

Remodeling

Several of our local fast food establishments have recently remodeled their buildings. It seems to be like a cold, one place starts a remodel and the others catch it and begin their own. I suppose the idea of updating the building is to draw in new eaters or even keep old eaters coming back. So if the place down or across the street gets a new roof line, coat of paint, or even a whole new building, everyone else must join in so as to not lose business to the competition. I guess new walls and booths are their way of saying, "We've got great fast food in here."

I only wish that they would improve the food the way they spiffed up the building. One place could really improve their business with a simple annual changing of the frying oil. I mean they are food establishments aren't they? So it would naturally follow that better food would mean a better food business wouldn't it? What am I missing, brand new facility with the same old mediocre food? We have dining establishments in old repurposed buildings that are often full of eaters. They are not put off by the building because the food is good. Makes you scratch your head a little doesn't it? I for one can tell you that I am much more interested in what comes out of the kitchen than I am in the age of the table I eat from.

But most people are the same way when it comes to religion. Most people want to start with the outside. Looking and sounding religious seems particularly important. This is especially true when those around us look and sound religious. We just have to keep up appearances. But God is much more interested in what is coming out of your heart than he is in how you look or sound. So I say that it is time to quit looking around at other people and time to start a long conversation with God that will lead to him owning our hearts.

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness. Matthew 23:25-28

Bo Shero

Wednesday Night Meal & Fellowship

A big thank you to the following youth for helping serve our Frito pie meal and clean up afterwards: Emma Weems, Aubrey Villarreal, Ashton Ryan, Lily Weems, Gracey Hernandez, Jason Cabe, Zailie Goen, Emily Magana, and Diana Seaton. And thank you so much to Kenny and Lana Powell for the salad and to Ryan and Tammi Bell for providing the desserts.

Please join us Wednesday night as Isaac and Sabrina Willingham will be providing the meal and Ronnie and Brenda Seaton will be providing the desserts.

LTC

The LTC convention begins just one week from today! We only have a few more days to collect much needed items, such as individually wrapped snacks for each child's goodie box as well as baked cookies, Rice Krispy treats, & brownies. The cookies, Rice Krispy treats, and brownies will serve as their desserts while at the convention. PLEASE, take a look at the sheet this Sunday & sign up if you can help. Also, any monetary donations that you would like to give to help in sponsoring a child or family go to convention or with LTC's general expenses, can be given to Liz Anderson or turned in to the church office.

We also have a basket setting on the table for anyone that would like to leave letters or notes of encouragement to our kids. These mean a great deal to them & it's very appreciated by all.



Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

A special evening is being prepared just for you! We invite you to join us for EEM's annual **Lubbock Area Benefit Event** on Monday evening, April 23rd at 7:00 PM. Once again, the event will be hosted at the Baker Conference Center, located at Lubbock Christian University, 5601 W 19th St, in Lubbock. Please mark your calendars now for this special evening of information and inspiration, and come learn how you can be part of this amazing moment in time.

This year's theme is **"For Freedom"**. The Apostle Paul wrote: *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1)*. Jesus said, *"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36)*. It's obvious that God is in the business of freeing people! At this year's Event, highlights from 2017 will be shared, as well as opportunities and open doors that are before us in 2018. Come and learn how **you** can bring an eternal blessing to the lost of Eastern Europe with God's life-giving Word!

Also, a FREE meal will be served beginning at 6:40 with the program starting at 7:00PM. Please, RSVP by signing up one week prior to the event on the bulletin board or you can go to www.eem.org/events and scroll down to the April 23rd LCU event and click "register".

Family News & Notes

OUR ILL - Hunter Hillock remains in UMC. **Bob Stewart** remains in the Garrison Center Rehab in Lubbock. **Sammy Cox** continues radiation treatment. **Rita Osborne** completed her treatments at the Lubbock Wound Treatment Center this week. She and Eric really appreciate everyone's prayers. **Frances Rimer** has returned home following therapy and recuperating from her knee surgery. Please continue to pray for **Sammy & Dean Cox, Ralph & Jearldyne Kelley, Mary Gonzales, Margaret Gonzales, Greg & Cindy Holt, Leroy & Betty Jeter, and Hunter Hillock.**

PRAYER REQUEST - Please keep Tracy Seaton (Diana Seaton's step-mother) in your prayers as she has been sick with pneumonia.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS - Just a reminder to please check the bulletin board for dates that we need filled for the month of April for our Wednesday night meals and desserts.

MEET AND GREET - You're invited to a meet and greet with newlyweds, Rick and Cynthia (Neill) Cowley, this Friday from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, in the home of the Monty and Kathy Henson. (If using google maps to get to Henson's residence, please enter the address as 1623 US Hwy 380 West)

LTC PRACTICE - This Sunday marks the last Sunday for LTC practice! We will be having a marathon from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the FLC. Lunch will be provided.

BABY SHOWER - Please join us for a gift card and diaper shower honoring Callie Billingsley, this Sunday, from 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, in the home of the Monty and Kathy Henson. (If using google maps to get to Henson's residence, please enter the address as 1623 US Hwy 380 West) Baby boy Billingsley is due to arrive in April!

PAK PALS - It is our congregation's turn to help with Pak Pals! Please meet at the former Meals on Wheels building Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 PM. This process only takes about 20 minutes. Any help is greatly appreciated! If any questions, please contact Lavone Lewis.

THURSDAY SCHOOL STAFF MEETING - There will be a Thursday School staff meeting, immediately following Thursday School, this Thursday.

LETTERS TO JAKE STRICKLAND - Jake (son of Angela Roberson and grandson of Eric and Rita Osborne) is away at boot camp. If you would like to write Jake, please mail them to:

Recruit Strickland, Jake A
1ST RRBN DELTA CO PLT 1063
4000 MIDWAY AVE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92140-5660

COLLECTING - We continue to collect assorted bags & boxes of breakfast cereal for the Tipton Children's Home.

THANK YOU - *We would like to thank everyone for prayers, cards, food, and visits. We are so blessed to have such a loving church family. - Dan and Susie Bray*

Words cannot express our gratitude for the many ways you have shown us that you care! Sammy is scheduled to finish his radiation treatment on April 4th. This has been a very difficult road to go down but your love, kindness, and especially your prayers have made it easier to travel. - **Sammy and Dean Cox**

Reynolds Rap

I have two shorter articles today. I don't know the author of either one.

The title of the first article is "The One Book That Can Never Be Destroyed."

- "For ever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven" (Psa. 119:89).
- "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35).
- "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: But the word of our God shall stand forever" (Isa. 40:8).
- The Word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword (Heb. 4:12-13), cutting deep in the human heart.
- The Word of God will be present at the Great Judgment. "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

The title of the second article is "A Worm In An Apple."

How does a worm get inside an apple? Perhaps you think the worm burrows in from the outside. No, scientists have discovered that the worm comes from the inside. But, how does he get in there? Simple. An insect lays an egg in the apple blossom. Sometime later the worm hatches in the heart of the apple, then eats his way out. Sin, like the worm, begins in the heart and works out through the person's thoughts, words, and actions. For this reason David once wrote, "Create in me a clean heart, O God."

MARCH WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Teachers Involved.....	4
Baptisms Reported	
This month.....	17
For Year.....	203
To Date.....	31,146

The Weekly Record

Contributions:

Sunday's Offering	\$ 9437
Weekly Budget	\$ 9500

Attendance:

Bible Classes	--
Morning Assembly	215
Evening Assembly	--
Midweek Men & Ladies AM Classes	28
Midweek Classes & Outreach	105
Thursday School	41

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From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:16

Meeting Times

Sunday:	
Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Assembly	10:30 am
Evening Assembly	5:00 pm
Wednesday:	
Evening Meal (Sept-May)	6:00 pm
Bible Class	7:00 pm