

Good morning! Thanks to those who stayed for the fellowship luncheon last Sunday. We had a great time and all of the food was delicious! It is always fun to visit, with one another in settings such as that. Our thanks to everyone who helped in the kitchen, you all are awesome. I hope all the teachers and students enjoyed Spring Break. It is good to take a break from time to time. Thanks to Dan for the wonderful lessons last Sunday, he does an amazing job and we are looking forward to his lessons today. Thanks for being here and we hope to see you all tonight. BEN

“DON’T MAKE WAVES”

You have heard people say, “oh don’t make waves”. As the moon and the earth get close, they literally pull on one another. The moon’s gravitational pull is what makes waves in the ocean. Well, the kingdom of God also makes waves on the earth. The closer the moon, the higher the waves; the closer the kingdom, the greater the impact. The kingdom of the Lord has arrived and people’s lives are changed for the better. Sinners are called to Christ through hearing, believing, repenting, confessing, and baptism. Obedience to the gospel call brings about the forgiveness of sins. If we are not experiencing a change in our lives for the better, then we must ask ourselves the question, “How close am I to the kingdom?” Let us lay aside the sins, which separate us from God and His kingdom. Let us believe and hear the good news of Jesus, so instruction can be known and salvation can be ours. Let us come near to God, so He can make “waves” in our lives for spiritual betterment. DAN

What It Means To Love Family

Joshua stood before the representatives of all the tribes of Israel in his farewell address and tells them to make a decision. He says they can either turn from God and serve idols, or they can turn to God and serve Him. Joshua told them what his decision was: **“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15)**. The leaders who represented the nation of Israel agreed, saying, **“God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods” (Joshua 24:16)**. I am so thankful for Joshua and his dedication. I am also grateful for what Joshua did not say. **I am thankful Joshua did not say, “My family will serve the Lord without me.”** So many wives and children serve God without fathers. Fathers should be the spiritual leaders of the home. Fathers have an obligation to their families and God to set the spiritual tone of the home. God give us faithful fathers! **I am thankful Joshua did not say, “I will serve the Lord without my family.”** Sadly, some fathers must serve the Lord on their own, because they have wives who refuse to follow their lead. Fathers must maintain their faithfulness, and one day they may win their families to Christ. **I am thankful Joshua did not say, “My family and I will not serve the Lord.”** Entire families will be lost eternally because they refuse to serve the Lord. I cannot help but think greater punishment will come upon fathers who have the duty of leading the home in the way it should go. May God give us Christian fathers.

DAN

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class

10:30 AM Worship

6 :00 PM Evening

Wed: 7:00 PM

“Has the Church Really Changed?”

Someone tells of a small town in west Texas where so little ever changes that the local radio station is still playing last year's weather forecast! "Change" has become one of America's most often spoken words, and our culture has changed greatly over the past four or five decades. You don't need anyone to explain how much it has changed if you are at least 40 years old. From technology to medicine to views on morals and marriage — things have changed dramatically. Some changes, of course, have been very good and some very bad. The church has changed, too, and change in the church is not necessarily a bad thing. Revelation chapters 2 and 3 record Jesus' letters to the seven churches of Asia. Those letters call for change in the church, but not the kind of change some want to see. There is not a word in those letters that called the church to compromise the message or change the doctrine God revealed through the apostles. On the contrary, in those areas where there had been compromise with the doctrinal or moral teaching of the gospel, they were sternly told by the Lord to “repent” (Revelation 2:5, 16, 21, 22; 3:3, 19). The word “repent” is vital in our relationship with the Lord. Study it carefully and you will know that when the Lord tells anyone to repent, dramatic change is in order if we are to comply with the Lord's will and thus enjoy His favor. But change the gospel message or plan of salvation or the organization of the church or the nature and spirit and form or New Testament worship? The Bible warns repeatedly against that kind of change in the strongest language possible Galatians 1:6-9; Revelation 22:18-19. Our responsibility is to stay true to the Bible and not attempt to change that which God has given to all generations. Change is not always warranted and can be deadly spiritually. Don't be misguided.

DAN

One Responds For Prayer



From Dan's desk:



I believe everyone made it through the time change last week. Some forgot to move their clock forward one hour, but that was quickly rectified. The attendance was lower than usual last Sunday (about 100 less). The Fellowship luncheon was great and we appreciate Jane Grumbles, Pam Galloway, Rita Taylor, Glenda Baskin and Renee' Whitley for stepping in to help in the kitchen and get the food prepared. Sandy was unable to be with us last Sunday because of health concerns. The food was excellent and we did have a good number of people stay for the event. This last week was Spring Break for all the schools in Anderson county and that was also reflected in the lower attendance last Sunday. We had a large number who went out of town with children for this annual school break. The teachers and children are already lamenting having to go back. School will be out in about two months. The year is moving along quickly. Last Sunday ASHLEY RADFORD responded to the call of Jesus. She requested prayer in her behalf and behalf of her family. We commend her and we bowed with her to honor her request. We love and appreciate all in the congregation here who are striving to serve our Lord and Saviour. Continue to pray for all those who are ill. We have several who have had surgery and are improving at home. The Lads to Leaders young people are gearing up for the trek to Dallas before long. We are grateful to all those who work with the young people and are making that effort to help them learn more about God and enrich their lives. Continue to lift them up when you pray as well. So many good things are being done in the congregation here at Crockett Road. We will look for you tonight in services.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS

DEANNA CHAPMAN was at M.D. Anderson in Houston this week for tests and she will undergo additional tests this week.

SANDY SINGLETERRY had surgery in Athens, Texas this last week, but she is home doing better.

DAN will begin radiation treatments in about a month.

GERALD WILCHER is recovering from surgery this last week in Tyler. He is home improving.

Prayer list is available in foyer.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Gerald and Diane Wilcher on the birth of twin great granddaughters born last Sunday, Lexie Elizabeth and Dani Jaye. They were born 6 weeks early, but both are doing fine in the hospital in Tyler.

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.

RESPONSES
For Prayer
Ashley Radford

"MAKE IT AVAILABLE"

Someone spoke about a preacher he knew- "He speaks very well, if he just had something to say." The church of Christ has something to say that the world desperately needs to hear. We have in our hands the gospel of Christ which can save the soul from sin and reconcile lost men and women to God. The question is not does the church have something to say. The question is, will we say it. The apostle Paul spoke words in Acts 20:26-27 that every gospel preacher, Christian, and elder need to consider: "Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned (or avoided) to declare to you the whole counsel of God." Paul was confident that in the court of God no one at Ephesus would be able to accuse that he had withheld or been silent concerning any part of the plan, purpose, counsel, word, or will of God. No one could say to him, in the words of the sobering gospel song, "You never mentioned him to me, you helped me not the light to see. You met me day by day, and knew I was astray, Yet never mentioned him to me." How about us? Are we innocent of the blood of all men? The question is not have we baptized everyone in our town or on our street or even everyone who attends our worship services. The question is, are we declaring the whole counsel of God? The question is not are we making the gospel acceptable, but rather are we making it available? Are you?

DAN