

Thanks to those who are here today. If vou are visiting with us today we hope you will come back again. The Youth Group is hosting the "Single and Single Again" luncheon today. Please join us in the activity building immediately after our worship service this morning.

Thanks to our youth for doing this every year for our church family. You all are appreciated very much! I would also like to thank those who made desserts for the lunch. Last but not least thanks to my wife, Keri and my mother-in-law, Mrs. Camp for cooking the food. They have been very busy and we appreciate both of them for this. They are both great cooks and I know the food will be delicious!! See you in the activity building after church.

BEN

# Thanksgiving

For each new morning with its light. For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food. For love and friends, For everything Thy goodness sends

--Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

#### "WILL YOU STAND UP FOR TRUTH?"

Many brethren are courageously standing for that which they know to be right, while others, not studying the Bible for themselves, are swept away by the pleasant and fair speeches of teachers and preachers who seek only to scratch itching ears with "great swelling words, showing respect of persons for the sake of advantage." (Jude 16) Some of those Christians are confusing the difference between convictions and conveniences. They conveniently stand for doctrine which is most popular, receiving the "praise of men," rather than standing for doctrine of Christ by conviction, being rewarded with the "praise of God." (John 12:43) Such an attitude is manifested by the failure to teach against worldliness, looseness and laxity in moral living, and by putting emphasis on number and size rather than spiritual stature. Many seem afraid to condemn anything, but stand ready to praise everything. We have watered down our convictions, sweetened our dispositions, and become so sophisticated with worldly wisdom and intoxicated with our "place under the sun" of prominence in the religious world that we stand powerless in the face of error and evil. God is calling ALL Christians to stand up for truth, nothing wavering. Let conviction override your convenience. -DAN

**DOOR GREETERS** Sunday Nov. 24, 2019 Deena Ricard & Jan Dugan **COMMUNION PREPARATION** Sunday Nov. 24, 2019 Willette Rasure NURSERY **Emily Benge** 



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## **"THANKFUL HEARTS"**

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"On the Gettysburg battlefield, there are two round top hills with a rocky area between known as "Devil's Den" It became a place of refuge during the fierce battle. Following the battle, many bodies were retrieved of soldiers seeking refuge "in the cleft of the rock." What was hoped to be protection became a vault by which they were entrapped. We have been promised refuge during times of threat and harm which cannot be penetrated by the most cunning enemy. David had found refuge in God's protective custody many times about which he wrote with these words: "I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies" (Ps. 18:1-3). God's glory is seen from the Rock as is expressed by the words of the old song, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee". I find comfort in the passage where God told His people of the Exodus that "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock" (Ex. 23:21-23). There is the story of a little bird that was being chased by a much larger bird of prey. The little bird flew to save its life, darting about while being pursued by the larger bird. The little bird quickly flew into a crevice in a rock face, inside the cleft in the rock. The larger bird gave up. The little bird had found shelter in the rock, out of reach from fearsome claws. It's life was saved. How like the little bird are we! Keep in mind that "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty" (Ps. 9:1). "He will cover you with His pinions and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark" (Ps. 91:1). The wonderful and warm embrace of our heavenly Father is a place of refuge and not a "Devil's Den." When we try to find comfort in the clutches of alcohol, drugs, sex, money or so many other cares of the world by which we are surrounded, they become a prison and not a refuge. We must take confidence and courage in knowing that our God is our protectorate and never a threat. Praise God and be thankful for His loving care in times past, eve now and in the future that rests before us SELECTED

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Two baptized recently and One places membership with us. Single, Single Again Luncheon



# From Dan's desk:

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. We are amending our Midweek service schedule for the week of Thanksgiving. We will meet on Tuesday night instead of Wednesday night that week only. Please make a note of this change. The men in the congregation will lead the devotional that night, Tuesday November 26th. We are excited about the recent baptism of Robert Lopez and Gregg Davis. Robert has been coming for some time and was baptized a couple of weeks ago. I had the privilege of studying with him prior to his baptism. He also expressed his desire to place membership with the congregation here last Sunday. Gregg Davis is the son of Charles and Betty Steen. I studied with him last week and he was baptized. He will be living in Houston and will be attending church there. We are happy for both of these men and we know that our Lord will give them the strength to live for Him. The Single, Single Again luncheon will take place out in the church activity building. If you are widowed or you are a widower or if you are single or single again, please stay and join us for lunch. The youth along with Ben and Keri and the Camps (Steve and Jill) have made ready for the meal and you will enjoy. We appreciate their efforts. This is a great opportunity get to know one another better and enjoy a delicious meal together. Thanks for coming this morning. If you are visiting, please plan to join us. We hope you will make plans to be in worship tonight at 6 P.M. Please sign up for the Holiday fellowship on Dec. 3rd. We need to know as soon as possible, how many are coming. DAN

# TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

DEBBIE WARREN continues to undergo radiation and chemo for her cancer.

GEORGE LESTER underwent test this last week in Jacksonville. MARY STECH got a good report on her heart tests this last week. MICHAEL THOMASON, son of Jack & Mary Jo, had a heart attack and surgery on Wednesday of last week.

### 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.

## RESPONSES BAPTIZED

Gregg Davis BAPTIZED AND MEMBERSHIP Robert Lopez 118 Gardner Palestine, Texas 75803 903-948-4248

An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.

# "What God Expects Of Us"

If we are going to have the proper attitude toward the word of God, we must: • Have good and honest hearts (Luke 8:15). • Allow the word of God to "prick" our hearts (Acts 2:37). • Gladly receive the word (Acts 2:40). • Be discerning hearers (Acts 17:11). • Be eager hearers (Matthew 5:6; Acts 10:33). • Desire to hear and know all of the word (Acts 10:33). • Desire only the word of God (Matthew 15:9). What is your attitude toward the word of God? What should it be? Make sure it is what the Lord would have it to be. DAN

#### **Anything Breakable?**

Theresa, living in Nebraska, USA, decides to post the old family Holy Bible to her brother in Maine. The postal worker enquires as to whether there is anything breakable in the parcel. Only the 10 Commandments Theresa said.

#### THANK YOU

Thanks to Jan Todd for the beautiful floral arrangements always provided at the church bldg. when we meet for worship.

#### Little Angel!

Little Johnny's new baby brother was screaming up a storm. Johnny asked his mom, "Where'd he come from?" "He came from heaven, Johnny." Johnny responded: "Wow! I can see why they threw him out!"

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