

### **We Want You To Know**

We welcome our visitors! Thank you for worshiping with us. Please fill out an attendance slip so we may acknowledge your visit with a card and bulletin.

We have an attended nursery for children under age two, also a cry room in the foyer. You're welcome to use these, or to keep your children in the assembly. You'll find children's activity bags in the foyer. Remember our Children's Bible Hour tonight at six o'clock in the Annex.

There'll be a meeting for Care Group Leaders on Sunday March 18th after our Morning Service. Come bring your appetites and ideas for improving this ministry.

We will be celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries, and New Members for the past six months (October through March) tonight after our evening worship. Everyone is invited to join us for a dessert celebration.

Tonight, we'll have a guest speaker from Hope Harbor.

### **Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits**

Becky Jones' mother, Earlene Stegall, passed away. Remember Becky and her family your prayers.

Abby McSweeney had ACL surgery Friday at Physician's Hospital. Continue to pray for a rapid recovery.

Megan and the Bowman Family continue to need our prayers. Pray that she will be receptive and persistent in her treatments and medication. Remember Chuck & Joyce Pippin's request for prayers on behalf of their son David. He has been diagnosed with colon cancer with surgery in early March. Pray for a surgical success.

Elaine Easterling continues her rehab at Ashley Nursing Center.

Remember both Charles & Nancy in your prayers. His first chemo treatment had no ill side-effects. His pain medication appears to be working somewhat better.

Glenda Wright's son, JD, has admitted himself to a Florida addiction center. Pray for his success. Glenda asks our prayers for her nephew, Jay Hall, who has cancer. Remember him and the family in this difficult journey.

The Passmore's Son-in-law is still having health issues. Continue to remember Ahren Undernehr.

Also continue your prayers for Mary Kerley, Linda Doty, JB Tarr, Lisa Nash, Debbie Helms, Homer Makinson, Charles Branstetter, Jerri Murphey, and Brenda Branstetter's brother, Rick.

### **Special Notes For Our Family**

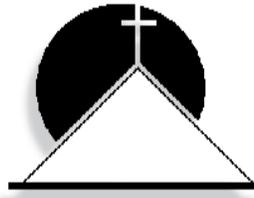
Mark your calendar for a Baby shower for Luke & Sidney Grisham here at the building on Sunday afternoon, March 18th at 3:30.

It's time to schedule our CPR Training. If you haven't signed-up, do so today.

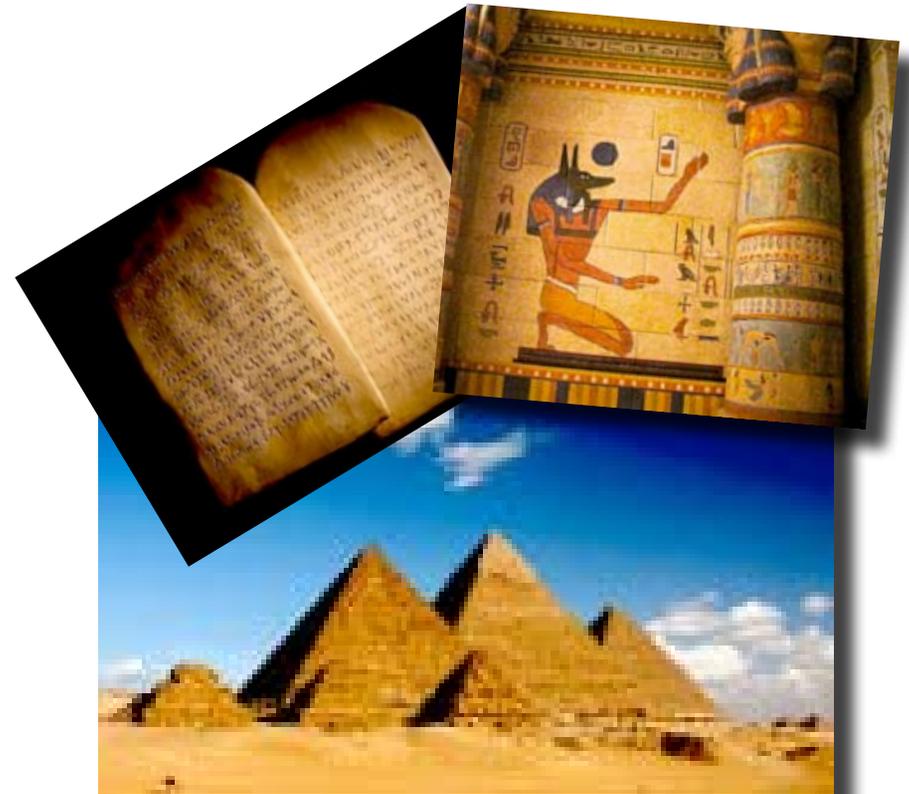
### **Other Announcements**

There are tracts, sermon CDs, and other literature for your reading and sharing; along with Tracts to be folded, in the foyer.

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# WELCOME!



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# Resisting The Tug Of Egypt

## Love Not The World... What Does Peter Mean...

Not the physical world including our earth

Not the world of mankind

Ephesians 6.12 gives us the answer

The evil world of Satan

Earthly things vs Heavenly things

The world of sin - evil - The world opposed to God

An organized system where evil is dominate

A world characterized by...

The lust of the flesh – Fleshly desires

The lust of the eyes – Things to obtain at any price

The pride of life – Bragging about who and what we are

We cannot serve two masters God **and** the world

## Comparing Satan's World And Egypt...

Egypt is responsible for all our suffering – Bondage – Addictions

Israel was delivered by the hand of God – So are we

Ephesians 2.8-9

Acts 2.38

Acts 16.31

Galatians 3.26-27

Even though delivered – We still feel the tug of Egypt...

Israel desired the provisions and sameness of Egypt

They desired the spirits – The gods of Egypt

They grew tired of God's Design – Way – His shepherding

Israel came to despise their Savior God

## Scriptures We Must Not Forget...

1 John 2.15

James 4.4

James 1.27

Romans 12.2

1 Peter 2.11

2 Peter 2.20

## Why Not Love The World – Because of Where It's Going

## Invitation – Don't Give In To The Tug Of Egypt

### 1 John 2.15-17

15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world.

17 The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives for ever.

### James 4.4

4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred towards God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

### James 1.27

27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

### Romans 12.2

2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

### 1 Peter 2.11

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul..

### 2 Peter 2.20

20 If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning.

