

## It was Too Painful For Me

It's been a week now. What started with a tender tooth escalated into a swollen jaw and excruciating pain that Keith described as an abscessed tooth. Pain comes in all sizes and flavors: guilt, mental anguish, stress, nervous anxiety, physical, real, and imaginary. Understand I didn't qualify for scourging, sawed as under or crucifixion. However, I did feel like Psalms 73:16, "...It was too painful for me" fit my situation. I now hold greater than ever appreciation for a dentist that can relieve such suffering and for pharmaceuticals that can relieve the hurt until healing takes place.

What about the future? No doubt that life on planet earth includes pain and suffering. Yet I have a choice for the eternity that follows. The high and holy way is described as, "...Nor shall there be anymore pain" (Revelation 21:4). While the path of selfishness and least resistance leads to a place where "...I am in torment in this flame" (Luke 16:24).

There are some things a person just can't avoid. Fortunately, Hell is not one of them. The next time you stand at the cross roads of life be sure to turn Right!

**John P. Shero**

## Dove Season Warm Up and Cookout

We would like to invite the men & boys to our annual "Dove Season Warm-Up & Cookout" Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at Monty Henson's farm. We will grill hamburgers, shoot clays, and have a devo. If you would rather just come for the food and hang out, please do so!! We want to encourage all of our guys to be there. If you can help bring items for the cookout, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

**PLEASE NOTE: We will have an evening service that Sunday here at the building, at 5:00 PM, with Bob preaching.**



## Teenage Christian Conference

The 2017 Teenage Christian Conference is tomorrow (Saturday) in Denver City. Though this event is directed for our youth, adults are invited to attend also! Anyone planning to ride in the church van needs to meet at the FLC parking lot tomorrow at 11:30 AM. Lunch will be provided! Registration will begin at 12:00 noon with the program beginning at 1:00 PM. Later in the afternoon, a free supper will be provided & as a plus, a very special "after-the-rally" concert will be held by the popular singing group, Durant, of Nashville, TN!

## Mission Reports

Please join us this Sunday at 3:30 PM to hear about the recent mission trips of the Starkey's, Kendra Jones, and the Antigua mission group.

## COMMUNITY WIDE PRAYER SERVICE FOR OUR SCHOOLS



**This Sunday  
5:00 PM  
Church Auditorium**

We have been advertising this event in the paper & have also sent invitations out to several school districts. Please make every effort to attend as this is so very important & needed. Some of our local schools will be starting on Monday.

## Family News & Notes

**OUR ILL** — **Linda Browning** (sister of Deaun Cloe) suffered a heart attack yesterday (Thursday). She is in the Heart Hospital and had 3 stents put in. As of yesterday, she is in ICU. **Cindy Holt** remains in CMC. The ultimate goal for the doctors right now is to keep her pain managed as best as possible while trying to keep her as lucid as possible. Please keep Cindy, Greg, & their family in your prayers as they are going through an extremely difficult time. **Carol Ann Bradley** remains hospitalized in the UAB Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. **Randy Fish** (father of Amy Shero) of Crowell, TX, remains under Hospice care. Please continue to pray for **Margaret Gonzales, Randy & Pam Allison, Greg & Cindy Holt, Leroy & Betty Jeter, and Hunter Hillock.**

**PRAYER REQUEST**—Some area schools, Meadow, Ropes, and Sundown, will begin on Monday, as well as Wellman-Union starting on Wednesday. Please keep the students, teachers, staff, & administration in your prayers.

**SYMPATHY** — We are in sympathy with the family of Danny Pickett over his passing Sunday in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Services will be Monday morning at 10:00 AM at the Brownfield Funeral Home with Bo officiating.

**WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL** — Just a reminder, World Bible School's quarterly preacher pays are due this month.

**TEACHERS NEEDED** — We are in need of several teachers for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening for the fall quarter. Anyone who is willing to help teach the future of our church, please, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Katy Cabe ASAP! If you have never taught Bible class before but would consider doing so, the teaching material & lessons are very self-explanatory & helpful while all supplies will be provided.

**57th ANNUAL TERRY COUNTY REUNION**— The 57th Annual Terry County Reunion (aka Old Settlers Reunion) will be on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00 AM, at the American Legion Building (South 8th St. & Seagraves Hwy). Lunch will be catered by River Smith (\$10.00). All Terry County Residents are welcome! For more information or to RSVP, please call 637-6170.

**BABY SHOWER** — It's a BOY!! Join us for a baby shower honoring Aaron and Lisa Martin on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm at Shelli Starkey's home, 1011 East Tate Street. Selections are at Amazon, Babies R Us and Nelson's Pharmacy. Excited big sisters are Tenley and Sadie!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS** — Our first Wednesday night meal for the upcoming school year will be on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets for hosting meals as well as providing desserts are posted on the bulletin board.

## Reynolds Rap

Alyson Kieda is the author of this week's article. It is entitled: "Camping Psalms."

*When my husband and I go for nature walks, we bring our cameras and take close-ups of the plants at our feet, which are like microcosms of the world. What amazing variety and beauty we see, even in the fungi that spring up overnight and dot the woods with splashes of bright orange, red, and yellow!*

*The snapshots of life that surround us inspire me to lift my eyes to the Maker who created not only mushrooms but also the stars in the heavens. He designed a world of infinite scope and variety. And He made you and me and placed us in the very middle of this beauty to enjoy and to rule over it (Gen. 1:27-28; Ps. 8:6-8).*

*My thoughts turn to one of our family's "camping psalms"—psalms we read as we sit around the fire. "Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens...When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? (Ps. 8:1-4).*

*How amazing that the great God who created the world in all its splendor cares for you and me!*

*O Lord, our majestic Maker, our hearts turn toward praise when we see snapshots of Your beautiful world. Thank you for creating us! Help us to rule Your world with wisdom.*

*A God wise enough to create me and the world I live in is wise enough to watch out for me.*

### AUGUST WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Teachers Involved.....4

Baptisms Reported

    This month.....23

    For Year.....737

    To Date..... 29,914

### The Weekly Record

#### Contributions:

Sunday's Offering	\$ 8326
Weekly Budget	\$ 9500

#### Attendance:

Bible Classes	—
Morning Assembly	220
Evening Assembly	—
Midweek Classes & Outreach	—

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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