

# Teen News

Thanks for being here this morning. Many have been gone this week. I hope you all had a good spring break. I know you all have enjoyed being away from school. Thanks to those who have been coming to Bible Class and other activities. Being involved in church and the youth group are very helpful for you in this walk of life. Remember to stay after church this morning for our quarterly fellowship luncheon in the activity building. There will be plenty of good food! This is a great opportunity for us to visit with each other and see how much Dan Manuel eats. Ha! I hope will be there. BEN

**NO CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR tonight due to Spring Break. Parents please make a note. Bible Hour will resume next Sunday March 26th. At 6 P.M.**

**MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**  
**Monday Night For The Master will take place on Monday evening March 26th. That is one week from tomorrow night. We will have enchiladas . If you can bring a desert, please see either Sandy Singleterry, Shelly Franklin or Ann Mottern. We appreciate those who help in preparation of the meal. It is always great. Plan to be with us.**

## "SPEAK TO US SMOOTH THINGS"

Many in the church do not want to hear what the Bible says about Hell, drinking alcohol, adultery, lying, denominationalism, or any of the other things that can cause people to be lost. People do not want to give up their sinful activities. For this reason many in the church are not preaching and teaching the whole counsel of God. People are wanting them to "speak to us smooth things". Some are preaching and teaching only what the people want to hear. We are living in a "politically correct" world today. Much of this "political correctness" has made its way into the Lord's church, just as it did in Isaiah's day. God says in Isaiah 30:9-10, "This is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of the Lord; who say...do not prophesy to us right things; **speak to us smooth things**, prophesy deceits." Many people did not want to hear God's truth then, and they do not want to hear it today. Paul says that people "will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap to themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned to **fables**" (2 Timothy 4:3-4). This is happening in the Lord's church today. Jesus says "For the hearts of these people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed.."

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## DOOR GREETERS

**Sunday March 26, 2017**  
**David and Jennifer Sparks**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

**Danial and Debra Plummer**

# Gospel Worker

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Dale Sparks

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Lorelee Reeder

### MISSIONS

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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.  
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

## "APOSTASY"

Apostasy (falling away) is caused by those who "want to pervert the gospel of Christ" (Galatians 1:7). The church in the first century was warned, "there will be false teachers among you who secretly bring in destructive heresies" (2 Peter 2:1). There is an apostasy that is now occurring in many congregations of the churches of Christ. It was predicted in 1 Timothy 4:1-2, "Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron." The end result of apostasy is, many will lose their souls in eternity. Many departures have occurred during the past 2000 years, which have resulted in hundreds of different kinds of denominational churches. Paul says, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables" (2 Timothy 4:3-4). The apostasy we are facing is not caused by those outside the church, but from within. Paul warned the Ephesian elders, "Also from among yourselves men will rise up speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after themselves" (Acts 20:30). Many in the Lord's church are wanting to be like the denominations around them, just as the children of Israel wanted a king, so they could be like the nations around them (1 Samuel 8:5). That spirit is steadily invading many congregations. Some now claim that water baptism is not essential for salvation. We read in Galatians 1:6-7, "I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ." Truth is absolute. It does not change, nor should we change from it.

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**Fellowship Luncheon Today**  
**Visitors always welcome.**  
**THREE respond.**



*From Dan's desk:*

Last Sunday was a good day for our church family. It was a good day in many respects. I appreciated what CHARLES STEEN said about his relationship with God and how he found the Gospel Truth. Charles is a devoted Christian. We are happy to have him and Betty with us. On Sunday morning, ANN SPARKS responded asking for the prayers of the church here on her behalf. Also on Sunday night BOBBY SWAFFORD responded to the invitation asking for the prayers of our church family. We commend both of these wonderful Christians for their desire to live closer to the Lord. Also on Sunday morning, we made known to the congregation the decision of QUINN GLASS to place membership with the Crockett Rd. congregation. We welcome him into our midsts. He has recently moved back from Washington D.C., where he was a page. We are glad to have him back here in East Texas. Today we will have our Annual Spring Fellowship luncheon following the worship service. We hope that all of you can stay for the meal and fellowship. The Sowell Family will present a little program for us after the meal. Please plan to stay. The dogwoods are in full bloom. It looks like the Chamber of Commerce miss scheduled the dates to coincide with the dogwoods this year. It is always a difficult time to plan, because we do not always know what "Mother Nature" is going to do. At any rate, we hope you enjoy the beautiful dogwoods and the azaleas in and around our city. If you are visiting with us, please stay for our fellowship. See you tonight.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**GERALD WILCHER** has been in the local hospital with pneumonia but is at home, doing better.

**KATE WILLIAMS** had leg surgery this week. Continue to pray for her.

**EDDIE STANALAND**, son of Cecil & Virginia Stanaland, will have colon surgery tomorrow.

Please pick up a prayer list for others with continued illnesses.

### **LADIES BUNKO**

Will take place on Thursday, March 23rd at 5 P.M in the small fellowship area. Please bring your favorite finger food.

### **RESPONSES FOR PRAYER**

Ann Sparks  
Bobby Swafford

### **FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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**WELCOME**

### **SYMPATHY**

Our heartfelt sympathy is offered to the family of NEVARD COLEMAN. Services were held last Wednesday. We will miss her.

## **"Once Saved Always Saved?"**

Many people teach that "once you are saved you are always saved". They say that it is impossible to fall from God's grace regardless of what you do. This may sound good and comforting, but let's see what the Bible says. In 1 Corinthians 9:27 the apostle Paul says, "But I buffet my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Paul said that it was possible for him to become a castaway. If Paul became a castaway he would be lost. In 1 Corinthians 10:12 Paul gives a warning to the Christians at Corinth by saying, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall." Why such a warning if it is impossible to fall? So the very people, who think they cannot fall, are given a warning to take heed lest they fall. In Galatians 5:4 we read, "You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by the law; **you have fallen from grace.**" Isn't it strange, that people who say they believe the Bible also say that we cannot fall from grace, when the Bible so plainly says that we can fall from grace. Who are we to believe, God or man? Even though many religious bodies say that you cannot fall from grace, the Bible clearly says that people can fall from grace. And without God's grace we cannot be saved. The doctrine of "once saved always saved" and that you cannot fall from God's grace and be lost is a doctrine that originated with Satan. Satan wants people to believe that they cannot fall from grace and be lost. Don't believe it. It is fake news. We should make sure every day that our hearts are right with God.

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