

Thought for the Week... —

The year was 1983. In Australia, the long-distance foot race from Sydney to Melbourne was about to begin, covering 875 kilometers—**more than 500 miles!** About 150 world-class athletes had entered, for what was planned as a six-day event. So race officials were startled when a 61-year-old man approached and handed them his entry form. His name was Cliff Young, and his "racing attire" included overalls and galoshes over his work boots.

RUN the
Race



At first, they refused to let him enter. So he explained that he'd grown up on a 2,000-acre farm, with thousands of sheep. His family could afford neither horses nor tractors so, when the storms came, his job was to round up the sheep. Sometimes, he said, it would take two or three days of running.

Finally, they let Cliff enter, and the race began. The others quickly left him way behind, shuffling along in his galoshes. But he didn't know the plan included stopping each night to rest, so he kept going. By the fifth day, he had caught them all, won the race, and became a national hero. He continued to compete in long-distance races until well up in his seventies. He was an inspiration to millions and a great encourager of younger runners. The 61 year old, with no teeth, won first place breaking the race record time by 9 hours! After the race, Cliff said that he imagined he was chasing after sheep and trying to outrun a storm. His finishing time was 5 days, 15 hours and 4 minutes. What was the key to Cliff Young's success? It goes by various names: determination, perseverance, persistence, tenacity. It means keeping one's eye fixed steadfastly on a goal, and not stopping, no matter the difficulties or the obstacles, until that goal is achieved.

Hebrews 12: 1 (KJV) Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Commentary : *A distance race that requires endurance, persistence, and sustained effort-not a short sprint. The writer compared the Christian life to a long-distance race. The runners-believers-find themselves surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses," or the heroes of faithfulness. These witnesses are not heavenly spectators who observe the conduct of Christians, but those who have given testimony by their examples (see Heb. 11). Christians can run the race of life well only by laying aside any impediment that hinders one from putting forward his best effort. "Sin," especially that of "unbelief," also forms a crippling hindrance to good running.*

So where are you in the race with your soul? Have you started yet? Are you making progress? Have you been sidetracked, lost site of the goal or spiritual vision been obscured by other "things"? Have you become hurt, wearied or distracted? Has satan got your victory? Now is the time to get back in the race, renew your commitments to God and take back your territory and RUN - R U N - R U N!!! --your eternal life depends on it and the rewards are out of this world!

Prayer Practice

Tues night 7:30 pm

Make it a habit too hard to break!



Youth Service

The youth will be having a combo service here at POSF along with the youth from Clute this Friday night at 7:30 pm. Looking for a great time of fellowship and blessings from God!



Church Work Day

This Saturday, September 15th -Everyone roll up your sleeves for a time of working together to get ready for company coming! Breakfast will be served at 9AM. Be observant of what needs done and if you have something that can get the job done better bring it with you too. Now is the time to fix, clean, rearrange, whatever it is that is bugging you in the house of the Lord – the cobwebs, ceiling tiles, the plants, no supplies, alignments – let's take care of the problems! We're open for ideas to better our facilities! ☺ See Bro. Custer.

STX District Sunday School Conference

The South Texas District Sunday School Conference will be hosted here on September 21-22. Preregistration is \$15 thru Sept 19th – and \$25 at the door – see details of flyer on bulletin board. Great things have been planned and expecting a great move of God! Open to anyone especially teachers, youth leaders, pastors or anyone that would like to IGNITE their ministry for souls! Make plans now to attend!

The Great Revival of Santa Fe 2012

Jesus is Coming..Are You Ready? This is urgent- Be prepared! Excitement is in the air as we approach the end of this year with a great REVIVAL that will mark this community with what God is doing! We will be praying, fasting, inviting and compelling - for GREAT will be the affects of these services. Get ready with FAITH and expectation for deliverance, healing, miracles and a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost! September 26-

Tune in for Great Gospel Music
KJIC 90.5 FM
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Birthdays and Anniversary's

Week of September 9-15



- 9 - Richard Jackson
- 10 - Shiela Bevers
- 13 - Makayla Taylor
Amanda Upton
- 14 - Mark & Wendi Wetzel



An elderly Quaker woman with a beautiful complexion was asked what kind of cosmetic she used. Smilingly, she offered this prescription:

"I use truth for my lips; for my voice, prayer; for my eyes, pity; for my hands, charity; for my figure, uprightness; for my heart, love.

Worthy Of Praise

by Sis. Amy Hannah

One of the hardest things I've ever had to learn is to NOT measure myself against others, or to measure God's love for me by what I have or do not have. Even when I am sick-God is STILL a healer, Even when I lack things-He is STILL a provider, Even when I am discouraged-He is STILL a God of hope and peace. Even when I see others being blessed with the very things I have prayed for, but I still do not have-
YET will I praise Him!

God is not great because of what he does for ME-He is great because He is God. I need His help, I desire His blessings-I want His healing touch, but no matter how long I may go without all of my prayers being answered-I will STILL praise Him. Even when It seems there is nothing to bless His name for-I will bless His name. NO matter how my heart aches-I will praise Him. In spite of what He has allowed to happen in my life-that cuts to the very core of my being-no matter what I don't understand-I will still trust Him. When I pray for sunshine, and He sends rain-I will praise Him. When I ask for healing-yet, I remain in pain-I will trust Him.

He is STILL God, and He is GREATLY to be praised. I will bless the Lord at ALL times-His praises shall continually be in my mouth-

I will not allow my personal circumstances to dictate my Praise.

As long as I have breath-I WILL praise YOU Lord! As long as I can sing-I WILL sing your praises. Wherever you lead me-I will follow you. As long as I have breath-

I will praise you Lord.

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Service Times: Sunday 10AM, Spanish 1PM & Evening 6PM

Tue Prayer Mtg 7:30PM ~ Wed 7:30 PM