

Good morning and welcome to services! We are cancelling the luncheon today because of icy weather. We will have it next Sunday. We are looking forward to serving our retirees and making it a special day for them. Today is the absolute **last day** to sign up for any Lads to Leaders events as well as to register to attend convention this year. Alison has her laptop and can assist with registration.

We are so excited to resume our Sunday night devotionals! We will be having a devo next Sunday, February 21, immediately following evening worship. We will meet in the activity building and have some really fun activities planned! All those in 5th-12th grades are invited to attend. DOUG

**"JESUS CHRIST is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Heb. 13:8**

## IN WHAT DO YOU TRUST?

Psalm 30 describes the one who thought at one time that prosperity could keep him unshaken. "Now as for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I will never be moved.' O LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain to stand strong; You hid Your face, I was dismayed" (vv 6-7). Financial security, while nice to have, is not always so nearly certain as would like to think. This is why, as Paul told Timothy, we are not to trust in the uncertainty of our riches, "but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy" (1 Tim 6:17). Worldly prosperity is deceptive. If we momentarily enjoy the feeling of financial security, well and good. But we need to be aware of the flimsy foundation that such prosperity can have. "Your riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten..." (Jas 5:2-3). If we are going to say, "I shall not be moved," let it not be due to worldly prosperity, for that, too, will ultimately fail. Trust in God! DAN

## Be Busy About Important Matters

As a general principle, we might recall what Jesus told the man who wanted to follow Him after he buried his father: "Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:60). Governments will rise and fall, but through it all, God's kingdom will prevail (Dan 2:44-45). Should our concern for the earthly kingdom be greater than that of God's kingdom? We are to be more concerned about saving souls than anything else. That task is ours. While the world witnesses politics as usual, in Washington D.C. Christians are called to the higher purpose of living for the Lord's kingdom. "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself" (Phil. 3:20-21). DAN

**February 21, 2021**  
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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## “NEW EPIDEMIC”

If you've watched the news any time lately, you've probably been aware of the new "epidemic" in our country. This epidemic isn't caused by a virus; it isn't caused by a bacteria; it isn't caused by any "disease" at all. The new epidemic in our country, say the experts, (not coronavirus) is obesity. In contrast to our burgeoning physical waistlines, we are spiritually wasting away. Spiritually, we need to have a balanced diet as well; we need less spiritual sugar and fat; we need more spiritually healthy choices. It isn't easy to give up a diet of sugar and fat, after all, they taste so good! Similarly, it isn't easy to divorce ourselves from spiritual sugar and fat (i.e. the "feel good" approach to spirituality). So, how can we improve our spiritual diet? First, we need a daily serving of prayer. We begin to grow weak spiritually when we think that we are self-sufficient and have no need to depend upon God. A daily serving of prayer is packed with the daily essential vitamins of humility, selflessness, and thankfulness. Paul wrote, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Second, we need a heaping portion of God's word. Every day we make decisions in our relationships that affect our family, friends, coworkers and acquaintances. We need nourishment of God's word to guide us in such decisions. (Psalm 119:11) Third, we need a regular dose of service to others. There are many around us who need help. It's not enough for us to sit back and relax and wait for them to come to us. We need to be active in going out and seeing how we can help others. Galatians 5:13 Finally, we need to pour ourselves several cups of a good attitude. Attitude makes all the difference in our daily walk with God. Regardless what we may believe, we have complete control over our attitude regardless how things are going in life and we must conform our attitude toward God's will. What must we do? Show love toward our fellow man, exercise patience, practice longsuffering and generously give forgiveness to those around us. Jesus said, "In your patience possess ye your souls" (Luke 21:19). We need constantly drink from the water of life to help our attitudes! Exercising spiritually healthy choices, however, will maintain a healthy spiritual life and fortify us with the basic essential spiritual nutrients. This will go a long way toward our spiritual health and well being. Let us focus on the spiritual and draw closer to our Lord and the church. DAN

**RETIRES LUNCHEON  
TODAY WILL BE  
RESCHEDULED FOR NEXT  
SUNDAY**

*From Dan's desk:*



Last Sunday was a great day. Several requested tapes of the sermons. I am grateful for your continued interest in matters spiritual. I regret that I was unable to finish the lesson on Sunday night due to a reaction to the Covid vaccine. We presented JANE GRUMBLES with a certificate and gift card from the church for her devotion in helping grieving families in their time of need. For over 20 years she along with other ladies have provided food for families who had lost loved ones in death. She is retiring and Janet Alford is assuming that responsibility. We are confident she will do a great job and that other ladies in the church will respond when called upon. We also presented DWIGHT FRANKLIN a certificate and gift card for over twenty years of changing the sign out front. He does an excellent job and this sign draws a lot of attention each week. I hear people talk about it quite often. Thanks Dwight for all you do and continue to do for the church here. **HE IS NOT RETIRING!** Thanks goodness. I don't know of anyone who would step up to do this each week anyway. We know that your efforts in doing this is a labor of love for the God of heaven and the church. We regret that we had to reschedule the luncheon today for the retirees. The weather is just not cooperating with us, but we will announce later as to when we will reschedule. We also hope to see you tonight at the evening worship service at 6 P.M, weather permitting. We will announce any cancellations and information about the evening service this morning in the announcements.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**J.B. MATLOCK is improving but Remains in the hospital and will for some time now.**  
**CLAYTON STEEN (Charles' son is recovering from Colon surgery this last week.**  
**LINDA LIPPOLD had shoulder surgery last Wednesday in Tyler. She is doing better.**  
**SAM ELLIS had leg surgery last Friday.**  
**MICHAEL MORRIS had leg surgery last week, but is improving.**  
**LLOYD RUTLEDGE has been in the hospital this last week with heart defibulator issues.**  
**JAMES SINGLETERRY is scheduled for surgery Feb. 26th.**

**NO LADIES CLASS TUESDAY  
MORNING  
Because of icy weather. The  
roads will make it dangerous**

**SYMPATHY**  
Our sympathy is extended to the family of **MILLIE BAUR** who passed away last Monday. Memorial services were held yesterday at Rhone chapel. Burial in Chandler, Texas

**SERVICE TONIGHT DEPENDING ON WEATHER.**

**WHAT ARE YOU HEARING?**

We know that preachers and teachers are to be purposeful. That is, they are to be careful in what they say, how they say it, and have some kind of goal in mind for saying it (Jas 3:1; Col 4:2-6). Simply rambling to make noise does no one any good and usually is a sign of someone more engrossed in himself than in God, God's word, and God's people. All things are to be done for edification purposes and to God's glory, not for selfish ambition or being the center of attention. The speaker needs to be purposeful, but what about the listener? While we recognize that a teacher or speaker should try to do his job in a way that maintains interest, we have to ask: is all of the responsibility on the teacher to keep the attention of the audience? Is it the teacher's job to keep everyone awake or entertained? Is it the sole responsibility of the preacher to make sure everyone is engaged? Doesn't the hearer have a responsibility, also?

DAN

**SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to Shirley Rutledge in the death of her sister **LaHOMA WOOTEN** of Houston this last week. Services were held there last Friday.

# February 14th, 2021

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lloyd Rutledge having heart issues.  
Shirley Rutledge in death of her sister  
Sam Ellis- recovering from leg surgery  
Michael Morris- recovering from leg surgery  
Linda Lippold recovering from shoulder surgery  
James Singleterry scheduled for surgery on Feb. 26th  
Beth Freeman-started imuno-therapy last Thursday  
Larry Hooper remains ill at home recovering from surgery  
Mary Jo Thomason is having Therapy treatments on her legs  
Evelyn Pirtle seriously ill at the Tru-care Nursing facility  
Ruth San Miguel mother of Rozanna May Home-Covid-19  
Jo Ann Henry (sister of James Henry) recovering from surgery in Ft. Worth  
Eve Rogers (niece of Gerald Wilcher) inoperable lung cancer  
Ike and Joyce Weatherly are both having health issues.  
Kenneth Holland-COPD  
Cindy Pace has been in the hospital but is home now improving.  
J.B. Matlock is doing better and is out of I.C.U.  
Lanova Mitchell has been ill at home & requests prayer.  
Elizabeth Attaway (Beth Freeman's daughter-in-law) cancer  
Maurine Ellis (of Sam's mom) numerous health issues and surgery  
She has been seriously ill.  
Margaret Richardson's family upon her death in nursing home.  
Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer  
Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer

**Please remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers.** They need our prayers. Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Ruby Merritt, James and Irma Ray, Ola Pearl Reeves, Emalie Tuschoff

**NOTE:** We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list or removed, please notify us in the church office.

THE ELDERS