

# Teen News

Good morning and Happy New Year!! Another year has come and gone. I hope that you are thankful for the past year and all the blessings you received. If this last year was not good for you, I hope 2017 will be better. If you haven't set any goals for this year, I encourage you to set at least one. That is to grow stronger in your faith and closer to God. You can do that by setting your mind to it and be active in church. There are many things you can do besides showing up. If you are interested in doing more and being more active, see me, Dan, Dale, Dwight or the deacons. If you are here this morning you are off to a good start this year. Keri and I wish each of you a happy new year and we are praying that the youth group will continue to grow. **BEN**

## "A Prayer We All Should Pray"

"O God, Thou art quick to reveal thyself to those who will come to Thee. It is not that the Sun of Thy love goeth down but that we turn from thee into the shadows. "Deliver us, we pray from the ad-miration of our own cleverness. Deliver us from pride, arrogance, self-righteousness and from a spirit of condescension as we deal with others. "We pray, Our Father, for peace, when we have fulfilled nothing but the law of discord. We ask for Thy power when we have not bowed to Thy will. Forgive us for trying to make Thee our servant. "Forgive us, Lord, that we see Thee not when we suffer pain, or loss or failure and seek Thee only in pleasant places. "How is it that we profess, Lord, to love Thee at the very moment when we harbor envy or resentment toward those whom Thou dost love and for whom Thou dost suffer? From such blindness of soul, deliver us. Above all, deliver us from self-righteousness, from that hatred which seethes beneath a righteous indignation; and from that boiling hostility which wears the face of self-depreciation and anxiety. "Remove from our lives the bar-riers which we erect between Thee and ourselves. Overcome our fear of standing in the full radiance of Thy light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord." ADAPTED

## Weary In Well-Doing

When the sailing is smooth and there's not a ripple to overcome, we can drift along with the tide . . . but as the going gets a little rough and our shoulder is needed at the wheel, or our strength is needed to man the oars, then we are some-times prone to want to abandon the ship. There are many today who "believe for awhile, but in time of trial, fall away" (Luke 8:13). Like the Israelites, we have a burning tendency to forget God (Jer. 2:32). There are many who once attended classes but who do not now; who once attended Sunday nights but just seem not to get around to it now; who once were steadfast and would not miss a Lord's day at worship, but now they miss more than they are present. This ought not so to be. It is true we may sometimes face discouragement but remember, "A winner never quits, and quitters never win!" Babe Ruth struck out 1,333 times! Yet, he is known as the "Home Run King." Cy Young pitched 511 victories, yet he lost almost as many games as he won! Abraham Lincoln ran for the legislature in Illinois and was badly beaten. He failed at business. He entered politics again and was defeated on four occasions. One bad failure after another but in the face of all this, he became one of the nations greatest men! "*Be ye steadfast, unmovable, al-ways abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as we know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord*" (1 Cor. 15:58).

SELECTED

## DOOR GREETERS –

*Sunday January 8th*

**Rick & Donna Giles**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

*Sunday January 8th*

**Charles McCullough**

# Gospel Worker

## Crockett Road Church of Christ

1717 Crockett Road; P.O. Box 288  
Palestine, Texas 75802  
903/723-6291  
www.crockettroadchurchofchrist.org

### 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 Preaching, Bedford, TX**  
**Jose Cuadras– Mexico**  
*School of Preaching*  
**Hershel Bearden**  
*India Mission*  
**Central TX Children's Home—Buda, TX**  
**Tipton Children's Home**  
*Tipton, OK*  
**GBN T.V. NETWORK**  
**GIVE ME THE BIBLE**  
*T.V. Program*  
**KETK-NBC 56 Tyler, TX.**  
**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.*  
**ABC10-KTEN,**  
*Sherman-Denison, TX*

### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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



Happy New Year 2017



If you fail to plan, you plan to fail!

**We welcome the New Year  
2017 with Great Optimism.  
One places Membership**



*From Dan's desk:*

Well the year 2017 has arrived. What better way can we begin the year than by coming to Bible Class and Worship. David said, "I was glad when they said unto me, come let us go into the House of the Lord." Surely all of us can say that as well this morning. We are glad you have chosen to be with us. If you are visiting this morning, we hope you will be blessed by the opportunity to worship God and that you will come again real soon. We were happy about the decision of SHELAH-JORGENSEN to place membership with the church here. We welcome her into our fellowship. Next Sunday the Elders, Deacons and Ministers will present plans for the New Year, along with the budget and a challenge to all of us to do our best in 2017. "Let's be Keen in 2017." There were so many great blessing in the year 2016, and we just know that our Father in Heaven is going to crown our efforts together with success in the New Year. May God help us to work together for His cause and do our very best in terms of faithfulness to the Lord, coming to worship, giving, serving and loving one another "with a pure heart fervently." The future of the church continues to be bright and strong. With the help of God we will do more than ever before in the year 2017. We hope that you will participate in the events planned for the church throughout the year 2017. These are opportunities of growth and fellowship. Spiritual strength is gained as a result of our participation. Let's continue to ask God's blessings as we serve together in the spirit of love and unity. Thanks for being here today. See you tonight.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**JAMES BIRDOW**, son of Annie Lee, is still in the hospital in Houston in serious condition.

**LINDA MANNING** is back home and doing better.

**EDDIE STANALAND**, son of Cecil & Virginia Stanaland, will have colon surgery the first week in January.

**CONNIE LOWE**, sister of James Singleterry, has cancer and is in serious condition in Odessa.

**JACKY COKER**, a friend of Dwight Franklin, is seriously ill after kidney surgery.

Others who have been ill are improving. Continue to pray for those on the prayer list.

**SYMPATHY**

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to ADAM HARDING in the death of his sister CARRIE HARDING of Austin. She passed away last week. Her memorial service was held last Monday in Denton, Tex.

**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.

**SOMETHING YOU WILL NEVER  
REGRET**

Through the years we will have numerous opportunities to reach someone who is out of Christ. With each opportunity we pass by, how much responsibility have we ignored? If you try to reach some lost soul with the gospel, don't let it be merely a "duty." Make it a work of faith and a labor of love (1 Thes. 1:3). Try to see that lost person as someone you once were and remember where you were prior to salvation. If you had been treated the way we treat some of the lost souls all around us, where would you be now? Encourage your children to obey Christ. Don't give them the opportunity to say to you, "Well you aren't doing your duty." Encourage them to come to Bible Class and Worship. I will guarantee you that if you do, and if your unbaptized child obeys the gospel, it will be one date in time you will never forget. Bringing others to Christ requires teaching. Jesus said, "Every man therefore that hath heard and learned of the Father, cometh to me" (John 4:45). Jesus came teaching (Matt. 4:23; 9:35; 11:1, and more). He gave orders for his disciples to continue teaching his word (Matt. 28:20). His apostles gave orders to us to continue that teaching. "And the things you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2). The book of Hebrews contains this charge: "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God" (Heb. 5:12). Don't let an opportunity pass that you don't at least make some effort. DAN