

Thanks for being here this morning. I hope everyone has a Happy Easter! I'm sure many of you have big plans today, I hope at some point you will take time to think about what you are celebrating. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. (Isaiah 53). Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin. Thanks to those who attended our Church Camp meeting last Sunday. We have several youth who are interested in going to camp. Parents please remember I need those registration forms as soon as possible. Thanks! BEN

### JUST HOW IMPORTANT IS FAITH?

Faith is essential to our spiritual lives, for "without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." Believing God requires a commitment that whatever Scripture says — about baptism, about marriage, or about the creation of the world — is exactly true. We must not find ourselves in the position of second guessing God. The Lord, in His grace, has provided us all spiritual guidance we need through the work of the apostles and prophets — ultimately providing His complete revelation in His Son, Jesus Christ. Being a Christian requires an attitude of repentance, placing God's truth as the guiding principle of our lives. Following the teachings of Scripture, we can be sure of pleasing God and of being the people He wants us to be.

ALAN TIDWELL

# IS IT REALLY THAT HARD TO GRASP?

We know that our Father is a loving Lord. Since God wants all to be saved and go to Heaven, sacrificed his Son, established the church, and made the Bible and gospel preaching available to us to keep us from going to Hell, shouldn't we use common sense and choose to obey HIS will? We have the right to make that common sense choice. If common sense has but one rule, it is to do what you KNOW to be right, RIGHT NOW. What would common sense tell a man in a burning building to do? Surely if he were thinking correctly, he would flee. Right! Now then, what about the man who will burn in Hell if he doesn't obey the gospel? Does it stand to reason that he should flee from a place of eternal torment? Right again! Joshua informed the Children of Israel of his common sense decision to serve the God of Heaven in Joshua 24:15. He said, "If it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom you will serve: but as for my house, and me we will serve the LORD." Are you using just a little common sense? Surely it is not that difficult to grasp. DAN

A man had been shipwrecked on a remote island in the Pacific, and was alone for 20 years. When a ship finally arrived, his rescuers were impressed with the three buildings he had built and asked him about them.

"Well," the man replied, "this is my house, and that building over there is my church. It's a wonderful church and I hate to leave it."

"And what is the third building yonder?" a rescuer asked.

"Oh, that is the church I used to go to," the man replied.

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We celebrate the Lord's death and resurrection each Sunday as we partake of the Lord's Supper. It is a reminder of the vicarious death of our loving Lord. We are blessed beyond measure when we come to know Christ as Saviour. Many are missing out of the joy that is set before us. May God help us to appreciate the resurrection of the One who was risen to die no more, even Jesus. Dan

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## A big welcome to all our visitors today. We are grateful that you have come.

From Dan's desk:



Thank all of you for being present this morning. We are so glad that you are here. Today the world will be celebrating the resurrection of Christ. As Christians we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus every Lord's Day in the observance of the Lord's Supper. Thank all of you for your warm well wishes and expressions of congratulations on our 50th wedding anniversary and my birthday. We really appreciate your kindness. It is hard to believe that we have been married that long. We began our 47th year with the church here on March 27th. It has been wonderful. A big thank you for all who came for Monday Night For The Master last Monday evening. Thanks also to Sandy Singleterry, Shelly Franklin and Ann Mottern for making arrangements for the evening meal. The pizza and salad was great. Thanks to all who brought desserts. Our young people have been involved in Lads to Leaders this weekend in Dallas. We are so proud of them and those who work with them. A big thank you to Clint and Jonna Satterwhite and all those who work in Children's Bible Hour. It was wonderful to hear the children say the books of the Old and New Testament at the end of the service last Sunday. They did a commendable job. We are so proud of them. So many good things take place in Bible Hour each Sunday night. A number of the children were not present last Sunday, but it is amazing that these young people have mastered saying the Books of the Bible at such an early age. What a challenge for all of us who have been studying the Bible for a long time. The ladies who went to Rusk following ladies class last week really enjoyed the day. Thanks to the one who covered the cost of the meal. It was great. We hope to see each of you DAN tonight.

### TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

KENLEE HARBOUR has developed another infection. Please keep her in your prayers.

MARLENE THOMPSON had heart valve surgery on Wednesday. She is doing better in the hospital in Tyler. <u>CINDY ODEN</u>, daughter of Johnny and Carolyn Jenkins, will have surgery in Washington state next week. <u>KERMIT GRIMSLEY</u> will have knee replacement surgery one week from tomorrow in Tyler at the Spine and Joint hospital.

Pick up a prayer list in the foyer.

### 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Jimmy and Jeanette Alford on the birth of a new grandson GRANT HARRISON ROBINSON on March 23rd, 6 lbs. 13 ozs. & 20 ins. long. We are happy for them.

### "IT'S JUST A LITTLE WHITE LIE"

Have you considered all of those who are so dishonest in our world today. We hear a lot about collusion in today's world. Those who are given to lies are those who have been colluding with the devil. It happens in Palestine, Tyler, and other cities. The hearts of men can be put into one of two categories-- honest or dishonest. Whether our heart is honest or dishonest has an effect not only on all areas of our life, but on our eternal destiny. Any type of dishonesty is despised and detested by most people and is abhorred by God. Dishonesty will destroy an individual's character, and ultimately destroy the soul; for not only does dishonesty cause one to loose their integrity, it is sinful. Telling a halftruth, or even telling things that are factual in a deceptive manner, is being dishonest. We must tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. In fact, one does not have to utter an untruth to be dishonest. To cheat or defraud is to also be guilty of dishonesty. Behind all dishonesty is a corrupt heart. One dictionary's definition of dishonesty is, "a disposition to lie, cheat, or steal, or defraud." To be dishonest is to be a child of Satan rather than of God; for Jesus stated, the devil "..is a liar, and the father of lies" (Jn. 8:44). The fate of liars is stated in Rev. 21:8, "...and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." Notice it says "all liars," this includes every kind of untruth-- big black lies, little white lies, green ones, red ones, etc.

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