

# Teen News

Thanks to those who went along to the Walker St. church of Christ last Tuesday in Lufkin. We had a fantastic time together. Our last Summer series will be this Tuesday in Crockett at the Grace St. Church of Christ. I hope you all will make plans to go. We will leave the building at 6 P.M. School is about to start back up and I hope you all will have a great year. I am proud of all of you at Crockett Rd. and I have seen so many of you grow in God's Word. Please continue to come to Bible class and encourage others to come with you. See you tonight. Remember the ice cream supper tonight. BEN

**BIBLE CLASS PROMOTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 26th.**

## Try to help the people

A big, burly man visited the pastor's home and asked to see the minister's wife, a woman well known for her charitable impulses.

"Madam," he said in a broken voice, "I wish to draw your attention to the terrible plight of a poor family in this district. The father is dead, the mother is too ill to work, and the nine children are starving. They are about to be turned into the cold, empty streets unless someone pays their rent, which amounts to \$400."

"How terrible!" exclaimed the preacher's wife. "May I ask who you are?"

The sympathetic visitor applied his handkerchief to his eyes. "I'm the landlord," he sobbed.

## God Cannot Be Mocked

To mock is "to turn up the nose at, sneer at, treat with contempt, is used in the Passive Voice ... does not mean that men do not mock Him; the Apostle vividly contrasts the essential difference between God and man. It is impossible to impose upon Him who discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart" (W.E. Vine, *Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*, p. 760). God is not mocked in that His law cannot be ignored without punishment (Rom. 2:6-9). Adam and Eve tried it to their sorrow (Gen. 2:15-17; 3:6, 24). Ananias and Sapphira tried it to their death (Acts 5:1-11). God is not mocked in that He cannot be deceived (Heb. 4:12-13). Achan concealed his sin from others but God was not mocked (Josh. 7). Gehazi, Elisha's servant, tried to gain a personal profit by lying but God was not mocked (2 Kings 5:20-27). Jonah tried to run from Him but God would not be mocked. DAN

## DOOR GREETERS

**Sunday August 19, 2018**

**Linda Johnson, Pam Gallaway**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

**Sunday August 19, 2018**

**James & Sandy Singleterry**

# Gospel Worker

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## ARE YOU FOCUSED ON THE RIGHT THING?

Many times in our lives we feel that certain things we think will bring us happiness and joy bring only heartache and pain. How many times have you experienced that in your life? This is why we must not spend our time longing for things we do not possess as though the mere possession of those things will bring us happiness. Instead, we need to be thankful and content for the things we have been given, so that when we are blessed with more, we will glorify God. Jesus often warns us about the trap of materialism. He writes, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions" (Lk. 12:15). Far too often, in our society, a man is measured by what he owns. But this is a false and foolish standard for it neither measures a man's true worth nor his eternal destiny. Jesus taught us to seek for treasures in heaven by fixing our hearts on those things which are spiritual and eternal. He said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21). Likewise, the apostle Paul wrote: "Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory" (Col. 3:1-4). This is the only way to ensure happiness when we finally receive that for which we have been longing. In the end, what will it matter if we gain the whole world but lose our soul? (Matt. 16:26). Too often we are focused on the wrong things. We must focus on God. He is the giver of real joy and happiness. DAN

### 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**  
**Hershel Bearden—India**  
**Steve Handley—Prison Min.**  
**Central TX Children's Home—Buda, TX**  
**Tipton Children's Home Tipton, OK**

**GBN T.V. NETWORK**  
**GIVE ME THE BIBLE-T.V.**  
**FOX 44 KWKT—Waco, TX**  
**KTAL NBC Channel 6**  
**Texarkana-Shreveport, LA.**  
**KLTV ABC channel 7 Tyler**  
**KTRE ABC channel 9**  
**Lufkin, TX.**  
**NBC 28 KYLE, Bryan-College Station, 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**

**Numerous events taking place  
in the month of August.  
*Ice Cream Supper Tonight***



***From Dan's desk:***



We have a lot of activities taking place during the month of August. If you will look at the list given to you in January you will notice other activities planned in the future. This is an active church. We are not just doing busy work, we are attempting to carry out the "Great Commission of Jesus our Lord" and at the same time provide encouragement through times of fellowship with each other. We are a unique and blessed church. As Elders we appreciate the cooperation of all within the Body of Christ. We are also grateful for those who work tirelessly, like those teachers who met last Saturday to prepare a room in the education wing for children this coming autumn. Thanks to Sylvia Gurganus, Alison Rader, Jonna Satterwhite and Lisa Krumnow for giving their time to make the room attractive. They did a great job. Thanks also to R.D. Prince and Dale Sparks for changing the pump on the baptistry last week. It remains in good working order. We are grateful to so many who give of their time and effort to make sure that everything is always in order. We had the foyer carpet cleaned last week as well, and the classrooms down the hall. We ask that you wipe your feet before entering. This is one way we can help keep the carpet clean. Thanks for your help. Please remember the ice cream supper following the worship service tonight. You can bring your own homemade ice cream or bought. If you would like to provide cookies, you are encouraged to do so as well. These are always good times and this provides an opportunity for us to wish our teachers well and the students also as they begin their new school year. Please be with us tonight as we continue the lesson tonight at 6 P.M. on "Is There Life After Death".

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**CHRIS CARSON (PLUMMER)** continues to undergo tests in Dallas this week. **WAYNE CARTWRIGHT** will have hip replacement on Thursday, Aug. 16th in Tyler at Spine and Joint hospital. **CHERYL ELLIS** had to go to the emergency room this last week in Athens for high blood pressure problems, but she is better. **MIKE HOLLAND**, brother of Kenneth Holland was involved in a boating accident last week. He has been in I.C.U at the local hospital. He is better.

**All others who have been ill or recovering from recent hospitalization are improving.**

**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.**

**PHONE NUMBER CHANGE**

**Lorelee's new number is  
903-373-3574**

**BLESSINGS FROM GOD**

Most of us spend too many waking hours thinking about the problems we have, bills we must pay and day to day frustrations. We focus on what we lack, instead of what we have. We not only dwell on our own imperfections, but also on the imperfections of others. It may be that much of the preaching we hear, mine included, is responsible for such negative thinking. It is natural for a preacher to direct his comments against those things which need to be improved. If we are not careful, though, our total emphasis can become negative. Such is regrettable. We should be thinking of the good that is about us -- the encouraging achievements of the past, the great blessing of the present and the great potential of the future. It is a marvelous thing to be a Christian! The Bible jumps out at us with this fact. It is an optimistic thing that when read the Bible it should send you on your way with a song in your heart and a prayer of thanksgiving on your lips. Consider what it teaches about the blessings of a Christian.

DAN