

Good morning! Our thanks to the youth for hosting the 2019 Chili Cook-Off and Cake Auction last Sunday. We had a great time! Congratulations to our winners, 3rd place was Audrey Manuel, 2nd place was R.D. Prince and 1st place was Billy/Amanda Lane! We had eleven people that cooked chili and twenty-one deserts were donated for the auction. We took up almost \$3,000.00. Thank you all!! Church Camp is June 9-14, for ages 10 to 18. It is time to register for camp!!! It fills up fast... so if you want to go this year, see me ASAP. We are also in need of a few Camp Counselors this year. If you are willing to help that would be great. Thanks to Kathy Chambliss for volunteering to go as a cook.

See you tonight. BEN

## “SIN IS SIN”

Wilbur Chapman tells of a distinguished minister who preached on sin. One of his leading members came to him and said, “Please don’t talk so plainly about sin. It will give our young ones the wrong idea. Call it a ‘mistake’ if you will.” The parson took a bottle of strychnine that was marked “poison” and showed it to his visitor. He said, “I understand what you want me to do. You want me to change the label. Suppose I take this label off and mark it ‘oil of Anise’ or some other mild liquid. Can’t you see the danger in what you are asking? The milder you make the label, the more dangerous it makes the poison.” The world hardly recognizes sin anymore. We substitute politically correct names for it. *Steven Clark Goad*

## “THE SINNERS PRAYER”

Saul of Tarsus, who later was named Paul, was struck blind when he met the Lord on the road to Damascus . Acts 9 So Paul, “ trembling and astonished said, ‘Lord, what do you want me to do?’ Then the Lord said, ‘Arise and go into the city and you will be told what you must do’”. Notice, Paul would be told “what you must do”. Then we read “But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus . And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank” (Acts 9:8-9). Did Paul have faith in the Lord? Yes. Was Paul saved by “faith only” at this point? No; as we will see, Paul still needed to be baptized to wash away his sins. The Lord sent a man, named Ananias, to tell Paul what he must do. The Lord told Ananias to “Arise and go to the street called Straight and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying” (Acts 9:11). Paul had been praying, but he did not receive forgiveness of his sins through praying. Paul still had all of his sins. Paul was told by Ananias “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). Paul was not saved and his sins were not forgiven until Paul did what he was told he must do; that is to “arise and be baptized and wash away your sins.” Today men have come up with the idea of “accepting Jesus as your personal Saviour” and saying the “sinner’s prayer” in order to be **saved**. This is a ploy of Satan which will cause many people to be eternally lost by not obeying what the Lord says that we must do in order to have our sins forgiven and to be saved. DAN

## DOOR GREETERS

**Sunday April 14, 2019**

**J.B. & Joyce Matlock**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

**Sunday April 14, 2019**

**Deena Ricard & Jan Dugan**

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## “HOW THE DEVIL WORKS”

**The worst enemy of man is Satan. His goals are wicked; his ways evil. In the Bible the devil is called “a roaring lion” (1 Peter 5:8), and “that old serpent” (Revelation 20:2). Do we know how he works? The Bible says he works by:**

- 1. Telling lies (John 8:44). Satan told Adam and Eve, regarding the forbidden fruit, “Ye shall not surely die” (Genesis 3:4). An example of Satan’s lies today is, “He that believeth and is not baptized shall be saved. ” The Lord said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:15,16).**
- 2. Perverting the scriptures. In Matthew 4 Satan took a passage out of context, thus twisting its meaning.**
- 3. Organizing his churches. Not all religious groups are approved of God. Revelation 3:9 speaks condemningly of “the synagogue of Satan.”**
- 4. Thwarting God’s purposes (1 Thessalonians 2:18).**
- 5. Appearing as “an angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:14). Good appearance can be deceiving. Religious cranks, denominationalists, cults and charlatans fool many with their errors.**

BILL DILLON

*Welcome April*  
*Welcome Dogwood Trails*



**From Dan's desk:**

The month of April has arrived. We have had numerous visitors at our services over the last few weeks. This weekend is the last of the Dogwood Trails Annual festival. If you are visiting with us, we appreciate you being a part of our services. The weather was a little chilly last weekend and the annual chili supper hosted by the youth was really seasonal. It was a great night. Those of you who attended contributed \$3,000.00 to the youth fund. It was great. Your generosity and kindness will help defray the expense of those going to the Lads To Leaders convention in Dallas Easter weekend. The funds collected will also help some of the young people attend Christian youth camp this summer, who might not be able to attend otherwise. We want to say thank you again for helping these young people and to Ben and Keri for working with our teens and to those who work with the Lads To Leaders program as well. Your efforts will not be in vain. The future of these young people is bright because of your thoughtfulness and generosity. God bless you all. We continue to study with others about the gospel of Christ and we hope and trust the souls will be saved and brought into the Kingdom of our dear Lord. This year already some seven have been baptized into Christ with several responding for prayer and placing membership with the congregation here. This is great. God just keeps adding numerical and spiritual strength to the church family here at Crockett Rd. We are grateful to all of you for your love for God and for our family as we begin our 48th year with the congregation here. We have been blessed by the encouragement you have given through the years. We hope to see you at the evening service.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**DEANNA CHAPMAN continues to undergo additional tests & treatment this week in Houston.**

**DAN will not begin treatment for about two weeks. He underwent a procedure this last week in Tyler.**

**GLENDA BASKIN had surgery on her foot Friday.**

*Prayer list in foyer. Pick one up to pray for the sick.*

**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.**

**BUNKO**

**This month's Bunko Get Together will take place on Thursday, April 18th at 5:00 P.M. in the small fellowship hall. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign if you will be attending. Please bring your favorite snack and join us. All ladies are invited.**

**EXCUSES, YOU WILL HEAR THEM OFTEN**

The first thing we need to remember about excuses is that they anger the Lord. Remember when God called Moses to deliver the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage? Moses made several excuses. He said, "I'm not equal to the task" ([Ex. 3:10-12](#)). Further, Moses said, "They will ask who sent me" ([Ex. 3:13-14](#)). Also, "They will not believe me" ([Ex. 4:1](#)). Then he said, "I can't talk well" ([Ex. 4:10-11](#)). Usually we read this account and say there is not much merit to Moses' excuses, while our own excuses always sound good to us. We think when we make our excuses God will excuse us. No, excuses don't alleviate the anger of the Lord. God was angry with Moses because he was not going to do what God told him to do. **Second, excuses don't change the consequences.** In the parable of [Luke 14:15-24](#), our Lord told us of three excuses. We might have thought they were good reasons, but the Lord said they were excuses. One man had bought a piece of ground, another a yoke of oxen, and another married a wife. We are amused at the shallowness of the excuses, yet the same principle is stated. The excuses did not appease the master ([Lk. 14:21](#)). Therefore, the master sent his servants out into the highway and hedges to invite the outcast of society to the feast so that the house was filled. **Third, excuses don't eliminate the responsibility even though we like to think they do.** Generally, excuses are an attempt to do away with responsibility. "I never was responsible." Adam and Eve used this. Adam was called by God, "What have you done? Have you eaten the fruit I told you not to eat?" Before Adam admits that he ate the fruit of the forbidden tree, he tries to explain why he was not responsible. "The woman gave it to me. It is her fault. You gave me the woman, the fault lies somewhere between You and Eve, but not me" ([Genesis 3:9-11](#)). Eventually, Adam had to admit he had eaten. Eve had to bear her share of the burden for encouraging Adam. But, Adam was still guilty. In the final analysis the responsibility is mine. Crying about it won't change a thing. What's your excuse? Isn't it time to step up and accept the responsibility that God has placed upon you as His child? Tomorrow may be a little late to make changes. **DO IT NOW!**

DAN