

Teen News

It is good to see all of you again this morning. I am glad so many of you are encouraging your friends to come to our Wednesday night class. Hopefully you all will continue to do so, as it is a really great thing to see. Tonight our devotional will take place at the home of Jacob and Katy Britton. They will be serving us hamburgers and s'mores. Please try to be in attendance and remember to thank them both for opening up their home.

Blake

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



What It Means To Forgive

Forgiveness is more than just speaking the words. It must be sincere and from the heart. It must be patterned after the forgiveness God has granted to us. It must be accompanied by actions which befit true forgiveness. Forgiveness involves a kind attitude -- abandoning all animosity and hatred. All bitterness, anger, wrath, clamor and evil speaking should be put away (Eph. 4:31). We can hold no grudges. One must deny the impulse to get even and seek to do the forgiven one good. Forgiveness involves forgetting (Heb. 8:12), but what does it mean to forget? It is impossible for a person to completely obliterate the wrong from his mind. Rather it means to not hold the person accountable for it anymore. When forgiveness is granted that should end the matter. It should never again be dredged up or held against the one who has been forgiven. Forgiveness should be given by the "golden rule" (Matt. 7:12). One should always be willing to forgive -- even at repeated offenses. Matthew 18:21-22 has the apostle Peter asking, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.'"

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Billy Whitley & family in the death of his sister, HATTIE CRAWFORD.

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class
10:30 AM Worship
5:00 PM Evening
Wed: 7:00 PM



*Our Annual Holiday Church Fellowship will be held this Tuesday night in the activity building at 6:30 P.M. We have a wonderful evening planned. **If***

you have not signed up or paid your money, please do so by tonight. A table has been set up in the foyer for you to sign up and pay before you leave today.

ADULT \$8.00 CHILD \$5.00



From Dan's desk:

HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP
This Tuesday Night
In Activity Bldg.

Thank each of you for being present this morning. It is great to be together in fellowship. The beautiful poinsettias in the building today remind us that the holidays are near and that means numerous activities will be taking place. We hope you will want to participate. It is always an exciting time for our church family. I always look forward to our "Holiday (Christmas) fellowship each year. I hope that if you have not signed up to be with us, that you will do so today. It's going to be a great evening and everyone always enjoys the good food and fellowship. You can sign up today with Lorelee in the foyer. The cost is nominal (\$8.00) and you will enjoy the good meal. You have a choice of three entrees. The information is available in the foyer. Thanks you for your positive and encouraging remarks about the lessons last Sunday. Even though we had a lot out of town for the holiday, we had several visitors. The Holiday season always finds a number of people away from us when we meet. Let's continue to pray for their safety as they travel. The Holiday schedule can be found on the bulletin board. Some changes have been made in scheduling over the next few weeks. Please make a note of these changes. The Tuesday morning Ladies class will not meet this Tuesday, but will have a luncheon and gift exchange on the following Tuesday, Dec. 13th. It will be a busy December. We hope you will return tonight for services at 5 P.M. Thanks for your commitment to Christ & the Church.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN
YOUR PRAYERS:**

SHANNON SPENCER is in East Texas Medical, Room 4413, with a staph infection in his leg.

BILLY WHITLEY has been moved to Tru-Care Nursing facility for rehab.

DOROTHY HARDISON, mother of Jeanette Alford, has also been moved to Tru-Care Nursing facility for rehab.

MAGGIE LARSEN had surgery last Thursday on her leg.

GINGER BELL, daughter of Martha Sims, is recovering from back surgery.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Bennie Joe McInnis, Dennis Ellison, Gary Oliver, Bill Hogan, Toby Williams, Toni Degelia, Marlene Thompson Nora Dudley, Orville Shelton.

Servicemen: Blaine Kline, David Sims & Jason Mottern.

**ORNAMENT EXCHANGE &
LUNCHEON TODAY**

The Ornament Exchange & luncheon will be held today at the home of Sonda Baker at 12:30. Please bring an ornament gift to exchange and join the fun.



"CHARACTER BUILDING"

Each of us is to be involved in that building process by applying the principles of Scripture to our thoughts and conduct, conforming to the will of God in all things -- even "bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5). This process is described in Romans 12:1-2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." The renewed mind one is to have is "the mind of Christ" (Phil. 2:5) which is revealed in the New Testament Scriptures (Heb. 1:1-2). When one allows the gospel to mold and renew his mind, a transformation occurs. He begins to take on the qualities of character that it sets forth that children of God should have. Every Christian must build such a character (2 Pet. 3:18).

We are not speaking of one's reputation. Reputation is what others think you are but character is the person you really are. Adapted