

Thanks to those who stayed last Sunday for the DEVO. We had a great time!!! This **Tuesday** make plans to go with us to Groveton Church of Christ for the **Summer Youth Series**. We are leaving the church building at 5 p.m. We should return around 9:30p.m. **Our DEVO to-night will be at the home of Dwight and Shelly Franklin.** They have a swimming pool!!! Please bring appropriate swimming suits and a towel if you want to swim. Thanks for being here this morning and I hope to see you to-night! BEN

## LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

There was a man standing before a judge in California for shooting a Condor. This is a protected bird and people who kill them must pay the consequences. The man pleaded with the judge by saying, "I just arrived in this state and I have never seen a bird that large before. I was hungry and could not help myself to shoot and eat it. The judge said, "I forgive you, just don't let it happen again!" The man replied, "Yes, sir!" The judge curious about the bird asked the man how did it taste? The man replied, "Oh, I guess somewhere between a Whooping Crane and a spotted owl."

*When my daughter was about three I took her to bed and asked what she would like to pray about. Promptly she answered: "onions." We prayed about onions and the next morning I asked why she wanted to pray about onions. "Because you said in your sermon that we should pray for things we don't like."*

AND THE NUMBER ONE THING TO DO WITH  
YOUR NOSE...

Get it stuck in a book (The Bible!)

## AN ACT OF GOD?

Many people let God bear the blame and it is a common practice and it finds expression in many ways. Wars, famine, pestilence, and death are regularly laid at His feet. When it does not rain and God withholds the rain and the earth becomes dust, when crops fail and cattle die, men read in the disasters the will of God. Even the law of the land takes cognizance of the disposition of men to blame God by identifying such tragedies as "acts of God." Many insurance policies expressly state or imply exceptions of responsibility when an "act of God" is involved. Among the contingencies often classified as acts of God are tornadoes, hurricanes. An instance of man's proneness to let God take the blame is illustrated in a mine disaster some years ago, in the resolution of which it was officially declared that God was to blame! An editorial in an Eastern newspaper offered these comments: "Once again God must take the rap. In the aftermath of the mine disaster a jury has solemnly assembled, meditated, contemplated, and brought in its unanimous verdict. God has been convicted. According to the jury the murder of one hundred nineteen coal miners must go down in history as an act of God." I suppose that the killings of police officers in Dallas last week would be designated by some as "an act of God". God is not the author of death, but the giver of life. May we pray that God will bless those who experience such great tragedies. No, God is not to blame, but the devil and his followers who strike terror in the lives of innocent people. The greatest act of God is that of love in allowing Jesus to die on the cross. DAN

## DOOR GREETERS

July 24, 2016

Jerry & Marlene Thompson

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

July 24, 2016

Andy & Shelia Link

# Gospel Worker

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FOX 44- Waco, TX.  
FOX 33 Shreveport, LA.  
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

# CHURCH ICE CREAM SUPPER

*Next Sunday night  
following services*



**OR**



**Bring your favorite ice cream (bought  
or homemade)**

## Additional Leadership to be appointed next Sunday



*From Dan's desk:*

Our thanks to Joe Hancock who spoke last Wednesday night during the Summer series here at Crockett Rd. It is always good to have Joe with us. He is a fine person and we have fond memories of him being here with us. Vacationers take a toll on most churches during the summer months. In spite of several being gone on various trips, we had a good attendance last Sunday. Thanks also for your comments about the lessons on Elders. We are looking forward to Dwight working with Dale and me. He will be a great addition to the Eldership here at Crockett Rd. He is a fine man and dedicated to Christ in every way. This morning I will speak on the subject, "Deacons" their qualifications and responsibilities. We are excited about Johnny Jenkins and R.D. Prince being named Deacons. They will contribute much the work as they join the other men now serving in this capacity. We are grateful for their willingness to serve. If there are no (Scriptural) objections to any of these men serving, they will be appointed next Sunday. We continue to pray for them and the congregation here. God continues to bless this church. Our Lord sends men at the right time to fill these positions and we must continue to depend on His timing. The future of the church is dependent on good leadership. We appreciate your continued support as we lead this congregation. We have heard nothing but good vibes from the congregation here regarding these men. Thanks for coming this morning and we hope you will choose to be with us tonight. Much is to be gained when we worship together. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

**ED FURMAN** continues to receive treatment for his cancer.

**PHILLIP CASTILLO** underwent tests this last week.

**RENEE WHITLEY** will have foot surgery on Thursday this week.

**CHARLES McCULLOUGH** came home from the hospital last week.

**KEN & ANN BREWER, brother-in-law & sister of Doug Lowe & Virginia Stanaland, are both are very ill.**

*Please pick up a prayer list on the podiums in the foyer for a list of the many others who need our prayers.*

### WHY WHITE?

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.' The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

### THANK YOU

**Several letters of thanks and gratitude have been placed on the bulletin board recently. Please take time to view them. Other information is also placed there.**

### 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.

## WHY BE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH?

Have you ever stopped to consider why you are a member of your church? In a world that is filled with religiosity, it is vitally important for us test all things and hold fast to that which is good because many false prophets have gone out into the world (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22; 1 John 4:1). With so much false teaching in our world we need to be willing to examine ourselves to be sure we are following the truth. We do not want to be surprised on the day of judgment to learn that we were following false doctrine (Matthew 7:21-23). We should always have a "thus saith the Lord" for what we believe and practice in religion and an answer for those who ask us what we believe and why we believe it (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:First, I am a member of Christ church because of what it is called. Christ is the builder of His church. He is the one who purchased the church, it just makes good sense that the church would wear His name (Acts 20:28). 15)Second, I am a member of Christ's church because of what its members are called. I want nothing more and nothing less than to be a Christian. To wear a religious name that is not found in the Bible is not only unscriptural, but it robs God of His glory. I am a member of the church of Christ because its members simply call themselves "Christians." Thirdly, I am a member of Christ church because of its creed. While many religious groups have adopted man authored articles, creeds or confessions, the church of Christ has no man-made creed. The source of authority is the Bible alone. Fourthly, I am a member of Christ church because of its worship. The church of Christ strives to give God the kind of worship He is seeking, worship that is offered in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). Finally, I am a member of the church of Christ because it teaches the truth about who is lost and how they can be saved. One must hear the Gospel to be saved (Romans 10), they must also believe that Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24), be willing to repent of their sinful life (Luke 13:3), confess that Jesus is the Son of God (Romans 10:10), be baptized into Christ (Acts 2:38-47) and live faithful to Him until death (Revelation 2:10). I am a member of the church of Christ because it recognizes and teaches that no one be saved apart from the Will of God. The Crockett Rd. congregation still upholds the Truth and we will continue to do so in the future. DAN