



Central Church of Christ

June 23, 2013

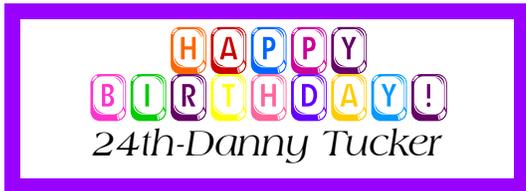
PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY:

Our deepest sympathy to the **HERNDON/GATEWOOD Family** on the loss of **John Gatewood's** son and **Bettie Lu Herndon's** nephew. **Makayla Baird** had surgery Wednesday, June 19th. She is home and recovering well. **IRITA COLSON** and **MELODY JENNINGS** are both going to have knee surgery Monday, 24th, at Quail Creek in Amarillo. **RICHARD COMBEST** is home and doing well. **LEE BARLOW'S** mother **Donna** has been placed in hospice at BSA. **MORRIS WEBB** had gall-bladder surgery Monday, June 17th. He is home and doing well.



Also keep these people in your hearts and prayers:

SERVICE MEN & WOMEN, Clayton Williams, John Brookins, T.A. & Gene Hayhurst, Jay Weddel, David Tucker, Mabel Sadler, Frances Lemoine, Darla Young, Carl Dickey, Callis Love, Gigi Barlow, Trish Cooper, Donna Barlow and Lee Barlow.



VBS
 JUNE 30, 2013
 1:00-7:00

There is a sign-up sheet for anyone that would like to help!

Records for 6.16.2013
 Bible Class: 75
 Worship: 107
 Contribution: \$3,383
 Budgeted Contribution: \$3,760

Morning Service
 Singing-Toby
 Song
 Song
 Song
REFLECTION & LORD'S SUPPER
WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION
 Song
 Song
 Prayer
 Song
 ~BRUCE~
 Song
 Announcements
 Kenneth Littlefield

HOMECOMING
 July 21, 2013
 Kent Hayhurst
 Will be our guest speaker
 Bring a guest!!!



CHURCH
HOMECOMING

Summer Series
Guest Speakers
 Marcelino Banda -June 26
 (Lubbock)

Vacation Bible School list of needs for Central and Mission Trip.

Backyard torches for stage and entrance to vbs area.

Refrigerator boxes to make wall of Babylon.

Boxes to make lion's den and fiery furnace.

Wooden step ladder for slide to be thrown into lion's den.

Large white king size sheets to be painted on for scenery.

REFINING SAP TO MAPLE SYRUP

Dr. David Osborn says, "Too often we try to use God to change our circumstances, while He is using our circumstances to change us." (Compass, April 2003) You see, God is right now in the process of making us like Christ.

Think of the process of refining maple syrup. Maple trees are tapped with buckets hung under the taps, and out drips a sap which is thin and clear, like water. On a good day, 50 trees will yield 30-40 gallons of sap, but it is essentially useless at this point with only a hint of sweetness.

Then as the buckets fill, they are emptied into large bins that sit over an open fire. The sap comes to a slow boil; and as it boils, its water content is reduced and its sugars are concentrated. Hours later, it has developed a rich flavor and golden-brown color, but it must be strained several times to remove impurities before being reheated, bottled, and graded for quality. In the end, those 30-40 gallons of sap are reduced to one gallon of pure, delicious maple syrup, which is far better than the cheap, imitation, colored sugar-water that passes for maple syrup in the grocery store.

So it is when we come to faith in Christ. We start like raw, unfinished sap, which could have been tossed aside as worthless. But God knew what he could make of us. He sought and found us, and his skillful hands are transforming us into something precious, sweet and useful. The long and often painful refining process brings forth a pure, genuine disciple easily distinguished from cheap imitations.

Be real!

See Ya At The Gathering Place!

Bruce