

Teen News

Good morning everyone. I hope all of ya'lls week went well. Today we will meet back at the church at 1:00 to work on finishing up our LTC projects. Also tonight we will have a devotional in the activity building immediately following services. See you all tonight.

Blake



Come early and avoid the Easter Rush, Easter April 8th

**Singing Night Next
Wednesday night April
4th. Plan to join us for
worship in song.**



THE \$20 vs THE \$1.

Two well worn bills arrived at the Federal Reserve Bank to be retired - a twenty and a one. As they traveled down the conveyor belt, they struck up a conversation. The twenty reminisced about the interesting life he had, traveling all over the country. "I've been to the finest restaurants, Broadway shows, Las Vegas, Atlantic City," he said. "I even went on a Caribbean cruise. Where have you been?"

"Oh," said the one dollar bill, "I've been to the Methodist church, the Episcopal church, the Lutheran church."

"What's a church?" asked the twenty.

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Central TX Children's Home—Buda, TX
Tipton Children's Home
Tipton, OK
Gospel Broadcast Network
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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

CONTROLLING OUR TEMPER

It has been said that "anger is like rain, which breaks itself upon that whereon it falls." For example, anger usually culminates in bitter words, insults, the revealing of secrets or in the breaking off of relations between two parties. Of the aforementioned, insults are probably the most frequent cause of anger. Most of us had rather be injured physically than insulted. There is something about an insult that makes us want to repay with a worse insult. How many of us possess the magnanimous spirit of Abraham Lincoln when he was insulted? It is reported that when he was told that one of his cabinet members, Edwin Stanton, called him a fool, he replied, "If Stanton says I am a fool, I had better look into the matter, for he is a wise man." No doubt that worked much better than if he would have retaliated by losing his temper, setting off a chain reaction with much more bitterness and resentment to follow. Incidentally, after Lincoln was killed, it was Stanton who remarked in subdued tones of respect, "There lies the greatest leader this country has ever known."

The Bible teaches us the importance of practicing self-control. It is listed as the "fruit of the Spirit" in [Galatians 5:22-23](#), and among what we sometimes refer to as the "seven Christian graces" in [II Peter 1:6](#). Self-control is one of the Christian's weapons against the world. And practicing self-control involves controlling our temper. We must follow after Christ's example - "Who, did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously" ([I Peter 2:22-23](#)). The person who continually loses his temper is like an undefended city or one in ruins. The wise man Solomon said, "He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls" ([Proverbs 25:28](#)). What a sign of weakness when we constantly lose our temper! And it is certainly a poor reflection of Christ in our lives when we "fly off the handle".

Christians must learn to be calm and serious. James said, "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" ([James 1:19](#)). This brings to mind the motto: "Think twice before you speak. Losing your temper, blurting out angry words, and speaking your mind excites strife. "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" ([Proverbs 15:1](#)).

Author Unknown



**Thanks To Each Of You For The
40th year Anniversary and
Birthday Celebration over the
last couple of weeks.**



From Dan's desk:

We have been so blessed by working with the congregation here through the years. Thanks to all of you for the Forty years we have worked together. The Birthday cake last Sunday was a complete surprise. I really love and treasure the friendship of this church. Audrey and I, as well as our family, have been so encouraged by your kindness and love. We had a good attendance at the services last Sunday and for the luncheon. You may have already noticed that we are not present today. I started a Gospel meeting, night before last, in Leesville, LA. The meeting continues today. We will take a couple of days, Monday and Tuesday, and be back on Wednesday. Hershel Bearden, our missionary to India is present to speak and make a presentation in the Auditorium Bible class and then speak at the morning worship service. It is good to have him with us this morning. Bernie Baur will be speaking tonight at the evening service. We appreciate both these men and the service they render to the Kingdom of God. Thanks to all of you who came to Monday Night for the Master last Monday evening also. It was a great evening and much was done and accomplished by those who attended. Thanks to Jane Grumbles, Mary Stech, Lois King and Sandra Ives for preparation for all of those present for the evening meal. It was great. Thanks for being present this morning. We hope if you are visiting, that you will come again real soon.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN
YOUR PRAYERS:**

EVELYN HARRIS had surgery in Tyler last week at Mother Francis Hospital.

SANDY SINGLETERRY had carpel tunnel surgery on Monday. She is recovering at home.

SHAUN MILLER, Nancy Miller's son, is in ICU at Mother Frances hospital, with heart problems

BECKY JOHNSON, daughter of Joann Johnson, had cancer surgery last Tuesday in Dallas.

MICHAEL MORRIS, Patsy Bush's son, had back surgery last Tuesday.

LUKE LANE was in the hospital this week locally for tests and treatment.

MORRIS TURMAN, Brandy Baker's granddad, will have triple by-pass surgery tomorrow at Mother Frances.

CHECK THE PODIUM IN THE FOYER FOR THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY WITH CONTINUEING HEALTH PROBLEMS.

REMEMBER THE SERVICEMEN!

Blaine Kline, David Sims, Dustin Delsi, Jim Griffith, III, Tyler Griffith, & Joseph Griffith.

CONGRATULATIONS

**To Jerame & Jamie Gipson on
the birth of a little girl
on Monday morning.
MABRY TEEL
weighed 6 lbs and 15
oz. We are happy for
the family.**



**PROPER ENTHUSIASM MUST BE
GROUNDED IN FAITH.**

To be enthusiastic religiously is not enough. We must have enthusiasm that is motivated by and from the Word of God. Fanatics abound in the world of religion. Who will deny but what they are enthusiastic? But what profit is such if they are not following the truth? Paul wrote of his own countrymen: "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." (Romans 10:1-3). They had a zeal of God, but such was not according to knowledge. It was not grounded in the faith of God's word. Had it been they would have been Christians and contending for the truth that is in Christ rather than contending for the law of Moses. Their enthusiasm was to no avail! What about your life? Do you have enthusiasm that is grounded in faith? Are you doing those things that are authorized by the Lord? Those of Matthew 7:21-23 were no doubt enthusiastic but such was vain in that they failed to do the will of God.

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