

# Teen News

Thanks for being here this morning. If you are going to church camp next week, we will have a meeting Wednesday before class. Please meet me in our class room at 6:15 pm. Tonight after the evening service we will have a short devotional and then go out to eat. Please make plans to join us. I hope you all have a great week!

Ben

## What Kind of Christian Are YOU?

Some are like wheelbarrows have to be pushed; Some are like trailers — have to be pulled. Some are like kites — always trying to fly aw ay. Some are like kittens — more contented when petted. Some are like footballs — you can never tell which way they will bounce. Some are like balloons — full of wind and ready to explode. Some are like neon signs — always going from on to off. Some are like a "dead" battery — no energy or power. Some are like the hitchhiker — want a free ride while others foot all the expenses. Some are like an iceberg — cold and dangerous. Some are like a candle under a basket — useless. Some are like salt mixed with sand — no saving power. Some are like little children — no sense of responsibility. Some are like falling leaves — carried away with the slightest wind of doctrine. Thank God, some are like the Rock of Gibraltar — Firm, Unmovable.

Author Unknown

Thank you so much for your kindness, cards, phone calls, and prayers during the loss of my son, Jim. My God bless each one of you .

In Christian love,  
Ola Pearl Reeves

Our Vacation Bible School is coming up on Tuesday, June 24th. If you would be willing to help serve refreshments or in a classroom, please sign the list on the bulletin board near the office. We already have teachers for each class, but they may need help. Indicate what you are willing to do. In conjunction with this, we will have a meeting this afternoon at 5 PM in the chapel on VBS plans.

## NEW COOKBOOK

The church cookbook is ready. The price will be \$8.00 They are available in the foyer following services.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with getting this book ready.

DOOR GREETERS June 15, 2014

David & Jennifer Sparks

COMMUNION PREPARATION  
June 15, 2014

Mark & Linda Johnson

# Gospel Worker

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### MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Brown Trail School of Preaching, Bedford, TX  
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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

## “That’s a Tough Nut To Crack”

When I was a boy we had large black walnut tree in the yard. The nuts would fall off in the fall and then we had the task of extracting the meat from the shells. First you had to remove the outer husk which would stain your hands a dark brown if you touched it. Then you had to crack the hard shell with a hammer. I always enjoyed "hitting stuff" with a hammer, but that's where the fun ended. The tedious part came when it was time to remove the nutmeat from those hard shells. Usually this job was attempted while sitting in a chair watching the television. At times like this I often wondered why God put such a hard shell around such a delicious nut. Why couldn't they be more like a peanut or even a pecan? Have you ever noticed that many of the joys of life are like that? Much of the really "fun stuff" in life has a hard shell around it, meaning you have to work hard to reach the enjoyment part. Perhaps you are familiar with an expression which says, "anything worth having is worth working for." If you have sufficient days on this earth you know this is true. IF you want to be a good student, businessman, salesperson, fisherman, athlete, etc., you have to work at it. Occasionally something easy may come your way but if you count on everything being easy, you will be disappointed and often. This principle certainly applies to living the Christian life. Jesus paid a high price to make it possible for us to even be his disciples. Thus it should be no surprise that a high price is expected of us too. In Luke 14:33 Jesus predicted that his disciples would have to forsake all that they had. Sadly many Christians think of their discipleship as something they fit in with the many others parts of life. They have jobs, hobbies, friends, family, etc., and being a Christian is just another role they play from time to time. May God help us to be loyally faithful to Him in all things.

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**V.B.S. Two Weeks Away**  
**June 24th 9 am—12:30 pm**  
**Guest Speaker This Weds. 7 pm**



*From Dan's desk:*

It is good to be home from Louisiana. I was asked to speak for the Lord's Church in Leesville, LA. There were two congregations who came together in a merger. It was great to speak for them. When so many churches are fragmenting and dividing, it was refreshing to see two congregations unite in the name of Jesus. I also spoke to the church at De Quincy, LA. on Sunday night. My thanks to Robert Duzan for teaching the Sunday morning Auditorium Bible class and for preaching on Sunday morning. Thanks also to the Deacons and Ben for speaking on Sunday night. I heard favourable comments about all the lessons and I am grateful to these men for accepting this challenge. Our Vacation Bible School is forthcoming in two weeks. I hope that many of you are already inviting others in your neighborhood to be a part of the school this year. The teachers are gearing up and those who are planning to help. We are thankful for all those who are helping in any way. Sue Grubbs and others will help serve refreshments again this year. We will also serve corndogs, drinks and chips for the lunch hour. If you can help provide cookies for the day, please sign your name to the list on the bulletin board. We commend each of you for always responding to the call to help. You always do a great job. This coming Weds. Night Joe Hancock will be our speaker in the Summer series on the second Wednesday night of the Summer months. Please plan to be present to hear him. I will speak in Big Sandy. Thanks for being present this morning. We will see you tonight.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**RUTH COX** has been undergoing tests and treatment for a light stroke this last week.

**MARJORIE MYERS** was hospitalized last week and had a procedure done on Tuesday.

**JOHNNY GUNNELS**, brother of Reba Whitley, is very ill in Methodist Hospital in Houston.

**DARLENE BROWN**, sister of James Singleterry, has been placed with hospice.

**ELLA GRACE MITCHELL** is recovering from surgery this last week in Dallas. She is doing much better.

CONGRATULATIONS to Randy & Linda Foreman on the birth of their first granddaughter. ALLIE JEAN MULLINS, daughter of Shelley & Jordan Mullins, was born last Saturday and weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs. She was in ICU for a few days, but is doing much better. The family thanks you for your prayers.

**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.

**God's Special People**

The one reoccurring theme of Leviticus is stated in chapter 19 verse 2, "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.'" Their holiness was to be seen in every aspect of their daily lives. Leviticus tells us how they dressed, how they could or could not cut their hair and beards, the foods they could eat, and when they could not work. It addressed their character. God demanded they "do no injustice" (19.35). This included their weights and measurements (19). Just as importantly they were to think in a holy way. "The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with Me" (25.23) "For the children of Israel are servants to Me; they are My servants whom I brought out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God" (25.55) "I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people" (26.12) Other passages can be cited, but I think you get the point. They owned nothing; they did not even own themselves. Their very being as a people was due to God's power. Their possession of the land was more of a lease agreement than a purchase. Their purpose for existence was to serve God.

Our sincere apology to Charlie & Marjorie Myers. Their address and phone were inadvertently left off the new ledger directory. Please write it in your directory.

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Also Linda Johnson's e-mail address was left out, it is: lgj@embarqmail.com