



## BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship*

*Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. class*

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PUTTING YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH

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## One Special Puppy

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls.

He looked down into the eyes of a little boy. "Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies." "Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. "I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?"

"Sure," said the farmer, and with that he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called. Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball appeared, but this one was noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up.

"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt. The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so, he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see, sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup.

Holding it carefully, he handed it to the little boy.

"How much?" asked the little boy. "No charge," answered the farmer, "There's no charge for love." The world is full of people who need someone who understands.

## Advice For Grieving (by Alan Webster)

**It is acceptable for men to cry.** The Bible does not discourage weeping. Romans 12:15 even encourages believers "*to weep with them that weep.*" Jesus did not hold back His tears at Lazarus' grave (John 11:35). Joseph and David, two heroes of the Old Testament, wept in public (Genesis 45:2; 2 Samuel 12:22).

The first mourning recorded in the Bible is Abraham "mourning and weeping" when he lost Sarah (Genesis 23:2). What's the difference in mourning and weeping? Weeping is a personal response to grief, while mourning (lamenting) at that time was frequently a ceremony that involved rending clothes, beating the breast, and the tearing of hair. We do not know how long Abraham mourned, but at Jacob's death, his children mourned for seven days (Genesis 50:10).

Weeping is natural, healthy, and necessary. William H. Frey of Health Partners Dry Eye and Tear Research Center in St. Paul, Minnesota, provided a revealing study on tears.

- Tears are caused by three sources -- 79% out of sadness, 20% out of happiness, and 0.5% out of anger.
- On the average, women cry five times a month, and four times more often than men.
- Only 4% of women say they don't cry at all, but a whopping 45% of men say they don't cry at all.
- For those who cry, 85% of women and 73% of men reported they feel better after crying. Women are more likely to cry when they are angry, but anger inhibits crying in men.

Tears, paradoxically, actually help a person pull together. Crying is crucial to the recovery process. Those who can cry get things off their chest sooner, get back on their feet quicker, and get on with their life faster than those who keep emotions bottled up.

## **Family News**

- We rejoice in the decision of **Billy Max Collins** to have Blodgett his church home.
- **H. L. Robertson** and **Frank and Darlene Caldwell** have been sick.
- **Jimmy and Vicki Jones'** granddaughter, Bobbie Renee, has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer.
- **Rhonda Guthrie** is in Room 6 of the Mt. Vernon House (P.O. Box 777, Mt Vernon, TX 75457).
- **Dylan Bolton's** great uncle, Gary Bolton, sustained serious head injuries from a scaffolding accident.
- There will be a youth session tonight following the evening service.
- We are to host the devotional at the Mt. Vernon House on April 28.
- HRR pantry item for April is canned corn and canned fruit.

**DO NOT ARGUE WITH AN IDIOT. HE WILL DRAG YOU DOWN TO HIS LEVEL  
AND BEAT YOU WITH EXPERIENCE.**

**A little boy was attending his first wedding.  
After the service, his cousin asked him,  
"How many women can a man marry?"  
"Sixteen," the boy responded.  
His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly.  
"How do you know that?"  
"Easy," the little boy said.  
"All you have to do is add it up, like the preacher said,  
4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."**

*Matthew 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?*