

We had a great time at the Middle School Christmas Party last night. Thank you Greg and Sylvia Gurganus for hosting the party. Also, everyone enjoyed Christmas Caroling at Legacy and True Care Nursing homes, and the hot cocoa at the Rader's home afterward on Thursday evening. Merry Christmas to everyone and enjoy this time together with your family! May the Lord Bless and Keep you always! "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments."

I John 5:2 DOUG

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

If a tombstone is all that's left to remind the world we've been here, it's a grave mistake

Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who aren't.

Those who "cook up" stories often find themselves in "hot water".

God doesn't want shares of your life, He wants controlling interest.

Mobs seldom gather together to perform an act of charity.

Addiction

People are addicted to many things, alcohol, drugs (legal & illegal), nicotine, gambling, food, pornography, etc. All of these things can ruin your life. Look what Peter says, "promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved." (2 Peter 2:19). So the goal of the Christian is not to be overcome or enslaved to any particular thing.

This is a principle that not only Peter taught, but the apostle Paul said, "...I will not be mastered by anything" (1 Cor. 6:12b). But the big problem is that the alcoholic will not admit that alcohol controls him. We humans have the ability to deny the obvious.

We must continue to examine our own lives - that we have but one who has overcome us, only one who has enslaved us by His goodness - that is, Christ.

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"HITCHHIKERS"

With his thumb, the hitchhiker-says, "You furnish the car, the gas and oil, attend to repairs and upkeep, supply the insurance, and I'll ride with you. However, if you have an accident, I'll sue you for everything you have." 'That's pretty one-sided it seems to me. Think of hitchhikers in the church! They seem to say, "You furnish the building, the preacher, lights, air conditioning, the insurance, all the educational material, and take care of the general building upkeep; and we'll ride along with you. If things don't suit us, we'll complain, criticize, and probably hitchhike to another church. We'll give ten dollars to 'keep the record straight, but let others pay the BIG bills." Let's be careful that we "bear our own responsibilities" (Gal. 6:5). We are "pilgrims" not hitchhikers (1 Pet. 2:11). ADAPTED

DOOR GREETERS

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

Merry Christmas 2019

From the Staff



*Merry Christmas to all of you.
No midweek service this week.*



From Dan's desk:

We certainly hope that each of you have a wonderful Christmas holiday this year with family and friends. It is almost unbelievable that we stand on the brink of another New Year. 2020 is almost here. We want to remind you that there will not be a midweek service this week. The Elders felt it necessary to suspend the service and encourage families to have a family service at their home. Many will be out of town and many are ill at this time and families need to spend this time together. The trip to Athens last week, saw some 31 riding the bus to the "Land of Lights" They were absolutely beautiful and everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to Clint and Jonna Satterwhite for organizing the trip and to Clint for driving the bus. Last Sunday some 80 plus gathered at the home of David and Jennifer Sparks for delicious food and fellowship. Everyone really had a blessed and wonderful time. Thanks to them for opening their home. Thanks also to Pam Gallaway for opening her home for the "card signing" last Monday night. We had a good number present and the food was just great. This was a great time for all in attendance. Thanks to Charles McCullough for driving the bus to the Sparks and to Pam's for those times of fellowship. Our congregation has been so blessed this year in many ways and we anticipate the blessing of God to rest upon all of us again this year. Thanks for your presence this morning and we hope you will want to join us in worship tonight. Worship periods are opportunities for us to draw closer to one another and to our Father in Heaven.
DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

DEBBIE WARREN has been back in the hospital this week for treatment. **CHARLOTTE LANE** (Billy Lane's mother) undergoing tests. **MARK WELLS** continues to undergo rehab in Nashville, Tennessee from a recent stroke. His hospital address in on the bulletin board.

Several continue to undergo tests and this time.

Several have been ill with the flu.

Let's continue to be mindful of all of these and keep them in our prayers.

A prayer List is available in the foyer of those with ongoing illnesses.

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.

**THERE WILL BE NO MIDWEEK
SERVICE THIS WEEK.**

NOTICE
**Please do not take food or
drink into the foyer or church
auditorium.**

31 go see Land of Lights in Athens, Tx.



Fellowship at the Spark's Home



Natchitoches Christmas lights Trip



Fellowship & Card Signing @ Pam's

