exceptions may be good, or they may be bad, depending upon how they are used. We come across a few exceptions in God's word. Fortunately for us, these make life easier and they make our lives worth living. Without these exceptions, our lives would truly be miser-Jesus stated, "Except ye be converted able. and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Mt.18:3). The rule: "ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Why is this so? Because of man's problem with sin (Is.59:1,2). However, our gracious God offers an exception: "Except ye be converted and become as little children." Those who manifest an humble spirit, a forgiving attitude, and a simple trust in God, as little children do, will be exceptions to the rule. Sin will not bar these from entering into the kingdom of heaven. It is a sad reality that most in this world will choose to adhere to the rule, rather than being an exception to the rule. Another exception offered by our Lord is this: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Lk.13:3). The rule: "ye shall all likewise perish." Why is this? Again, the answer is man's problem with sin. Yet, the Lord extends his mercy and grace in providing an exception: "Except ye repent." All men who are led by godly sorrow (2 Cor.7:10) to repentance can escape this sentence of death(Rom.6:23). Jesus gave another exception when he stated, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (Jn.3:3). The rule is this: "he cannot see the kingdom of God." Why? The answer remains the same—man's sin problem. "Except a man be born again." Anyone who obeys the gospel (born of the Spirit), culminating in his immersion into Christ for the remission of sins (born of water) has been born again who is born again is a Christian, and has been admitted into the kingdom of God, the church.