

Thanks for being here this morning! I know you all are excited about spring break coming up! It's good to have a break from school every now and then. I know some of you have fun things planned and I hope you have a great time. We are getting ready to register for church camp this summer. If any of the youth here are interested in going this year, please see me. Camp is for both girls and boys ages 10 to 18. Camp is a fun time and is Christian based. If any of the adults are interested in being a Camp Counselor please let me know. We are in need of counselors this year! We will have a meeting on this soon.

BEN

"A HIGHER STANDARD"

Bette Midler captured the predominant attitude of our age — "I have my standards. They may be low, but I have them." Christians are called to live by higher spiritual and moral standards than the world at large. The words of Ephesians 5:8-11 sum it up — For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is all goodness, righteousness, and truth), proving what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them." As Christians, we don't need to "toot our own horn" to stand out of the crowd. All we need to do is "let our light shine" by truly following Jesus. The issue facing the church is not simply how dark the world is getting. We must also ask how bright is our light shining. How bright is your light? It is a serious thought and one that merits our attention.

DAN

"Help of the Helpless"

Ronald Reagan is remembered for many things, one of them being his disdain for big government. That disdain was on display when he said on one occasion, "The most terrifying words in the English language are: 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'" An overstatement for sure, but also a reminder that there are times government cannot or will not provide all or the kind of help people need. Hundreds of years before Christ, Psalm 60:11-12 warned there are times and circumstances when human helpers, even well-meaning ones, are not enough — "Give us help from trouble, For the help of man is useless. Through God we will do valiantly, For it is He who shall tread down our enemies." In 1847 Henry F. Lyte wrote the beautiful prayer-song "Abide With Me." As he contemplated the struggles of life and the inevitable approach of death, Lyte included this appeal to God in the first verse of the song: "When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me." The Gospels show Jesus helping the helpless: feeding hungry people, healing diseases, casting out demons, raising the dead. Most important of all, forgiving sin. In multiple ways that had to do with both physical and spiritual needs, Jesus demonstrated God to be the help of the helpless. No government program nor any other kind of humanly devised aid can provide the help we need to deal with such things as temptation, sin, guilt, death, and God's judgement. To meet these age-old needs of the soul we need a help no man can give!

JOHN GROTE

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class

10:30 AM Worship

6 :00 PM Evening

Wed: 7:00 PM

"JUST PLAIN PREACHING"

Plain preaching is the great need of the hour. Two thousand years ago the apostle Paul wrote about his goal in preaching: "To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 3:8-9). Paul had an inexhaustible, incalculable subject — "the unsearchable riches of Christ" — but his goal in preaching them was to "make all people see the Truth"! To that end, he said a few verses earlier, he "wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ" (verses 3-4). Paul wanted people to understand God's eternal plan and purpose, carried out in and through His Son Jesus Christ. God used plain language to communicate His will to us, but the religious world today is a maze of multiplied faiths and bodies. Believers in Jesus remain divided into hundreds of groups that teach conflicting ideas even on some of the Bible's most fundamental Bible topics. Meanwhile, God's Word still plainly says, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). Plain language. But the clear water of these vital Bible truths has been muddied with human traditions and teachings/practices. More than ever, we must "search the Scriptures to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11)! The New Testament speaks a profound but plain message to mankind, proclaiming that to be saved we must hear and believe the Gospel of Christ crucified and buried and raised; repent of our sins; confess Christ as God's Son; be buried with Christ in baptism for the forgiveness of our sins and be raised up to walk in newness of life. When we do that God adds us to His church and He promises that if we live a faithful Christian life He will at judgement give us the crown of eternal life. Revelation 2:10. The test is to accept just plain preaching that comes from the Holy scriptures.

DAN

*One Baptized Into Christ
Daylight Savings Time begins
Fellowship luncheon today after Morning worship*



From Dan's desk:

We were so happy about the baptism of **BOBBY BAIRD** last week. He is a fine person and has been attending with his wife Pat for several years. We rejoice with him upon this decision. Our baptistery was under repair last week and we used the baptistery at the Elkhart Church of Christ that Tuesday. We appreciate them allowing us to do so. If you have not met Bobby, you need to do so. He is a man of great faith and we appreciate his love for the Lord. God has blessed the church here so much this year with 7 baptisms. We have had a total of nineteen responses (either by baptism, asking for prayers and rededication or by placing membership). That is great and we are thankful to our Father in Heaven for the continued numerical and spiritual strength of this great church family. As you can see, several continue on the prayer list. Continue to pray for them that healing will come soon. I hope each of you moved your clock forward last night. If not you will be late everywhere you go today. I am always glad to go on Daylight Savings time each year. I like to have the additional light of day an hour longer. It is however always an adjustment. Don't worry, it won't last long. We will change it back in October. Remember that today following our worship service we will have a noon luncheon in the activity building. These are great times of fellowship and making memories. There is plenty of good food and we hope you will stay, whether you brought something or not. We always have plenty. Thanks to Beth and the other ladies who helped this time. Sandy was unavailable this time. She did help us get things together however. She has not been feeling well. Thanks for being here today. We hope to see you tonight. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

DEANNA CHAPMAN will be undergoing tests in M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston this week.

BECKY BARNES is recovering from surgery this last Tuesday in The Woodlands (near Houston). She is back home from the hospital

DAN will begin radiation treatments in a couple of weeks.

ANNIE LEE BIRDOW had a back surgical procedure this last week at Willow Creek medical facility here in Palestine. She is doing well.

Prayer 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.

RESPONSES

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“LET GOD HELP YOU”

The story is told of a scene in the mountains of New York. A bridge had been thrown across a gorge hundreds of feet deep. One day a man watched as two huge locomotives slowly approached the bridge for the very first time. Once on it they came to a complete standstill in the center of the bridge. There they sat for half a day, many tons of iron quivering and bearing down on the bridge beneath like a great spider's web supporting them. What did it mean? They were there to test and demonstrate the strength of the bridge, to show there was no weakness in it; to prove it was able to bear up under the greatest test put on it, and so be worthy of the fullest trust. The man told of this scene in a pamphlet entitled, "Could Our Lord Have Sinned?" He went on to say, "All the weight of temptation was crowded on our Lord Jesus Christ in that hour when the devil met Him on the mount. He was 'tempted in all points' like as we are, from animal appetites and desires, to the highest reach of ambition for self-gratification and power. He was tempted and tried and tested at every point . . . that we might see Him as the majestic, unbreakable bridge across the deep chasm of sin and death; and so to fling ourselves, without reserve and in unhesitating confidence upon Him, as the One and all supreme object of our unfaltering faith and profound adoration." Hebrews 4:14-16 reminds us God can help us when others fail: "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Let God help you!

JOHN SNIDERMAN