

Teen News

Thanks for being here this morning. It's good to see each of you! Again, congratulations to those who went to Dallas last weekend for L.T.C.. **Chloe and Blake** received bronze in the Bible Quiz and gold on their bulletin board (located in the hall). **Alyssa, Ashton, Destiny, Luke and Elvin** received honorable mention in the Bible Quiz and gold on their bulletin board (located in the teen room). **Destiny** received gold for her sculpture and good comments from the judges. *Great job Destiny!!*

We had a good time last Wednesday evening during class, the food was good and the games were fun!! **Remember today after worship service we will go to the home of David and Jennifer Sparks for Lunch. After we eat we will go to Dogwood Junction to play Putt Putt Golf. I hope everyone can make it!! BEN**

"WAITING ON GOD"

"They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall soar with wings like eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31). Sometimes life seems like it's soaring like an eagle. We're on top of the world with our cares and worries far below. At other times, life seems to slow to an interminable crawl. Our trials are ever-present, and as the days and weeks drag by, we may even begin to doubt and wonder whether God knows and cares. Isaiah 40:31 is a magnificent passage about waiting on God. We don't like to wait for much these days. Instant coffee, microwave dinners, and fast food are signs of the times. Too, in their spiritual development many have tried to take "short-cuts" to a closer relationship with God. We look for things that give us a "feeling" or "sense" of God's presence, when really many of us should be looking for integrity and loving obedience in our own lives. Our lives sometimes face the furnace of affliction as we grow into godliness. Job spoke of his affliction this way: "When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10). DAN



Those to Serve MAY 2014

AM . Opening

04 Jack Thomason
11 George Wooden
18 James Singleterry
25 Robert Duzan

A.M. Closing

04 Roy Davis
11 David Akins
18 Adam Harding
25 Kyle Lock

P.M. Opening

04 J.B. Matlock
11 R.D. Prince
18 Doug Lowe
25 Dale Sparks

PM. Closing

04 Ben Rhone
11 Jimmy Cook
18 Jim Ricard
25 Brandon Franklin

Serve Communion

Tom Watson
Robert Duzan
Henry Baker
John Mottern

Jeff Sparks
Ike Weatherly
Clint Satterwhite
David Mitchell

Communion Preparation



04 Bob Stech
11 Dale Sparks
18 Harold Johnson
25 Charles McCullough

DOOR GREETERS May 4, 2014

Robert & Lois Duzan

COMMUNION PREPARATION May 4, 2014

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Dan D. Manuel
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ELDERS

Dan D. Manuel
Dale Sparks

DEACONS

Henry Baker
Sam Ellis
Dwight Franklin
Adam Harding
Kyle Lock

SECRETARY

Lorelee Reeder

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

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-56 Tyler, TX.
FOX 44—Waco, TX.
FOX 29, Bryan-College
Station, TX.
NBC 53—Lufkin, TX.
ASSEMBLY TIMES
Sun: 9:30 AM Class
10:30 AM Worship
6:00 PM Evening
Wed: 7:00 PM

"RIGHT TO LIFE"

A few weeks ago, we were driving in traffic behind a car with a bumper sticker which said, "Choice. What a Beautiful Right." I assume that nearly everyone has seen the pro-life (anti-abortion) signs and bumper stickers which say, "Life. What a Beautiful Choice." This new bumper sticker seems to be a "pro-choice" (pro-abortion) take off on that, since the word "choice" has become a code word among the more liberal element for abortion rights. Those who truly believe the Bible understand that abortion is wrong. Period. One of the seven things that are an abomination to the Lord is **"hands that shed innocent blood"** (**Prov. 6:16,17**). And what more innocent blood could be shed than that of helpless unborn babies? However, it is interesting that the pro-abortion crowd wants to frame the argument solely in terms of "choice." We all like choices. We do not want to have to buy only one kind of car constructed by a state owned monopoly, we want a choice between Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, and the multitude of foreign models. We do not wish to be limited only to one government approved television station but wish to choose from ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, WB, and all the cable or satellite stations (even though there is probably not much on any of them that is worth watching!). However, there are some choices that are absolutely wrong and, because they are harmful to others, are prohibited by law. The choice to rape a woman would be an example. What the bumper sticker actually means, but does not say, is, "Choice. What a Beautiful Right for a woman to be able to kill her unborn baby." That, of course, would frame the subject entirely differently and make it much less "noble" sounding. Some bad choices, such as drinking alcohol and smoking cigarettes, are allowed by law primarily because they harm only the individual involved. But when they begin to harm others, they are more strictly controlled (drinking and driving, or smoking in public places, for example). One of the arguments made for abortion is that a woman has a right to do with her own body what she chooses. However, the problem is that it is no longer only her own body under consideration, but a new body that is growing within hers. Some claim that the child is not really a human being until it is born. They say that it is just a mass of tissue in the woman's body, but that is genetically not true. If it is not a human being, what is it? A rock? An eagle? The law protects the unborn eagles in eagles' eggs because they are exactly that -- unborn eagles. The law, however, as currently interpreted by the Supreme(icist) Court cannot protect the unborn human beings in their mothers' wombs. This argument for abortion, of course, centers on the concept of "rights," as indicated in the bumper sticker mentioned earlier. What about the right of the unborn baby which is a distinct and separate human being, and our Constitution guarantees the "right to life," Is there a double standard for some?

SELECTED

One family places Membership



From Dan's desk:

Last Sunday was a great day. We had a large attendance and it was good to see everyone. We welcomed into our fellowship the RODNEY CARTER family. We are happy to have Rodney, Wendy and their children with us here at Crockett Rd. The trip to Dallas for L.T.C. with the youth was a great experience. We are so proud of the youth and what they are doing. The medals they received (gold and bronze) were rewarding. We appreciate the hard work that they did in preparation for the event. It was a memorable occasion and they are already looking forward to next year. Thanks to Ben and Keri for all their hard work in organizing for the trip and studying with the teens prior to going. Children's Bible Hour did not meet last Sunday, but will meet tonight and the last meeting of the year will be next Sunday night, May 4th. After the services that evening the Children's Bible Hour children will come into the auditorium for a brief program. We appreciate all of those who work in Toddler Bible Hour, as well as the Children's Bible Hour program that meets in the chapel on Sunday evenings. A big thank you again to David and Jennifer Sparks for opening their home and property for the Easter Egg Hunt. The kids had a great time. Thanks to those who helped provide eggs and candy as well. Please be reminded that tomorrow night is Monday Night For The Master. We will have only one more time to meet in May before the break for the Summer. A lot of good things have been accomplished this year as a result of all of our combined efforts. See you tonight at 6 P.M. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

GARY OLIVER will enter Baylor hospital in Dallas on Wednesday to begin preparation for his bone marrow transplant.

EMERALD ELLIS will enter Scott & White hospital in Temple on May 2nd for testing.

CURT DONALDSON, son of Bob & Mary Stech, learned he has more tumors on his liver and will have tumors removed on May 1st.

Continue to remember all of those with continuing illnesses on the prayer list in the foyer.

Our sympathy is extended to Emily Sparks on the death of her grandmother, **PETRA RODRIQUEZ**. Her services were held last Wednesday here in Palestine.

Sympathy is also extended to Dale Sparks. His brother, **JERRY SPARKS** passed away on Tuesday. Services were held last Friday.

RESPONSES

For Membership
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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.

A Million Dollar Mistake

Charles Pugh tells about driving away from a bank drive-thru window in wonderment. The teller had not greeted him or expressed thanks as he completed his transaction. He says that even though he did not deposit much money, he was still from the old school that believes you give the customer special attention.

It reminds me of John Barrier who pulled his old pickup truck into the U.S. Bank of Washington parking lot one day in Spokane, Washington. Dressed in his usual shabby clothes, he paid a quick visit to his broker, which was located in the building, and went back outside to drive away. The parking lot attendant informed Barrier that a new 60 cent parking fee has just been instituted, but that the parking was free, if he could get his ticket validated from someone in the bank. Now, Barrier had been a customer there for several years, so he ran back inside, in his usual shabby clothes, to get his ticket stamped. Inside, the teller took one look at Barrier's grubby clothes, made an assumption, and refused to stamp his ticket. She said the bank could only validate a ticket when customers made a transaction. After being directed to a fairly new vice-president Barrier was basically told the same thing.

"Fine," Barrier said. "I'll make a transaction!" He then proceeded to withdraw all his money – slightly more than a million dollars – and took it to a bank a block away. That is, after he got his parking ticket stamped!

The Hebrew writer says, "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels." (Heb. 13:2) Nearly every time the church assembles visitors are present. How do we receive them? How do we show respect for some and not for others? Remember, "What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?" May we greet our visitors with a smile and warm handclasp and make them feel welcome to our services. ADAPTED