

Teen News

Good morning everyone. It is good to see you all this morning. We will be having a devotional after services this evening. I was thinking about all of us going out to eat together at El-Toro, but you can let me know today if that is what you would like to do. I hope to see you all back here tonight.

Blake

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.

ORNAMENT EXCHANGE TODAY AT NOON
AT THE HOME OF SONDA BAKER.
ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO COME JOIN US.

Who Should Read The Bible?

The young-to learn how to live
The old-to know how to die
The ignorant-for wisdom
The rich -for compassion
The poor-for comfort
The weak-for strength
The strong for direction
The troubled-for peace
The weary-for rest
The Christian-for guidance

Falling for Grace

Mark Twain was far from being a skilled Bible scholar, but he makes us think with these words about grace: "Heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in." Twain's words remind me of the Bible's message in Romans 3:10 and 23 — As it is written: 'There is none righteous, no, not one' ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." And Ezekiel 18:4 and Romans 6:23a — the soul that sinneth, it shall die. ... For the wages of sin is death." The "death" in these and other passages is a reference to the eternal separation of the soul from God. This separation will occur at the final judgement and be maintained forever in the place Jesus called "hell." Hell is described by Jesus as indescribably horrible place with the "worm that does not die and the fire that shall never be quenched" (Mark 9:42 -48). The apostle John described it with the mind jarring, fear-inspiring phrase "lake of fire burning with brimstone" (Revelation 19:20; 20:10, 14 15). It is the place where all those whose names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life will be cast. Hell is too awful and fearful to completely comprehend, along with the thought God would be just and righteous if He sent us all there.

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T.V. Program
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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 Month Of Sundays

Many times we make a decision that we are going to do a better job in a specific area of our spiritual lives only to either not get started or quit before it becomes a habit. Why not try the thirty day test or a Month of Sundays? Help not only make yourself better, but this congregation a better place to worship.

Try these things for the next month:

1. Attend every Bible class and worship service.
2. Be on time
3. Improve your attitude.
4. Have a part in saving those who are lost.
5. Encourage and restore the spiritually weak
6. Visit the sick and shut-ins.
7. Associate with fellow Christians.
8. Be hospitable to our visitors at our services.
9. Encourage our young parents.
10. Seek to improve our worship services.
11. Study God's Word.
12. Spend time every day in prayer.
13. Do something nice for someone without expecting anything in return.
14. Say something positive to a fellow Christian who is struggling.. Are you willing ?

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Annual Christmas Party "A Wonderful Experience"



From Dan's desk:

Thanks to all who attend the Annual Christmas fellowship last Tuesday night. The food was delicious and the fellowship was great. We all had a wonderful time and if you were unable to attend, you really missed a wonderful time. We appreciate all who had a hand in planning and decorating. Thanks to Sam at the Dogwood Diner for preparing the meal. Thanks to Ben Rhone for playing Santa Claus. He did a great job. It is almost unbelievable that the holidays are already here. Christmas is a joyful time and how thankful we are for the blessings of the season. The ladies of the congregation are having the Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange today at the home of Henry and Sonda Baker. Sonda is preparing lunch for all the ladies in attendance. **BLAKE BAKER** has resigned as the youth leader effective January 1st. Blake and Brandy have moved to Bullard and the drive and his job has made it so difficult to fulfill his responsibilities and spend adequate time with his family also. We are grateful to the Bakers for their time, effort and plans over the last couple of years involving the youth. We have asked **BEN RHONE** to serve as interim youth Director. He is excited and will do a great job. Ben will not only work with the teens, but will plan activities for the younger children as well. Ben and Keri are dedicated servants of God and will add much to the youth program. Thanks to all present today. If you are visiting with us this morning, please allow us the opportunity to meet you and make you feel welcome. We appreciate you coming to visit. We hope that you will come again when you have the opportunity. See you tonight at 6 P.M.

DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

GARY BRILEY will have cancer surgery on Thursday in Houston.

JERRY RUTLEDGE, brother of Carl Rutledge, is very ill in a Tyler with lung cancer and kidney failure.

ANN BAUR, daughter-in-law of Millie Baur, has learned she has cancer.

CHRISTI BEAN, niece of Dwight Franklin, found out she does not have cancer.

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

NATCHITOCHEs TRIP

If you have signed up to go on the Natchitoches trip to Louisiana this Friday, November 13th, we will leave the church building at 8 AM. Please bring a sandwich to eat on the road and we will tour the town Friday afternoon and eat our evening meal in Natchitoches. Saturday morning we will eat breakfast at a buffet and also lunch and dinner that day, as well as take in the sights. It will be a fun trip. Motel reservations have been made. See bulletin board for details.

CARD SIGNING

Please join us on Monday night, December 16th, at 6:30 PM, at the home of V.J. & Pam Gallaway, 515 ACR 431, to sign Christmas cards for the shut-in's. We will eat and have fellowship. The soup will be furnished by Pam, Lois & Sue. You may bring finger foods to go with the soup, if you would like. Bus will leave the building at 6 PM.

WHAT IS SPIRITUALITY?

The Bible never uses the actual word spirituality. The closest it comes is "spiritually" and "spiritual." The word spirit is a translation of the Greek word *pneuma* which means breathing or blowing. We know that people breathe by its results, but we cannot see breath. We know that the wind blows by its results, but we cannot see the wind.

Jesus explained it this way: "...no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water AND the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit...The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit" (John 3:5-8).

Spirituality is the same. We cannot see spirituality. We know someone has it by the results. Romans 8:6 says we should "be spiritually minded" (KJV). So from this we know that spirituality has to do with the mind. What else does it have to do with?

If we want to walk and talk in spiritual ways, let us speak in the language of love and walk in the same.

Spirituality is sitting with a friend and telling them God loves them when they're good and bad, and will help them overcome the bad.

Spirituality is going with a friend who wants to join a self-help group like Alcoholics Anonymous. It's telling them how much God will help them. Then proving it with scriptures.

Spirituality is going to an enemy gossiping against you and saying God loves you both, and there's nothing they can say or do to get you to stop loving them!

That's spirituality!