

# Teen News

Keri and I will be on vacation this week. We left last Wednesday. It is always nice to just get away for a few days. I appreciate those who are filling in for me. We love all of you and want to remind you about the youth rally that we will be hosting here on Tuesday evening July 24th. A week from Tuesday is coming up pretty soon. We will have a great number here. Mark it on your calendar. We will look forward to seeing each of you when we get back. BEN

## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bobby South who was the preacher for the Jasper Church of Christ for over 20 years. The church there is really going to miss him, as is the whole Jasper community. He was much loved by all.

## LIFE LINE SCREENING

Tomorrow the Life Line Screening company will be here in our activity building conducting health screenings for Carotid Artery (Plaque), Heart Rhythm, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease & Osteoporosis Risk Assessment tests. If you have set up an appointment, please be here on time.

## BUNKO

Ladies Bunko will take place this Thursday, July 19th. There is a sign up sheet on the board across from the office. Please sign if you will be coming. Mark your calendars and bring your favorite snack and join us.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR LOCAL FOSTER CHILDREN

The workers in the Lads to Leaders program are taking up school supplies for the under-privileged children in Anderson County. These items will need to be brought to the building by this Wednesday night. They will be boxed up and delivered on Thursday. If you can help purchase these items, it would be greatly appreciated.

**AREA SUMMER YOUTH SERIES**  
Please be reminded that the Summer youth series will be held here at our building on Tuesday evening July 24th. Churches of Christ youth groups from all over East Texas will join with our youth in singing and a lesson from the Holy Scriptures. If you can prepare cookies for this event, please sign the list on the bulletin board.

### DOOR GREETERS

July 22, 2018

Robert and Lois Duzan

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

July 22, 2018

Billy & Amanda Lane

# Gospel Worker

## Crockett Road Church of Christ

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### MINISTERS

Dan D. Manuel  
*Pulpit Minister*  
Ben Rhone  
*Youth Minister*

### ELDERS

Dwight Franklin  
Dan D. Manuel  
Dale Sparks

### DEACONS

Henry Baker  
Johnny Jenkins  
Kyle Lock  
R.D. Prince

### SECRETARY

Lorelee Reeder

### MISSIONS

Brown Trail School of  
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Jose Cuadras— *Mexico*  
*School of Preaching*  
Hershel Bearden  
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Home—*Buda, TX*  
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FOX 44 KWKT—Waco, TX  
FOX 33 KMSS  
Shreveport, LA.  
NBC 28 KYLE, Bryan-  
College Station, TX.  
NBC 53—KLSB Lufkin, TX.  
FOX 29 KSVP Lake  
Charles, LA.  
ABC 10—KTEN  
Sherman-Denison, TX

### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

### “HAS YOUR FAITH BEEN TESTED LATELY”?

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:7

Remember these true teachings of God's Holy Word:

1. Circumstances in our life do not change the truth of God's word. His promises are still true even in the trial (Hebrews 6:17-20).
2. We have Jesus Christ, our high priest, at the throne of grace where we "may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:15-16).
3. God may not remove the trials but will supply grace to bear them (II Corinthians 12-7-9).
4. Any trials are light (like a feather) and just for a time. Stay true to God and that will "work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (II Corinthians 4:17).
5. You can "cast all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (II Peter 3:7).
6. Remember the inspired words of Paul. "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed" (II Corinthians 4:8-9). DAN

**2 respond for prayer and membership**  
**Visitors are always welcome.**



*From Dan's desk:*

The wonderful rain that has come in recent days has been a welcome sight. We have been praying that God would send the much needed participation and that He has done. The month of July has been somewhat unusual. The cooler days we have experienced along with the rain has been a tremendous blessing. Last Sunday BRENDA BEASLY expressed her desire to place membership with the congregation here. Brenda grew up in the church here as a child, was baptized and we welcome her back home. We are happy to have her in the congregation here. Brenda, as many of you know, is the daughter of Patsy Bush. Also responding last Sunday morning was DENISE CARROLL, who responded asking for the prayers of the Lord's church here. One of the great blessings God affords us is the blessing of congregational prayer for others. We commend Denise for her decision to draw closer to the Lord and to acknowledge her need to confess fault and ask for the prayers of the church family. It was good to have Bro. Shak Arrington who spoke to us during the summer speaker series last Wednesday night. We had a good attendance and a great lesson. After services we gathered in the small fellowship Hall to celebrate the 91st birthday of Sue Grubbs. Pam had planned this for her mother and it was a nice gesture. We shared cake, punch and ice cream. Tomorrow night I will speak for the Black congregation in Longview. They invited me to be a part of their lectureship. Martin King is the local preacher there. We are taking a bus. If you would like to go along please sign the list on the bulletin board. We will go early and eat together then on to the church. Thanks for being here this morning. See you tonight at 6 P.M. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**LIZ MISSILDINE is recovering at home from a heart cath.**

**SONJA ROSE is undergoing tests on a gland in her neck.**

**ANNETTE BRANNAN, sister-in-law of Mary Ann Colling and aunt of Doug Rader is seriously ill and undergoing tests in Providence Hospital in Waco.**

**CAROLYN CROUSE, niece of Mary Stech is in Palestine Regional for test and treatment.**

*Please pick up a Prayer List on the podiums in the foyer for others who have asked for our prayers.*

#### **RESPONSES**

##### **MEMBERSHIP & PRAYER**

**Brenda Beazley**

**1403 E. Park**

**Palestine, TX 75801**

**903-922-6024**

##### **PRAYER & REDEDICATION**

**Denise Carroll**

#### **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." Thanks again for coming.**

#### **THE PROGRESSION OF SIN**

Nations do not fall into a state of moral decay overnight: a definite progression of sin can nearly always be observed. This progression may be seen in four distinct stages:

**SHOCK:** The first reaction of decent folks to ungodly behavior is one of SHOCK. People simply can't believe what their eyes are seeing and their ears are hearing. We don't have to think back very many years to remember some things that don't raise an eyebrow nowadays which would have shocked the general public only a few short years ago! Shortly before they went into captivity, God said of His people Israel, through the prophet Jeremiah, "*Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush*" (Jeremiah 6:15).

**TOLERATION:** When God's Word is not honored, shock gives way to TOLERATION. We still may not like something, but after the initial shock wears off, we put up with it! When God's Word is not held up as the standard to determine right from wrong, who is to say what's right or wrong? We don't want to be labeled bigots, so we swallow hard and keep our mouths shut. However, God does not overlook sin (Acts 17:30-31). **ACCEPTANCE:** Toleration will soon be replaced by ACCEPTANCE. The majority approves of that which once was unacceptable. At this stage, we may not even realize a change in values has occurred. Passages like Romans 1:21 indicate that approval of sin puts one into the same category as those who practice such sins!

**PARTICIPATION:** The final stage is PARTICIPATION. After all, if you can't lick 'em, you may as well join 'em, right? Behavior that was before repulsive, becomes an accepted lifestyle. Did it happen that way to Sodom and Gomorrah? Stop and think a minute: how far the USA has fallen in the last few decades! What stage are we now in? (I'll give you a clue: it probably isn't the first one!) Selected