

Good morning and thanks for being here. Today is a wonderful day to worship our Lord! Dan is out of town today and he asked me to fill in for him this morning. *Please pray for me!!!* I will be speaking on "Living the Christian Life". Thanks to those who came to the DEVO last Wednesday in the activity building. (Sorry about the food... Keri was out of town and I did the best I could.) She always does a better job with the food. We had a good turn out and great time though. Last Wednesday was also Chloe's birthday (HAPPY BIRTHDAY)! We want to thank those who brought sandwiches and desserts last Sunday for the Sandwich Supper. We had a fun time together. I hope each of you has a good week and you all stay healthy. See you all tonight. BEN

After putting her children to bed, a mother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin.

At last she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with a stern warnings.

As she left the room, she heard her three-yearold say with a trembling voice, "Who was that?"

A woman walked up to a little old man rocking in a chair on his porch. "I couldn't help noticing how happy you look," she said. "What's your secret for a long happy life?"

"I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day," he said. "I also drink a case of whiskey a week, eat fatty foods, and never exercise."

"That's amazing," the woman said. "How old are you?"

"Twenty-six," he said.

It's Hard to Convince Your Children

It's hard to convince your children that the church is the most important thing in the world when you are negligent about attending its services and supporting its work.

It's hard to convince your children that the church is the greatest institution in the world when you permit them to miss services to go elsewhere

It's hard to convince your children that the church is to be held higher than anything when you insist that they do their homework for public school, but permit them to neglect their Bible study.

It's hard to convince your children that the church is the most important institution when you give little to help finance its work and encourage them to do likewise

It's hard to convince your children the work of the church is important, when you have no part in what work is being done, either financially or personally.

It's hard to convince there is really a heaven, and a hell, whey they realize that this life is the most important thing there is to you, and they don't see you making much preparation for a life after death. SELECTED

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MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB Mary had a little lamb, His fleece was white a snow. And everywhere that Mary went, The Lamb was sure to go. He followed her to school each day, Twasn't even in the rule. He made the children laugh and play, To have a Lamb at school. And then the rules all changed. One day, Illegal it became; To bring the Lamb of God to school, Or even speak His name. Everyday got worse and worse, And days turned into years. Instead of hearing children laugh, We heard gun shots and tears. What must we do to stop the crime, That's in our schools today? Let's let the Lamb come back to school, And teach our kids to play!

Make an effort to bring your "little lambs" to worship with you.

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Ben Rhone To Speak this morning. Special contribution \$8,000 +



From Dan's desk:

My thanks to Ben for preaching for me this morning. I am in Buna, Texas conducting a Gospel Meeting with the church there. I first started preaching for the brethren there in April of 1969. It is great to be back with them in this special effort. We will miss being with you this morning but I am confident that Ben will do a great job. We appreciate Ben and Keri and all that they do with the young people and other areas of the work of the church. The men of the church will conduct the evening worship service tonight. Please plan to be present to encourage them. We have so many capable brethren here at Crockett Rd. and that is a wonderful blessing. Children's Bible Hour got off to a great start last Sunday night. I know that the children who were present really benefited from the lesson taught and the fellowship with other children. This is a great way to teach young children on their level. Our "Monday Night For The Master" will resume a week from tomorrow night. The contribution for those in Houston who lost their homes resulted in some \$8,000 plus given by the congregation here last Sunday. You are to be commended for your liberality and thoughtfulness concerning others. Those funds will be disbursed to those who have suffered great loss to their homes and automobile and those who suffered injury. Remember to pray for those in the Houston and Florida area who were displaced by the storm. Many lost their homes and all their belongings. How tragic. Pray for the families of those who suffered the loss of loved ones in death. Sunday was a great day and we were glad you were in attendance. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



ASHLEY RADFORD has been undergoing tests this last week also. **GEORGE WOODEN** will be having tests this week. CURT DONALDSON (son of Bob & Mary Stech) has started cancer treatments. SHELLY ROGGENDORFF (daughter of **Robert Duzan) is undergoing cancer** treatment. ALAN NICHOLS is improving after a broken foot. ANNIE LEE BIRDOW has been sick at

home and unable to attend services. **PAUL WILCHER** (son of Gerald & Diane Wilcher) accident –many broken bones. Others who have been ill are better.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER The Monday Night For The Master program will start up again after the summer hiatus. This will take place a week from tomorrow night. Plan to come to the meal at 6:15 P.M. and stay for the work hour from 7-8 P.M.

RESPONSES FOR PRAYER **Kathy Chambless Nancy Miller**

"WHAT IS OUR VISION?"

A lot of what we accomplish in life depends upon our focus. The story is told of the golfer Arnold Palmer, who, in the 1961 Master's finals was approached by a friend and congratulated on his victory a few shots prior to his finish. Palmer is on record as saying that in that moment he lost his focus and he ended up losing by a point. It happens time and again; there is the football player who looks toward the goal line and drops the ball; the ice skater who falls and simply can't recover to conclude the performance; the politician who misspeaks and ruins his political career? all for a lack of focus. Out of all of the kings of Israel, David was arguably the greatest; he had his problems, but he always ultimately sought to put his trust in the Lord. Nevertheless, because David was a man of war, his greatest desire, to build the Lord a house, could not be accomplished by him. David, however, purposed to do all that he could toward the construction of the temple prior to his death. He made agreements with nations for materials; he collected materials; he assembled workers. Before his death, David commanded the princes of Israel to help Solomon build the temple (1 Chronicles 22:17). He exhorted them, "Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD" (1 Chronicles 22:19). Do we see the focus in the words, "Set your heart and soul to seek the Lord your God"? Because they focused upon seeking God, they were able to accomplish great things. **UNKNOWN**