



Good morning and welcome to services! We are so glad you are here. Mark your calendar for next Sunday evening. We will be having our annual Lads to Leaders recognition to celebrate the hard work and spiritual growth of those involved in L2L. Please wear your black L2L convention shirt from this year. Two weeks from today we will have a devotional following evening worship and during that time will have a parents' meeting to discuss youth group plans for summer. Hope you can be there! Hope you have a great week!

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"but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen." II Peter 3:18 NKJV

"ZEAL"

The word translated "fervent in spirit" means to boil with heat, be hot. It is used of boiling anger, love, and zeal for what is good or bad. As used in our text, it means to have a burning zeal to do the will of God. An example of this attitude is Jesus Christ. John 2:17, in speaking of Him, says, "Then His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.'" Apollos is also an example of zeal. Acts 18:24-25 states, "Now a certain Jew named Apollos ... came to Ephesus ... and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord ... " Both Jesus and Apollos were successful in accomplishing their God-given tasks. Fervor and enthusiasm are the keys to success spiritually

**SANDWICH SUPPER
NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT
FOLLOWING THE EVENING
WORSHIP SERVICE.**

Our young people who participated in Lads To Leaders this year will be honored.

They received numerous awards this year and we want to offer them our appreciation and congratulations.

PLAN TO STAY!

Plan to attend.

Bring Sandwiches, chips or cookies.

**April 23rd
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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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Youth receive many awards and special recognition to be given next Sunday night.

From Dan's desk:



Last Sunday was a great day. We almost crossed the 200 threshold in attendance. We are so thankful to all who were present. We are so thankful for all of you who have come to worship with us today. We are so blessed with opportunities to serve our Lord and influence the world around us. Worship times are opportunities to strengthen each other in the Faith. We are also proud of our young people who have been involved and have participated in the Anderson County Youth Livestock show this year. Several of our youth won awards and we are all so proud. A big thank you to the young people and parents who went to Dallas last weekend for the Lads To Leaders convention in Fort Worth. It was a wonderful weekend and again our youth came back with many awards. We commend them and those who have worked with them over the last year. We will have a sandwich supper next Sunday evening following the worship service to pay honor to those who participated this year. This is a great program and we are grateful to Doug and Alison and others who assist the youth in their efforts. We hope all of you will want to stay as we pay recognition to the youth next Sunday. Hope to see you tonight at 6 P.M. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

KENNETH HOLLAND has been in I.C.U. locally this last week, but is doing better.

GWEN STURGESS will have a brain surgical procedure soon in Tyler for Parkinson's.

JAMIE HUGHES is recovering from her recent accident last week.

LINDA LIPPOLD as has gone home and has been placed with Hospice care.

We still have a list of those with ongoing illnesses and that list is available in the foyer.

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.

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 its 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.



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PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Paul Cartwright continues to recover from a recent biopsy and is awaiting additional surgery.

Linda Lippold is improving in True-Care for rehab.

Nancy Miller continues to undergo heart tests and treatment.

David Carder is recovering from brain surgery . He was in worship last Sunday.

Kenneth Holland continues to have issues with COPD in I.C.U. at the local hospital.

Gerald Wilcher is still awaiting surgery on his heart soon.

Diane Wilcher is still having health issues at home.

Gwen Sturgess will have a surgical procedure on her brain soon.

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

Prayers for Sonda Baker and Hailey Brooks and families in the death of their Mother and grandmother (Jann Wasson) respectively.

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

Mark Thornton is recovering from hip surgery.

Brinley Weisner friend of many is having ear surgery and they request our prayers.

Shelia Thompson's granddaughter, Kymber (8 months old) has stage 2 cancer and the family request our prayers.

Jamie Hughes is recovering from a recent accident in which she received several burns on her body.

Phillip Foreman, son-in-law of Sam and Cheryl Ellis, is having tests

Randy Foreman continues to go through tests

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

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.

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.

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, 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