

Thank all of you for being here this morning. I appreciate those of you who continue to come to Bible class regularly. You are a good example to all. Next Sunday we will eat at the church building, have a devo and then go bowling. We want all of you to go along. You will enjoy it. The V.B.S. is coming on June 21st. Any of you who can help and would like to give your time, please see me after the service today. It will be a good day for all young people. Don't forget to pray each day to our Father. BEN

"DEAR & PRECIOUS TO US"

A disaster can reveal what is precious to us. I heard about a man who fell down a flight of sharp stone stairs. He lay sprawled at the bottom, groaning and moaning: "Oh no! Oh no! It's broken! It's broken! I broke my smartphone!" Something is precious to us because of its high intrinsic value or because it means much to us personally. These two are not the same, since we often cherish something that has no intrinsic value. It might have extrinsic value to us, or it might be much less valuable than we think it is. We may not cherish material things. On judgment day, precious stones will be worthless. Love of money leads to perdition. We ought to cherish spiritual things. Wisdom and faith are more precious than gold. Most precious are the gracious gifts of God. His gifts in nature, His mercy and His thoughts are precious. He has given us exceedingly precious promises. We have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. He is the precious cornerstone in God's spiritual house. God's kingdom is worth more than any earthly interest. Precious to the Lord are a gentle spirit, and the final victory of His saints DAN

"CONTEND FOR TRUTH"

"Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). He addresses his letter to "the sanctified ones" (Jude 1), those who have been saved from sin by Christ. Their salvation is "common" or "mutual" because it is shared by all true believers. Mankind can be saved only through Jesus Christ: "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The saved have a common salvation because all the saved are added to the same church (Acts 2:47), the church of Christ, which is His body (Ephesians 1:22, 23). On the first day of the week (Acts 20:7) they all eat at the Lord's table (1 Corinthians 10:21) and partake of the loaf and cup as a communion with the body and blood of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16) by which they are saved. "For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:17)."Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away" (Hebrews 2:1). Thus Jude exhorts us to contend earnestly to defend the faith against false teachers. DAN

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

ARE YOU READY FOR THE RAPTURE?

The word rapture is contained in some of the songs we sing. (where it seems to mean extreme joy, e.g. "the rapturous **chorus")** and it is on the tongue of many people. Have you ever wondered where religious people got the word. I've looked it up in the Bible and it is not there.. To do additional research. I went to the commentary. The Expositors Bible Commentary, that I have on my computer hard drive. There I learned that in 1 Thessalonians 4:17, ("Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord") the word translated "caught up" was translated in the Latin versions by the word "rapture." This is the source of this word in English, "rapture". So the word merely means that we will be caught up, snatched up to heaven to be with the Lord. There is nothing, then, too mysterious about the word, nor what Paul originally meant by what he wrote. The mystery is to explain how this word has turned into a multi-million dollar industry of books and movies that has all our neighbors so excited (And I am glad they are excited, because they might pay attention to the gospel of Jesus). But they don't seem to know what this catching up is. We need to get excited, too. We need to be excited because the Lord is coming again. We don't know when, but we know that he is coming. The fact is that he wants us to put our complete trust in him now, today, by our obedient faith so that we will be ready to welcome him when he does come. It is a fact that one day the saved of God will be caught up to be with the Lord. Will you be in that number? That is only a question that you can answer.

DAN

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SCHOOL IS OUT AND SUMMER VACATIONS BEGIN.



From Dan's desk:



All the schools in Anderson County are out for the Summer. Many will be leaving for vacations. We will miss you when you are away, but will pray for your safe return. Let me encourage you not to take a vacation from the Lord's Church. If you are visiting in another community, be sure to go to worship on Sunday with the Church of Christ wherever you may be visiting. It is always nice when others visit our services here at Crockett Rd. We have been blessed over the last several weeks to have had visitors from various places attending our worship services on Sunday mornings and Sunday nights. Let's be sure to make all of them feel welcome among us. The way that you reach people with the Gospel of Christ is by being friendly and showering love upon them. We are in the process of studying with several people and we hope and trust that they will surrender their lives to Christ soon. We keep praying that the harvest will come before long. There are so many in our community who have not yet become Christians and we keep praying that they will make that commitment to Christ before it is too late. We were saddened by the death of our friend EVELYN HARRIS last week. Evelyn was a child of God and had lived to be 101 years of age (almost 102). We had known her for over 45 years and she will be missed by those who loved her most. I am thankful that there is a better home awaiting the faithful. The promise of Jesus concerning life after death is truly encouraging and precious. It behooves us to read about it often. John 14: 1-6 See DAN you tonight.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

GERALD WILCHER had surgery this last Thursday in Tyler. He is improving.

CHARLES McCULLOUGH had hip replacement surgery last Tuesday in Tyler. He is doing better.

LINDA ALLEN has been back in the hospital in Tyler this last week.

DONNIE WELLS is undergoing tests and asked for our prayers

STEVEN MILLER son of Nancy Miller, is having heart issues.

TIPTON HOME TRUCK COMING

The truck from Tipton Children's Home

will be here the week of June 6th. Please bring your items to the church before that date. They are asking for paper



towels, kleenex, toilet tissue, and assorted cereals. Bring items by tonight.
The truck will be here on Tuesday.

In a recent survey, what did Americans reveal was their favorite smell?

Answer in Bulletin. Look for it.

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.

"ARISE AND BE BAPTIZED"

Many people who believe in Christ and are sorry for their sins, put off being baptized, even though they know it is a command of the Lord. In the book of Acts, which contains many examples of conversion, people were baptized immediately. as soon as they believed in Jesus. They did this because they knew that baptism is for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38) and to become a member of the body of Christ: "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13). If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God and if you want to dedicate your life to God and be saved, "Why are you waiting?" "Arise and be baptized!" The word "baptize" is a transliteration of the Greek word "BAPTIDZO" which means to immerse or dip. Bible baptism is an immersion in water. Churches that sprinkle or pour a little water on people are not following the Bible. What they do is not baptism, it is not immersion. In reality they do not baptize people at all. Someone who has only received "sprinkling" or "pouring" has not obeyed the command to be "baptized". The substance, water, has no magic power to wash away sins. In the act of baptism however is where we reach the blood of Jesus. Rom. 6. Baptism is not a meritorious work, but a gift of God that we receive, a "washing of regeneration" that cleanses us and saves us by the blood of Christ: "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord!" Amen DAN

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(Conner's father died last week and It would be nice to send him a card)