

Thanks to all of you who came this morning. Several went to Church Camp last week. I went with them last Sunday to Louisiana to take the young people who went along. It was great week. I went back on Wednesday and enjoyed being with the group. Thanks to Kathy Chambless who helped with the kitchen duties at camp last week. We are grateful for her and others from various congregations who help provide food for the youth each day. It was a memorable week. Thanks to those who helped with V.B.S. Super Tuesday We had some 78 present and it was a wonderful day. Thanks for coming this morning. We have several things planned this Summer.

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## SHARING THE GOSPEL

As Christians, we want the gospel to challenge people to change their view of God, life, and the world. We want them to believe that Jesus resurrected, repent of their sins, be baptized, and live a faithful life. The apostles were great examples of Christ changing their lives. Likewise, Christians can open discussions about how life has changed, talk about how your personal life was broken and saved by Christ, or initiate conversations by asking others if they pray. These are lighter and easier ways to open doors for sharing the gospel.

Christians should be wise and pray that they may know how to answer each person. We should consider the settings where we can best talk with others and talk about the gospel. For instance, if your waiter approaches while you are praying, ask him or her if they pray and for what. In any conversation about values in parenting to politics, ask about their standard for right and wrong. In a sports setting, talk about the motivations for playing sports and the significance of sports to life. These conversations openly easy to talking about God. Christians should think with wisdom to advance small talk about their children, their pets, the community, or the weather toward God and then the gospel.

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## “WHAT WILL YOU DO IN THE PEW?”

Let's note what Paul called on people in the pews to do. Near the end of Ephesians, he appeals to members of the assembly of Christ at Ephesus to stay engaged in the Lord's work through knee-mail! Verses 18-20 read: "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints; and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." Paul was a praying preacher and he calls on members of the church at Ephesus to be praying people. His words remind us there is plenty people in the pews can do to help preachers, even preachers who preach far away (or, as the text reveals, in prison!). We can pray! Closer to home, while the preacher preaches, we can pray! People do all kinds of things in the pew that don't spiritually help them or anyone else seeking to hear the word of God, and some of it actually hinders — talking, texting, clipping fingernails, reading (not the Bible), playing with babies, turning around to stare at others, etc., etc. Paul's words in the text above remind us that a very powerful thing to do in a pew (and out of it, too!) is pray — for preachers and "all the saints." And, we might add, for sinners who need to obey Christ. This Sunday some people will hinder the preaching by what they do in the pew while others will help because they pray. Now, what will you do in your pew?

### DOOR GREETERS

**Sunday June 23, 2019**

**David & Jennifer Sparks**

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

**Sunday June 23, 2019**

**Dee Bell**

### NURSERY ATTENDANT

**Jonna Satterwhite**

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**ABC 10—KTEN Sherman-Denison, TX**

### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## “OPEN TO TRUTH”

In 2016, the average cost for a thirty second television commercial on a local television station was between 200 and 1,500 dollars. At a national broadcasting network, the cost jumped to about 123,000 dollars. Then, there are the Super Bowl ads which blow the roof off the market. Name recognition is important and expensive. It is little wonder, then, why commercials are often as entertaining as the programs on which they are advertised. Luke says, “the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11:26). Later, when Paul was making his defense before Agrippa, the king acknowledged Paul’s efforts to persuade him “to become a Christian” (Acts 26:28). This became the name associated with followers of Christ. It is a name which carries the idea of “belonging to Christ.” Through the centuries, many have suffered persecution for the name of Christ. But, Peter says, “if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in that name” (1 Pet. 4:16). While salvation is a free gift (Rm. 6:23), name recognition is expensive. Being identified with Christ requires counting the cost of discipleship (Lk. 9:23) and acknowledging our faith before others (Mt. 10:32-33). Silent disciples have neither taken up the cross of Jesus nor worn His name with distinction. Moral excellence is also required if we hope to be identified with Jesus. Peter admonishes us to “Keep our behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation” (1 Pet. 2:12). Peter spoke to the very real possibility that these “Gentiles” would open their hearts to the word of God because of the exemplary lives of those who identified themselves as Christians. May we always be a good example of Christianity before the world around us. May they see Jesus living within us daily.

DAN

*Great V. B. S.  
Thank You For Coming.*



**From Dan's desk:**



Thank all of you for being with us today. We are grateful for all of you making the effort to join us in worship. We still have a large number on vacation and out of town for various reasons. Thanks to all who helped in any way with our Super Tuesday V.B.S. It was a wonderful day. Thanks to Ben for setting up the tables in the activity building by himself. We appreciate Ben and the work that he does for the youth. We had some 78 present. Thanks to the ladies who worked in the kitchen providing cookies and pizza for the young people at lunch. Your help is greatly appreciated as well as those who taught and helped with the young people this year. Thanks also to Rocky Whitely for speaking to us last Wednesday night. He did a good job speaking on the subject "Redeemed How I Love To Proclaim It". We appreciate his good words of encouragement. I have known Rocky for many years and he is also a panelist on the Give Me The Bible program. We want to remind you that the program can now be seen on Sundays at 7 A.M. on KTXD T.V. 47 out of Dallas. We continue to receive numerous requests for materials. This is a great tool we are using to evangelize the world around us. We are grateful for your support of this wonderful ministry. Last Sunday RODNEY COVINGTON responded to the invitation of Christ asking for prayer in his behalf. Rodney has a tender heart and we commend his love for God. He and Jerame Gipson take communion to the nursing homes each Sunday. This is a good work and we are appreciative of this good work. We know that the people in the nursing facilities are thankful as well. The youth are back from Summer Camp. Thanks to the parents and Ben for helping get them there and for staying a few days with them. Kathy Chambless also served in the kitchen this last week at camp and we commend her efforts also. We have so many that work hard to promote the cause of Christ here at Crockett Rd. and elsewhere. Your efforts are not in vain. If you are not currently attending on Sunday evening for worship, we encourage you to do so. You will be the one who is blessed and the congregation will be encouraged by your attendance. Make the effort to be with us tonight at 6 P.M. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**BARBARA SUMRALL, wife of Doug Sumrall, is recovering from cancer surgery on her lung this last Wednesday in Tyler.**

**MIKE MASON (Billy's Brother) is recovering from heart surgery this last Friday at Christus Mother Francis hospital in Tyler.**

**LARRY HOOPER had surgery this last week on his hand at Palestine Regional. He is better.**

*A prayer list is available in the foyer, so be sure to get a copy*

### **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.**

### **RESPONSE**

**Rodney Covington  
For Prayer**

### **"BE A FINISHER"**

Deciding to follow Jesus is life's greatest decision. But, there must be no turning back, none whatsoever. We don't put Jesus on probation while we try Him out and see if He is worth the cost. Nor do we test the water with the tip of our toe while the rest of our body waits on the outside until it is deemed safe to make a gradual, bit by bit, entrance into the pool. Faith takes the plunge and trusts Jesus to keep His promises. Faith is a way of life, not a hobby. It cannot be "tried out." It can only be lived and absorbed into the fabric of who we are as His people. For the true disciple, Jesus becomes life and light and hope Phil. 1:21; Col. 3:4; Jn. 8:12; Heb. 6:19-20. Rejecting Christianity after "trying it out" is like claiming to be a zero-handicap golfer but giving up the sport as "unworthy" without ever having stepped a foot on the golf course. While we must count the cost of discipleship (Luke 9:23), faith's decision must be a whole-hearted response to the good news of Jesus Christ. Such a response is marked by a completely new direction in life. It is a spiritual rebirth followed by spiritual transformation. But, good starters are not always good finishers. Jesus spoke to the foolishness of entering into a building project or engaging in an armed military conflict without due consideration of the resources necessary to complete the project or win the battle Luke 14:28-32.

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