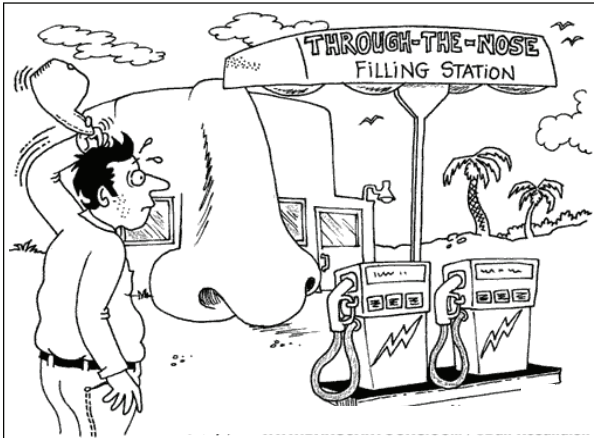


# Teen News

We are down to our last Sunday practice for LTC. We will leave on Thursday to go to our competition. Please keep all those who are going to Dallas with us in your prayers.

Next Sunday night after the evening worship service we will have our LTC awards banquet. This will be a sandwich and desert supper. We encourage anyone who wants to make sandwiches or a dessert to bring them that evening. We would love to see everyone there to support our youth as they will perform their skits, dramas, and songs. Please plan on sticking around for this fun event.



## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of former member **GRACE ADAMS** who passed away last week. Services were held on Friday. Grace lived here a number of years ago and had recently moved to Cartmell Nursing Home.

## “LITTLE THINGS”

The story is told of a giant tree in Colorado, which fell to the ground after having stood majestically on a hill for over 400 years. A mere sapling when Columbus landed in San Salvador over the centuries it had been struck by lightning 14 times, braved great wind storms, and even defied an earthquake. In the end, however, it was killed by some little beetles. Boring under the bark, they chewed away its mighty fibers until one day that lordly king of the forest came thundering down. So, too, apparently insignificant things often make substantial inroads into our spiritual lives, and if left unchecked may cause our downfall. The idle word spoken, the prayer time omitted, and the occasional fleshly pleasure indulgences — these things “spoil” the vineyard much more than we realize. If Satan gets an entering wedge on inconsistency, the leverage he then has is unstoppable.

**What's the difference between a hunter and a fisherman?  
A hunter lies in wait. A fisherman waits and lies.**

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**Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal?  
He wanted to transcend dental medication.**

**DOOR GREETERS—April 24**

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

## A CROSS WITH WHEELS

**A number of years ago, I was driving down the highway and I saw a local religious personality carrying a cross along the side of the road. He was attempting to make people think of the great sacrifice of Christ. However, as I drove past this man, I noticed that his cross had wheels. I believe that many people have attempted to put wheels on their cross. Rather than denying self, and bearing one's cross daily, some have attempted to accessorize their cross. Unwilling to reject Christ completely, they attempt to fashion a cross of convenience – crosses with wheels.**

**Our society has made an icon out of the cross. We wear them around our neck, they dangle from our ears, and they are even tattooed on our bodies. I wonder therefore if many have not failed to comprehend the significance of the cross. The cross represents selflessness, sacrifice, obedience, dedication, and self-denial. Do you think most people realize that?**



**Thanks for being present  
this morning for worship.  
We're glad you are here.**



***From Dan's desk:***

The rain was a welcome sight this last week. We have really needed the moisture. Thanks for being here this morning. We appreciate your presence. God is glorified and the church edified by your attendance at all the worship services. We had several out last Sunday due to illness. Several have various viruses and many are suffering with sinus problems and infections. A large number of folks were out of town on trips. Many are back today and we are glad you are present to worship with us. The young people will be going to L.T.C. next weekend. Keep them in your prayers as they journey and while they are there. Next Sunday is also Easter weekend. We will have a lot of guests in the assembly for this once a year church service which is always attended by those who never make it any other time. **I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS CONCEPT.** I'm sure that God is wondering about this also. Monday Night for the Master will take place one week from tomorrow night. Please mark this date on your calendar. Many continue to help and it is a wonderful time of fellowship. Last month some 60 were present. There are several "thank you notes" placed on the bulletin board. Please take time to read them. Other information is placed there weekly. We will look forward to seeing you tonight in services.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN  
YOUR PRAYERS:**

**BERNIE BAUR** has been a patient in the Audie Murphy V.A. hospital in Temple this last week for treatment.

**WANDA BURKE'S** great niece had open heart surgery in Houston last Monday.

**RUBY MERITT** has been undergoing tests in Tyler this week.

**EMMA CARTWRIGHT**, baby daughter of **PAUL CARTWRIGHT** (former youth director) had heart surgery last Friday in Houston.

**MARLENE THOMPSON** is scheduled to come home from the hospital in Tyler tomorrow.

**JEFF SEALE** was hospitalized after a tractor accident on Tuesday. He is now home doing better.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Dennis Ellison, Bob Burchfield, Gary Oliver, Vonolga Roberson, Mary Ann Chapman, Bill Hogan, Hunter Sheridan, Danny Sumrall, Toby Williams, Gerald Wilcher.

SOLDIERS OVERSEAS: Adam Keck, Jeremy Dixon, Blaine Kline, Jason Mottern

### SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of former member **JESSIE WEEMS STROUD**, who passed away this last week. Services were held at Roselawn cemetery on Monday. She was a cousin several in the church.

### The Sleeping Judge

Many years ago in England there was a judge by the name of Doddridge who gained the nickname "the sleeping judge." As he would listen to a case before him in court, he would often close his eyes, slump down in his chair, rest his chin on his chest, and give every appearance of being asleep. Many people appeared in his court in hopes that the law would give them justice. They would hope that the rightness of their position would be evident, but their hopes would begin to fade as they looked at this sleeping judge. On the other hand, some would appear in court who were guilty of wrongdoing and would hope that justice would not prevail. As they would observe this sleeping judge, they began to hope that they would escape judgment. Judge Doddridge, though, was not asleep. He was concentrating intently on the evidence being presented before him, analyzing it with his great legal mind, and determining what was just. His legal pronouncements were always sound, for the sleeping judge was not sleeping.

Certain false teachers, with whom the apostle Peter was having to deal, assumed that God was asleep on the judgment bar of heaven. Since Christ had not returned yet, they concluded that he was not returning and judgment could be averted (2 Pet. 3:3-4). Peter, however, declared: "Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping" (2 Pet. 2:3). Only to the foolish person who thinks God must work according to our timetable and agenda does it appear that the judge is sleeping (2 Pet. 3:8). God keeps his appointments. He fulfills his promises, and he will fulfill the promise that Jesus will return and that there will be a general judgment of all mankind. Any further delay in the final judgment is a sign, not of the sleepiness of God, but of the mercy of God: "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9).