

Josh and his family are on vacation this week. Hope you enjoy this article. Bumblebee's can't fly. Physicists say a bee's body is just too big for the size of its wings. But nobody ever told the bees this, so they go ahead and fly anyway. How many things have we been told we can't do? How many things have we told ourselves we can't do? The truth is: All things are possible in Christ-even the things that seem impossible to us. Maybe we shouldn't ask ourselves, "Can I do this?" but "Can God do this?"

"With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."  
Matthew 19: 26



"They should make a Skinny Channel where commercials for lettuce are just as tempting as junk food ads!"

## Enough Chairs

by Glen Young

The new preacher loaded his car with his large family and visited an old deacon on the farm. After the introductions, there was an awkward pause as the unexpected guests looked for chairs upon which to sit. The parlor had only two chairs.

"Brother, I don't believe you have enough chairs," suggested the preacher.

"That ain't it," muttered the old man. "I got plenty of chairs, just too much company!"

I can remember hearing my parents speak of a time when neighbors and friends would 'just drop in' for a visit. This practice has long since past away. Our society has created an existence I will call 'isolation in a crowd'. Today, people live in crowded urban communities and do not know their neighbor's by name.

Many factors have brought us to this condition. One such factor is the television with its 999 channels and remote control. Today, people can sit in their living room/family rooms and occupy hours of their time 'channel surfing'. These same people will then lament that they have no time for other things like visiting their neighbor..We all know my observations are true. Sadly, some Christians do not want to spend time with other Christians. They have their life and do not want fellow Christians encroaching into their space. May God help us to do better. ADAPTED

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

## USELESS OR USEFUL

In a short letter with but one chapter, Paul writes to his friend Philemon a believer in Colosse. One of his slaves named Onesimus had apparently stolen from him and then ran away. He met Paul probably in Rome, where Paul converted him and with this personal letter sends him back to his master. Of Onesimus, Paul writes: "I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. Formerly he was USELESS to you, but now he has become USEFUL both to you and to me" (Philemon 10,11).

The question then can be raised concerning each of us. Are we USELESS or USEFUL in the kingdom of our Father?

To be USEFUL we need to:

Imitate Matthew who faithfully followed Jesus. "Follow me, he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him" (Matthew 9:9).

Like Barnabas, an encourager and a liberal giver...."Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles feet" (Acts 4:36,37).

Pray like Epaphras. "He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured" (Colossians 4:12)

Be like Epaphroditus, faithful unto death. "For he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me" (Philippians 2:30).

Imitate Dorcas who was "full of good works and acts of charity" (Acts 9:36).

Are you USELESS or USEFUL to our Lord?

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Maxie Boren to  
speak this morning.



## FROM DAN'S DESK..

Welcome to each of you this morning. It is great to have you in worship. Several are visiting from other places and we are delighted to have you with us. Several attended the Dogwood Jamboree last evening and stayed over for worship with us today and we are glad you did. We hope our worship service this morning will be encouraging to each of you. MAXIE BOREN from the Brown Trail Church of Christ in Ft. Worth will be speaking to the Bible Class and speaking at the morning worship service. It is good to have him with us today. We have been supporting the Brown Trail School of Preaching for many years and it is good to have him speak to us about the work that they are doing. Summer has taken hold on East Texas with the hot temperatures. Hopefully we will see a break soon. School is about to start and everyone will be back to normal. We had a great fellowship last Sunday night honoring Dale and Ann Sparks. Thanks for staying.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES  
OR PUT THEM ON VIBRATE.



TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE  
IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:**

**BRANDON FRANKLIN** had a motor cycle accident with a deer on Monday night. He was not injured badly. He was released Wednesday.

**MADISON GIPSON**, infant daughter of Jerame & Jamie Gipson, has been having seizures. They will do testing on her soon.

**BERNICE TODD**, the sister-in-law of Gary Todd, had very serious by-pass surgery on Wednesday in Iowa Park.

**CONTINUEING ILLNESSES:** Owen Perry, Charlie Hall, Maggie Larsen, Ida Lee Parkman, Edith Lamb. Charlotte Perry, Danny Sumrall, Carlis King.

**GOOD NEWS:** **BOBBIE HOUSE**, sister of Lois King, is completely free of cancer at this time.

### SYMPATHY:

To Gwenette Sturgess in the death of her mother, MABEL PHARR, this last week. Services were held in Lubbock

Sympathy to Gary Todd is the death of his brother-in-law, CHET ATKINS, who died in Wichita Falls last week.

Dan will be speaking this Friday night in Lufkin at the "GIVE ME THE BIBLE" Lectureship. Our former youth minister, Paul Hillier is the minister there at Angelina Church of Christ in Lufkin. We will be taking the bus over that night. If you would like to go, please sign the sign up sheet on the board across from the office. We will leave the church at 4 PM.

### WHAT WILL YOU LEAVE BEHIND?

During every funeral, I remind the audience that funeral sermons are for the living, not the dead. Words spoken in the hour of death can encourage the living to remain faithful to the Lord. After the first martyr gave his life for the Lord, Luke tells us that "devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him" ([Acts 8:2](#)). [Acts 9:36](#) tells us of Dorcas, a woman "full of good works and charitable deeds." While at Joppa, she grew sick and died. The disciples washed her and placed her in an upper room. When Peter entered the room "all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them" ([Acts 9:39](#)). This godly woman was remembered what she left behind. [Revelation 14:13](#) says our works will follow us. When you die, what will *you* leave behind?

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" ([1 Tim. 6:7](#)). Why do so many people get all wrapped up with "possessions"? Jesus asked, "What is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" ([Matt. 16:26](#)).

What would you gain if you had the whole world? Whatever it is, it will not endure after the Judgment is passed ([2 Peter 3:10](#)).

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