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Welcome



- ◆ We pray God will be glorified, and you edified, by our time together this evening.
- ◆ We ask all cell phones be set to **silent** or **vibrate**.
- ◆ **Hearing devices** are available for those who could benefit from their use. Check with the sound room.

Youth News



- * **Six Flags Trip:** The Six Flags trip date has been changed from **June 23** to either **June 30** or later in the fall. There is a sheet in the foyer for those interested in the trip to sign and indicate which date you prefer. If we do not get at least **10** people to sign up for tickets, we will not be able to pre-order tickets and get group pricing. If we decide to postpone the trip until the fall, we will go on a Saturday, which will make it easier (and cooler) for families to attend. Please sign the sheet in the foyer to indicate your choice. We will be deciding on the trip **this Sunday evening (June 21)** based on your response.
- * **Boles VBS:** There will be a Boles VBS workday **this Sunday afternoon (June 21)** at **3 pm** in the **old** multi-purpose room. If you plan on going to Boles, or would like to help prepare for the VBS, please come!

Sympathy



Our condolences are extended to the family of **Oweita Strawn**, who passed away last Saturday. Services will be held at **Rader Funeral Home Friday (June 19)** at **noon**.

Wednesday night Singing



Both adult classes will meet in the auditorium tonight for a singing night following the devotional. Let's enjoy an evening of praising God in song.

Don't forget Sunday Bible Classes and Worship!

Remember in Prayer



Information available when the bulletin was printed. Listen to the announcements for updates.

- ▶ **Myrtie Findley** went to Baylor Hospital today for an evaluation of her. She is scheduled for surgery **tomorrow morning, 8 am**, at Baylor.
- ▶ **Richard Carr** says he is feeling a little better every day.
- ▶ **Robert Sapp**, the grandson of **Christine Ellis** (son of **Sharon Cole**), is in the hospital in Abilene with Hepatitis C, liver failure, and blood clots in his legs.
- ▶ **Mary Thomas, Morgan Wilson's** sister, has suffered a stroke and is in Willis Knighton Hospital in Shreveport.
- ▶ **Janet Ryman**, sister-in-law of **Debbie Westbrook**, had her surgery earlier this week. She is doing well, although there is some concern about possible cancer in the tumor they removed.

Please continue to remember in prayer our **shut-ins, whether home bound or in nursing facilities**.

2009 Lectureship



Brochures advertising our lectureship are on the tables in the foyer. Be praying for this effort, and start now inviting others to attend. Make plans to be present at every session and set a positive example to those around you. Our lectureship will be **Aug. 28-30**.

Visitation



Visitation team **#4 (Sam/Nan Phillips)** will meet **this Sunday, June 21**. All team members are encouraged to be present.

Help Wanted



We need volunteers to help with the yard work, or perhaps to take it over. If you are interested in this and can help out, please see **Gary Boone**.

Prayer is the pause that empowers.

AS A ROARING LION

Although they are some of the largest predators, lions are by no means the best hunters in their environment. They don't do simple things that solitary predators tend to do, like keep the wind in front of them. Instead, lions survive because they tend to hunt in groups. According to the experts, group hunting methods are both ruthless and methodical. The younger members of a pride will often "drive" a herd of prey animals towards the more experienced hunters who are waiting in ambush. One of their more effective tools in doing this is in their roar, which alerts the prey and sends them away from one group of lions, away to what they believe is safety. Instead, it only leads them to destruction as another group of lions, the more experienced hunters, are waiting for them.

It is interesting that Peter warns us, "*Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour*" (1 Pet. 5:8). Satan is a predator, who feeds on our souls and seeks to destroy our relationship with God. He knows our desires, our strengths and weaknesses, and how to best exploit them for his advantage. He never gives up, and when one temptation fails him, like the lion, he merely changes his tactics, approaching us from a different direction. When he leaves, it is only for a season, a more opportune time to gain an advantage over us. For many people, his success rate is very high.

Satan's greatest tool is ignorance, our ignorance of him and his devices. We need to be thoroughly grounded in the word of God, that we can defend ourselves against him. We need to know our abilities and our limitations, so we can identify his points of attack. We need to be ever prayerful to our heavenly Father, to seek the help and strength He offers. We must know the times we are susceptible to his attacks, and guard against any unsuspected temptation.

Let us rejoice in the love of God revealed through Jesus Christ, that we are forgiven of our sins and acceptable in His sight. May we be strengthened by our fellowship together, and from that strength be prepared to withstand the temptations Satan uses against us. May we know the devil for what he is, a roaring lion, and in Christ overcome. "*They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful*" (Rev. 17:14).

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