

Those Who Serve

November 30

Opening Prayer Joe Burnsed
Communion Charles Hall
Assist Evan Hall
Assist Joe Holloway
Dismiss Services Colin Morrison

December 7

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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent

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A Child "Explains God"

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth.

He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers."

"God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off."

"God sees everything and hears everything—and is everywhere, which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's heads asking for something they said you couldn't have."

"Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church."

"Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K."

"His father (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his father out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important."

"You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time."

"You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway."

"If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids."

"But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases."

And, that's why I believe in God."

[Editor's Note: This is reported to have been written some years ago by an 8 year old named Danny Dutton, of Chula Vista, CA, for his third grade homework assignment. The assignment was to "explain God." How would we do with such an assignment?]

From the bulletin of the Dripping Springs Church of Christ
Dripping Springs, TX

Announcements

No Social-in December

Save -Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles

AGAPE - Last week we handed out envelopes for Georgia AGAPE's Thanksgiving Appeal. Many of you have already brought these in. If you haven't, please give yours to Joe or Olan.

Letter- from Rose and Roland in Paris on the bulletin board.

E-mail from Cameroon (Rec'd November 25, 2008)

Sir,

It is always fulfilling for me to tell you of the soul-fishing fruits that the Lord is producing through our united efforts. In line with this, a soul whom we now gladly call Sister Esther, a native of Limbe was brought to Christ last Sunday immediately after worship service. Her picture taken not long after the baptism will be included in my forthcoming November report. I'm indeed humbled to observe the Lord using us weak instruments to accomplish His aims. do join us in rejoicing about the salvation of sister Esther. God bless our work.

E-mail from Cameroon (Rec'd November 25, 2008)

Sir,

I thought it courteous to let you know about the long journey I plan to embark on tomorrow. It is the journey to a place called Maruwa, at the extreme north of Cameroon. Limbe is the southwest, meaning I'm going to span almost the whole diameter of the nation on the trip. The purpose of the trip is to participate in the annual lectureship that is scheduled to begin on the 27th to 30th of November, 2008. It is a national lectureship of the churches of Christ in the country. I will be traveling along with two dedicated sisters from Mile-- sisters Susan and Pauline. It will be a two-day journey by road and rail. I'm told it will be a very long trip. I hope to back by Monday or Tuesday next week. The activities of the event will be part of my November report. I have to be back in Limbe before my monthly report will be sent to you. Since the lectureship is both national and annual, it is something I can call an annual gospel "festival". It is one of the biggest gospel events Cameroon. Please, permit me to attend it, though at the expense of an early sending of my monthly report.

Phone call from Nigeria

Brother Tom called me Friday morning and said there is much unrest in Jos due to elections and asked that we remember our Brethren there along with him and his family. Please remember Nigeria as you ascend to your Heavenly Father in prayer.