

Teen News

Good morning! I hope you all had a good week. I am in Dallas this morning for Emery's birthday and will be back sometime this afternoon. We will have a devotional this evening following services in the Activity Building so make plans for that. I hope to see you all this evening.

Blake

CHILDREN'S MOVIE THIS WEEK: "RANGO" 9:30 AM at Schulman Theatre. Meet us there.

"ARE YOUR CHILDREN "Self-Rising"

Wow, sometimes the truth hurts! While it is certainly not so in every case, I firmly believe that too often they are. We have generations growing up with no raising. Parents have become so overwhelmed with work, play, and self, that they throw the kids off to another or to be "self-raised". It's alright for flour to be "self-rising" but not so with children.

What is the problem moms and dads? The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it" (Pro. 22:6). Paul wrote, "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). For our boys and girls to be good, we must get back to training and bringing them up as God directs. God help us do that and encourage others to do the same.

DAN

"LIFE IS LIKE GRASS"

Throughout the Scriptures God reminds us of the frailty of human life. No matter how long we may live on Earth, our life is but a speck in comparison to eternity. To emphasize our brevity, the thought of grass is often used. For example: psalm 103:15 - *As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.* Luke 12:28 - *"If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith? I Peter 1:24 - because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away. Just as the grass or flower soon loses its freshness; is withered or cut down, so it is with our physical life. This should not be a depressing fact, but rather motivation to do good and bring glory to God in the short span that we have. Also, for the faithful, it's a good reminder that the suffering and trails endured in this life won't be long. Hang in there. Love life and see good days. Serve the Lord.*

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FOX 44—Waco, TX.
FOX 29, Bryan-College Station, TX.
NBC 53—Lufkin, TX.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

ATTENTION

So what does God have to do to get our attention?

On September 16 of last year dairy farmers in Belgium dumped 790,000 gallons of dairy product onto their fields to protest low prices. Couldn't they have just called a meeting to get the government's attention? Just think of all that milk being soaked into the ground, all of the hungry people who could have been served by that milk...I guess that's the point. They got our attention. Does God have ours? The apostle Paul preached that God "made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live." (Acts 17:26) Why? "God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us." (Acts 17:27) God wants our attention. If creation isn't enough to garner it, the apostle Paul adds, "For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead." (Acts 17:31) A day of judgment? A man resurrected from the dead? What else does God have to do to get our attention? Spill his own blood on the earth?

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**Welcome to our services .
We are glad you are here.**



From Dan's desk:

Thanks to Hershel Bearden and to Perry Cowan for preaching for me last Sunday. It was good to be with the church near Gilmer, Texas in the meeting. Hershel has been involved with the India missions for several years and we have been helping to support him in that effort. Several told me that they appreciated his presentation in Bible class and we are grateful for his lesson last Sunday also. Perry Cowan and I have been friends for a long time and I know that you enjoyed hearing him on Sunday evening. Thanks also to Bill Chandler and Robert Duzan for teaching the Bible class the last couple of Wednesday nights. The month of August has arrived. The summer has been mild compared to previous years. Someone told me that it rained during services last Sunday night. I checked the rain gauge and we had almost an inch of rain. We have been so blessed and I don't know that I remember us ever receiving this much rain during the month of July. God has really blessed us in so many ways this year. Several activities are planned for the remainder of the Summer. We hope that you will take advantage of these activities and want to participate. Activities are scheduled for the ladies and the youth. We encourage you to check the bulletin boards for times and dates. Remember next Wednesday night is "singing night". The following Wednesday night Bro. Rocky Whitely will be our guest speaker during the summer series and his topic will be the "Lost Son". Please make plans to be with us that evening. We will look forward to seeing you tonight at 6 P.M. See you then.

Dan

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

GARY OLIVER had to return to Dallas on Wednesday as his white blood cell count went very high indicating cancer is active again.

BOB BURCHFIELD had a light stroke this last week. He is at home and doing better.

LARRY ALFORD nephew of Mary Stech, had pace maker implanted.

Continue to remember others who have ongoing illnesses: Ed Furman, Marjorie Myers & Linda Allen.

Our sympathy is extended to Bob & Mary Stech on the death of Bob's nephew, **RANDY STECH**, in a motorcycle accident in Mansfield, TX. His wife was also injured. Services were held on Thursday.

LADIES are reminded of the "Summer Sizzle Fashion Show" on August 17th. This is a catered luncheon and "fashion show." It will be a lot of fun. Please make plans to attend and plan to be one of our models. We must have an accurate count for the caterer by next Sunday. Please sign up

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.

Think About It

It was a pretty basic sermon. The message was salvation from sin, a new focus for life, the promise of heaven... many of us have heard it many times before.

But sitting next to me was someone who only came to services a few times a year. I noticed his restlessness as the preacher spoke of the wages of sin. He was quieter as he heard about Jesus and the price He paid for our transgressions. He seemed to be staring at the floor, deep in thought, as he listened to the hope of a better life in Christ. He raised his head and looked intently at the preacher as he closed his lesson with comments about grace and a home in heaven.

"If there is anyone here today who hasn't yet accepted Christ," the preacher said, "we'd like to offer you this opportunity..." Suddenly a stir swept through the congregation! Many slid songbooks noisily from the racks. A mother near us began to gather her child's toys. Members uncrossed their legs, coughed, sat forward, noisily zipped up their Bible covers... One member chose that moment to walk out.

The man beside me looked away from the preacher, looked at the commotion around him, and he too shifted in his seat. I didn't hear much of the fervent plea of that preacher for a lost soul to respond to the call for salvation. And neither did the unsaved man beside me. He died shortly after this... still unsaved. He was my husband.