

I have been on vacation this last week. It was nice to get away for a few days and relax in Florida. We are back and I want to thank Danial Plummer for teaching my classes while I was away. I missed hearing Paul Cartwright in the church auditorium last Wednesday night, but I know he did a good job. Thanks for your encouragement. Don' forget Bible School promotion is two weeks from today. Plan to be here. If you are no attending Bible class on Sunday morning or Wednesday night, plan to make it a part of your routine. God bless you all. BEN

"JUST STUPIDY OR WORSE" How stupid can we get??

Recently an appeals court in Florida upheld a \$108,800 fine against a man who poached 1088 tur tle eggs from a state park. The public defender argued that an egg isn't a turtle until it hatches; but the prosecutor affirmed that 80-00% of marine turtle eggs are fertile, and therefore, each egg must be considered a unit of marine life. The judges agreed with the prosecutor! The pro-abortion establishmen claims that a "fetus" is not a human "person" until birth has occurred. Several years ago the highest court in the nation agreed, and declared any and all laws protecting the unborn (humans, that is) to be "unconstitutional." Isn't it more than ironic that laws protecting unhatched marine turtles are perfectly alright, but laws protecting unborn human beings are unconstitutional? An unhatched turtle is a "unit of marine life," but an unborn human is just so much "tissue." Swipe a thousand turtle eggs and we'll fine you \$100 each (not to mention sending you to jail for 60 days); kill a thousand unborn human children and we will reward you for your "work" with tax money and laud you as a champion of "reproductive freedom"! Can you believe it? DAN

"A Faith That Ponders"

CHRISTIAN FAITH IS DESIGNED

by God to be a "pondering" faith. Some believe we are a generation that has "dumbed down" everything that is important to the level of bumper stickers and Hallmark cards, and we are suffering the consequences. One revealing bumper sticker of the type many have in mind that reads, "There is no right or wrong—only fun or boring." Yet God desires people to consider, reason, analyze, and study. He has given us His Word in propositional form, a Word that must be carefully dissected if it is to be understood. To allow ourselves to be pressed into the world's mold of entertainment without careful reflection based on Scripture is a terrible loss. Paul said in 2 Tim. 2:15"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" DAN

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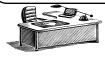
It is incredibly therapeutic watching a fire. A fire seems to bring out wonderful moments of reflection and conversation when we are sitting around the fire. Fires are beneficial in many ways with the heat, light, and mood it produces. God's word is compared to a fire in Jeremiah 23:39. Like a fire it enlightens and penetrates. I believe that the gospel also is a fire, and the church needs to be on fire to spread it properly. I also believe that the church that is on fire for the Lord shines brightly in many ways and glorifies Him (cf. Matthew 5:16; Ephesians 3:21). How I wish more brethren would take advantage of the times we burn brightly for the Lord in work and worship. Have you ever been sitting around a fire that was beginning to dwindle, took a stick and stoked the coals, and the fire would burn brightly again? It is amazing that just moving the burning coals around a little makes such a big difference in the fire. There's a lesson for all of us in this. It is important to keep moving about serving, working, fellowshipping, and encouraging one another in the church. Doing this breathes needed oxygen into the church and helps the gospel fire to burn in our hearts and lives. The more of us 'burning coals" who move around, the brighter we will burn together for the Lord! So, stoke the fire – stoke the folk!"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:14-25)."...and your zeal has stirred up the majority" (2 Cor. 9:2). DAN

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From Dan's desk:

The tragic news about the horrible shooting in our country proves to us that the devil is alive and working aggressively to accomplish his initiative. Our hearts continue to go out to the families that have been affected in California, El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. It is sad that many in this country want to take her down. Thanks for your comments about the lessons last Sunday. I am always grateful when people profit from my study and learn things that can benefit them spiritually. Ben and Keri have been on vacation this last week in Florida. We always miss them when they are not here. Our thanks to Paul Cartwright for speaking last Wednesday night. He did a good job telling us about the "Infinite Mercy" of our Father in heaven. I know that Wayne and Carol Ann were so proud of him. We have had some good speakers this year and we have one more to come in the month of September. I hope you will plan to be with us. The summertime heat is upon us. We knew it would come, and it is here. We were so blessed in the months of June and July with cooler temperatures and more than normal rainfall for the summer. Before long the Autumn season will be here and the heat will be a thing of the past. We continue to have a number of people on the prayer list. Continue to pray for them and send cards, give them a call and let them know that they are in our thoughts. Remember that we will have Bible school promotion on August the 25th. It will be here soon. We hope you are planning to be present that morning. Thanks for coming today. Welcome visitors, we are glad you have come and we hope you will come again soon. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





JAMES SINGLETERRY has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and will begin radiation treatment soon. DEANNA CHAPMAN is awaiting the results of her recent tests in Houston.

LINDA LIPPOLD was in Houston at M.D. Anderson hospital taking cancer treatment this past week. <u>COURTNEY BELL</u> has been in the local hospital for tests and treatment. She is now home doing better. <u>GERRI HAHN</u> has been in the hospital for treatment and is now in rehab in Tyler.

Prayer list is available in foyer.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Sonda Baker in the death of her father, HOMER WASSON. Mr. Wasson passed away on Monday of last week in Kerens, TX. His services were held Friday in Kerens. He was also the grandfather of Hailey Brooks.

One Sunday in a Midwest City, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

Dead On Arrival

Several years ago Robert Woods was a 27 year-old Dallas police officer. He died on November 28, 1976 after being shot five times with a pistol. The man convicted of the crime was Randall Dale Adams. He spent 12 years in prison but his conviction was overturned as a result of the movie entitled The Thin Blue Line (a name used to describe the police). The crime remains unsolved. Woods had pulled a vehicle over for driving with no headlights. As he approached the car the driver shot him five times. The ironic and tragic thing was that Wood's wife had bought him a bullet-proof vest and was going to give it to him for Christmas, less than a month away. Officials said if he had been wearing the vest, the .22 bullets would most likely not have taken his life. So close...almost...but dead! The warning found in James 4:13-17 needs heeding as much today as when Officer Woods was killed and even as much as when James wrote it... 'you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money,' you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes; ...anyone who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." Is there someone you need to visit? A call you need to make or a letter you intend to write? Is there sin you need forgiven of? Are you planning someday to obey the gospel? Are you waiting to get everything in order before you come back? Don't keep putting it off. Tomorrow might be too late. DAN