

Remember that "Lads To Leaders" will take place this next weekend. I know that several of you are involved in this program. It is always nice to see our young people do well and I am sure you will do well while there. Several of the young people have been working on projects prior to the convention. We are thankful to the parents and those working with them to make their efforts a success. We will be praying for you while you are there. Thanks for coming and participating in all of the efforts we put forth for our youth.

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## "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*

## Out of the Mouth of Babes

Joel Stephen Williams

A little girl asked her father: "Papa, do you love Jesus?" He responded: "How can I love someone I have never seen?" The girl thought for a moment or two, and then she asked: "Papa, how old was I when Mother died?" "Only six months," he replied. Then her words cut him deeply: "Then I can't say that I ever saw her, and I don't remember her at all. But you have always tried to make me love her by telling me how good and kind she was. And I do love her." Soon tears were flowing down his face, and he knew that out of the mouth of babes wisdom had been spoken. When Jesus appeared to some of the apostles after his resurrection, Thomas was not present. Thomas was reluctant to believe even after hearing the testimony of the other apostles. He demanded proof: "Unless I see the marks of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe" (Jn. 20:25). A week later Jesus appeared to the disciples again, and Thomas was present this time. Jesus offered the proof Thomas desired: "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt, but believe" (Jn. 20:27). The answer of Thomas showed faith: "My Lord and my God!" (John. 20:28). But it is the response of Jesus on which we want to focus at the moment. Jesus said to Thomas: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" (Jn. 20:29). We have not seen Jesus, yet we believe in him. We have not observed his mannerisms or looked on his face or heard his voice, but we love him. We can love him as much as a person we have known all of our life. Through the scriptures he can become as real to us as a mother or father, son or daughter, or brother or sister.

## DOOR GREETERS

Sunday April 21, 2019

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class

10:30 AM Worship

6:00 PM Evening

Wed: 7:00 PM

## DON'T DO THAT

**Don't run from trouble** - You can't go fast enough. Trouble will find you. Face it head-on and with determinate faith. There is no temptation bigger than you can bear if you put your confidence in God (1 Cor. 10:13). And there's no problem that can't be solved if you keep in touch with your spirituality. Even the fear of death is conquerable if you have sufficient trust in your Master (Heb. 2:14-16, 1 Cor. 15:51-58).

**Don't let discouragement rob you** - Discouragement is one of the Devil's most functional tools. It wrestles a man down by robbing him of his faith, and in doing so, saps his energy to keep on. It strikes every age, every spiritual level. It causes faith to flag and determination to become impotent. It's a power-grabber, discouragement is. But faith is still the answer. Trusting confidence in God will triumph over discouragement. But you have to engage it. You have to shove your faith in front of the discouragement before it can conquer it. Listen to what God said: "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb. 13:5). Do you believe it?

**Remember, down doesn't have to mean out** - Just because you lose a battle now and then doesn't mean you've lost the war. Pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and get back into the fracas again. There's work to be done, people to see, prayers to make, lessons to learn. Activity is the key to winning. Don't every quit. Only the weak quit. "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Paul, in Phil. 3:13-14). I press," said Paul. You must do so too, for he closes the admonition with "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded." Are you?

**And remember, most of all, that you and God make a majority** - There is no force on earth strong enough to separate you from His love and to keep you out of His kingdom. Not even death itself can do it. Certainly, we may boldly say, "...the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do to me." Paul said, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us." Stay with God and you can't lose, folks.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

# RAIN, RAIN



Lads To Leaders this next weekend



*From Dan's desk:*

Rain, it did last Lord's Day. About the time for Bible Class and again for worship the storm broke loose. The attendance was down about one hundred. Several were without electricity and just south of us, hail the size of golf balls and baseballs were pounding our neighbors in Grapeland and that area. We were fortunate that we didn't have any more severe weather like that. We are so thankful that we can assemble this morning in the house of worship and we are glad you have joined us as we praise our Lord. Next Sunday is "Easter Sunday". The world will pause long enough to go and worship and then not assemble with the church again until Christmas or next Easter. What a shame! How do you think our Father feels about those who care so little about the sacrifice of His Son? The youth will be going to Dallas this coming weekend for the "Lads to Leaders" convention. They have been working hard and making ready for the competition. They will do well. Our thanks to the 15 who will be competing and to those who are working with them. We are all so proud of their efforts and we know that God is praised as a result of their time and energy in God's Work. Please pray for their safety as they will be there on Friday and Saturday. Young people (thousands) will gather for this annual event. I will hopefully begin treatment soon. I saw the Oncologist last Tuesday in Tyler for additional tests and preparation for the upcoming radiation. I appreciate your prayers and thoughtful encouragement. We have others in the congregation who have had this problem and procedures that followed. They are doing well and I expect the same results. We thank all of you for coming today. We hope to see you tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

**ROSEANN CARTHEN** will undergo open heart surgery tomorrow in Tyler.  
**DEANNA CHAPMAN** continues to undergo treatment for her cancer.  
**KALLI JO GRIFFIN** was hospitalized last week locally.  
**ELIZABETH GONZALES** sister of Maria Balderas has leukemia in Dallas.  
*Remember these in prayer prayers*

## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Rita Taylor in the death of her mother, **LORETTA EPPERSON**. Loretta passed away on Monday and her services were held on Wednesday.

## 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 this Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## HE WANTS ALL TO BE SAVED

When Jesus dwelt among us, His desire was for the salvation of those who mocked Him, spat in His face, struck Him, scourged Him and abused Him beyond our ability to imagine the cruelty of man. Yet, His dying prayer was for their salvation. He could have railed against them, rebuked their hypocrisy, asked for God's vengeance, but His prayer came again and again, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." If God longed for such vile men to be His eternal companions, there can be no doubt that He really wants every person to be saved. The implication of this truth is to look inward to ask the question, "Just how much do I want the world to be saved?" Are there those we meet whom we immediately dismiss as potential family members, thinking that they would never change? Are there times when we get so busy or frustrated we fail to "see souls"? Have we ever prayed for the lost that God might forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing? When we discover that His purpose in life was to "seek and save that which is lost" (Luke 19:10), do we think about what our purpose in life might be? When we think that Jesus left the glories of heaven to live for more than thirty years on this wretched planet, do we ever consider getting out of our comfort zone to find the lost? He really wants all men to be saved! Do you? That is the issue. DAN