

Teen News

It is good to be back home from vacation. Keri and I really enjoyed being away for a few days. I appreciate those who filled in for me recently. I am excited about the Summer Youth Series taking place at our building this Tuesday night. I hope all of you will want to be present and encourage all the youth who will be coming from other congregations all over East Texas. We will meet in the church auditorium for the song service and lesson. I look forward to presenting the message that night. After the service in the auditorium we will go to the activity building. We will serve pizza for all those in attendance. Remember to meet those who will be visiting.

BEN

CARD SIGNING

This coming Wednesday evening following the Bible class, anyone wishing to remain for a Sandwich and chip supper may do so. We will sign cards to the sick and to those who have lost loved ones in death. Please bring either sandwiches, chips or desserts.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who brought school supplies for the foster children in Anderson County. Our Lads to Leaders youth are doing a wonderful job in outreach projects.

SEARCH FOR OPPORTUNITIES

America has long been known as the "land of opportunity." Opportunity has great potential as a motivational force in our lives. Here are some suggestions to help us make greater use of our spiritual opportunities:

1. Pray for opportunities. God answers prayer. As we use the opportunities God provides, He will grant us even greater opportunities (Mt. 25:29).
 2. Look for opportunities. While God gives the opportunity, we must recognize it. He is not going to speak directly from heaven, saying, "This is it! This the one you've been waiting for!" When searching for employment, one cannot expect to get a job without looking for one. Similarly, we must prayerfully search for opportunities. As a general rule, they will not simply drop into our laps.
 3. Use the opportunity. Once the opportunity presents itself, be ready to use it. Be prepared for the Master's service. In all things, "Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity" (Col. 4:5).
- DAN**

AREA SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Please be reminded that the Summer youth series will be held here at our building this Tuesday evening July 24th. Churches of Christ youth groups from all over East Texas will join with our youth in singing and a lesson from the Holy Scriptures. If you can prepare cookies for this event, please sign the list on the bulletin board.

DOOR GREETERS

July 29, 2018

Clint & Jonna Satterwhite

COMMUNION PREPARATION

July 29, 2018

J.B. & Joyce Matlock

Gospel Worker

Crockett Road Church of Christ

1717 Crockett Road; P.O. Box 288
Palestine, Texas 75802
903/723-6291
www.crockettroadchurchofchrist.org

MINISTERS

Dan D. Manuel
Pulpit Minister
Ben Rhone
Youth Minister

ELDERS

Dwight Franklin
Dan D. Manuel
Dale Sparks

DEACONS

Henry Baker
Johnny Jenkins
Kyle Lock
R.D. Prince

SECRETARY

Lorelee Reeder

MISSIONS

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-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

REAL FRIENDS

Aristotle observed that "Misfortune shows those who are not really friends." Job learned that lesson by personal experience. When multiplied sorrows came his direction, those who once had been his closest friends, became his scoffers (Job. 16:20). They forgot about him (19:14). And, they turned against him (19:19). One would think that Job would have given up on such friends; but, when opportunity presented itself, he was more than willing to offer up prayer on their behalf (42:10). Everyone who has experienced the pain of a failed friendship knows something about the pain of rejection. Rejection is never easy. But, if we would experience the joy and beauty of friendship, we must risk the pain of rejection. Concerning friendship with God, where would we be if Jesus had not risked rejection. Jesus "was despised and reject by men" (Is. 53:3). "He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him" (Jn. 1:11). It was "while we were [God's] enemies, [that] we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son..." (Rm. 5:10). Consider what rejection Jesus was willing to endure so that we might be friends with God! Then, looking to His example, remember that no lasting good can be accomplished in the work of the church until we are willing to lay it on the line in spite of the possibility of rejection. May God bless each of us to be the kind of friends that show Christ's love to the world around us. DAN

Thanks for being here this morning. Visitors always welcome



From Dan's desk:

In spite of several of our own regular members being out of town last Sunday, we had a good attendance. Summertime always results in many being away for vacations. My thanks to Henry Baker for speaking last Wednesday evening for me. I was speaking for the Central Church of Christ in Athens. Their minister, Kerry Clark, was with us earlier in the summer as a speaker in our Summer Series Wednesday evening series. Thanks to those who went to Longview on the church bus last Monday evening. It was my privilege to speak for the brethren in Longview. We went early and ate prior to the service and we are grateful to Charles for diving the church bus. It was a wonderful evening visiting with those from the Longview church. Bro. Martin King is the regular minister there and has been there for some time now. Thanks also to those of you who brought school supplies to the building for the foster children in Anderson County. A big thank you to Lisa Krumnow for her efforts in bringing this all together for those who helped with the distribution of these items. It was greatly appreciated. Remember that the annual Youth Rally will be held here at our church building this Tuesday night. We will have a large number of young people from all over the East Texas area for this event. If you would like to attend you are always welcome. If you are visiting with us this morning, please stay for a few minutes after services and give us the opportunity to meet and greet you with a warm handshake. This is a great congregation of God's people. We hope you will come again. See you tonight. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

CHRIS CARSON (PLUMMER) has been undergoing tests in Dallas this last week.

GLEND A BASKIN has been in the hospital this last week with blood sugar problems.

MIKKI KISER has been undergoing tests this last week.

KENLEE HARBOUR has been undergoing tests this last week.

VIRGINIA STANALAND will be undergoing tests this week.

GERRI HAHN has been in the local hospital for heart tests.

JOHN BARNHART is scheduled for knee surgery tomorrow in Tyler at Christu s Mother Frances.

GERALD MORRIS, son of Patsy Bush, has been in the hospital in Longview, but was released on Wednesday.

CAROLYN CROUSE, niece of Mary Stech, had a stroke last week and is in Christu s Mother Frances for tests & treatment.

Please pick up a Prayer List on the podiums in the foyer for others who have asked for our 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.

100 Percent that God Exists

Have you ever read a weather report when they predict rain? They may predict a 40% chance of rain, but if it doesn't rain isn't the chance 0%? And if it rains isn't the chance 100%? I say it is the same with God. In Job 26:7 God says that he hung the earth upon nothing. Some scholars date the book of Job between 1500 and 1400 BC. As recently as 400 years ago science still was trying to figure out what held the earth up, but they later learned that the Bible got it right. In Isaiah 40:22 God describes the earth as a circle. Again scientists tried to figure out what the shape of the earth was, and again the Bible got it right. It is clear to me that the folks writing these books had to be in touch with a higher power. They lacked the most rudimentary instruments to observe and measure the "correct facts" that they recorded. Scientists that came along later tried to figure out what the shape of the earth was and what it was supported on, and were wrong. In considering probabilities all of the facts should be considered. For instance over 40 different authors from all walks of life wrote the Bible: shepherds, farmers, tent-makers, Doctors, fishermen, priests, philosophers and kings. Despite these differences in occupation and the span of years it took to write it, 1600 years, the Bible is an extremely cohesive and unified book. Prophecies should be considered as well. I think it is obvious that with all of the evidence being considered that the probability of the existence of God is 100%.
TIM WOODWARD