

Good morning and welcome to services! We are on the home stretch for Lads to Leaders! Our convention is in just a few days. Our group's events will start on Friday at 1:00. We have had young people busy all weekend with puppets, scrapbooking and Bible Bowl study. So many of our young people have worked so hard getting ready for convention and we are so proud of them! Alison, Lily and I will be headed to convention on Thursday evening and will be transporting all art projects for the art show and competition. If you have art to submit, please have it to us by Wednesday night. We are praying for safe travels and uplifting time at Lads to Leaders this year! If you haven't picked up a youth calendar please stop by the youth board and do so. We are working on putting together the summer calendar and would love input from everyone. We encourage all parents to attend our devotional on the 24th so we can discuss our plans for this summer.

Hope everyone has a great week! **DOUG** "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come." I TIMOTHY 4:8

#### **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.

#### "SPEAK TO US SMOOTH THINGS"

Many in the church do not want to hear what the Bible says about Hell, drinking alcohol, adultery, lying, denominationalism, or any of the other things that can cause people to be lost. People do not want to give up their sinful activities. For this reason many in the church are not preaching and teaching the whole counsel of God. People are wanting them to "speak to us smooth things". Some are preaching and teaching only what the people want to hear. We are living in a "politically correct" world today. Much of this "political correctness" has made its way into the Lord's church, just as it did in Isaiah's day. God says in Isaiah 30:9-10, "This is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of the Lord; who say...do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits." Many people did not want to hear God's truth then, and they do not want to hear it today. Paul says that people "will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap to themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned to fables" (2 Timothy 4:3-4). This is happening in the Lord's church today. Jesus says "For the hearts of these people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed.." DAN

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

Apostasy (falling away) is caused by those who "want to pervert the gospel of Christ" (Galatians 1:7). The church in the first century was warned, "there will be false teachers among you who secretly bring in destructive heresies" (2 Peter 2:1). There is an apostasy that is now occurring in many congregations of the churches of Christ. It was predicted in 1 Timothy 4:1-2, "Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron." The end result of apostasy is, many will lose their souls in eternity. Many departures have occurred during the past 2000 years, which have resulted in hundreds of different kinds of denominational churches. Paul says, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables" (2 Timothy 4:3-4). The apostasy we are facing is not caused by those outside the church, but from within. Paul warned the Ephesian elders, "Also from among yourselves men will rise up speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after themselves" (Acts 20:30). Many in the Lord's church are wanting to be like the denominations around them, just as the children of Israel wanted a king, so they could be like the nations around them (1 Samuel 8:5). That spirit is steadily invading many congregations. Some now claim that water baptism is not essential for salvation. We read in Galatians 1:6-7. " marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ." Truth is absolute. It does not change, nor should we change from it. DAN

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# TWO BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST GOD IS GOOD!



## From Dan's desk:

That is right. Two precious souls were baptized into Christ this last week. MACKIE COX and BETTE FURMAN both were baptized. Having felt that they did not understand what they were doing, when as a young person, they chose to make their relationship with God unquestionable. We rejoice with them. They were baptized last Tuesday following our study together. Many will show up at worship services next Sunday that have not been here in months. This is typical of most churches. Why some do not feel the need to worship God and think that they will enjoy the glories of Heaven is beyond me. We want to be with the church family more than once or twice a year. There is something wrong when people choose to go elsewhere or head out to the lake or golf-course instead of gathering with God's people is a tragedy. We are glad however that each of you have joined us in worship today and we hope you will want to join us at every service. You will hear the Word of God that will help you make preparations for your "journey into eternity". There will be a great awakening someday and some will be lost who only had "good intentions", but did nothing to honor the Master and Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew 7:21. God continue to bless His church and we thank God for each of you as we work together in the efforts to reach the lost who will follow our Lord. Our calling is to "make disciples". We have joined in every effort to do so. May God continue to crown our efforts with success. DAN

## PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

RANDY FOREMAN is still recovering from recent surgery
LORETTA YOUNG remains is rehab at Legacy at Town Creek.
DAVID MITCHELL still remains seriously ill in the hospital in Athens.
DALE SPARKS has been undergoing tests recently.

FRED KING continues to undergo heart tests.

**DIANE WILCHER** is still awaiting results from tests.

MARY CHAMBLESS fell and broke her hip. She had surgery on Tuesday and moved to rehab.

A Prayer list is available in foyer

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Think about this the next time you willfully sin.
HE gave His only SON to give you the hope of a Home in Heaven.

## BAPTIZED

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## "Once Saved Always Saved?"

Many people teach that "once you are saved you are always saved". They say that it is impossible to fall from God's grace regardless of what you do. This may sound good and comforting, but let's see what the Bible says. In 1 Corinthians 9:27 the apostle Paul says, "But I buffet my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Paul said that it was possible for him to become a castaway. If Paul became a castaway he would be lost. In 1 Corinthians 10:12 Paul gives a warning to the Christians at Corinth by saying, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall." Why such a warning if it is impossible to fall? So the very people, who think they cannot fall, are given a warning to take heed lest they fall. In Galatians 5:4 we read, "You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by the law; you have fallen from grace." Isn't it strange, that people who say they believe the Bible also say that we cannot fall from grace, when the Bible so plainly says that we can fall from grace. Who are we to believe, God or man? Even though many religious bodies say that you cannot fall from grace, the Bible clearly says that people can fall from grace. And without God's grace we cannot be saved. The doctrine of "once saved always saved" and that you cannot fall from God's grace and be lost is a doctrine that originated with Satan. Satan wants people to believe that they cannot fall from grace and be lost. Don't believe it. It is fake news. We should make sure every day that our hearts are right with God.

DAN

## **April 10, 2022**

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mary Chambless fell, broker her hip and had surgery last Tuesday. She is in rehab now.

Dale Sparks has also been undergoing tests in Tyler.

Sandy Singleterry is scheduled for back surgery on April 18th

Randy Foreman is improving following a heart oblation in Dallas last week.

David Mitchell remains seriously ill in the hospital in Athens.

Jerry Thornton of Canton, is undergoing additional cancer treatment for cancer.

Jamie Flores (relative of Dale Sparks) is being tested for possible MS.

Diane Wilcher has been undergoing tests this last week.

Loretta Young has been moved to rehab at Legacy at Town Creek nursing facility.

Oleta Lambert (mother of Mark Lambert) in Mabank nursing home seriously ill.

Darren Quick friend of some in the church has esophagus cancer.

Michelle Prater friend of some in the church has cancer.

Sandy Singleterry will have back surgery soon in Tyler.

Fred King is having heart tests again this week.

William Hawkins son of Bill and Linda is having health issues and tests run this week.

Christine Oliphant is doing well following chemo treatments.

Bryce Stewart (former member) has cancer and requests prayer.

Emily Davis (granddaughter of the Hollands) has brain cancer.

Kenneth Holland is still having breathing issues.

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

They need our prayers. Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Mary Ann Colling, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Marlene Thompson, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Irma Ray, Patsy Bush, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, Martha Sims. 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