

Teen News

Good morning everyone. I hope all of you had a good week. We will not be having a devotional this week but next week is the widow and widowers luncheon. I could really use all of your help in making that a success. Read Isaiah chapter 41:10 at some point today and tell me what you think about it and how it made you feel tonight. See you all tonight..

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to John Mottern in the death of his mother (Kay Mottern) last Monday in Pennsylvania. A Memorial service will beheld in Sunbury, Penn. John has gone to be with the family.

8 Puns to live by

1. To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
2. It wasn't school John disliked it was just the principal of it.
3. There was once a cross-eyed teacher who couldn't control his pupils.
4. Skipping school to bungee jump will get you suspended.
5. Math teachers have lots of problems.
6. Studying fungus is a way to mold young minds.
7. He wears glasses during math because it improves division.
8. When the electricity went off during a storm at a school the students were de-lighted.

A STRING THAT CAN'T BE CUT

Here's to all the women who stay on the job. I'm talking about one of the toughest jobs on earth — being a mother. As someone observed, "Motherhood is full of frustrations and challenges. Eventually, though, they move out." They may eventually move out, but a mother in the thick of her child-rearing years can be excused for thinking the demanding job confronting her will never end. Reader's Digest once told of two Bible college students who decided to go door to door sharing their faith. At one house they walked through a gauntlet of screaming kids and barking dogs. A tired mother opened the door. "We would like to tell you how to obtain eternal life," they said. She hesitated as she looked around for a moment at a mountain of laundry, a pile of dirty dishes, and the screaming kids. Then she said, "Thanks, but no thanks. I don't think I could stand this for eternity." Motherhood is extremely labor-intensive. It may be for women, but it is not for wimps. What would we do without mothers who are willing to take on all the demands and challenges that being a mother brings? Motherhood is an on-going challenge requiring mothers to make staggering physical, emotional, and spiritual investments in the lives of their children. Even when they move out of Mom's house, they never move out of her heart. The bond between mother and child that began in her womb is with her to the tomb. Selected

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T.V. Program
KETK-56 Tyler, TX.
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

A RESCUE SHOP

Luis Palau made a colorful observation about the primary mission of the church with these words, "The church is like manure. Pile it up, and it stinks up the neighborhood; spread it out, and it enriches the world." Jesus still intends for His church to spread the gospel and thus enrich the world. The Lord's parting command should constantly ring in the ears of every elder, preacher, and Christian, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16: 15-16). The prayers and purposes and plans of local congregations should always be guided by the primary goal of spreading the gospel and saving the lost. In Luke 19: 10, Jesus said about Himself, "...for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Though the devil tried constantly to deter Him, Jesus refused to be distracted from His central and consuming mission, and "gave Himself to rescue us from the present evil age" (Galatians 1:4). Jesus was focused and determined and intense in His efforts to rescue a lost, condemned world.

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**Thank you for being here
this morning.**



From Dan's desk:

We welcome each of you to the worship service this morning. It is always great to see you and worship our Lord together. Last Sunday we paid tribute to those who have served our country in the U.S. Military. **JIMMY COOK** the oldest Veteran in the congregation here was given a special award for his service in the Philippines, New Guinea and Japan. Jimmy is a wonderful person and worthy of such honors. Thanks to Charles McCullough for his presentation and for making the award. He did a great job. Thanks to all of you who responded to the call to provide various items to **JASON MOTTERN** in Afghanistan. Your generosity and kindness is a reflection of the kind of people in this church. You are to be commended. The Thanksgiving Holidays are almost upon us and we will be having our Annual midweek Thanksgiving devotional in the chapel on Tuesday, Nov. 26th, instead of Wednesday that week. Please make a note of this change for that week. We will not be having Ladies class that Wednesday morning. Our Annual Christmas Dinner and fellowship will be held on Tuesday Dec. 3rd this year in the activity building. It will be a catered event as usual. We will post a sign up list on the bulletin board and we will tell you more about this event next Sunday. Please put the date on your calendar of upcoming events. Thanks again to Willette Mitchell for the beautiful flowers and décor as you enter the church building. They have really been beautiful this year. We appreciate her and her efforts. Willette, please remove the "candy corn" near the preacher's office. They are habit forming and we are all getting "bigger in the brotherhood" Ha. See you tonight. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

IKE WEATHERLY suffered a brain bleed last week. He had a surgical procedure on Wednesday. He is back home doing better.

BOB BURCHFIELD suffered a stroke last week. He is better at home.

GARY BRILEY will have cancer surgery soon in Houston. He was in Houston this last week for tests.

WILLARD LANE, Billy Lane's father, had cancer surgery last week at St. Paul's hospital in Dallas. He is doing well.

GAGE HICKMAN, grand son-in-law of Reba Whitley, had additional surgery this week in Tyler.

Remember JASON MOTTERN in Afghanistan and other U.S. military personal serving around the world.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Our youth group is extending an invitation to all widows & widowers to a Thanksgiving lunch next Sunday, Nov. 24th, in the activity building, immediately after services. Please sign up if you will be attending, no later than tonight so they know how much to prepare.

THANKSGIVING INVITATION

Sam at the Dogwood Diner has invited those in the church here who would like to come to the diner (no charge) and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal together are invited to do so. The turkey and trimmings, drinks, etc. will be furnished at no cost. You are asked to bring a covered dish and join them for lunch at 11:30. If you are planning to attend, please sign your name on the list on the bulletin board by Sunday Nov. 24th. If you have not made plans, this would be a good opportunity to share a meal together. Thanks to Sam.

"Learn To Forgive"

A man was out walking one day. While on a narrow path, he met a man who didn't like him. One of the men would have to step aside to allow the other to pass. The other man charged ahead saying, "I never make way for fools." The man quickly stepped aside saying, "I always do." What do you do when you come face to face with someone who doesn't like you and who has in some way hurt/offended you? The world still says "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." The result is a lot of eyeless and toothless people, metaphorically speaking. "Fight fire with fire" sounds good until you realize that approach almost always ends up making the fire twice as hot and leaving behind badly burned people. Jesus died saying, "Father, forgive them" (Luke 23:34. Many people continue to believe the lie that the best way to get ahead of those who hurt you is to get even. But, as William H. Walter reminds us, "To carry a grudge is like being stung to death by one bee." By refusing to forgive we tie ourselves to the events that caused the hurt. And every time our mind goes there we are stung yet again by the same bee, re-living the pain in all its original agony. We fail to realize that carrying a grudge is like a run in a nylon stocking - it can only get worse. Salt water can't quench our thirst, and refusing to forgive won't quench the white-hot emotions of hatred, bitterness and resentment that spring from an unforgiving heart. Jesus offers a radical alternative in Mark 11:25-26: "Whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. SELECTED