

Good morning and welcome to services! It's been a busy weekend as we are in the final stretch before Lads to Leaders convention. Our scrapbook is looking fantastic and our puppet show is a lot of fun to watch! It's so encouraging seeing young people use their talents in ways that glorify God. We want to remind everyone that registration is open for Camp Red Oak Springs. Camp is a great opportunity to grow in our faith, and it's also a great place to invite friends. It's always an uplifting and fun week! Please see Alison or me if you are interested in registering. Please grab an April calendar from the youth board. We are looking forward to another fun month of fellowship!

DOUG

"And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15 NKJV

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.



**Come early and avoid the Easter
Rush next Sunday Easter
April 9th**

**"Choose you this day whom
you will serve, as for me and
my house we will serve the
Lord" Joshua 24:15**



"I don't know all Ten Commandments.
The only ones I remember are 'settle down',
'act your age' and 'take that out of your mouth'."

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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" (Ps. 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..." ADAPTED

Welcome to our worship services today. We are glad you have joined us in worship.

From Dan's desk:



We had a great attendance last Sunday. We are getting closer to the 200 mark in worship again. This is great. The fellowship luncheon was wonderful and the food and fellowship was enjoyed by all included. A big thank you to Jill Camp, Amy Camp, Kathy Young, Steve Camp and Keri Rhone who worked tirelessly to get the food on the table. It was a great day. It is good to see various visitors frequenting our services. The Monday Night For The Master fellowship last Monday evening was well attended and much was tended to by those in attendance. We really appreciate all of those who come on a regular basis to see that things are taken care of each time. Thanks again to Dwight and Shelly and others in the kitchen for their efforts to make sure that the Pizza and salad was ready for the meal at 6:15. The work session followed and those in attendance worked hard to get things accomplished. Today is the last weekend for the annual "Dogwood Trails". The dogwoods have been beautiful this year and have lasted for a long time this season. These remind us of God's creative power and majesty. Next weekend the young people will be going to "Lads To Leaders" program in the metroplex area of Dallas. Let's pray for them that they will have a safe journey and that they will represent the church here well. Thanks for coming today and we hope to see you all tonight at 6 P.M.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

BECKY BARNES grandson had a bone marrow transplant but is doing okay. In Houston.

BILLY LANE'S father and grandfather of Luke and Susan Lane had colon surgery last week.

PHILLIP FOREMAN son of Randy Foreman is undergoing tests.

PAUL CARTWRIGHT had a facial lesion biopsy in Dallas last week.

MARK THORNTON: brother of Cindy Thornton had hip replacement surgery last week.

Others who have been ill are improving.

"The prayer of faith will save the sick James 5:15

A hat was passed around a church congregation to take up an offering for the visiting minister.

Presently, it was returned to him...embarrassingly empty.

Slowly, the preacher inverted the hat and shook it meaningfully. Then, raising his eyes heavenward, he exclaimed, "I thank you, Lord, that I got my hat back from this congregation."

"BE HAPPY"

If the skies above you are gray, you are feeling so blue...SING AND BE HAPPY." That's the way the song goes, and that's the way the Christian should feel about his life. Too many people seem to be waiting for happiness in the future. What's wrong with today? Sure, happiness is a city we are striving to reach, but happiness is also being a part of the "city of the living God" right now (read Hebrews 12:22-24).

I'm afraid that if we push our happiness too far out into the future, we won't know how to appreciate it when we get it...if we get it. It is like spending our whole lives making money and not being able to enjoy spending it when we retire...if we live to retire.

Some of the best times we have are not bought with money. Living and loving with those around us are not necessarily better because more dollars and more things are present. Taking pride in what we are inside and what we have done for good are not really based on the dollars we spent achieving them. Real friends and neighbors do not ordinarily judge by what we have, but by the attitude of mind and heart that we exhibit in the way we deal with them. The sound of birds singing or crickets chirping, the beauties of the moon above at night, a walk in the gentle rain, are not bought with coins.

Abraham Lincoln once said that a man is about as happy as he makes up his mind to be. Happy people are happy most of the time. Miserable people are miserable most of the time.

SELECTED

April 2, 2023

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Linda Lippold has moved to True-Care for rehab.

Liz Evans, former member, has cancer and requests prayers.

Mark Thornton, brother of Cindy Thornton, had hip replacement surgery.

Paul Cartwright, recovering from recent biopsy on his face.

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.

Gerald Wilcher is still awaiting surgery on his heart soon.

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

Phillip Foreman, son-in-law of Sam and Cheryl Ellis, is having tests on April 6th.

Kennedy Webb(granddaughter of Rick Webb) and friend of several having health issues.

Becky Barnes' great grandson had a bone marrow transplant. He is under observation.

Jane Davis' sister JoAnn Morton fell and broke her hip. She is home recovering.

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

Sharron Grizzle recovering from cancer, and asked for prayers.

Sonja Davis friend of several is having health issues and requests our 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.

Monty Todd, 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