

Good morning! We are so glad you are here! We are so delighted by the work that has been put in by those of you participating in Lads to Leaders events. Many of you have been busy completing requirements for year-round events such as keepers, puppet theater, storyline. Bible reading, songs of praise and mass communication. I pray you have had a great time doing these activities, but most importantly, I pray they have helped you to grow spiritually.

I hear the ladies' brunch went very well! According to Alison, each of the girls involved did a wonderful job.

Lads to Leaders registration will close soon and we have until February 14th to make any changes. Please let us know today if you are planning to attend the convention and to finalize your list of events.

Mark your calendars for Valentine's Day! Our youth group will be hosting a dinner on February 14th and we hope you can all be there to help! Have a great week! DOUG

### The Coin Toss

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that shouldn't have taken too long." said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."

### THOSE TO SERVE FEBRUARY 2021

#### A.M. Opening

- 7 Kyle Lock
- 14 David Sparks
- 21 Charles Steen
- 28 Andrew Shields

#### A.M. Closing

- Doug Lowe
- J.T. Grumbles
- Gary Missildine
- Bill Rawson

#### P. M. Opening

- 7 Henry Baker
- 14 Ben Rhone
- 17 Jerame Gipson
- 28 Steve Camp

#### P.M. Closing

- Jim Ricard
- R.D. Prince
- Dale Sparks
- Cory Camp

### Serve Communion

- R.D. Prince
- Carl Rutledge
- Andrew Petty
- Tom Watson

- Clayton Collins
- Mike Whitley
- Doug Lowe
- Clint Satterwhite

### Prepare Communion

- 7 David Sparks
- 14 Charles Steen
- 21 Charles McCullough
- 28 Kathy Chambless

**February 7, 2021**  
**Door Greeters**  
**Security Team**

**Communion Preparation**  
**Jane Grumbles**

# Gospel Worker

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- Dan D. Manuel  
*Pulpit Minister*
- Doug Rader  
*Youth Minister*

### ELDERS

- Dwight Franklin
- Dan D. Manuel
- Dale Sparks

### DEACONS

- Henry Baker
- Steve Camp
- Kyle Lock
- R.D. Prince
- Doug Rader

### SECRETARY

- Lorelee Reeder
- Beth Freeman

### MISSIONS

- Brown Trail School of Preaching, Bedford, TX
- Jose Cuadras- Mexico
- Hershel Bearden-India
- Steve Handley-Prison Min.
- Central TX Children's Home—Buda, TX
- Tipton Children's Home Tipton, OK

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 GIVE ME THE BIBLE-T.V.

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- KTAL NBC Channel 6 Texarkana-Shreveport, LA.
- KFXK FOX 51 Tyler
- NBC 28 KYLE, Bryan-College Station, TX.
- FOX 29 KSVP Lake Charles, La
- ABC 10 KTEN Sherman-Tx
- KTXD- 47 Dallas, Texas

### ASSEMBLY TIMES

- Sun: 9:30 AM Class
- 10:30 AM Worship
- 6 :00 PM Evening
- Wed: 7:00 PM

## DO YOU "LOVE THE BRETHREN"?

*by Larry Ray Hafley*

Well, do you? "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light" (1 Jn. 2:9, 10). "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death" (1 Jn. 3:14).

Some brethren are more loving and lovable than others. We will not feel the same emotional affection or attachment to some that we do toward others. However, we must "love (all) the brethren," for "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen" (1 Jn. 4:20)?

. How do we know if we "love the brethren"? "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments" (1 Jn. 5:2). Those who "love God, and keep his commandments" do not maintain membership in man made churches, worshipping God according to the traditions and commandments of men (Matt. 15:8, 9, 13). Their devotions are "in vain," the Savior said. Their religious plant, not being planted of God, "shall be rooted up." One does not "love the brethren" when he walks contrary to the commandments of Christ. If the man referred to above truly loved the brethren, he would "love God, and keep his commandments." If he loved the brethren, he would not be endorsing a religious institution unknown to the New Testament. He would not be following human traditions that make void the word of God (Mk. 7:7, 13; 1 Jn. 5:2). Therefore, he has not "passed from death unto life." Have you passed from death to life?

**Monday Night For The Master  
Much accomplished.  
New Month of February to  
begin**

*From Dan's desk:*



We thank all of you who came to Monday Night for the Master. It was great to be involved in this special effort of fellowship. We enjoyed the meal together and then worked for the hour of 7-8 P.M. Much is always accomplished when we work together. We are grateful for all of you who came to help. It has been about 10 months since we met last time. I am glad to see us getting a little closer to normal each week. This is the last day of January and it seems like the year just started. Maybe with the month passing us by this means we are getting closer to eradicating the Coronavirus from our country and around the world. I surely hope so. The attendance last Sunday was up by about twenty from the previous week. This is encouraging and hopefully before long people will overcome their fears and return to worship the God they claim to worship and honor above all else. The devil knew how to play havoc with the world and its economy and with the Lord's church. The devil is scheming and will do anything to destroy. In many cases that is what he has done. It was great to see Beth Freeman at services last Sunday. We are happy that she is doing so well. We love and appreciate her so much. Thanks for your encouraging remarks about the lessons last Sunday. I hope that those who are not coming, yet watch the services on youtube, will really benefit from the Truth of God's Word. Thank all of you for your dedication and love for our Master. As Dwight said last Sunday, "This is a great Church". May God help each of us to draw closer to each other. I will be in Dallas tomorrow taping the "Give Me The Bible" program for the next five weeks. See you tonight .  
DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**BETH FREEMAN was at services last Sunday and she will begin imuno therapy tomorrow. We are glad she is doing better.  
J.B.MATLOCK is seriously ill at the time of this writing. He is in I.C.U. at Christus Mother Francis hospital in Tyler with pneumonia.**

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to Shelly, Dwight, Audrey, Jill and Glenda for making preparations for the meal and serving it last Monday night. The food was great and the fellowship was equal to it. We also appreciate all who came for the meal and worked.

**Valentine's  
Banquet**

**On Sunday Feb. 14th (at noon) we will have a Valentine Luncheon in the activity building for all retirees in the congregation.**

**Everything will be  
furnished. Plan to  
join us.**



**THE SIMPLICITY OF THE BIBLE**

Simplicity is difficult for some to accept it seems, so they reject the uncomplicated in favor of more complex avenues. We may use that simplicity as an excuse to make worship conform to the way we really want it. Does it not seem that we find ourselves tending more to the complex things in our religious actions and services? Has it not always been this way? That answer still rings in my ears after all these years: what the Bible actually says about it is just too simple; there has to be more to it. So we supply that "more," and we feel justified in doing so. We desire more pomp, more ceremony, more show, so we devise worship in ways that would make us happy. At some point we must ask, "Is this really about God or is it more about what I like?" What has God revealed about His will on corporate worship? Nothing elaborate or complex, but there is revelation on the matter. Has He revealed that He likes singing from the heart [Eph 5:19](#); [Col 3:16](#)? That He likes His people to pray together [Acts 4:23](#)? For Christians to meet together regularly [Heb 10:23-25](#)? To partake of the Lord's Supper together? [Acts 20:7](#); [1 Cor. 11:18](#)? To teach, admonish, and encourage one another through His word? [Acts 20:32](#); [Eph 4:11](#)? Of course, He wants all of this to be done from hearts that desire to please and glorify Him. Let's not confuse something is that relatively simple with it not being profound or deep. Sometimes the more profound ideas are the least complicated. We need to learn to think them through and appreciate how the Lord has asked us to serve Him. DAN

# January 10th, 2021

## **PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Beth Freeman-undergoing cancer treatment, she is improving

Rick Giles-recovering from back surgery

Larry Hooper remains ill at home recovering from surgery

Dale Sparks- recovering from biopsy and results pending

Mary Jo Thomason is having treatments on her legs

Emalie Tuschoff recovering from a fall. She is in Rehab.

Roseann Carthen recovering from back surgery

Ruth San Miguel mother of Rozanna May and staff at a local Nursing Home-Covid-19

W.F. Lane and wife Charlotte, (Father & Mother of Billy Lane) are recovering from Covid-19

Jan Ridgeway (Dan's sister) is recovering with Covid-19

Eve Rogers (niece of Gerald Wilcher) inoperable lung cancer

Kenneth Holland-COPD

Barbie Bellamy & son (Keith Bellamy's daughter)- health issues

Hannah Glenn, is undergoing Leukemia treatments in Dallas

Elizabeth Attaway (Beth Freeman's daughter-in-law) cancer

Maurine Ellis (of Sam's mom) numerous health issues.

Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer

Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer

**Please remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers.** They need our prayers. Millie Baur, Billie Bedford, Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Ruby Merritt, James and Irma Ray, Ola Pearl Reeves, Margaret Richardson, and Marlene Thompson.

**NOTE:** We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list or removed, please notify us in the church office.

**THE ELDERS**