

Good morning and thanks for being here today. I hope your first week back to school was a good one. Football season is about to start and I'm excited to see how our local schools will do this year. We might go watch a few games together this year! **REMEMBER** after our worship service this morning all youth and parents will join together in the activity building for lunch. We are having spaghetti, salad and bread!! After we eat we will take the bus over to the bowling alley. We should be back at the church building around 3 or 3:30. God bless you all!! **BEN**

## “SENSE OR NONSENSE”?

Being peeved at the brethren, or at a brother, and thus forsaking the Lord is about as logical as being mad at your dog, and thus kicking your kids. A preacher once asked a certain wayward Christian why he had quit attending worship services. His reply was, "Brother so-and-so made a certain statement that did not set well with me." The preacher replies, "Then why don't you go home and kick your wife?" The man, then, with a very confused look, said, "But my wife hasn't done anything to me!" In return the preacher said, "Then why are you forsaking the Lord? What has He done to you?" It is nonsense gone to seed for one to not come to worship, to withhold his contribution, to badmouth the church, or to slip out the back not talking to anyone- because of what one person or persons said or allegedly said to him. Did the Lord say it? Then why punish the Lord? Does that make sense or Nonsense?

Author Unknown



## Those to Serve Sept. 2015

### A.M. Opening

6 Dale Sparks  
13 Jerry Sturgess  
20 Ben Rhone  
27 David Sparks

### A.M. Closing

Mike Howell  
Dennis Homann  
Mike Howell  
Jeff Sparks

### P.M. Opening

6 Dwight Franklin  
13 Robert Duzan  
20 George Wooden  
27 Adam Harding

### P.M. Closing

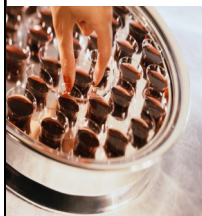
Jack Thomason  
Charles McCullough  
Henry Baker  
Billy Lane

## Serve Communion

Ben Rhone  
Dee Bell  
R.D. Prince  
Mike Whitley

J.B. Matlock  
Marty Nash  
Jerry Thompson  
Kyle Lock

## Communion Preparation



6 Toni Warren  
13 Andy Link  
20 Billy Lane  
27 Charles McCullough

## DOOR GREETERS –Sept. 6, 2015,

**Jerry & Marlene Thompson**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

**Sept. 6, 2015**

**Toni Warren**

# Gospel Worker

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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

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*School of Preaching*  
Hershel Bearden  
*India Mission*  
Ron Brown  
*China Mission*  
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Home—*Buda, TX*  
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*Tipton, OK*  
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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

## “Paul’s Bundle of Sticks”

In Acts 28, after Paul and his shipmates survived a shipwreck and landed on Malta, the stranded passengers found themselves cold and wet in a strange place. The natives, however, were friendly and built a fire for them all (Acts 28:2). It is interesting that Paul "gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire" (3). This was when Paul was bitten by an apparently deadly viper. Somehow, in reading this part of Paul's journey to Rome, I overlooked a fundamental fact that helped make Paul great.

Paul did his part. When the others had built that fire, Paul was not content to let the others do it all. He did his share. Not only that, he did his share even at great, personal cost. He did his share, though he might have rationalized that he had already done so much and been through so much. Paul noted their unusual kindness and were made to feel very welcome, and he showed his appreciation in a tangible way.

You may be a busy, active servant of God. You may have done much in the past for the cause of Christ. Yet, think about how notable it is and inspiring to others, when you gather your own bundle of sticks to help the fire others have started. It may be noted and remembered long after you are gone.

NEAL POLLARD

## Bible School Promotion Today



*From Dan's desk:*

Well today is Promotion in our Bible School Program. We are so grateful to all those who were in Bible class this morning. Thanks also to the Teachers who have worked so hard in making preparation to teach in our education program. So much good is accomplished through the efforts of so many. The Children's Bible Hour program will resume again next Sunday night. Children's Bible Hour is a great program and a wonderful way for young children to be involved in learning more about God through Bible lessons, singing, Bible drama, puppets, etc. Please make a special effort to have your children in Bible Hour starting next Sunday night. The program is for young children 3 years of age through the 3rd grade. We also have Toddler Bible Hour for younger children. They are meeting on Sunday evening also. Our Ladies Bible Class that meets on Tuesday mornings will resume on Tuesday morning September 8th. The ladies who work in the Visual Aide Brigade will also start back that day. Thanks to Ben and Keri for hosting the luncheon and Bowling activity today for the youth. They are all back in school and busy with many activities in school. Let's continue to pray for them. The Monday Night For The Master program will resume on Monday, Sept. 28th. It will be here before you know it. It has been a great Summer in many respects. We have had some good speakers on Wednesday evenings each month. The youth rally held here was well attended. Several have been baptized into Christ over the last several months. We hope to see you all tonight at 6 P.M. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



### TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

**DOUG LOWE** had a stent placed in his heart this last week. He is better.

**KATHY JOHNSON** had back surgery at the Spine Clinic on Weds. She is better.

**RENEE WHITLEY** is recovering from foot surgery this last Thursday in Tyler.

**DENNIS HOMANN** has been in the hospital at ETMC in Tyler this last week for tests.

**MARK JOHNSON** has kidney stones in both kidneys.

**OREE COSTLOW** will have surgery this next week in Dallas.

**Continue to remember all of these.**

The Tipton Children's Home truck will be here the week of September 13th. They are requesting paper towels, vanilla wafers and cereal this time. Please remember these the next time you are shopping.

Ladies Bible Class and the Visual Aid Brigade both resume on September 8th. Please make plans to be here every Tuesday to participate.

### **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.**

## "AMERICANS ARE LIVING IN A POST CHRISTIAN CULTURE"

Americans live in a post-Christian culture today. What do I mean by that? I mean that Christianity has little impact on day to day life in America. The values of Christians are simply brushed aside and dismissed. Want an example? Sports. When I was a boy growing up, no one would have ever thought to schedule a ballgame or practice on Wednesday night? Why not? Because that's when Christians had Bible study scheduled, and everyone knew they were going to be in church, not at the ball field. Through the years society has changed. The world has learned that they can schedule games on Wednesday and everyone will be present, even the Christians. We have sold out our values, and the world knows it. Thus, Christianity is all but dismissed today, because the world knows we'll follow its lead. Can things be changed? Can we reverse this trend? Certainly we can. Instead of being led around by the world, and living by the values of the world, wouldn't you rather live in a society that upheld higher and nobler standards? If so, do your part in making it happen. Steve Higginbotham