

Teen News

Good morning everyone. It is good to see you all this morning. We will have a devotional of some kind today since I was not able to be here last week. I know with school in full swing many of you have lots of homework, so if a Sunday night devo is not good for any of you let me know and we will try to do something this afternoon. Either way see me in between Sunday school and worship or after church.

BLAKE

BABY SHOWER

Honoring Katy & Jacob Britton in anticipation of the birth of their baby girl. This Saturday, September 28th, from 2 to 4 PM in the family room. All ladies invited.



Tuesday Ladies Bible class began last week and the ladies will again be working on visual aids every week after Bible class. If you can help please stay and work with us.

Facing Trying Times

Discouragement is universal. No one is exempt from the dark cloud it casts over our lives. Great men of God -- David, Job, Jeremiah, and even Jesus -- became discouraged.

Discouragement can take many forms and be caused by many things.

Family Matters. Possibly a marriage is not working out as the man and woman had hoped and dreamed that it would. Children may cause concern and constant anxiety to parents. There may be illness of loved ones, financial insecurity, etc.

Moral Failure. In the battle between the flesh and spirit, many times the flesh keeps winning. One may have, among other things, a weakness to alcohol, drugs, sex, dishonesty or laziness. When we lose a battle, we lose heart and often become discouraged.

Spiritual Matters. For example, there are wives who try to keep the lamp of faith burning in spite of the unbelief of a husband who has no interest in spiritual things. It could be that one becomes stagnant in his spiritual growth and his zeal begins to wane -- Christ may not mean as much as He did or as He should, prayer seems to get him nowhere, We must remember that others before us have had their disappointments and discouragements also. Jeremiah was met with almost unimaginable discouragements (Jer. 9:2). Yet, in spite of all his longings to leave, he stood at his post of duty through the weary years, faithful to God even to the last. Jesus and His apostles faced many discouragements. So must we.

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

"THE SIN OF MURMURING"

So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, 'If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?' (Num. 14:1-3)

In the above text the Israelites murmured against their gracious and loving God. Needless to say, their murmurings displeased Him.

Sadly, many Christians are murmurers and complainers. In the home, on the job and in the local church they grumble, murmur and complain. They can see nothing good. To them, everything is bad -- their life is miserable and they want to make it that way for everyone else.

To murmur means to grumble or whine. It is not wrong to complain if correction is needed, but there should be no murmuring.

Being discontent and selfish, one murmurs and whines and thus sins bringing condemnation to himself. Another product of his actions, though, is division among God's people for that is what the murmurer is trying to do -- get people to become sympathetic to his point of view and antagonistic toward the other point of view. The Proverbs tell us that one of the seven things God hates is "one who sows discord among brethren" (Prov. 6:19).

Let us not murmur. Rather, let us be content in life. Let us be happy and "rejoice always in the Lord" (Phil. 4:4). ADAPTED

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Dean Robertson Guest speaker this morning



From Dan's desk:

I am in Yazoo City Mississippi to begin a meeting with the church there. We are happy to have DEAN ROBERTSON with us this morning. I know you will appreciate his lesson. I appreciate him being here this morning to deliver the message. Please remember that one week from tomorrow night our "Monday Night For The Master" program will commence again. We are so grateful for all those who work in this program. So much can be done by those who give of their time and effort to promoting the Kingdom of God at this place. Please remember we will eat at 6:15 P.M. and then work during the hour from 7 P.M. till 8 P.M. Jesus said to His disciples, "What can you not watch with me one hour"? If you stopped to think about it, CAN YOU NOT GIVE ONE HOUR TO THE LORD ONCE A MONTH? Is that really asking too much? We often spend much more time watching television and spending time in less meaningful ways. What if everyone gave the same excuse, "I just don't have time?" This is one way you can be involved in doing something worthwhile and meaningful in the Church here. It is one way you set the right example for others to follow. I suppose, if you do not want to participate, one excuse is as good as another. By the way, thanks to Jan Todd for the beautiful floral arrangement in front of the pulpit. She always does a good job and does it unselfishly. We appreciate your efforts.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

BOB STECH continues to improve following his recent hospitalization.

SARAH FOREMAN is recovering from a recent surgical procedure in Tyler, but is better at home.

JASON MOTTERN son of John and Ann Mottern will be deployed to Afghanistan tomorrow. They asked for our prayers

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is again extended to CAROLYN JENKINS and family in the death of her mother, RUBY KING. She passed away last week and services were held last Tuesday in Alto.

Our sympathy is also extended to DALE-SPARKS and family in the death of his brother-in-law, GENE HAVARD. He passed away Tuesday in Indiana.

Our love and condolences to both these families.

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.

PEER PRESSURE

"Peer" is defined as "a person who has equal standing with another, as in rank, class, or age." Among the many definitions of "pressure" we find, "to force, as by overpowering influence or persuasion." Peer pressure, then, is the persuasion exerted by our friends and neighbors and those of our own age or social circles.

Peer pressure is blamed for nearly every social ill of our day. "Notes Alan Morris, chief of the adolescent unit of the Illinois State Psychiatric Institute in Chicago: 'Some kids, especially younger adolescents, have an exquisite sensitivity to what their peers think. They won't go to school if their shoelaces are the wrong color.' But the group's influence is often treacherous. Explains young Edwards: 'It's peer pressure and wanting to be accepted by your friends and trying to prove yourself in the best way you know how, which is being violent.' Gangs allow even the most cowardly and impotent to feel brave and powerful. And they override inhibitions and diminish any feelings of guilt. Violence becomes contagious. Some youngsters revel in the mayhem; others, too weak to break away, become trapped and are swept along." (*Time Magazine*,)

Alcohol abuse is the number one health problem among America teenagers. According to a recent study at George Mason University, alcohol is a major factor in 41% of all academic problems and 28% of all college dropouts. It comes as a surprise to no one that peer pressure is blamed.

The problems teenagers face today are not new. Over 2,500 years ago Socrates wrote, "Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for their elders, and love chatter in places of exercise. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up their food, and tyrannize their teachers." Choose your friends with care they have so much influence on your life! Choose Christians who will "refresh" you (2 Tim. 1:16) and "stir up love and good works" (Heb. 10:24). The prophet Amos asked, "Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?" (Amos 3:3).