

# Teen News

Good morning everyone. I hope all of you had a great week. I am glad to finally be getting back into my normal routine, as there is only so much swimming I can stand. Tonight the devotional will probably be in the Activity Building. See you all tonight!

Blake

## Who Would Miss Us?

Let us suppose that last Sunday's service was the last that this congregation would ever be permitted to hold. Who in this community would miss us the most? Would the poor? The orphans? The Widows? Or the sinners? Or would it perhaps be the utility companies, the contractors, and the building supply people? Comfortable buildings are important and necessary. But should they be our major impact on the community? Are we wielding the proper forces for good in our community? Are we loved and appreciated by the people for the good things we are doing? In what ways do we touch the lives of those people outside our circle of fellowship? Are we doing as much as we are capable of doing and should be doing? In many ways we have become a society for mutual edification. Our worship services should be times of mutual edification and upbuilding. But we should depart from them to serve humanity. Our Lord was described as a person 'who went about doing good.' (Acts 10:38) He will not be satisfied with us if we do any less than follow in his footsteps. (1 Pet. 2:21)

## The Right Signal

*Jesus saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them. Matthew 14:14*

It was a tragic mistake. On July 3, 1988, the navy cruiser USS Vincennes shot down an Iranian airliner with 290 aboard. All were lost. The ship's captain mistakenly thought they were under attack by an F-14 Iranian fighter. Public opinion polls showed that most Americans opposed paying compensation to the victims' families. The cruel treatment of American hostages in Iran was still fresh in many minds. But President Reagan approved compensation. Asked by reporters if such payment would send the wrong signal, he replied, **"I don't ever find compassion a bad precedent."**

To many people, the principle of revenge is so much simpler to practice. Yet compassion is Christ's way — a deep caring for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the whole person. It reveals the heart of God for sinful people — for you and for me.

### DOOR GREETERS

July 22

J.B. & Joyce Matlock

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July 22

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## The Great Irony

*"Behold; .the nations are as a drop in a bucket ....He gives power to the weak. -Isaiah 40:15,29* When President George Bush decided that action should be taken against Iraq to liberate Kuwait, he went to the United Nations to gain the support of "the family of nations." He realized that there is power in the unity of many countries. Yet notice how Isaiah described the nations of the world from God's perspective. They are nothing more than "a drop in a bucket" (Isa. 40:15). However great the collective power of the nations, it is insignificant compared with God's all-powerful reign over the earth. The fact that God rules over the world with such awesome might could give us a feeling of insignificance and oppression. Think about it. If the nations are no more than a drop of water in a pail, what does that make us? This is where the great irony comes in. Even though God considers the nations to be relatively insignificant, He views each individual as important. He cares about each man, woman, and child on this earth. And He renews the strength of those who trust Him. He helps them "walk and not faint" (v.31). Better than having the force of the nations behind us is the promise of having the power and love of a caring God to support us. The God who made the firmament,

Who made the deepest sea,  
The God who puts the stars in place  
Is the God who cares for me.

**NOTHING IS TOO GREAT FOR GOD TO ACCOMPLISH; NOTHING TOO SMALL FOR HIS ATTENTION.**



## Visitors continue to frequent our services



*From Dan's desk:*

Thanks to Richard Williams for speaking last Wednesday evening in our summer series. Richard has been preaching the gospel in Groesbeck for about as long as I have been with the church here. He is loved and respected by the whole area for his dedication and commitment to Christ and preaching His Word. I was in the meeting at Cushing, Texas. Richard always does a great job and I will look forward to hearing his message. Jack Orbison is the minister for the Cushing Church and does a great work with that congregation. He has been with the Give Me The Bible Program for a long time and we commend him for his labor in the Lord. It is hard to believe that summer is about half gone. In spite of the hot weather, we have been blessed with the summer showers that have helped produce hay for our farmers and ranchers, as well as keep the church lawn beautiful. Don't forget to give God the praise. We have had a good summer thus far. Last Thursday we taped some two programs of "Give Me The Bible", we are so happy to know that the message of Christ is so far reaching and that this congregation is the catalyst for this television broadcast. Souls are being taught and souls are being saved and God is again blessing His Kingdom. Thanks for being here this morning. We will look forward to seeing you tonight.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN  
YOUR PRAYERS:**

**CLAUIS LAMB** is in Palestine Regional hospital with pneumonia.

**SHERRY SYBERT** continues to recuperate at home.

PLEASE PICK UP A COPY OF THIS WEEKS PRAYER LIST ON THE TABLE IN THE FOYER .

**MILITARY:** Blaine Kline, Dustin Delsi, Jim Griffith, III, Tyler Griffith & Joseph Griffith.

### TRIPLE BABY SHOWER

On Sunday, August 5th, from 2 to 3:30 PM, there will be a triple baby shower in honor of Hailey

**Brooks, Holly Franklin and Brianne Campos in the activity building. All are having baby boys soon. Please make plans to attend.**



### **Bruised And Broken**

*"A bruised reed He will not break" -  
Isaiah 42:3.*

A young boy walking along a country road pulled up some reeds in a ditch to make a whistle. He picked out a straight one, clipped the ends, made a notch and several holes in the stalk, and blew into it. But no music! He clipped and whittled some more, but still no music. Finally in frustration, he snapped the reed in two and threw it back into the ditch.



There are many bruised reeds in the body of Christ - people who have been hurt in life's fray. The Lord wants to

bring music into their lives, and to do this He must fashion and shape them. He will never do what that boy did with his reed, however. He does not give up on His own and cast them aside. He keeps working with them. He knows just how much they can take — how much cutting and fashioning they require. He is patient and gentle. That's what Isaiah was portraying to Israel when he said, *"A bruised reed He will not break."*