

## “Because It Is Right”

Reward incentive motivation permeates our society. People respond to rewards just like little puppies do. Some parents think only in terms of rewarding their children, and, they even reward them for being bad. When a parent says to a little child, “If you will quit throwing a temper tantrum, we will go get an ice cream as soon we get away from the Dr.’s office,” he is rewarding bad behavior and the child quickly understands how to get what he wants. The “in thing” now in many churches is to offer physical rewards for being religious. That ranges from the “gospel of health and wealth” that says, “If you give \$100, God will give you \$1,000,” to appealing to the fleshly appetites of entertainment to get people to come to “church.”

Whatever happened to doing right because it is right? Surely, Jesus offers men rewards but those incentives have nothing to do with the sensual desires. In fact, he condemned those who followed him because they were fed -- “Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life,” (John 6:29). The reward for righteousness is eternal life with God. God expects right behavior, because he is holy and we must be like him to share in spiritual life (1 Peter 1:15-16).

# Teen News

**Glad to see those of you who are here this morning. Hope you all enjoyed your weekend. The devotional will be at the home of Henry and Sonda Baker. We will meet in the parking lot following evening services tonight to go there.**

**BLAKE**

## DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN



Thanks to Richard German (See Daniel 6) 08-07-2006  
OH WOULDN'T YOU JUST KNOW IT ... AS SOON AS WE START OUR FAST THEY THROW US THIS TASTY LOOKING GUY

## DOOR GREETERS

**Oct. 16 2011**  
**Ben & Keri Rhone**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

**Oct. 16, 2011**  
**Sam & Cheryl Ellis**

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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

## “BAPTIZED IN A PICKLE JAR”

Sour, doleful, grumpy, disgruntled, complaining, negative, irritable, discontented – all describe the kind of person who seems to wallow in his misery and, not content therewith, loves to cause others misery as well. Perhaps you have seen this kind of person who claims to be a disciple? And, how he claims to be a real follower/learner of Jesus presents an insurmountable incongruity. “Baptized in pickle juice” conveys a graphic figure of their misery in their religion.

The New Testament record indicates the rejoicing of those who were baptized into Christ They were baptized in water for the remission of their sins and, upon being raised from baptism, understood that their souls had been cleansed from sin by the blood of Christ – note the rejoicing of the Ethiopian treasurer and the Philippian jailer who rejoiced with all his house (Acts 8:39; 16:34). Baptized believers understood that they had become new creatures and when raised from the watery grave of baptism, realized that they had escaped the old man of sin and were beginning a new life (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:1-7).

“Baptized in pickle juice?” No way! Not one who has obeyed from the heart! The baptized believer rejoices daily in his fellowship with Christ (1 John 1:1-3). You hear it when he talks – you see it when he walks. May God help us to walk in the newness of life that our Master has given us as His children. Gal. 3:26-27

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# Tipton Children's Home Teaching, training and caring for the young homeless.



*From Dan's desk:*

It is good to be back from the meeting out in Tipton, Okla. The church there is strong and vibrant and oversees the "Tipton Children's Home". The Children's home has been there since 1924 and is the oldest in the Brotherhood of our Lord. We continue to support the home there in their efforts to teach, train and care for young homeless children. I praise God for those house parents and others who serve. We had great crowds of people each night. I appreciate the opportunity to proclaim the gospel to those in attendance. Many of the young people there came up to me and expressed gratitude for the meeting. This is always encouraging. Thanks to Bernie for preaching at both worship periods last Sunday. Thanks also to Robert Duzan for teaching the adult class Sunday morning. May thanks to the Deacons and others who led songs last Wednesday night. We had a lot of folks away on trips last Sunday, but it good to see many of them back today. Several studies continue to be conducted with those who are outside of Christ. We pray that conversions will come through the efforts of so many. I am thankful for those who give of their time and energy to teach and bring others to an understanding of the Will of God. Thanks to so many in the congregations who work so hard to further the cause of our Lord. You are to be commended. Our Children's Bible Hour program on Sunday night continue to go great. Thanks to those who work in that area. We hope you will bring your children tonight. Dan

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN  
YOUR PRAYERS:**

**BILL HOGAN** did not get the best report at his last doctor's visit. He hopes the report in December will be better.

**OWEN PERRY** had a endoscopy on Wednesday of last week. The report was good.

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** Dennis Ellison, Daphne Prince, Toni & David Degelia, Gary Coates, Gary Oliver, Toby Williams, Gerald Wilcher., Beverly Carr, Nora Dudley & Liam Lowe.

**Servicemen:** Jeffery Rose, Blaine Klein & Jason Mottern.

**Our sympathy is extended to Gerry Hahn on the death of her aunt, WANDA HENDERSON, from Frankston.**

We are planning a church Fall Fest after services on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 30th, in the activity building and parking lot. Mark

your calendar.



**CONGRATULATIONS Britney Sparks and Cody Bettes were united in marriage last night here in Palestine. We are happy for them. They live in Nacogdoches, Texas**

## "Be of Good Cheer"

People who are able to accept things as they are and are always able to see their blessings in the darkest hours are people of good cheer. If you think about it, what else can you do in the face of things that cannot be altered? If we count our great blessings from the "Father of lights," we will realize that they will always outweigh the tragedies and disappointments of life (James 1:17).

A positive, cheerful outlook on life is critical to being a true disciple. There is entirely too much defeatism in the world without Christians contributing to it. Children of the King are to be conquerors (Romans 8:37). Think positively – we can do it. Talk positively to your brethren – it can be done. Act positively – don't ever quit trying; never resign yourself to failure and it will be done.

Paul said, "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, rejoice," (Philippians 4:4). But we are not able to rejoice, if we do not see the reasons for rejoicing. And, if we do not see those reasons, we do not have the right kind of fellowship with God. Because you are blessed so abundantly in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:3), be of good cheer, my brethren, and when you see your brethren discouraged and troubled, lift up their hands and strengthen the weakened knees (Hebrews 12:12). Cheerfulness is contagious. – ADAPTED