

Teen News

Missed many of you on Wednesday night. Hopefully you that were not here are back and ready for a great worship assembly this morning. We are planning to host a Movie Devotional this afternoon between worship times. If you were not in attendance for Sunday School be sure and see me before you leave if you are planning to attend.

BLAKE

THE BEAUTIFUL NEW CHAIRS IN THE FOYER WERE DONATED IN MEMORY OF JAMES MOSLEY. THANKS!



*You are cordially invited to the wedding of
Emerald Whitfield
and
Clint Ellis
on
Saturday, July 27
at 2 o'clock
at
Crockett Road Church of Christ
1717 Crockett Road
Palestine, TX*

Upcoming events.

“ANNIE”– Community theatre (tickets available) check in office. July 28th 2 P.M.

LADIES FASHION SHOW -August 17th check ladies Bulletin board for details

THE CHILDREN’S JOY CLUB. Check calendar on youth board for upcoming events.

Getting Back to Basics

You have probably had several conversations in the recent weeks about the economic uncertainty of our country. You may have this creepy feeling about your job and mortgage. Your fears and anxieties may be at such a level despair and disorder has taken the place of joy and peace...No matter what uncertainty or certainty lies ahead, if you have not sought God, you need to do so soon. Failure to listen to God in every circumstance is why more people dig their hole of sin deeper. If you are so bewildered about why America is in the condition it is in, listen to what God has said. Open up the scripture...What is most important has, is, and always will be GOD!! Do not let fear cover up what the most basic concept in life is – Seek God. Hebrews 11:6 says “and without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that seek after him.” This is our deepest need with the greatest reward. Yes, even in times of uncertainty. Why? God does the same thing He has always done. He speaks on every issue relative to our existence. That should make a difference in how we manage our emotions. God answers a lot of questions. Get back to God. Without Him you will never be content.

DOOR GREETERS July 28

J.B. & Joyce Matlock

COMMUNION PREPARATION

**July 28
Pam Boyette**

Gospel Worker

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MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Brown Trail School of Preaching, *Bedford, TX*
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Hershel Bearden
India Mission
Ken Upchurch
Tanzania Africa Work
Central TX Children's Home—*Buda, TX*
Tipton Children's Home
Tipton, OK
Gospel Broadcast Network

ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

Another Version of "the Good Old Days"

Some people nearly wear you out describing in detail the virtues of the “good old days”. To call every effort to recall the past foolish is in itself foolish. On the other hand, many completely deceive themselves by continuing in this state of mind to such an extent that the present and the future seem insignificant. Solomon said, **Ecclesiastes 7:10** “Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this.” The human mind punishes itself unnecessarily, and to dwell at length on the past and spend endless hours groaning on the advantages of days gone by is perhaps the biggest waste of time ever. And, the memory of pleasant vs. unpleasant things makes them larger than life. With many, the actuality of the “good old days” is far different from the vision we have looking back, and in either case recall can provide nothing outside the lessons that history should teach us. What makes the “good old days” so much better now than they were then? Consider that the present will one day be “the good old days”. The same attitude that prompts in man an exaggerated concern for the past will prompt in him that same feeling tomorrow for today, and generally that attitude is simply an unwillingness to face squarely the issues of the present and the future. Since success in life is determined by one’s willingness to really tackle life and struggle with the day by day problems and events, then the one who lives in “the good old days” will never be successful. The closest to a perfect situation you will ever get is solving a problem. You might try dwelling upon a “perfect” past, but that accomplishes nothing. There ain’t no such animal! Paul had it right: **Philippians 3:13** “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus”.



One responds to the invitation.



From Dan's desk:

Thank you for being with us today for our worship periods as well as Bible class. Your love for each other is quite obvious and it continues to be manifested to all. Last Sunday morning, LO-RELEE REEDER responded to the invitation of Christ asking for the prayers of the church in her behalf. She acknowledged wrong and asked for each of you to pray for her. We commend her and appreciate the sweet spirit that is always a part of her life. Lorelee does so much for the church and gives much of her time and effort beyond the regular hours she spends at the church building. We are grateful and thankful for what she does for this congregation. We continue to have visitors among us each time we meet. If you are visiting with us today, thank you for coming and we do hope you will come again and worship with us. You will always find a group of people here who love one another and endeavor to do the work of God at this place. We are not without flaw, because we all have them, but we know that when we do our best to serve the Lord, His blood covers our failures. Last Friday night we had about 40 who went to the Posado's restaurant in Jacksonville on the bus and in cars. It was a great and delightful evening. Thanks again for coming this morning. We hope to see you tonight at 6 P.M for our evening worship service.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN
YOUR PRAYERS:**

GRAHAM WILLIAMS had surgery last Friday. He is better.

CARLTON BROOKS, grandfather of C.T. Brooks, is in the Mother Francis hospital in Tyler with pneumonia.

TERI OLSON, daughter of J.B. & Joyce Matlock, has a blood clot in her leg that she's been dealing with for several weeks.

DENNIS ELLISON & GARY OLIVER both had tests last week. Awaiting results.

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

One Sunday in a Midwest City, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

"Diluted Truth"

Growing up I used to watch all the Bowl Games on New Year's Day. There were about eight of them and they were confined to that 1 day. To get to a Bowl Game a team had to be really, really, really good. Now we are inundated with bowl games. There are so many that a I cannot keep up with them. One Bowl Game had two teams whose coaches were fired for having such a poor season. Another Bowl Game had to get a special waiver from the NCAA to allow a team with a losing record to play.

Why the change over the last 50 years? Money and the desire of the colleges, the NCAA, and the organizers of these Bowls to make money. The end result is that the Bowl Season is now over a month long and most fans only keep up with their team. The bowls have become diluted to mean practically nothing.

Such can be said to a lot of preaching that goes on today. It used to be that the Bible was preached in almost every pulpit. Now a lot of places hardly hear the Gospel of Christ. The conditions of salvation are often left out of sermons, and sin is not mentioned. In denominations the Bible is a relic, an outdated book with outdated principles. Every in the Lord's church there are congregations where plain preaching is not appreciated.

So what happened over the last 50 years? Man has decided that religion should concentrate on man and not God. Church has become a social organization with social programs and a social message. Some preachers today are good communicators but poor students. The truth is diluted to appeal to a larger audience. The end result is weak preaching and teaching.