

We are so glad you could be with us this morning. We have several fall events on our youth calendar for this month and look forward to the fun and fellowship. Tonight we will be having a devotional at our house. Please bring a jack-o-lantern size pumpkin! This coming Saturday we will be going to Spooktacular Nights in Canton, so be sure to sign up on the youth bulletin board. Be sure to check out the L2L Family Retreat bulletin board as well. Our theme for this year is "Endurance" from Hebrews 12. Hope everyone has a great week and is staying well!

Doug

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever. Isaiah 40:8

The Simplest Advertising

When John Grisham wrote a book called *A Time To Kill*, it sold just five thousand copies in hard cover. It wasn't advertised...ever made a list or was reviewed by anybody. Then he wrote *The Firm*, and it wasn't advertised either. It was hardly reviewed, and the reviews it got weren't very good. But people read it and liked it and told other people they liked it and *The Firm* sold seven million copies. John Grisham has written several other books, and over the years his books have been on the number 1 best seller list. His books were successful not because of advertising, not because of the publisher's clever marketing plan, but because somebody liked the book. I guess a lot of people liked the book and told other people, until millions of these books have been sold. Shouldn't we be telling others about the book *Divine*, the Bible. DAN

Do I Need To Be Baptized?

Saul of Tarsus was a very miserable man waiting in the ancient city of Damascus. He waited for the most important information of his entire life. Not only was he miserable, he was confused. He was blind and had not eaten for three days. The Lord had appeared to this man, Saul of Tarsus, at the very time Saul was on a mission to persecute those who were followers of Jesus Christ. On the way he had seen a brilliantly bright light that struck him blind. In his confusion he sought an answer: "Who are you Lord?" The divine reply was, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." The Lord told him to go into the city of Damascus and wait for further instructions. He learned that a very simple thing was required. A chosen messenger gave Saul the Lord's requirement. "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on his name" – Acts 22:16. He could have asked, "How can water baptism wash my sins away?" but he didn't — he just obeyed. He was obedient and was baptized to wash away his sins. He told a king, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision" – Acts 26:19. Have you become obedient to the same requirements Jesus laid on the great apostle Paul? Without obedience that is the same as Saul's, how can one have sins washed away? We must respond to the call of Christ, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved....." Mark 16:16

DAN

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

You Won't Recognize a Thing

Shortly after World War II, a vice-president of General Motors made a business trip to England. Vauxhall, a subsidiary of General Motors, offered him a car and driver. "Where do you want to go, governor," the driver asked. "I'd very much like to see the parish at Standerstead in the city of Croydon where my folks came from," came the answer. Thinking the man meant his parents, the driver asked, "When did your folks leave England?" The answer came back, "In 1635." The driver thought for a minute and then replied, "You won't recognize a thing."

If you read the biblical account of the only church mentioned in the New Testament and view the religious spectacle today, that is a very appropriate statement—"You won't recognize a thing" as you see the different forms and faces of religion. You might even wonder how could Bible readers ever develop the churches of today? There is not a slight resemblance to the New Testament church. Would Jesus Himself recognize His church today? He promised to return to receive His bride forever. Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, "I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy; for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" (2 Cor. 11:2). There can be but one church that has remained in virgin purity—the church that bears His name and follows faithful the pattern laid out in the New Testament by inspiration.

Since Jesus is coming for but one bride, would it not behoove an honest and sincere person to be sure to be in it? How to be in it? Simply read the directions given in the New Testament and when you obey Christ, He will add you to it. (Acts 2:28-47). SELECTED

Great to be back after a long month battle with Covid-19



From Dan's desk:

How could I begin to say THANK YOU to all who have helped me personally through my battle with Covid-19. It has really been a battle, but the prayers of faithful brethren, care of friends and most of all those who have given care including our wonderful God, I am better. I have really missed you all so much. You will never know how much. Your love, concern, calls, cards, flowers and delicious food have made such a tremendous difference. You are excellent above them all. Thanks to Lorelee and Beth in the office, Dwight for helping to pull everything together and the men chose to fill responsible position of service are to be commended. I came back last Thursday to preach the funeral of our beloved GARY CHAMBLESS and then on Friday for a dear friend and sister of Harold Johnson, CAROL BOLT. I know this is a sad time for them all. Please continue to pray for their families. Through the midst of difficulties, God even shines brighter in our lives. There is no God like our God. He blesses and blesses again. I am so thankful that we can be together again. I have told you before in the days of Jacob and Esau, Jacob said to Esau, "seeing you is like seeing the face of God." Gen. 33:10. Thank you for loving me and my family. Where would we be without your lovingkindness. I am not contagious and out of quarantine by 14 days. Don't be afraid, I am safe. Please wear your mask,, wash hands and stay safe. We can minimize the chance of others getting ill. I hope to see you all this evening at 6 P.M. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

BETH FREEMAN will continue to undergo tests this week and will have a consultation with the Doctor on Tuesday. Still awaiting results.

DALE SPARKS and **DAN MANUEL** are both doing better. From Covid-19 and are not contagious. They are out of quarantine. Not contagious.

ANN SPARKS AND DENISE CARROLL are still continuing to improve from Covid-19 at home. They are better.

MIKE WHITLEY is also improving at home from Covid-19.

DAVID CARDER is recovering from hernia Surgery last Thursday at his home.

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Chambless family in the death of GARY CHAMBLESS. He passed away on October 3th and his services were held on Thursday of this past week.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is also extended to Billy & Sonja Rose in the death of their infant grandchild, ADALINE HENDRIX, last Sunday. Her graveside service was held yesterday at Land of Memory.

SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy to Harold Johnson and family in the death of his sister CAROL BOLT this last week. Memorial services were held last Friday at Carol Springs.

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.

"A REALLY BIG THING"

Someone noted "prayer" is a little word for a really big thing. Indeed it is. In the passage just cited, Paul reminds us that the prayers of God's people can influence kings and others who have power and authority to make decisions that affect the circumstances in which we must live our daily lives! In the words of Hebrews 4: 16, prayer is the means by which we "come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." On that throne sits the omnipotent, Almighty King of the universe. Charles Hodge, in his book Prayer: The voice of Faith, has written, "I do not believe in prayer, I believe in God' therefore , I pray.... Prayer is power because God is God. Prayer works because God works! Prayer moves the hands that move the world." PRAY FOR OUR NATION!
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October 11, 2020

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ann Sparks-coronavirus
Mike Whitley-coronavirus
Denise Carroll-coronavirus
David Carder-surgery
Cecil Stanaland-tests

Beth Freeman– continuing tests on her lung
Levi Satterwhite-broken arm

Linda Lippold, still undergoing tests and doing better.
Gary Missildine- Lung issues
Gerald Wilcher, kidney disease & COPD
Kenneth Holland-COPD

Maggie Covington (daughter of Rodney) very ill
Leonita Wimberly (aunt of Cheryl Ellis) cancer

Hannah Glenn, is undergoing Leukemia treatments in Dallas
Elizabeth Attaway (Beth Freeman’s daughter-in-law) cancer
Howard & Maurine Ellis (father & mother of Sam Ellis) Howard-
back in the nursing home, Maurine-drain in gallbladder
Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer
Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer

Please remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers.

They need our prayers. Millie Baur, Billie Bedford, Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kyser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Ruby Merritt, James and Irma Ray, Margaret Richardson, and Marlene Thompson.

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