

Good Morning Everyone! I'm glad to see you here today. I hope you all had a great week. Many of you have been out the last few weeks on vacation. Our class has been kinda small lately. I want to encourage everyone to come to class when you can! You never know what you might miss! Remember tonight after the evening worship service we will have a DEVO. This will take place in the activity building. I hope you all will make plans to attend. See you tonight!!

Ben

WITH GRATITUDE

Adam Harding expressed his desire to resign as a Deacon last Sunday morning. Adam has served the church here in that capacity for several years. Citing personal reasons, he stated that he and Diane will continue to be active members here and will be supportive of the work. We express our appreciation to him for all he has done for the church through the years. THE ELDERS

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Patrick Henry

"ARE YOU SLEEP WALKING?"

It is high time for us to awake out of slumber. Let us awake to our Christian duties and let us awake to the dangers that surround us and our loved ones. Christianity is not for the lazy and complacent. We all need to awaken to the call of Christian duty (<u>Hag. 2, 5, 8, 14</u>). Christian have a duty to share the gospel (Jonah 1:5, Mk. 16:15-16, Matt. 28:18-20). Multitudes are dying every day without the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. As we pass by them day after day, remaining mute about their spiritual needs, are we not "sleep walking"? We have a duty to restore our brethren when they err from the faith (Gal. 6:1, 2 Peter 2:20-22). The Christian has a duty to aid those who are in need, especially those of the faith (Jas. 1:27, Lk. 16:19-31). James tells us to minister to the widows and orphans in their affliction. When one is figuratively asleep to the needs of others there is no way we can minister to them. The rich man may have been a "good, moral person", but he was asleep to the needs of Lazarus. We must also awaken to danger. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8) Often when one was caught sleeping while on guard duty, he was executed, because he has placed all of his comrades in danger. Satan is cunning and crafty. He couches sin in attractive terms and packages it with attractive, harmless-looking wrappers. Many Christians have fallen prey to his wiles because they were not wide-awake. It often scares me to see how effectively Satan is deceiving, sleepy-eyed Christians. Brethren awaken to your responsibilities to God and others. DAN

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

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THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT JULY 13th "Blessed Is The Nation Whose God Is The Lord– Joe Hancock

Aug. 10th Psa. 9:17 **"The Wicked Shall Be Turned Into Hell And All The Nations That Forget God.**" Mark Engel

Sept. 14th "Asking For His Presence." 2 Chron. 7:14 **Bob Payne**

Plan to be with us to hear these men address subjects related to our God and our Nation.

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Watermelon supper well attended One Baptized Joe Hancock speaks Wednesday

From Dan's desk:

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It was a joy to study with Sean Carter last week and to hear him make the confession of faith in Christ. Following our study and his confession, he was baptized for the remission of sins. We rejoice with him on this decision. He is the grandson of Larry and Glenda Baskin. The watermelon supper was great. We had 98 in attendance and it was a wonderful evening of fellowship and delicious watermelon. A big thank you to Marty and others who helped set up for the evening. Thanks also to **R.D.** Prince and Dale Sparks for getting the watermelons from the Pennington Farm in Grapeland. They are always delicious. Summertime is always a busy time and many have gone on vacations and are out of town. We continue to pray for their safety while they are away from us. Adam Harding resigned as a Deacon last Sunday morning. We express our appreciation to him for his service to the church over the last several years. He resigned for personal reasons and wants you to know that he will continue to be supportive of the work here wholeheartedly. Remember that this Wednesday night, Joe Hancock will be speaking for us in the Summer Series on the subject "Blessed Is The Nation Whose God Is The Lord." We all love and appreciate Joe. He preaches for the Church in Hallsville, Texas. This morning I will speak on the subject of "Elders." This is an awesome responsibility and we all need to be reminded of the qualifications and the responsibilities enjoined to that office. Nest Sunday I will speak on the subject "Deacons." If no objections are given to the men we have placed before you, we will appoint them on Sunday morning July 24th. See you tonight. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





<u>ED FURMAN</u> has learned he has additional cancer and will begin treatment soon.

<u>SAM LESTER</u>, brother of George Lester, is very ill in the hospital with cancer.

LINDA ALLEN has come home from rehab in Tyler. She is better. CHARLES McCULLOUGH is expected to come back home from rehab this week.

TATE BELL came home from the Hospital and is improving.

BAPTIZED

Sean Carter 14330 Island woods Dr. Houston, TX 77095

OUR SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to **CHARLES STEEN** in the death of his mother in Houston. She was 97 years old. Services were held in Houston last Friday. We continue to pray for Charles and his family.

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.

"DECLARING GOD'S MESSAGE OF TRUTH"

Multitudes in the denominational world are willing to preach a message of health, wealth and popularity. Paul predicted this would be the case. speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, (1 Timothy 4:2) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap to themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. (2 Timothy 4:3-4) Faithful preachers must not shrink back because they are in a minority. Those who speak the truth are few in number, but numbers don't matter to God. Faithfulness does. There are many temptations unique to preachers. One is the temptation to preach an easy message, or refrain from preaching a hard message, in order to secure his livelihood. When a preacher is supported by the freewill offerings of those to whom he preaches there always resides danger of preaching to please. To preach a hard message that convicts God's people of sin and wrongdoing may cost him his job. He must declare God's Truth unashamedly and without reservation nonetheless. Those who preach the truth will often be hated by some, perhaps many (1 Kings 22:7-8). Our Lord said as much Himself. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets. (Luke 6:26) Paul repeated this truth. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. (2 Timothy 3:12) We must always keep in mind that ease and comfort in the here and now is not our goal. An eternal home in heaven with God is that for which we strive. have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. (2 Timothy 4:7-8) That is why I preach the truth and encourage others to do the same DAN