

Thank you to everyone for being here this morning. Thanks to all of you who were here Tuesday night for the Holiday Fellowship. It was great. We will have a devo here at the church tonight after services and then work on bulletin boards. See you then.

BEN

Today immediately after our worship the Ornament Exchange will take place at the home of Sonda Baker. Sonda is providing the meal.

This Tuesday night, Dec. 9th, Pam Gallaway will be hosting a Card Signing Get-Together at her home. The bus will be leaving the church at 5 PM. Pam & Sue Grubbs will be providing soup for everyone. Please bring finger foods to go along with the soup or desserts.

This Friday, December 12th, we will be leaving at 8:30 AM for our trip to Natchitoches, LA. to view the Christmas decorations. Please bring sandwiches for lunch on Friday and we will eat out for the remaining meals. Please pack as lightly, as you can, as space for baggage on the bus is limited. Motel information is provided on the board.

Our sympathy s extended to Lanova Mitchell in the death of her stepmother, EVALENA CARNES. Her services were held last Sunday.

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

"YOUR PERSONAL ENEMY"

The Bible makes it clear that every one of us has a very personal enemy looking to trip us up and take us out! As much as we might like to deny it or wish it were not so it simply is a fact we are challenged to accept and deal with. Deciding not to turn the pages of my Bible to learn about this formidable foe will never change the fact that we all as the human race have a common enemy. He's referred to as Satan throughout the Bible – Job 1:6-7- Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. (7) The LORD said to Satan, From where have you come? Satan answered the LORD and said, From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it. He is also referred to as the accuser. Revelation 12:10- And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. The tempter. 1 Thessalonians 3:5. For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain. We need to acknowledge that Satan is very powerful, persuasive, and persistent. Living in denial of these facts will only contribute to our de-**ADAPTED** mise

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Church fellowship last Tuesday night a great Event.





From Dan's desk:

Our Annual Holiday Dinner last Tuesday night was great and a big thank you to all who helped with decorations. Thanks to Dale, Lorelee and Willette for all their help with decorations. Everything really looked nice. Thanks to Ben and Santa Claus for being present for the kids. They really did enjoy the occasion. The food was delicious. Thanks to Sam for the delicious food provided. He always does a great job. Thanks to Willette for the bulletin boards in the fover also. She always does a wonderful job making things seasonal. This has been a busy week. We were in Tyler this last week for Ed Furman who was having surgery, I taped two segments of "Give Me The Bible" on Tuesday and several commentaries of "Something To Think About " for several NBC and FOX Network affiliates and the National telecast for The Gospel Broadcasting Network that carries our television program and is produced in the Tyler studio at KETK NBC 56. It is wonderful to know that this congregation is so instrumental in preaching the Gospel of Christ around the world. We have a number of visitors with us this morning. We are glad you are here. If you are a first time visitor, please go by the Visitor's Center and pick up a gift bag from the church here. It contains a number of items that you will find helpful. We hope you will come again. Thanks for being a guest in our assembly. We hope and pray that the worship service today has been a blessing to your life. Thanks to our church family members who are present today. We hope to see you tonight at the 6 P.M. service. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

<u>ED FURMAN</u> had abdominal surgery on Monday at East Texas Medical. He is improving.

GARY CHAMBLESS is recovering from his hip surgery at a rehab facility in Tyler.

<u>DEANNA CHAPMAN</u> will have back surgery soon.

<u>KEN HERRIAGE,</u> Jimmy Cook's son-inlaw, is in Mother Frances hospital.

JACKSON PRUITT, 3 month old grandson of Pam Gallaway & great-grandson of Sue Grubbs, was hospitalized with an upper respiratory infection.

SUE GRAVES, sister of James Henry, will have knee surgery on Tuesday

MATTIE BERRYHILL mother of Linda Allen is seriously ill in the local hospital.

WENDY FINCHER was in Mother Frances Hospital for treatment this last week.

(Please pick up a Prayer List on the podiums for those with continuing illnesses and remember them in your prayers.)

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.

WILL WE KNOW?

Who among us has not pondered the great question, Will I recognize my friends and loved ones when I get to heaven?" While the Bible does not directly ask this question, the human heart does. In death's dark hour, can we comfort the relatives of those who "died in the Lord" with the hope of a future reunion in heaven? Or, when the funeral director closes the casket, is this truly the hour of final departure? It appears as though the Scriptures assume we will know and recognize one another in heaven. The great patriarch Abraham died at the age of 175. Moses records his death with these words: "Then Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah..." (Genesis 25:8 -9). Notice the sequence: he died, was gathered to his people, then his body was buried in the cave. Though the tomb was new, somehow Abraham was now with his people. When we speak of future recognition, some skeptic will usually ask, "Would you be happy in heaven knowing some of your friends or relatives were not there?" Instead of helping our problem, this question increases it. If I cannot recognize any of my loved ones in heaven, then I would be forever uncertain if any of them made it there! Furthermore, this question assumes I would want to overlook the manner of life these people led while alive. If they are lost, it will be because they did not desire heaven enough to quit the practice of sin. Yes, we will be saddened by the loss of some, but I always thought this is why "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4). Earthly ties cannot last forever. Knowing that we shall recognize one another in heaven, let us labor diligently to increase our acquaintances in that glorious abode of the soul. "And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' And let him who thirsts come. And whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."

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