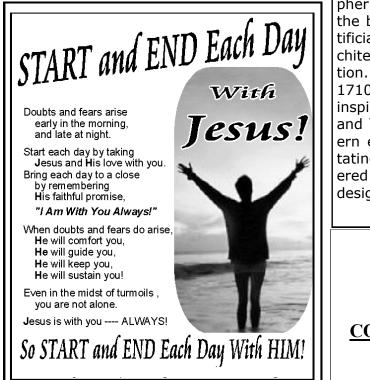
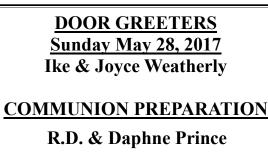


Good morning to everyone! I hope you all had a great week. Thanks to the youth for your help last Sunday. All the mothers were very thankful for the gift you gave them. Congratulations to our graduates this year! Today we will honor them with a meal in the activity building after our worship service. We all wish you the best of luck. Church Camp is just five weeks away. We will leave on Sunday June 11th and return on Friday June 16th. We have ten students going this year from this congregation. I know they are excited about going. We will have a meeting soon with the parents and campers. Thanks for being here this BEN morning.



"WORDS CHANGE"

Sometimes words do not always mean today what they meant yesterday. Meanings of words are often unclear. Take for an example the word "gospel". What is the gospel? For some this word means "that which is absolutely and unquestionably true." Such a one might say, "It's the gospel truth." Webster's dictionary defines the gospel as "the teachings of Jesus and the apostles." That is helpful, but the definition is broad and vague. Churches are right to say that their God-given commission is to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). But the question remains: What is the gospel? In 1710, Britain's Queen Anne visited a cathedral which had been designed and constructed by Sir Christopher Wren. After her tour she described the building as "awful, amusing, and artificial". Upon hearing her words, the architect sighed with relief and satisfaction. Surprised? Don't be; because in 1710 the word "awful" meant "aweinspiring"; "amusing" meant "amazing" and "artificial" meant "artistic". To modern ears her words sounded like devastating criticism; instead, she had lathered compliments and praise upon the designer. DAN





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MY GREATEST POSSESSION IN LIFE

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People value a lot of things in life. If you were to make a casual perusal of the things you own what would you consider to be the most treasured possession? A family heirloom passed down for generations? Is it your favorite tool, digital device, toy. Some of these are expensive and by no means limited to children. What do you value more than anything else? In 2 Kings 22 we learn what King Josiah considered to be, not only his, but his nation's most treasured possession. read verses 1-2; 8-13. Can you imagine not having even one copy of the scriptures, not only in your home but in your nation? That had been the situation in Judah for at least three generations. Generally, a generation is considered twenty-five years. The evil reigns of Manasseh and Amon combined were fiftyseven years. Josiah reigned ten years before the monumental discovery we are about to discuss was made. We have at least sixty-seven years – some scholars say almost one hundred years – where the Word of God was not only disregarded but physically purged from the land. That is the context of what we just read. The Word of God had not been read or fully followed for three generations! The scriptures had been neglected, forgotten, and lost! How much of a loss would it be to you if we had no copy of the Holy Scriptures. If you treasure it, do you read it often? When was the last time you read it? DAN

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One Baptized Seniors honored today Luncheon after worship

From Dan's desk:



Thanks all of you for being present this morning. It is always a joy to enter the house of worship. This morning we will pay special recognition to the graduating seniors after the morning worship service. Our seniors student: JUSTIN DAVIS, LUKE LANE and ALI THOMAS are all fine young Christians. We are so proud of them and we wish them the best in life. I have seen these young people grow up through the years and develop their lives in ways that merit our admiration. This is always a tough time and decisions have to be made. We are confident that they will make the right decisions. Please stay for the luncheon and show your support for them. We have a lot of good food as usual and it will be a joyful time. We are happy also for KOLBY RADFORD who graduated from T.V.C.C. last week with highest honors. We rejoiced with DERRICK WOODY on his baptism into Christ last week. He is a fine person and we know that God will bless him. His mother would have been proud of that moment. Our trip to Branson is still in the planning stages and we want to remind you to sign the list on the bulletin board if you would like to go. We will need to know by June 1st. Those who go along will enjoy a wonderful time together. Remember that tomorrow night is the last night for "Monday Night For The Master" until the month of September. We have a lot to accomplish and any of you who can come are encourage to be present. We will eat the evening meal together at 6:15 P.M. (the meal is free) and then we will work together between the hour of 7 p.m. till 8 p.m. Thanks to Sandy, Shelly and Ann for providing the meals each time this year. Thanks for coming today. We are glad you are here and we will see you tonight. DAN

TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

JEFF SPARKS had gall bladder surgery on Thursday of last week. MILDRED KISER is in the local hospital in ICU.

MARY LORD sister of George Lester is seriously ill in hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

BRANSON TRIP

If you would like to go to Branson on the chartered bus the week of July 24-27, you need to call the church office or sign the list on the bulletin board by June 1st The cost is \$550.00 per person. Check the bulletin board for additional information.

Monday Night For The Master Tomorrow Night 6:15 P.M.

CONGRATULATIONS To KOLBY RADFORD who graduated from T.V.C.C. last week. He graduated with highest honors. We are happy for him on this great achievement.

CONGRATULATIONS Our congratulations to Ike Weatherly on the birth of a new great grandson born this last week. The baby weighed 9 lbs and 11 Oz. They are waiting on a name.

"Living in a Fish"

The Bible is Astounding. It contains some sixtysix individual books, written over a span of hundreds of years, with a variety of writing styles, and three different languages, yet it possesses a unity and clarity of focus that points to its divine inspiration. The Bible is not simply an interesting and ancient book. It is the very Word of God! There are sixteen prophetic books in the Old Testament and one in the New. Of the sixteen Old Testament books of prophecy four are referred to as "Major Prophets:" Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. The other twelve are designated as "Minor Prophets." These labels are due to their size. One of the twelve Minor Prophets is Jonah. Like all of the prophets, Jonah was an "in-between man." He stood in-between God and the time in which he lived. Jonah may also be one of the few Minor Prophets that most people can name. Whether or not one can find Jonah in the Bible, they have heard the story before. This popularity does present a problem. Being swallowed by the great fish dominates the headlines, but that is not the main theme of this little book. In fact, the great fish swallowing Jonah is not even the most miraculous occurrence of this narrative. Through the ages this story has read and there are a lot of different perspectives. For instance, the critic says "Obviously, the Bible isn't true. This story can't be true. A man can't live in a fish for three days." "Did he die in the belly of the fish and then God resurrect him again, since Jesus pointed to him as a type of His own death, burial, and resurrection?" So over time we have really missed the main point of the book. The real theme of Jonah is not "Can man live in a fish?" The primary theme of Jonah is the relentless compassion of God for the worst kind of people Jonah 4:3, 11. The love of God for us is the focal point of the Holy Scriptures. Rom. 5:8 & 9. "God commends His love for us while we were sinners". That is amazing. DAN

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