## Thought for the Week...—



#### The Heart Of The Church

What makes a church successful? A big turnout on Sunday morning? A multimillion-dollar budget? A state-of-the-art building? We all know those things aren't the criteria that define a successful church. Whether your church has stadium-size crowds or just a few in attendance, numbers are not the measure God uses for success. He looks at the heart of the church.

The apostle Paul planted an important church in Thessalonica, the capital city of Macedonia. He showed his desire for the church members there when he wrote: "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all . . . , so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness" (1 Thess. 3:12-13). With these words, Paul showed us two characteristics that are vital for a successful body of believers—love for one another and holiness.

Congregations, church buildings, and budgets come in different sizes. The true measure of success is demonstrated by followers of Christ who love God and each other, and are committed to living holy lives. Our challenge can be found in the words of the prophet Micah: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (6:8).

If you believe on Jesus' name,
Then of His church you are a part;
By loving others you proclaim:
"We are the church—we are the 'heart.'"—Hess

A small church with a big vision has greater impact than a big church with a small vision.



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King Jesus is Coming



# Prayer Practice

Tues night 7:30 pm

Make it a habit too hard to break!



# BUZZIN NEWS Time for



Mosquito Festival Cleanup

The annual Mosquito Festival Fundraiser Cleanup in Clute will be July 26, 27 and 28th (Thurs-Sat) . - YOUR help is needed and appreciated! This will be the last year we will do this fundraiser so come on out have fun and enjoy the fellowship while we work. More details will be announced next week so plan now and put this on your calendars!

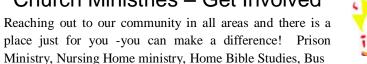


### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Hey Youth Activities are a priority and will encourage you and put a happy smile on your face. Getting together this Friday night at 7:30pm. See

Bro. LaVelle Jeane for details or questions. Bring a friend- Let's take time for God and each other – See ya there!

### Church Ministries - Get Involved





Ministry and more. When you reach out to others – your problems become smaller and Our God is magnified! Get involved in some area of ministry – God will richly bless your life and walk with him! Prove him – He is faithful!



Music Practice on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Musicians at 3pm - Singers at 4-pm

See Ya there!



#### Second-Chance VISITOR CONTEST

Did you bring visitors today? For visitors to be counted DON"T ASSUME they have been counted for you....PLEASE let Sis. Jeane know who they are and how many. Two teams - the MEN vs WOMEN. The contest will go thru July (if you brought visitors in JUNE the count was lost but can still be counted if you tell Sis. Jeane who and how many. The winners will have dinner cooked for them by the losing team. Time to go get'em and make it count for the Kingdom of God!

# Birthdays and Anniversary's Week of July 15-21



- 15 Cristian Ventura
- 17 Dub & Carolyn Brossette
- 18 Jessica PedrazaDonna Williams



Happy Anniversary

#### What Is in Your Hand?

By Linda Gleason, Ladies Ministries Secretary

Every human being who has walked on the face of the earth was designed for a purpose by God.

Psalm 139:13-16 "For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them."

Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

Many times we feel inadequate and intimidated because we perceive that our talents are not worth much. However, God formed us, He gave the talents and He can use them for His purpose.

The Bible speaks of Dorcas whose abilities were with needle and thread. Yet she was so valuable to the church that she was raised from the dead to be able to continue her work.

Moses didn't really have much when God called him to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. Just a staff in his hand. That staff stretched across the waters of Egypt and they turned to blood. That staff pointed to the skies and called locusts, flies, frogs, darkness and sickness into the land of Egypt. That staff extended toward the Red Sea and it dried up the seabed and walled the water on either side.

Jael had a hammer and nail that God used to destroy the captain of the host of Jabin's army! The victory of that battle was wrought by the hand of a mother at home in her tent.

A little slave girl with only brush in her hand to minister to her master's wife was instrumental in bringing forth a great miracle in the life of Namaan.

The widow of Zarapath had only a little oil and meal, but it sustained the prophet of God throughout the famine because she was willing to be obedient.

We have been passed a legacy of truth. What you hold in your hand may not seem like much in your own eyes. However, God has put it into our hand and it can be used to carry on the work of God and preserve the legacy for future generations.

Though it doesn't appear to be much, use what God has placed in your hand to fulfill His purpose in your life!

Thank You for Choosing To Worship With Us!