

# Teen News

Good morning! Thanks to those who came to the DEVO last Sunday. We had a great lesson and a fun fellowship. The food was good too! I want to encourage the youth group to make time to read and study your Bible throughout this week. Make it a habit to study and pray. The more you are in God's word, the more you grow. Thanks for being here today and I hope you all have a great week!

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## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

We will be meeting for our Monday Night for the Master tomorrow night. We will meet at 6:15 for the meal and we will begin our tasks at 7 P.M. If you would be willing to prepare a dessert, please see Sandy Singleterry, Shelly Franklin, Ann Mottern.

What kind of shadow are you casting before others?  
Matt. 5:16 "Let Your Light Shine."



## Those To Serve February 2018

### A.M. Opening

4 Henry Baker  
11 Jerry Sturgess  
18 David Sparks  
25 Dwight Franklin

### A.M. Closing

Roy Davis  
Tom Watson  
Jeff Sparks  
Dale Sparks

### P. M. Opening

4 Charles McCullough  
11 Richard Giles  
18 Wayne Cartwright  
25 Ben Rhone

### P. M. Closing

Corey Camp  
George Wooden  
Doug Lowe  
Marty Nash

### Serve Communion

Clint Satterwhite	Jim Ricard
Ben Rhone	Kermit Grimsley
Henry Baker	Kyle Lock
J.B. Matlock	John Mottern

### Communion Preparation

4 Mike & Nancy Mooney  
11 Fred & Beth Freeman  
18 Phillip & Carolina Castillo  
25 Andy & Shelia Link

### DOOR GREETERS

Sunday Feb. 4, 2018  
Johnny & Carolyn Jenkins

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday Feb. 4, 2018  
Mike and Nancy Mooney

# Gospel Worker

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### "THE BACKBONE"

The word backbone is really a misnomer because it refers to the spine which has 33 bones called vertebrae. It is a very complex part of our anatomy which science divides into 4 parts. However for this article we will only use 3 parts—the upper, middle and lower "backbone" in order to compare it to our spiritual walk. Somehow it has come to signify courage or strength which would be an interesting etymology study in itself. As the spine supports the torso in the vertical position, so the Lord's church supports the truth and is also called "...God's household...and the pillar and foundation of the truth." (1 Tim 3: 15) The upper part of this pillar would be made up of those who are most visible, vocal and visionary—usually the elders, deacons, teachers and other leaders. Their roles are ones that people know and recognize. They are probably known by name. The middle part would have members who are sacrificial, social and serving. They uphold the "one another" verses that New Testament Christians are supposed to do. They might be greeters, ushers, people who set up and clean up before and after events, helpers of those who move in or out of houses, visitors of the sick and many other tasks. They plan and execute special events like VBS, Mission Possible, gospel meetings, chili suppers and other meals. They visit the sick, help people get to worship services and print and distribute the bulletin and other materials. You may or may not know their names, but you'll recognize and appreciate their smiles. The lower part of the pillar would be the members who are humble, helpful and habitual. You may not know their names because they are most often silent servants. They may be widows, widowers, singles and just shy people. They support the church by attending, encouraging, providing rides to appointments, sending cards, making calls, listening to and informing elders of special needs, contributing financial support and prayer. All three of these "backbone" parts are greatly needed to allow God's household to stand tall in the world in which we live. It demands courage and strength and everyday commitment. No matter your role, God has a reward for you. (Heb 6:10)

JIM BAILEY

### 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  
Hershel Bearden—India  
Steve Handley—Prison Min.  
Central TX Children's Home—Buda, TX  
Tipton Children's Home  
Tipton, OK

GBN T.V. NETWORK  
GIVE ME THE BIBLE-T.V.  
FOX 44 KWKT—Waco, TX  
KTAL NBC Channel 6  
Texarkana-Shreveport, LA.  
KLTV ABC channel 7 Tyler  
KTRE ABC channel 9  
Lufkin, TX.  
NBC 28 KYLE, Bryan-College Station, 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

# Great Give Me The Bible Conference Monday Night For The Master



*From Dan's desk:*



The "Give Me The Bible" conference was great, the lessons were encouraging and all that were involved were great. Thanks to each of you who were in attendance. We had 18 congregations that were represented. The program is doing well. I was in Fort Worth this last week on Tuesday taping four programs for distribution to all of our FOX, ABC, NBC and GBN affiliates. We continue to reach out to others with the Gospel. Please remember that tomorrow night we will meet for "Monday Night For The Master." We have not met since the month of October and it is great to be back in the new "Routine for 2018". We hope you will be able to be with us at 6:15 for the meal and then stay for the work session up until 8 P.M. We are always able to accomplish so much more when we work together in God's Kingdom. We still have a number of brethren who have been ill and unable to attend services, and we want to continue to pray for them. Some are still in the hospital and others entering tomorrow. Remember them in your prayers, thoughts and with your cards and calls. I know that this means so much to brethren who are unable to join us in times of worship. Many have been sick with the "influenza". There has been a terrible epidemic going around this year in the U.S.A. Continue to pray for those who lead us in Washington that they can resolve their issues and do what is best for our country. It seems that this is typical so much of the time, with those who are suppose to make decisions for those in our homeland. Continue to pray for them. The month of January is almost history. It is almost unbelievable that the first month of 2018 is nearing completion. The new month of February promises many great things. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**ELBIA MORRIS suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized this last week. She is home doing better.**

**JIMMY ALFORD has been in ETMC in Tyler for additional tests and treatment on his back. He is better.**

**JOYCE WEATHERLY has been undergoing tests this last week.**

**JACK THOMASON is scheduled for knee replacement surgery tomorrow in Tyler.**

### **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.**

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Congratulations to KAHLEI FRANKLIN who was honored by the Elkhart School Board as "Student of the Month" for all of the Elementary campus.**

## DOES GOD OWN YOU?

This song of a teenage girl's rebellion against her boyfriend's control was recently used in a car commercial. Using Lesley Gore's hit of 1963 as a background, a young woman's cooking attempt is dumped into a trash can by a chef. Her work is later vindicated as we see her selling it from a food truck which we assume she now owns. We can probably all relate to the attitude of wanting the freedom to create our own plans and ideas with grit and fortitude. However, we also need to balance this by understanding and accepting the reality that a parent, principal, employer and government usually provide the resources that allow it. A part of the song says, "Don't tell me what to do (or say), don't try to change me in any way. (I want) to live my life the way I want.." Once again, this seems to be a normal desire for many teenagers and many adults. However, we have all seen the results if this feeling develops into unchecked anarchy. The Christian walk seems to be an oxymoron in that it involves both slavery and freedom. We have, "...been set free from sin and have become slaves to God..."(Rom 6:22) (Gal 2:4) As free slaves we also have the choice to remain faithful or run away. Onesimus, the slave, fled from his master Philemon from Colosse to Rome until he discovered real freedom in Christ from the Apostle Paul. (Phi 10, 11) The book of Hebrews talks of those who, after "once being enlightened and tasting of the heavenly gift and sharing in the Holy Spirit..." still having the option to "fall away." (Heb 6:4-6)(Heb 4:11) Yes, Christ owns us and can and does tell us what to do and say through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in many scriptures. **He can do this because he paid the price to buy us with His own blood. SELECTED**