

Thanks for being here this morning! It's a good day to worship together! There has been a lot of people down with the flu. I hope these people are feeling better. I appreciate those who have been attending Bible Class each week. I want to encourage the youth to invite friends at school to join us. Last Monday we had a Summer Youth Series meeting to discuss this year's theme and schedule. We are hosting a youth rally here on July 16. I know this date seems far away, but it will be here before we know it! We are very excited to do this again. Remember that tomorrow night is Monday Night for the Master. BEN

TAKE THE UPWARD STEP

In Mark 10: 17 Jesus encountered the person we have come to know as "the rich, young ruler." Mark describes the rich young ruler as a man who dared to stare up the steps of discipleship. He came to Jesus asking, "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" (Mark 10:17). In the verses that follow a high-stakes drama unfolds as the Lord seeks to help the man turn his vision of following Jesus into an actual venture. The young ruler was apparently sincere and evidently impressed the Lord, for the text tells us that Jesus 'looking at him, loved him" (10:21). Jesus sought to spur the rich young ruler to get beyond staring up the steps that lead to eternal life to actually stepping up the stairs! The steepest step, and the one that turns out to be a stumbling block. Do you lack one thing? Are there rooms or areas of your heart and life where Jesus and His Lordship simply are not welcome? Having believed in Jesus, do you refuse to be baptized? Or having done that, are you allowing leisure or pleasure to keep you away from worship assemblies? Are you refusing to forgive one who offended you? Is your money and the way you spend it surrendered to Jesus? Is Jesus in charge of your lips, or are they loose? Is Jesus Lord of your life as a husband/father, wife/mother, teenager? What step is Jesus demanding you to take that so far leaves you at the bottom staring up the steps instead of trustingly and obediently stepping up the stairs? DAN



Those To Serve

March 2019

A.M .Opening 3 Clint Satterwhite

10 Charles Steen

17 J.B. Matlock 24 Wayne Cartwright

31 Doug Lowe

A.M. Closing

Doug Rader Jeff Sparks Doug Sumrall Jerry Sturgess

Jack Thomason

P. M. Opening

Henry Baker 10 Ben Rhone

17 Carl Rutledge

24 Jerame Gibson

131 Danial Plummer

P. M. Closing

Tom Watson **Brandon Franklin**

Billy Lane Marty Nash

Dale Sparks

Serve Communion

Harold Johnson Colby Radford Jody Radford Scott Roberson

James Singleterry Jeff Sparks Clint Satterwhite

Andrew Petty

Communion Preparation

- Carl Rutledge
- **Jane Grumbles** 10
- **Andrew Petty**
- **Orre & Donna Costlow**
- Gary & Liz Missildine

DOOR GREETERS

Sunday March 3, 2019 James & Sandy Singleterry

COMMUNION PREPARATION Sunday March 3, 2019

NURSERY ATTENDANT March 19th Keri Rhone

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

"A SHORT FUSE"

Our age has been described as an age of rage- road rage, fan rage, air rage, and now we can add sports rage to the list. And people in our homes and schools and communities are dving because of human anger and uncontrolled rage. The Bible seeks to warn us about the danger of uncontrolled anger. Ecclesiastes7:9 (New Living Translation) comes right to the point when it says, "Don't be quick-tempered, for anger is the friend of fools.' Ephesians 4:26-27 charges us- 'Be angry, and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil." People who fly into a rage almost always make a bad landing. Colley Cibber punches home an important truth concerning anger with this powerful little piece of prose- "He that strives not to stem his anger's tide, does a wild horse without a bridle ride." No meter on earth could measure the harm that is done in our world by uncontrolled anger. Many an innocent child or mate or driver or student has suffered unreasonably at the hands of one who has a "short fuse." How do we control our own anger in an age of rage? Some would suggest that you count to ten, but the Bible would direct us to look to the cross. As the hostile. rage-filled men who orchestrated His death blasphemed and insulted Jesus, Luke 23:34 tells us He said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." The Roman soldiers who crucified Jesus did not kill an angry man. Jesus shows us the way to deal with our anger as we live in an age of rage. The power to cool down doesn't come from counting to ten or from flying off the handle. As always, it comes from staying on the cross. Where are you?

DAN

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Thanks for joining us in worship today.





From Dan's desk:

The weather in East Texas keeps changing. One day it's cold and the next it is hot. The changing of the seasons is always somewhat erratic. I am glad that Spring is on the way. I love to see the beautiful flowers in bloom and everything come to life again. Many of the tulip trees are in full bloom around town. We are glad you are here with us today. Many visitors always attend the worship services of the congregation here and we appreciate your presence. We hope you will be blessed as a result of being with us and that you will want to come again soon. If at anytime we can be of help to you or if we can answer any question you might have about the Lord's Church here, we are happy to do so. If you might be interested in a home Bible study, we would be willing and eager to meet with you also. We still have a large number on the sick list. The "flu" season is still not over and several in the congregation here have experienced such. Continue to remember all those in you prayers. Remember that tomorrow night is the time for "Monday Night For The Master again". We will meet at 6:15 for the meal and then work between the hour of seven and eight P.M. If you have never been, please plan to join us tomorrow night. You will enjoy the meal and fellowship and you will help us accomplish even more. The truck from Tipton Children's home came last Wednesday and picked up the items that were contributed by the congregation here. You are to be commended for your generosity and love for the Lord and the Children's Home. This is a good work and much is being done by congregations collectively working together for the cause of our Lord. Thanks you again. We hope to see each of you tonight at 6 P.M.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

CHARLES McCULLOUGH, continues to improve from his recent back surgery.

JANE GRUMBLES underwent tests last week in Tyler. They were good.

DEANNA CHAPMAN'S cancer has returned in her spine and she started radiation treatment this last Tuesday.

GLADYS WALKUP, former member here, has been diagnosed with a brain cancer.

BRANDON EVANS, nephew of Kathy Chambless, remains in very serious condition.

JERRY STURGESS is recovering from surgery this last Week.

Please pick up a prayer list on the podiums in the foyer for other who have asked for our prayers.

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.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Takes place tomorrow night at 6:15 P.M. Please join us for the evening meal and the work session at 7 P.M.

THE TRUTH

More than 60 times in the New Testament the definite article "the" is found before the word "truth," to emphasize the single, absolute and distinctive nature of Divine truth. The plural form of "truths" is never found in Scripture, which again would seem to be God's way of emphasizing the single, absolute and distinctive nature of Divine truth. Let's examine what we can learn about "the truth" from the usage of that expression in the N.T. Through the work and guidance of the Holy Spirit, "all the truth" has been given to us in Scripture (John 16:13). Knowing that we can trust it (for, it is "the truth") and knowing that we are not missing anything God intended for us to have (for, it is "ALL the truth"), we must come to Scripture with the utmost respect for how God expects us to respond. Consider that there are devastating ways in which man may respond to "the truth." Scripture affirms that "the truth" can be (but should not be) "suppressed" (Rom. 1:18), "exchanged for the lie" (Rom. 1:25), "rejected" (Rom. 2:8), "withheld" (1 Tim 6:5), "opposed" (2 Tim. 3:8), "strayed from" (2 Tim. 2:18; Jas. 5:19), "turned from" (2 Tim. 4:4; Tit. 1:14) and "lied against" (Jas. 3:14). May God help us to never treat "the truth" or act toward "the truth" in these ways. Even more so, Scripture makes it very clear that "the truth" can and needs to dwell or abide in us (1 John 1:8; 2:4; 2 John 2; 3 John 3), in order that we might respond properly and as Divinely expected. "The truth" can be and needs to be (but, because of freewill, it doesn't have to be) "heard" (Col. 1:5), "known" (John 8:32; 1 Tim. 2:4; 1 Tim. 4:3; 2 Tim. 2:25; 3:7; Tit. 1:1; Heb. 10:26; 1 John 2:21; 2 John 1), "believed" (2 Thess. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:3), "loved" (2 Thess. 2:10), "obeyed" (Gal. 3:1; 1 Pet. 1:22), "practiced" (John 3:21; 1 John 1:6), "manifested" (2 Cor. 4:2), "lived" (Gal. 2:14), "told" (John 8:45-46; John 16:7; Rom. 9:1; Gal. 5:7), "spoken" (2 Cor. 12:6; Eph. 4:15; 1 Tim. 2:7), "established in" (2 Pet. 1:12), "stood in" (John 8:44), "walked in" (3 John 3-4), "turned back to" (Jas. 5:19) and "worked for" (3 John 8). Let us love the truth and surrender to it. We will be blessed and others will be blessed. God will be honored when we uphold it and teach it.

David Sproule