

Good morning and thanks for being here today. Many of you were on spring break last week. I hope that everyone had a good time off from school. Some will be off this week for spring break and I hope the same for you all as well. Keri and I went to visit my family in San Antonio last week and I would like to thank Corey Camp for teaching the youth group last Wednesday in my absence. What an awesome day it is to praise the Lord! See you all tonight.

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Psalms 100:2 "Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

OUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP

Next Sunday, March 22, we will have our first Quarterly Fellowship luncheon for 2015, immediately after morning worship. The male quartet "His Master's Praise" will be here to sing at the fellowship. Make plans to be here. Please bring 2 of the following: A meat, a vegetable, a salad, or a dessert.

NO CHILDRENS BIBLE **HOUR TONIGHT!**



Congratulations to Jerry & Marlene Thompson on the birth of a new great-granddaughter. KRIS-**TINA VICTORIA BROWN was born on March** 1st. She weighted 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 18" long.

Let's have a "Thus Saith the Lord"

One's opinion often speaks when God is silent, and one is sometimes not able to distinguish when God has finished and tradition has begun. It is only right that we should evaluate the sources of our beliefs. Paul exhorts us to "examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil." Paul writes this passage with a view to examining what one is taught. We will be judged not only by the fact that we believe, but also by what we believe. Jesus sets one standard of His acceptance in "doing the will of the Father" (Matt. 7:21). Those who hear and do the teachings of Jesus will survive as wise men: but those who hear and fail to act will perish in foolishness (Matt. 7:24-27). Jesus sets the standard of judgment in His teachings (John 12:48). Since this is the case, our task is to please God by keeping His revealed Word in the New Testament. Neither pleasing any other man nor ourselves will do. We must do God's will to please Him. God has always expected men to act in accordance with His expressed will. The idea of not adding to or taking away from His commandments is expressed in Prov. 30:5,6-"Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words lest He reprove you, and you be proved a liar." We all need to make sure that we are following God's Will when it comes to DAN spiritual matters.

DOOR GREETERS – March 22,

Ike & Joyce Weatherly

COMMUNION PREPARATION March 22, 2015

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Time

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Last week, we went on Daylight Savings Time. From the attendance last Sunday, it appeared that some did not set their clock forward one hour before going to bed Saturday night. We missed you in worship. That along with Spring break in the public school systems, the attendance was down. Davlight saving time has caused controversy since it was proposed by George Vernon way back in 1895. Basically, it is the practice of advancing clocks so that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less. Typically, clocks are adjusted forward one hour near the start of spring and are adjusted backward in autumn. Many countries besides the United States have, over the years, also adopted this practice.

Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister, argued that it enlarges "the opportunities for the pursuit of health and happiness among the millions of people who live in this country" and pundits have humorously dubbed it "Daylight Slaving Time". Historically speaking, retailing, sports and tourism interests have favored the daylight saving shift, while agricultural and evening entertainment interests have traditionally opposed it, and its initial adoption had been prompted by an energy crisis and war.

But like it or not, agree with it or not, and we will continue to adjust our clocks accordingly, even though the need to do so in this country no longer exists. Personally, I think the longer, lighter evening hours appeal to the majority of us; and I think that there is something else about daylight saving that appeals to us all: the illusion of gaining "extra time". Think of all that extra time you will have until next Fall when we move the clock back one hour.

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One Family Places Membership





From Dan's desk:

Last Sunday, Mike and Nancy Mooney made the decision to place membership with the congregation here. They come to us from the Gray's Chapel Church of Christ at Bois D'Arc. We are happy to have them and welcome them into our fellowship here. They used to attend services here years ago. They are acquainted with several in the congregation here. Nancy is the mother of Amanda Herbrough who recently placed membership with us. Many must have forgot to move clock forward last Sunday. The attendance was down from the usual number we have on Sunday morning. Several were out of town for Spring Break in the public school systems. At any rate we missed all those who are normally present. Our hearts were made sad last Sunday when we learned of the news that GARY OLIVER had passed away. The memorial service for Gary was held last Thursday morning. We will miss him and continue to pray for Martha and the family. We thank all of you for being with us today. We hope you will come again. There will be NO Bible Hour for children tonight because of Spring Break. Everyone will meet in the church auditorium. See you tonight. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



<u>MICHAEL MORRIS</u> will have back surgery on Thursday in Tyler. <u>GERRY HAHN</u> was released from the hospital and continues to recover at her home.

PATRICIA MANVILLE has returned to her home and will begin cancer treatments soon.

BOBBY BAIRD will have surgery on Mar. 31

Prayer list available in Foyer. Be sure and pick up a copy.

Our sympathy is extended to Martha Oliver and family in the death of our beloved **GARY OLIVER.** Gary passed away last Sunday. His memorial service was held here last Thursday. Continue to pray for his family.

Sympathy is also extended to Jim & Gerry Hahn and family in the death of Jim's brother, **GEORGE HAHN.** He passed away last week in Alabama. Continue to pray for this family also.

RESPONSES

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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.

"Our Blessed Freedom"

We are grateful for our freedom! It's important to us because we realize the high price that was paid to secure our freedom and the steep price that continues to be paid to maintain it! Even as we appreciate our freedom and independence, we are well aware that American men and women are putting their lives on the line because the freedom we enjoy is worth fighting for! Paul makes it clear that spiritual freedom is only found in Christ! It's only through the precious blood of Christ we can find freedom from the bondage of sin, freedom from the Law of Moses, Freedom from the Traditions of Men and Freedom from the Works of the Flesh. In the book of Galatians. Paul speaks of this freedom we enjoy in Christ and the need to stand fast in that freedom. Gal.5:1- "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." We find freedom from sin "in Christ" after we put our faith in Christ, repent of our sins and are baptized into Christ. We continue in this freedom by "walking according to the Spirit". May God help us to cherish the freedom we have in our Lord. DAN