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T & T (TRUTH & TRAINING) FOR CHILDREN

The Awana class, that meets on Wednesday nights at 6:15, needs some changes. So it has been divided so that the younger ones, from pre-school through about 4th or 5th grades, will be separate from the older ones, (about 5th or 6th to 7th grades). The Cubbies will be taught by Kristi, and the Sparkies (K through 2nd) by Donna. Dean will have the children from 3rd or 4th grades through about 5th, and the older ones, (about 6th or 7th grades), will be taught by Marlon. They will be separated according to their knowledge of and experience with the Bible. This new youth program was begun on the first Wednesday in February because they have found that some of the kids are advancing beyond what the T&T books are teaching. This will prepare them for Young People’s when that group gets started again. Then they’ll be ready to step right into it; they’ll have advance knowledge about how to use their Bibles. They’ll know verses and be trained in how to use a concordance and other references to discover things about them and what the Bible teaches. If you have children, bring them out to church on Wednesday evenings for a wonderful Biblical education and lots of fun. Those who have questions may ask Marlon or Kristi.

MORE FOLKS NEEDED IN CONGREGATION

When the congregation sits in a semi-circle with one half of the chairs facing the other half, it is easier to see that there are many empty seats. That’s rather sad, isn’t it? There are far too few of us present each Sunday. We have a great, Biblical preacher, with lots of innovative ideas. We have many friendly people. We have very good children’s and Sunday School teachers. We have an attractive church building. We have various programs during the week. We are missionary-minded. We have technological equipment of all sorts. Etc. So what is wrong that we have lost so many of us? Instead of growing, we seem to be getting smaller. Where are all the people we used to have? Where have they gone? Let’s make it a matter of constant prayer that the Lord will bring in more people to join with us, and that former members will return. Let’s pray that each of us will take advantage of every opportunity to pray for and invite our friends and neighbors to come to New Covenant. Let’s each do our part to grow our church. God will be pleased, and so will we.

LITTLE PRAYER BOOKLETS

Have you yet begun asking people how you can pray for them so that you can record it in the little prayer booklet the Pastor gave you? And so that you can get better acquainted with them? So far, the first eight people I contacted have had good responses. One wanted to have better business successes, the next one asked prayer for her child’s behavior problems, another wanted good health; another wanted snow so she would not have to go to work. Another one asked for world peace and for the victims of the Paradise fire, and another one asked that she would be able to take care of her family, and thanked me for asking. But two could not think of anything! So far I have had good responses. I tell the folks that my Pastor had come up with a good idea—that we ask people how we can pray for them, and they are glad to tell me. I write it down, then it is up to me to pray. Let’s pray for each other, that we will go ahead and ask people that important question, and be a good witness to them, and that God will answer our prayers for them. Including what they probably will not ask---their salvation.

DO BABIES GO TO HEAVEN?

It is always interesting what God puts into our minds when reading the Bible. I've never heard this topic discussed, but it is commonly believed that when a baby or a tiny child dies, they go to heaven. A Biblical example is in II Samuel 12:23, where David and Bathsheba's baby dies, and David says, "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." Babies do not have to believe that Jesus is their Savior in order to go to heaven..

When reading about the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in Genesis 2:17, we find that we must not eat of it, for in the day that we do eat of it, we shall surely die. And Adam and Eve did just that. But little ones are innocent of any knowledge of what is right or wrong. So they have no sense of guilt. But we, who know the difference, and do the wrong anyhow, are sinners, and sinners cannot go to heaven without Jesus's death for us.

God makes it plain in the passage of John 3:15-18. Verse 15 says that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. Then comes verse 16, then verse 17, which says "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." and verse 18 tells us that "He that believeth on Him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." God's plan is not to condemn, but to save. Babies and small children are not able to comprehend anything like this, so cannot believe. And therefore they cannot sin. So how can they need saving? They are blessed to go to heaven.

TINA AND LOUISE

Now here's a story heard on radio station KFBK. It's too cute to not print here! Seems that Tina and Louise needed a home. Their owner, a college boy, went off to school, and unfortunately, they could not go with him, even though he loved them dearly, as the school had rules against them. The boy's father was willing to board them, but his dogs could not get along with them. So the father rented a one-room apartment to house them---for \$15,000 per month! I don't know if it is supposed to be a true story or not. Maybe. (P.S. Tina and Louise are cats!)

BIBLE QUIZ TIME

Q: What did God repent of? (God, repent??!) What did He do about the situation?

A: See scripture reference Genesis 6:5-13.

Q: These 4 are mentioned in the Bible: Pison (Pishon), Gihon, Hiddekel---and what is the fourth, more familiar one? What are they, and why were they mentioned?

A: See scripture reference Genesis 2:11-14.

FREE STUFF IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Are you aware that there is a table beside the kitchen window in the Fellowship Hall where folks can leave items they would like to give away? All sorts of free items may appear there from time to time. I take advantage of it by putting my unneeded catalogs and other items which come in the mail constantly, and may be of interest to others who do not receive them. Perhaps you may have something too good to toss out that would be of interest to someone else. Come and participate!