

# Teen News

What a busy summer!!! We only had one in attendance on Wednesday night. Hope if you are able to join us in future meetings you will chose to do so. Don't forget that Clint and Jonna Satterwhite have opened their home to us this Sunday night for the devotional. And, this has been a much anticipated event. Hope you will join us for great food and fellowship.

Blake

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:21

**Teachers never give up, and neither does Little Johnny. She asks him, "Can you name the Great Lakes?"**

**You know Johnny, he is always fast with an answer, and he pipes up with, "I don't need to. They've already been named."**



"You don't have to look quite so happy every time you see that sign ..."

## PUPPIES FOR SALE

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the pups and set about Nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he Felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the Eyes of a little boy. Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies." "Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "these puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money." The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. "I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?" "Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle, "Here,Dolly!" he called. Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball appeared; this One noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up...."I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt. The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would." With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself To a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need Someone who understands."

The world is full of people who need someone who understands.

## DOOR GREETERS

July 24

J.B. & Joyce Matlock

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July 24

Dale Sparks

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

## Casey Anthony's Biggest Mistake

This article has nothing to do with the guilt of Casey Anthony, who, in the view of most Americans, got away with murdering her daughter, Caylee. When the "Not Guilty" verdict was read last week, there was an overwhelming reaction of disdain and a resounding cry for justice for Caylee.

The rage came from the evidence presented by the prosecutors of a young mom who had little love for her child. The child was "in the way" and kept her from having a lifestyle characterized by partying. The attorneys portrayed her as a self-centered, self-seeking mom, who viewed being a mother a burden no one should have to bear.

When this evidence was seen by the millions who were captivated by the broadcast of the trial, it was widely believed that the only justice which would fit the crime was for Casey to be found guilty and either sentenced to death or at least life imprisonment. The image of Caylee's last hours involving chloroform and perhaps suffocation using duct tape burned in their memory and cried out for justice.

Without commenting on whether Casey was guilty or innocent, there is another matter which many Americans should seriously consider. Turn the calendar back to that time when Casey first discovered she was pregnant. Assuming the attorney's presentation to be true, she would have had no desire to be a mother. The pending birth of little Caylee would demand a change in Casey's lifestyle. The new baby would simply be in the way. Because she was a self-centered, self-seeking mom, being a mom would force her to stop being a party girl.

However, at that time there would have been an easy "solution." When Casey discovered she was pregnant, all she had to do was visit a clinic where little Caylee could be broken into pieces inside the womb, sucked out with a vacuum and flushed down the drain. Then this self-centered young lady could continue partying and enjoying the "good life."

You see the mistake Casey made was the timing of the aborting of Caylee's life. Had she aborted Caylee's life three weeks before she was born, it would have been legal and the millions would have justified her action! *Her mistake was one of timing!*



*From Dan's desk:*

# ONE ASKS FOR PRAYERS

It was good to see so many back from vacations last Sunday. We are glad you are here this morning. Soon school will be starting and everyone will be back with us. Thanks for your comments about the sermons last Sunday. We all need to be motivated each day to live closer to our Lord. On Sunday morning **MISTY ELLISON** responded to the invitation to ask for the prayers of the church. I know that she and Dennis have been facing difficulties over the last several months with Dennis' health and we want to be fervent in prayer for their family. Dennis was in Dallas last Thursday for a bone marrow test. Additional hospitalization will be necessary for the next week or so. Pray for them, while they are away. Remember the blood drive being held on the Walmart parking lot this Thursday. If you can donate blood, please go by and do so. Please make sure that they credit it to the account of the Crockett Rd. Church of Christ. This will ensure that if there are any in the church here who might need blood in the future, we will have it reserved in the blood bank under the name of the congregation here. We have several on the sick list now and want to continue to remember all of these in our prayers. Our Father listens to the petitions made of His children. It was good to see so many last Sunday night. It would be a good practice for all to make. Hope to see you tonight.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES** 

## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

### PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**MARLENE THOMPSON** had knee surgery on Tuesday in Tyler.

**TED MISSILDINE** has been undergoing tests and will have a procedure soon.

**WANDA BEIL** is having neck and leg problems which hinder her coming to services.

**DENNIS ELLISON** underwent a bone marrow tests in Dallas last Thursday. He is doing better, but will go back and be in the hospital this next week in Dallas for about a week.

**MAGGIE LARSON** will have a bone marrow test in Florida soon.

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** Linda Allen, Bobby Johnson, Vonolga Roberson, Bill Hogan, Gary Oliver, Gerald Wilcher, Owen & Sybil Perry.

**SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS:** Jason Mottern, Jeremy Dixon, & Blaine Kline.

## FOR PRAYER

*MISTY ELLISON*

Little Johnny's father said, "let me see your report card." Johnny replied, "I don't have it." "Why not?" His father asked. "My friend just borrowed it. He wants to scare his parents."

### "NO PAIN NO GAIN"

There is an expression among those who exercise regularly, "No Pain, No Gain." The expression basically means that if you are not willing to work hard and suffer a little for your efforts, then you are not going to accomplish very much. Just doing the easy and simple exercises that don't challenge one's body won't lead to lasting results. The same principle is true in life as well. In order for one to be productive in business, for example, one must be willing to make sacrifices of time and money; one must make an effort in order to do well. In our personal relationships also, we understand this to be true. The more we put into a relationship the better it is going to be. The parent who makes an effort to spend time with his children is going to have a better relationship with his child than the parent that doesn't. The husband who spends more time with his wife will have a better relationship than one that is always gone.

Should it cause us to wonder, when we come to the spiritual world, that if we don't make an effort at serving the Lord that we're not going to get anything out of our relationship with God? The same principle is true here as well. "No pain, no gain." Sometimes I think that people expect church to be some kind of spiritual playground where we can just relax and have fun in the glow of God's goodness. While I certainly believe that coming to church can be rewarding, it doesn't quite work like a playground. Our worship and service requires of us some effort, both mentally and physically. The more effort we put into our worship and service, the greater our relationship with God will become.

Our efforts must start with our attendance. If we don't attend services or if our attendance is sporadic, then we're not going to get very much out of it. Attendance to the worship services is where we get our encouragement to continue to live godly lives and be faithful to the Lord ([Hebrews 10:25](#)). It is absolutely critical to our relationship with God. It is as important as families having dinner together on a regular basis. To miss such an appointment is to undermine one's relationships. ADAPTED