

Teen News

LTC practice will start at 1 PM today. It is important that you be here on time so we can get through everything we need to get to today. Puppets will meet from 1 til 2. Drama will meet from 2 to 3. Chorus will meet from 3 to 4. Scrapbook, memory work, audio broadcast, and bulletin board will meet from 4 until church begins.

There will be a teen get together tonight at Josh & Chanta's following the evening worship. Please plan on coming out after church tonight. We will have games, food & fun. See you there.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD MEDICINE

An unmarried girl who worked in a busy office arrived one morning and began passing out big cigars and candy, both tied with blue ribbons. When asked what the occasion was, she proudly displayed a new diamond solitaire ring on her third finger, left hand, and announced, "It's a boy, six feet tall and 190 pounds!"

"If you'll make the toast and pour the juice, sweetheart," said the newlywed bride, "breakfast will be ready."

"Good, what are we having for breakfast," said the new husband. "Toast and juice," she replied.

Then there was a man who said, "I never knew what real happiness was until I got married; and then it was too late."

NEW LEDGER DIRECTORY

New ledger directories are available in the church foyer. If you did not get one last Sunday, please get one copy for your family. Any corrections that need to be made, please contact the church office.

**** We inadvertently left Claire Camp out next to Cory & Amy's name. Ruth Cox's phone number is wrong. It's 903-729-2441.

George Wooden's phone number is wrong. It's 903-948-1782.

Jon & Jamie Rhone's phone number is wrong-It's 903-723-3297

Please let us know if additional changes need to be made.

BASKINS MOVING

Thanks to those who helped with the fellowship last Sunday night after services. We said goodbye to the Baskin's, presented them with a gift and plaque honoring their six years of devoted service to the Crockett Rd. Church of Christ. We will miss them and bid them Godspeed in their new home. They have invited all of us to come

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

DO YOU "LOVE THE BRETHREN"?

by Larry Ray Hafley

Well, do you? "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light" (1 Jn. 2:9, 10). "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death" (1 Jn. 3:14).

Some brethren are more loving and lovable than others. We will not feel the same emotional affection or attachment to some that we do toward others. However, we must "love (all) the brethren," for "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen" (1 Jn. 4:20)?

. How do we know if we "love the brethren"? "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments" (1 Jn. 5:2). Those who "love God, and keep his commandments" do not maintain membership in man made churches, worshiping God according to the traditions and commandments of men (Matt. 15:8, 9, 13). Their devotions are "in vain," the Savior said. Their religious plant, not being planted of God, "shall be rooted up." One does not "love the brethren" when he walks contrary to the commandments of Christ. If the man referred to above truly loved the brethren, he would "love God, and keep his commandments." If he loved the brethren, he would not be endorsing a religious institution unknown to the New Testament. He would not be following human traditions that make void the word of God (Mk. 7:7, 13; 1 Jn. 5:2). Therefore, he has not "passed from death unto life." Have you passed from death to life?

SUPER BOWL or SUPER WORSHIP?



From Dan's desk:

We welcome each of you to the worship services this morning. It's wonderful to see each of you today. Welcome also to those visiting with us in services. The weather has really been cold this last week. We regret we had to cancel services last Weds. The electricity kept going on and off and we were asked to cancel because of electricity shortage. Many will be gathering today for the Super Bowl in Dallas. Some place great emphasis on sports and other events. We hope your emphasis will be on worshipping the Lord tonight at 6 P.M. Some will dismiss their worship services for the Super Bowl. WE WILL NOT. What does such a decision say to God and others? It says that we have a greater delight in something other than expressing our devotion and worship of the Lord. Great blessings come to those who come together to worship God. See you tonight.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES
OR PUT THEM ON VIBRATE.



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:

BOB STECH had surgery to remove a cancerous growth from his head.

MARY ANN CHAPMAN remains a patient in the Mother Francis hospital in Tyler

GRACE ADAMS has been moved to Cartmell Home.

MARLENE THOMPSON had knee surgery this last week, she is doing better

MANDY SEALE has been in the hospital this last week. She is better.

Several have been ill with the flu this last week,

**MEMBERS WITH LONG-TERM
ILLNESSES:** Dennis Ellison, Bill Hogan, Audrey Manuel, Maggie Larsen, Danny Sumrall, Toby Williams.

LAUGH A LITTLE



"The healthiest part of a donut is the hole.
Unfortunately, you have to eat through
the rest of the donut to get there!"

WHAT WE NEED

"We do not need more national development; we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power; we need more spiritual power. We do not need more knowledge; we need more character. We do not need more law; we need more Christianity. We do not need more of the things that are seen; we need more of the things that are unseen" (President Calvin Coolidge) Corresponding to the above thoughts, the Bible says, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven....Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2). "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18). The next time you hear some hedonist humanist tell us that we need more money for welfare, more funds for education, more tax revenue for more police and jailhouses, you might remember what our real needs are. It is because we lack what is pure and true that we need more money for depraved deadbeats. It is because we have distributed condoms rather than moral conviction that we need more cash for welfare programs. It is because we have spoiled our children with a false sense of freedom and an illusory concept of "self esteem," and have not spanked them with the law of discipline and virtue and that's why we need more police and penitentiaries. May God give us the strength to help our children develop spiritual character. When we do so, we will change America as we now know it. **ADAPTED**