

Thanks to each of you for being here today. We are planning a trip to "Hell House" in Tyler this month. This will be for high school students only. We have been going to this event for several years now and I understand that they have added new things this year. I will announce the day we will be going soon. I know many of you have been busy with school projects and sports lately. I want to encourage each of you to do your very best. Attendance in class has been very good! We are having a DEVO tonight after church. Please make plans to hang out with us and invite some friends. BEN

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

We will have our annual Fellowship Luncheon next Sunday. You are asked to bring TWO of the following: meat dish, vegetable, salad or desert. Any tow of these in combination would be great. We are expecting a large attendance and we hope you can help.

TIPTON HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The Tipton Home grocery truck will be here a week from tomorrow. They are requesting the following items. Please bring your items for the children's home to the building by next Sunday. The items needed are: Paper towels, toilet paper, kleenex and assorted cereals.



"The healthiest part of a donut is the hole. Unfortunately, you have to eat through the rest of the donut to get there!"

Is Life Unfair To Some?

Have you ever felt that life is unfair? For those of us who are committed to following the will and ways of Jesus, it's easy to get frustrated when people who don't care about Him seem to do well in life. A businessman cheats vet wins a large contract, and the guy who parties all the time is robust and healthy --while you or your loved ones struggle with financial or medical issues. It makes us feel cheated, like maybe we've been good for nothing. If you've ever felt that way, you're in good company. The writer of Psalm 73 goes through a whole list of how the wicked prosper, and then he says, "Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain" (v. 13). But the tide of his thoughts turn when he recalls his time in God's presence: "Then I understand their end" (v. 17). When we spend time with God and see things from His point of view, it changes our perspective completely. We may be jealous of the nonbelievers now, but we won't be at judgment time. As the saying goes, what difference does it make if you win the battle and lose the war? Like the psalmist, let's thank God for His presence in this life and His promise of the life to come (vv. Corky Boyd 25-28).

DOOR GREETERS

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

"Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled"

We sing a number of songs in worship which have to do with that ultimate promise of God to faithful Christians – Heaven. From the picture we receive from the Holy Scriptures, we know that these songs are not exaggerated in the least. They are not songs to just "pump us up" in a desperate search for "something" beyond this life - not just an empty, impossible longing for a place of rest from this world's strife and struggle – not a fairy tale for those bowed down in pain who seek relief – not just an empty hope for the elderly nearing the end of their lives. Instead, they are an assurance, an encouragement to us not to give up the fight, and yield to the devil (where there is no hope). By faith, we know Heaven is real, rather than a mere figment of imagination – and we know this, because of the source of our faith, the Word of God. Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Consequently, if the Scriptures tell us there is such a place, by faith we know that there is. Do we believe Jesus spoke the Truth? Listen to His words of John 14:1-4 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know." ? Do we believe the Father? Paul says in Titus 1:2-3, "in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior; "?Do we believe the description of that resting place in Revelation 21 and 22 – that it will be a beautiful place of no more tears, pain, sorrow, tribulation, or temptation? Heaven is real, and as true as anything else we read in the Holy Scriptures. Either it is, or we have no hope, no Savior, no God – no sin. Paul says in Ephesians 4:4 that there is one hope of our calling --- did he lie there, too? The songs we sing about Heaven indeed reflect the Truth of Almighty God, Who cannot lie. We can not only "feel good" when we sing them, but can be secure in our faith that when we sing "My Home Above" - there is one!!! "Let not your heart be troubled", Jesus says – "I go to prepare a place for you." Copied

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From Dan's desk:



Everyone is reminded of the Christian R.V. Rally that will take place next week. We will take the bus down to Grapeland on Friday night to the "Fish-Fry". There is no cost and everyone will have a great time. In conjunction with the Rally, Bro. Ray Franks will speak to the combined adult Bible classes next Sunday morning in the Auditorium. This an annual event and we will be blessed by hearing him and having all of the Rally attendees with us that Sunday in worship. A luncheon will follow the morning worship service. You are asked to bring two of the items listed elsewhere in the church bulletin. Please make plans to be with us. It will be a great day. We are happy to have all the visitors in the audience today. We have several who are here from the Dogwood Jamboree and the Dog Trials that are going on in Anderson County. This is a national event and a lot of visitors will be in our community over the next two weeks. Remember to meet and greet them and make them feel welcome. Last Sunday evening following the service a visitor PATTY ESLAND of Mobile, Ala, asked that we have a prayer for her. She has recently moved to Palestine and will be attending here. Continue to pray for her. She has a son at Fort Hood near Killeen, Texas. See you tonight. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

BILLY MASON is recovering from Stomach surgery this last week.

JACK THOMASON will have heart bypass surgery in Tyler.

CHARLES STEEN is also recovering from shoulder surgery.

All others who have been ill are improving. Continue to pray for

BABY SHOWER

them.

We will have a baby shower honoring Haley Gilbert next Sunday from 2 to 3:30 in the Family Room. Haley will be having a girl this time. Her selections are at Walmart & Amazon.com

RESPONSE For Prayer PATTY ESLAND Mobile, Ala

SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Gary and Liz Missildine in the death of their grandson ALEX MISSILDINE, who was killed last week in Afghanistan. He was killed by an IED. Funeral arrangements are pending at the time of this writing.

"THE NEEDS OF MAN TODAY"

"We do not need more national development; we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power; we need more spiritual power. We do not need more knowledge; we need more character. We do not need more law; we need more Christianity. We do not need more of the things that are seen; we need more of the things that are unseen" (President Calvin Coolidge) Corresponding to the above thoughts, the Bible says, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven....Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2). "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18). The next time you hear some hedonist humanist tell us that we need more money for welfare, more funds for education, more tax revenue for more police and jailhouses, you might remember what our real needs are. It is because we lack what is pure and true that we need more money for depraved deadbeats. It is because we have distributed condoms rather than moral conviction that we need more cash for welfare programs. It is because we have spoiled our children with a false sense of freedom and an illusory concept of "self esteem," and have not spanked them with the law of discipline and virtue and that's why we need more police and penitentiaries. May God give us the strength to help our children develop spiritual character. When we do so, we will change America as we now know it **ADAPTED**