

# Teen News

Thanks all of you for being here this morning. I really appreciate your support and your kind words about my lesson last Sunday night. Dan was away in Gilmer speaking at the Civic Center. Thanks to all of you who come to class on a regular basis. You are setting the right example for all the youth and the adults also. This coming Wednesday night we are asking that the youth meet in the Activity building at 6:15 P.M. for a meal together, Devo and games. We hope that you will want to participate. I want to keep planning events to involve the youth. Your participation is so important. See you next Weds. BEN

## When I was first diagnosed with cancer:

My first friend came and expressed shock by saying, "I can't believe that you have cancer; I always thought that you were active and healthy." He left and I felt alienated and somehow very different.

My second friend came and brought me information about treatments used for cancer and said, "Whatever you do, don't take chemotherapy. It's a poison." He left and I felt scared and confused.

My third friend came and tried to answer my "whys" with the statement, "Perhaps God is disciplining you for some sin in your life." He left and I felt guilty.

My fourth friend came and told me, "If your faith is great enough, God will heal you." He left and I felt guilty. My fifth friend came and told me to remember, "All things work together for good." He left and I felt angry.

My sixth friend never came at all. I felt sad and alone.

My seventh friend came and held my hand and said, "I care. I'm here. I want to help you through this." He left and I felt loved.

-Linda Mae Richardson, in *The Victory in the Valley*

## Moral Standards Do We Have Them?

Dead-bolt locks, security systems, "white collar crime," divorce, pornography, child abuse, spousal abuse, and various forms of addiction are the defining terms of our society today. It appears that righteous, moral behavior has become the exception rather than the rule. We are told that trying to enforce "objective" standards is bound for failure. Some are now warning us that "hard, fast rules of morality work today," and we have, as a nation, accepted that viewpoint. We have bought into the "If it feels good, do it" mentality. And where has it taken us? Just exactly where McGuffey predicted we would be: Chaos, Injustice, Vengeance. In I John 5:2-3 we are instructed: "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not burdensome." DAN

## DOOR GREETERS

**Sept. 25, 2016**

**Jim & Jane Davis**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

**Sept. 25, 2016**

**Ben & Keri Rhone**

# Gospel Worker

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NBC 28 KYLE, Bryan-  
College Station, TX.  
NBC 53—KLSB Lufkin, TX.  
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Charles, LA.

### ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class  
10:30 AM Worship  
6:00 PM Evening  
Wed: 7:00 PM

## Are We Loyal?

To be loyal to Christ is the Christian's supreme quest in this life. We owe no other loyalty compared to that which we owe Him. That loyalty is shown in our obedient response to His teaching in the imitation of His life. Jesus said to a certain person, "Follow me." The man replied, "Lord suffer me to go and bury my father." This is surely important to a son who has lost his very own father. However, Jesus replied, "Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:59-60). The Savior showed His respect for departed friends and love ones. (Read John 11:11-36). His demand on the man who lost his father was not disrespectful of the dead. It was a test of loyalty. There are more important things in the life of a Christian than those that pertain only to this life in the flesh. But are we really trustworthy to Christ when we allow many things pertaining to this life to come before our duty to the Lord? Are we loyal when,

1. We fail to attend services because friends came in to see us unexpectedly? If the Lord put following Him ahead of burying one's father, what about attendance of meetings of His church?
2. When we fail to give liberally because we ran up too many bills buying things that we did not necessarily need?
3. When we do not invite people to study with us because we are afraid of making them uncomfortable?
4. When we allow a headache or other minor discomforts to keep us from worship, but not our jobs?
5. When we appear very religious on the Lord's Day and live so that no one would ever suspect us of being a Christian the rest of the week?
6. When we are more interested in making money than we are in making melody in our hearts.
7. When we feel that because of what we think is bad treatment in the church we just quit?
8. When we are more concerned over our children's social standing than we are in their spiritual condition? **SELECTED**

**Dwight Franklin will be speaking this morning. I am away in a Gospel Meeting**



*From Dan's desk:*

I have the privilege this week to be speaking in a Gospel Meeting with the Church of Christ in Buna, Texas. I first started preaching many years ago with this small town congregation. I remember with great fondness the wonderful people who were there then and the few that remain. Marilyn Rader who attends our congregation frequently was a teenager when I was there. I appreciate Dwight and the men speaking to the congregation here today. Thanks to Robert Duzan who will speak to the auditorium class during Bible class time at 9:30 A.M. I really appreciate your comments about the sermon last Sunday on "Rebuilding America". We all should be concerned about the destiny of our country. We are standing at the crossroad. What happens in the upcoming election, will have great consequences regarding our future. I hope that you will be praying about those who will make their voices heard. I also had the opportunity to speak to the North East Churches of Christ in the Gilmer, Texas Civic center. It was a great event. Of the hundreds present, many came from all over East Texas. My thanks to the brethren who extended the invitation to me to be the featured speaker. It was truly a great evening. Thanks to Ben for speaking for me last Sunday evening. I know that he did a great job. Ben is a great servant of God and we are fortunate to have him working with us here at Crockett Rd. Thanks again for being present this morning. Be sure to be present tonight to hear those who will be conducting the service. I know you will be blessed by being present. DAN

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**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**MICHAEL MORRIS** had shoulder surgery on Monday in Tyler.  
**PHILLIP CASTILLO** began his radiation treatments this week.  
**MARILYN WOODY**, mother of Deanna Lock remains ill in the Mother Frances hospital in Tyler.  
**CLINT ELLIS** has been in ETMC this last week for tests and treatment..

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Our congratulations to **KALLI JO GRIFFIN** upon receiving the "DAISY AWARD" from ETMC in Athens for outstanding service as a registered nurse. Kalli is a wonderful young lady and we are all proud of her.

### **"BACK TO BIBLE CLASS" LUNCHEON**

The Ladies Bible Class will be going to the new Kolstad Inn on Wednesday, September 28th, for lunch. The cost will be \$10.00 per person and 2 entrée's to choose from. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board and indicate which entrée you would like, if you will be going.

### **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.

### **DO YOU NURSE A GRUDGE?**

How many of you remember the wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana in 1981. It was the grandest wedding maybe ever in history, with every head of state from every country in Europe, but one, in attendance. The one absentee was that of the King of Spain, Juan Carlos. He refused the invitation to the wedding of the century because of a grudge that dated back to 1704. Prince Charles and Diana would spend part of their honeymoon on the island of Gibraltar, which was seized by the British from the Spanish in 1704. This act committed almost 300 years earlier was still one the Spanish government held against the British government, and so the King was not going to the wedding. You would think two hundred and seventy-seven years would be long enough to forgive and forget. Forgiveness is something that sometimes does not come natural for us, but as Christians we are commanded to forgive. In Matt. 6:9-13, we find what many call the Lord's Prayer. Jesus instructs us to pray, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." In verses 14-15, Jesus instructs us, "If you forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Jesus tells us that in order for God to forgive us, we must forgive others that have wronged us. One example for us to follow is that of the father in the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-31. The father of the prodigal son forgave his son's selfishness and accepted him back joyously. One example for us not to follow is that of the unforgiving servant in Matt. 18: 23-35. His master who was owed ten thousand talents forgave the servant. After he was forgiven, he refused to forgive a man who owed him only little. These two parables along with the verses in Matthew teach us that God expects His servants to be forgiving people. We should be happy to forgive, as we have all had the joy of God forgiving us. As Jesus said, he who is without sin among you, throw the first stone. Maybe you hold a grudge in your heart toward someone. Isn't it time to let go of it. I am truly delighted that God does not hold a grudge against us when we sin and ask forgiveness. It is time to let go. DAN