

News & Prayer Requests

Today are regular evening services @ 6pm and 2nd Sunday singing at the Nursing Homes @ 3 & 3:30pm.

Ladies Bible Study: The study will be at **5:30PM on Monday the 11th, at Farrel and Michele's home. The topic of study will be decided on at the first get together. For more information, please reach out to Michele.**

VBS is scheduled for Tues., July 23-Thurs., July 25. Please put this date on your calendars.

Gospel Meeting-March 17-20; "How We Got the Bible". 4th and Stewart Church of Christ in Brownwood, Texas. For more info see the back bulletin board.



For The Record

March 03, 2019

Bible Class.....29

A.M. Worship....51

P.M. Worship....40

Contribution.... \$2743.00

Preacher's Corner

Church Family,

As we saw last week, when we distance ourselves from God and spend too much time in the world and in sin, our love begins to grow cold (Matthew 24:12). The church and corporate worship were created by God to be a place of edification, worship, and learning. When we disconnect from God's design and begin to live for ourselves, our love for God grows weaker and weaker, thereby denying God's power to save us and help us grow (2 Timothy 3:1-5). One of the best forms of guarding the heart against worldly influences and distractions is praise to the Lord. Ephesians 5:18-19 says, "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to reckless indiscretion. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music with your heart to the Lord." Notice, the source of the songs, hymns, and spiritual songs that we lift to God: the heart. When we worship God, we shift our heart from all the cares of the world, and at that moment, we lift up our praise to God, making Him the audience of our worship. Worship is also our soul's acknowledgment that the Lord alone is the Creator and He alone is greatly to be praised (Psalm 96:4; 145:3). This posture of humility keeps our heart soft and pliable and able to be used by the Lord for His glory. What a joy it is for us to have a time of worship on the first day of the week and times of study throughout the week to refocus our hearts! These are times where our hearts are collectively strengthened and our soul is nourished by the worship and study of the Lord!

This year, as we continue our congregational focus on endurance and perseverance, pray for the growth of the congregation. Pray that the Lord would give you opportunities (Colossians 4:3), to invite others within your circle of influence. Reach out and encourage our young families and help establish them in the faith. See them not as just the youth, but as the future of this congregation. With patience and grace, reach out to those of our number whose love has grown cold. With the Lord's help, we will grow in faith and in number! May the Lord bless you and keep you always! - **Ismael Berlanga**