

# Teen News

Good morning and welcome to services! We are so glad you are here. We had a great time last Sunday evening at dinner and then had a wonderful game night on Thursday night. Our group always has a lot of fun together.

We are still hard at work getting ready for L2L. Yesterday we did some scrapbooking and this afternoon we will have puppet practice. It's all coming together nicely!

We hope everyone has a great week!  
DOUG

*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:3*

## WELCOME VISITORS

A big hearty welcome to those visiting today. Allow us to meet and greet you following the worship service this morning. At the end of the service today you will be given a gift bag from our congregation. "It is a small gift, but it comes from big hearts."

## Why do Brides Wear White?

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"

The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life."

The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

## CHURCH BLOOPERS

1. Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
2. The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
3. Ushers will eat latecomers.
4. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church.

March 23, 2025  
Door Greeters  
Security Team  
Communion Preparation  
**PAM GALLAWAY**

# Gospel Worker

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### MINISTERS

Dan D. Manuel  
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Doug Rader  
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### ELDERS

Dwight Franklin  
Dan D. Manuel  
Dale Sparks

### DEACONS

Henry Baker  
Steve Camp  
Kyle Lock  
Doug Rader

### SECRETARIES

Eva Walker-Chloe Collins

### MISSIONS

Brown Trail School of  
Preaching, Bedford, TX  
Jose Cuadras— Mexico  
Steve Handley—Prison Min.  
Home Mission Ministry  
Sojourners  
Central TX Children's  
Home—Buda, TX  
Tipton Children's Home  
Tipton, OK  
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T.V.  
FOX 44 KWKT—Waco, TX  
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

## "How Long Do You Preach?"

There are very few subjects over which preachers receive more criticism than the length of their sermons. Ezra read the Book of the Law to the people "from morning until midday" (Neh. 8:3), and while at Troas the apostle Paul preached a sermon and "continued his message until midnight" (Acts 20:7). When people ask me how long I preach, I usually respond, "Until I get done." I am not trying to be flip about the subject, but the length of a sermon depends upon the topic.

I've heard older preachers harshly criticize younger men for not preaching long enough. Sometimes this criticism is just—other times it is simply an attempt by a long-winded preacher to justify himself.

Preachers usually don't like to admit it, but long sermons are often the result of poor sermon preparation. Another factor to consider is the speed at which a preacher speaks. I know of several preachers who could cut the length of their sermon in half if they would simply speed up their rate of speaking—as an added bonus their audience might even be able to stay awake during the sermon!

I am reminded of the man who went to the dentist to have a tooth removed. The patient inquired as to the cost for removing a tooth and the dentist told him it would be \$90. The man told the dentist it seemed like a lot of money for a few seconds work. The dentist told his patient, "Well, if it would make you feel better, I can pull the tooth out real slow!" I feel the same way about sermons—if you think I preach too short of a lesson, I could just slow down my rate of speaking.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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**Two place membership  
and One responds for  
prayer.**



*From Dan's desk:*

We are so thankful the Sparkman's, Curtis and Brenda. They placed membership with the Crockett Rd. Church family last Lord's Day. We welcome them to our church family. They have moved to the area from Aubrey, Texas near Denton. Also last Sunday morning, Glenda Baskin, responded to the invitation of our Lord asking for the prayers of the church. We commend her for taking this step and we pray God's blessings on her. Glenda has been through a lot and in spite of a few setbacks, she is so faithful to our Lord and the church here. Let's continue to pray for this family. Please be reminded that next Sunday following the morning worship service, we will have our Spring fellowship luncheon. We always look forward to these occasions where we can sit down, eat and visit for a while. We have been able to finally get the U.S. Servicemen list updated with addresses. They are posted on the bulletin board. We encourage you to drop our military families a line and let them know that we are praying for them. We will start doing this in the Monday Night For The Master meetings also. This is one way we can encourage them in their efforts to preserve our great country. Thanks for coming today and join us at 6 P.M. tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**DONNIE WELLS continues to undergo tests on his heart.**  
**LARRY BASKIN is also undergoing tests on his heart.**  
**RENEE' WHITLEY has been undergoing tests on her heart recently.**  
**LORAIN SATTERWHITE mother of Clint is recovering from surgery In Mother Frances Hospital.**



**RESPONSES  
FOR PRAYER  
Glenda Baskin  
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**“ARE YOU HAPPY?”**

If the skies above you are gray, you are feeling so blue...SING AND BE HAPPY.” That’s the way the song goes, and that’s the way the Christian should feel about his life. Too many people seem to be waiting for happiness in the future. What’s wrong with today? Sure, happiness is a city we are striving to reach, but happiness is also being a part of the “city of the living God” right now (read Hebrews 12:22-24).

I’m afraid that if we push our happiness too far out into the future, we won’t know how to appreciate it when we get it...if we get it. It is like spending our whole lives making money and not being able to enjoy spending it when we retire...if we live to retire.

Some of the best times we have are not bought with money. Living and loving with those around us are not necessarily better because more dollars and more things are present. Taking pride in what we are inside and what we have done for good are not really based on the dollars we spent achieving them. Real friends and neighbors do not ordinarily judge by what we have, but by the attitude of mind and heart that we exhibit in the way we deal with them. The sound of birds singing or crickets chirping, the beauties of the moon above at night, a walk in the gentle rain, are not bought with coins.

Abraham Lincoln once said that a man is about as happy as he makes up his mind to be. Happy people are happy most of the time. Miserable people are miserable most of the time.

The Good Lord once said about living according to God’s will: “If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them” (KJV, John 13:17). If you are sad, turn your life around in Christ. BE HAPPY! **SELECTED**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Sunday March 16th 2025**

**Donnie Wells has been having heart and other health issues. and is recovering at his home.**

**Mary Alice Largent has been undergoing tests. She is better.**

**Renee' Whitley is undergoing tests on her heart and esophagus**

**Rodney and Robin Covington have been undergoing tests this week.**

**Ann Sparks is improving and undergoing rehab following a recent fall at Legacy.**

**Mark Thornton, brother of Cindy Thornton, will have surgery next week.**

**David Carder has been ill at home, but is undergoing tests & treatment.**

**Will Hawkins, son of Bill and Linda, is having health issues.**

**Bryan Titlow, cousin of Jim Ricard, has cancer & is undergoing treatment.**

**Lori Tanner Richardson, cousin of Cindy Thornton, has breast cancer.**

**Jerame Gipson's friend, Lisa Safronoff, remains about the same.**

**All others are improving at home.**

**Remember those in nursing homes and home bound in your prayers.**

**Courtney Bell, Patsy Bush, Mary Chambless, Opalene Chapman, Mary Ann Colling, Ed and Kathleen Compton, Blackie Foreman, George Wooden, Bobby Johnson, Joyce Matlock, Vernetta Walker, Lanova Mitchell, Ann Holland, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Martha Sims, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, Charlie Young, Johnny Jenkins, and Cecil Stanaland.**

**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. Please notify us in the office.