

# Teen News

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer this year. We had a great time at camp last week! I know that many of you had other things going on and couldn't go with us, but hopefully you'll be able to go next year. We are about to be getting ready for L.T.C. 2015. We will be studying from the book of Luke. I want to encourage all of you attend class this summer, I know that summer is a busy time for us, but we need to make time for our Lord! Feel free to bring your friends with you. **BEN**

## Doing Your Best

Many years ago in a textile factory there was a sign on the wall which read: "If your threads get tangled, send for the foreman." One woman who was fairly new was a diligent worker, but her threads got tangled one day. She tried to disentangle them, but her efforts only made matters worse. Finally she gave up and called the foreman. He came and looked for a few moments and then asked: "You have been trying to untangle them yourself, haven't you?" "Yes," she replied. "Why didn't you send for me, according to the instruction?" She shrugged her shoulders and said: "I did my best." With much tact, yet, with great insight, he quietly said: "Remember that doing your best is sending for me."

How often in life have we tried to straighten out our own messes, only to make things worse, and certainly not to solve things? We think that a little more human effort, a bit more human wisdom, and a touch of human ingenuity are the solution. But mankind in general and individuals in particular tend to make the same mistakes over and over again. Bad habits remain in place. Errors are repeated. We may even excuse our conduct by saying: "I did my best." Then God gently, yet firmly, reminds us: "Doing your best is calling for me."

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## Those to Serve JULY 2014

### AM. Opening

06 Henry Baker  
13 Sam Ellis  
20 David Sparks  
27 Jack Thomason

### A.M. Closing

06 Jim Edge  
13 Clint Satterwhite  
20 Truman Tate  
27 Steve Camp

### P.M. Opening

06 Brandon Franklin  
13 Adam Harding  
20 Johnny Jenkins  
27 Carl Rutledge

### P.M. Closing

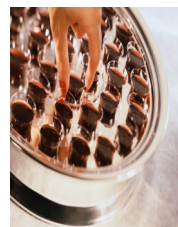
06 Billy Lane  
13 C. McCullough  
20 Marty Nash  
27 Jerry Thompson

## Serve Communion

Harold Johnson  
Doug Lowe  
R.D. Prince  
Dennis Ellison

James Singleterry  
Remi Areola  
Carl Rutledge  
Mike Howell

## Communion Preparation



06 Mike Whitley  
13 Clint Satterwhite  
20 Gregg Gurganus  
27 Pam Boyette

### DOOR GREETERS July 6, 2014

**Mark & Linda Johnson**

### COMMUNION PREPARATION July 6, 2014

**Mike & Renee Whitley**

# Gospel Worker

## Crockett Road Church of Christ

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### MINISTERS

Dan D. Manuel  
*Pulpit Minister*  
Ben Rhone  
*Youth Minister*

### 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

## The Sleeping Judge

Some time ago there was a judge by the name of Doddridge who gained the nickname "the sleeping judge." As he would listen to a case before him in court, he would often close his eyes, slump down in his chair, rest his chin on his chest, and give every appearance of being asleep. Many people appeared in his court in hopes that the law would give them justice. They would hope that the rightness of their position would be evident, but their hopes would begin to fade as they looked at this sleeping judge. On the other hand, some would appear in court who were guilty of wrongdoing and would hope that justice would not prevail. As they would observe this sleeping judge, they began to hope that they would escape judgment. Judge Doddridge, though, was not asleep. He was concentrating intently on the evidence being presented before him, analyzing it with his great legal mind, and determining what was just. His legal judgments were always sound, for the sleeping judge was not sleeping.

Certain false teachers, with whom the apostle Peter was having to deal, assumed that God was asleep on the judgment bar of heaven. Since Christ had not returned yet, they concluded that he was not returning and judgment could be averted (2 Pet. 3:3-4). Peter, however, declared: "Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping" (2 Pet. 2:3). Only to the foolish person who thinks God must work according to our timetable and agenda does it appear that the judge is sleeping (2 Pet. 3:8). God keeps his appointments. He fulfills his promises, and he will fulfill the promise that Jesus will return and that there will be a general judgment of all mankind. Any further delay in the final judgment is a sign, not of the sleepiness of God, but of the mercy of God: "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9). Our God does not sleep neither does he slumber. Do not presume on the judgment of God or take God for granted. "The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?" (2 Pet. 3:10).

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# V.B.S. Great success Watermelon Supper tonight



*From Dan's desk:*

Our Vacation Bible School "Super Tuesday" was great for all in attendance. Thanks to all the teachers and those who helped in any way to make it tremendously successful. Everyone had a great time and its always great to see the kids faces light up when you talk about our Lord. Thanks to Jerry Thompson for the magic show. The children enjoyed it as well. Thanks to Adam Harding for helping with the balloons and for the launch. It was just a wonderful and memorable day. Vacations have begun and we had a lot out of the services last Sunday already. We did however, have several visitors as usual. Always remember to greet them and make them feel welcomed into our midst. Don't forget the Watermelon supper after services tonight. The watermelons will be furnished and we hope that all of you will want to stay. The watermelons came from Pennington farms and they are always good. There will be plenty and if some are left, we will make you a deal on remaining melons. We are in the process of studying with others who are not members of the church. We believe that fruit will be borne soon. We have been so blessed this year already with the addition of several new faces. Baptism, those placing membership, are always encouraging signs of the growth of the Kingdom of God. He has really blessed our church family. We give Him the praise. We are happy that JASON MOTTERN has finally arrived back in the U.S. from his tour of duty to the Armed Forces. I know that John and Ann are happy to have him back on American soil. See you tonight.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

**GAYLE HAMILTON** will have knee replacement surgery on Tuesday at Texas Spine & Joint in Tyler.

**CECIL STANALAND** had a heart ablation this last week.

**DOUG LOWE** had sinus surgery this last week. He is better.

**OLA PEARL REEVES** was hospitalized last week. She is better.

**GARY OLIVER** has returned home from the hospital in Dallas.

**CURT DONALDSON**, son of Bob & Mary Stech, had his liver transplant last Sunday. He did great and is recovering at Baylor hospital in Dallas.

**MATTE BERRYHILL** remains in the Mother Francis Hospital recovering from heart surgery.



Don't forget the Watermelon Fellowship tonight immediately after services. Watermelons will be furnished. Plan to stay.

### 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.

## "WE ARE BLESSED"

Most of us have received great physical blessings, but the great blessings are spiritual in nature. Physical blessings are temporary in nature, but spiritual blessings are eternal in nature. This is the point Jesus makes after feeding 5,000 people in John 6. Those folks were really impressed for Jesus was able to feed them with just five barley loaves and 2 small fish. After feeding this crowd Jesus left and went to Capernaum. The multitude followed Him. Jesus knew they were impressed with the food and not the teaching. "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him" (John 6.26-27). Heaven is worth a lot more than a peanut butter sandwich. We need to realize the greater blessings God has given to us. God sent His Son to die for all of us, John 3.16. This is described as God's grace in Ephesians 2. We need to appreciate those spiritual blessings and use them wisely. One day our time on this earth will be over. Our house, car, clothes, money, and past relationships will be gone. But heaven awaits those who were willing to take up the cross of Christ. Let us not forget this fact as we get ready to eat some turkey, spend time with our families, and go shopping.

**ADAPTED**