



Good morning and welcome to services! We are so glad you are here. Most of you are enjoying your spring break this week and we hope it's a wonderful time for you all. It won't be long until summer break! Many our young people are working on projects for Lads to Leaders and we can't wait to see the final product. Please grab a youth calendar for details on scrapbook and puppet team meetings. Last weekend was our deadline for L2L testing, so we are getting very close to convention! Registration is open for Camp Red Oak Springs! If you have any questions, please let us know. The cost for camp is \$170 for the week. We hope you have a great break! DOUG

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;"

Philippians 4:6

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.

ADDRESS CHANGES

COURTNEY BELL has moved to Dogwood Trails Nursing facility.
CHARLIE YOUNG has moved to Legacy Nursing Home.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

In the Book of Galatians, we have a list of qualities called the fruit of the Spirit. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control. (Galatians 5.22-23). As we allow God's Spirit to guide us, we will produce this fruit. The guidance is allowed by submitting ourselves to God's word. "For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1.8). The knowledge of Christ and His will comes through reading and studying the Bible. The word of God is the instrument the Spirit uses to guide us and make us fruitful. "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6.17). A person that is not producing the fruit is either ignorant of God's word or not submitting to it. The result of producing this fruit is, a person without the sins mentioned in Galatians 5.16-21 and a person living in harmony with God. To do this, a person must first become a child of God. "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3.17 After one becomes a Christian, he must then grow. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3.18). Fruit does not appear full-grown and ripe all at once; it grows and matures over time.

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

How Can You Know For Sure?

Most of us have told the joke about the thermos. We may tell this joke about our biggest football rival, about people with certain colors of hair, or about rednecks. In the joke someone is introduced to a thermos. They are told: "It keeps hot things hot and cold things cold." And the dumb response is: "How does it know?"

Constantly I hear people speak of how they know that God wants this or that for them. A young man moves to a city and attends a church for the first time, a denomination with which he has had no association in the past. His immediate reaction is: "I knew this was where God wanted me to be." A lady switches from one religious group to another. She feels some uneasiness with her change on the part of a friend. She responds: "I think I am doing what God wants me to do." A man leaves his wife and runs off with a girlfriend to whom he later is married. When questioned about his decision, he says: "I know this is what God wants for my life so that I can be happy."

My question for all of these people is: "How can you know for sure?" How can you know if you are where God wants you to be? How can you know that you are doing what God wants you to do in order to be happy? Mankind has a long habit of transforming personal opinion into God's will. We make God over in our image. God challenges our assumptions that he thinks like we do: "You thought that I was one just like yourself" (Psa. 51:21). We assume that what we want, what makes us feel good, must be what God wants. And when our conscience disturbs us, we try to beat it back by saying: "This is what God wants for me." The only way we can really know what God wants for us, beyond the few moral principles we can learn from reason and nature, is to study our Bible. If we can not find it in THE BOOK, then we do not have any reason to say: "I think God wants..."

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**Three Respond To The
Invitation
Daylight Savings Time
Has Begun.**

From Dan's desk:



We are so glad to see everyone today. We hope you moved your clock forward last night and that you were on time for Bible Class last hour. Sometimes it is hard to remember to do that when so many things are pressing upon us. The Annual Dogwood Trails festival begins in Palestine one week from this weekend. Many visitors will be coming to our city and to our worship services. Please look around and introduce yourself and make our visitors feel welcomed. The Spring weather is a welcomed sight and the time change will make it more convenient for those who come on Sunday evening. We appreciate all those who come on Sunday evenings. Last Sunday evening TIFANY ROBERSON, DEBBIE WARREN and DAVID SPARKS all responded to rededicate their lives to Christ and ask for the prayers of the Lord's church here. We commend them all and continue to pray for them. I would encourage you to start coming on Sunday evenings. You will be blessed in special ways when you join God's servants in worship to our Lord. God is glorified and the church is edified. Think about it. As faithful Christians we will be spending eternity together for a long time. That is something to think about. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**LINDA LIPPOLD has
been in Christus Mother
Francis hospital this last
week. She is better.
SONDA BAKER'S
MOTHER (JAN) remains
about the same in the
hospital in Dallas.**

*All of those who have been
on the sick list are improv-
ing.*

**RESPONSES
FOR PRAYER AND
REDEDICATION**

**TIFANY ROBERSON
DEBBIE WARREN
DAVID SPARKS**
*Continue to remember
these in prayer*

THE DOGWOOD STORY

The story goes that when Jesus was awaiting crucifixion and when the crosses were being made the trees begged God to spare them, but the Dogwood begged not for it's life, but for the life of Jesus. The Roman soldiers picked the Dogwood. The Dogwood pleaded with God to use another wood, but God did not intervene. The Dogwood would now carry the body of Christ to His death and the Dogwood knew that for all eternity Dogwoods would be known for this horror. God in His wisdom spoke to the Dogwood and understood the tree. In that time, Dogwoods were tall straight trees that provided sturdy timber for homes and vessels, safety for the animals, bowls for food, utensils to cook with. God told the Dogwood that the burden that was carried would be carried only one time, and from that time on Dogwoods would be knarly small trees with poor timber size, so no Dogwood could be used in this manner again. God told the Dogwood that the Dogwoods would now be responsible for eternity to help people remember. The Dogwood would only bloom for a very short time before and after the date of the crucifixion, the flower would have just 4 petals representing the hands and feet of Christ, they would be marked with a hole and the blood of Christ and the center of the flower would be circular, raised, and represent the head of Christ wearing the crown of thorns. And so it is today, the Dogwood is a small twisted tree, it blooms at Easter and the flower....well look for yourself.



March 12, 2023

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Linda Lippold has been in the hospital in Tyler this last week.

Monty Todd, son of Gary & Jan Todd, is improving at Tru-Care

Nancy Miller continues to undergo heart tests and treatment.

David Carder is recovering from brain surgery . He is doing better at his home.

Kenneth Holland continues to have issues with COPD and remains at home.

Shelly Franklin is recovering from a surgical procedure on her kidney.

Gerald Wilcher's surgery had to be postponed at present.

Fred King is recovering from neck surgery and he is recovering at his home.

Former members, Johnny and Carolyn have been having heart and neurological issues.

James Henry is recovering from surgery on his eye.

Diana Bettis (niece of Bill Hawkins) is recovering from colon surgery She has gone home and improving.

Becky Barnes great grandson is awaiting a bone marrow transplant. He will begin Chemo in preparation for surgery soon.

Tracy Thornton, brother of Gerri Peoples, is recovering from brain surgery.

Vernetta Walker, Dwight Franklin's mom has kidney cancer an improving & requests prayer.

Tina Teetz, daughter-in-law of Pat Baird, has started taking medication to shrink and slow down the cancer.

Mary Alice Largent has been ill but is doing better.

Charlie Young has been moved to Jane's Crossing at Legacy Nursing Home

Billie Starr mother of Geri Peoples is having health problems.

Sharron Grizzle recovering from cancer, and asked for prayers.

Bryce Stewart former member is still undergoing tests and cancer treatment.

Jamie Flores, niece of Ann Sparks, is having health issues and requests our prayers.

Deborah Hagemeyer (former member) has cancer and requests prayer.

Jerry Thornton of Canton, brother-in-law of Bill Rawson has bone cancer & requests prayer.

Remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers.

Courtney Bell, Patsy Bush, Mary Chambless, Opalene Chapman, Mary Ann Colling, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, Joyce Matlock, John Mottern, Ed and Kathleen Compton, Lorelee Reeder, Irma Ray, Martha Sims, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff and Charlie Young. **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