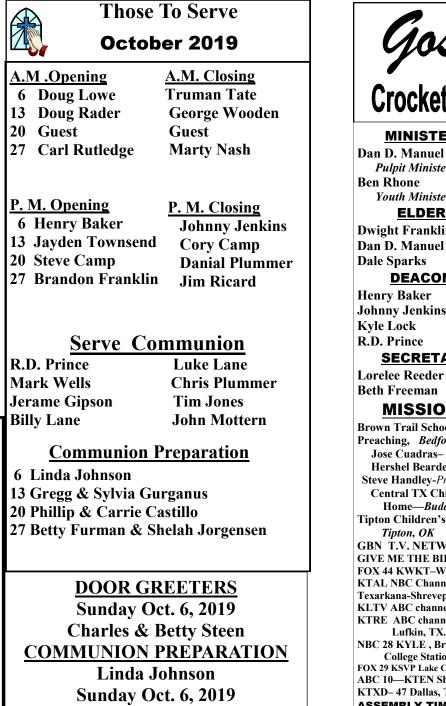


Thanks for coming to Bible class this morning. We have been having a few more visitors recently and this is great. We always have a good discussion about the Lord and our responsibility to Him when we come. Thanks to those of you who came to Monday Night For The Master last Monday. We had about 50 present and so much can be done when we work together. You are a great example to other young people and the older members of the church take note of what you do and when you participate in such activities. Keep up the good work. Many of you are always willing to help when needed and I commend you for having such an attitude. I will be preaching this morning, while Dan is away. Thanks again for coming today. I hope you will be here tonight. BEN

WHY I AM A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH

Looking through the book called, "Why I Am A Member Of The Church Of Christ" by Leroy Brownlow. wonder how many people who are reading this article have ever thought to themselves why they are a member 20 Phillip & Carrie Castillo of the Church of Christ. Why not be a member of a de- 27 Betty Furman & Shelah Jorgensen nomination? Many people have never put much thought into this question. Most people grew up in the Church of Christ or were taught by someone in the Church of Christ and so that's where they stayed. Peter tells us to be ready to be ready to give answer for the hope that is within us (1 Pet. 3:15). Do you think if someone asked you why you are a member of the Church of Christ, you could explain why? Could you see the differences between this church and others? I want point out a few things that we need to consider when we are looking for a church to attend: Was your church founded by a man or by Christ? Or are you following Jesus Christ? describe myself as a Christian. Simple, I know, but I only follow Christ. DAN



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HOW DO YOU COMMUNICATE?

Words spoken are often the most powerful way to advertize. That does not discount the value and importance of standard forms of commercial advertising, such as television, radio, newspapers, magazines. billboards, internet, and so on... If there was no value in commercial advertising, newspapers would pretty much shut down, radio stations would go off the air and television spots on the Super Bowl would not be running in the millions of dollars per spot.

Commercial advertising drives a consumer to initially try a particular product. Word of mouth advertising kicks in after he tries that product. If he's impressed, he'll personally spread the word by mouth to other people he knows. A personal recommendation, from somebody they know who has actually tried a product, is far more powerful at persuading people to try that product themselves than is an impersonal advertisement. As more people try the product, and like it, they will in turn spread the word to other people they know. The effect increasingly builds as more people talk positively about the product. What does this have to do with the church and reaching people with the gospel? Remember, **YOU** are the church! Your personal touch is powerful. We have seen that advertising in the newspaper and on television and radio does reach many people and motivates them to study God's word, and even to visit with us at some of our services. But *your personal touch* is important as a follow up to their initial response. How does your personal touch come into play? Your personal touch in helping that person learn the gospel could make the difference in their being saved, or lost. When a visitor comes to one of our services, *your personal touch* in welcoming them, introducing yourself to them and encouraging them to come back can have a powerful, positive effect on them. It could

make the difference in their returning and learning vital truths from God's word that could ultimately lead to their salvation. DAN

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From Dan's desk:

My thanks to Ben for speaking this morning and for the men who will speak tonight. They always do a great job. I am in Jackson, Miss. conducting a gospel meeting. We will be back later in the week. Cheryl Ellis will be teaching the ladies class this Tuesday morning. My thanks to her for her willingness to step in when needed. My thanks are in order to David Sparks for teaching the Chapel class last Wednesday night. I really am grateful to all who help out when called upon to serve. A big thank you to all who came to MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER last Monday night. Your help was greatly appreciated and much was accomplished as a result of our combined efforts. We are always able to enjoy the fellowship of each other as well and doing those things around the building that needs to be done. We had a good crowd and everyone enjoyed the salad and Pizza. Thanks to Sandy Singleterry for preparing the salad. It was delicious. Autumn officially arrived last Monday and that means that October is around the corner. We have a lot of plans for the month of October. The cooler weather will be on the way and I know you will join me in welcoming the Fall. We have several on the sick list who need our prayers. We thank all of you for reaching out to them and doing what you can to assist them in any way possible. We are not going to have the "Fall fest" this year previously planned at the Satterwhite's. Many different events will be taking place this month. We hope you will want to participate as much as possible. I will look forward to seeing you next Lord's Day. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





DEANNA CHAPMAN continued to undergo cancer treatments in Houston this last week.

<u>LINDA LIPPOLD</u> was in Houston this last week for treatment of cancer. She got a favorvable report

<u>JAMES SINGLETERRY</u> will start radiation treatment this week.

KALLI JO GRIFFIN is recovering from surgery this last week in Tyler.

<u>DONNIE TODD</u> brother of Gary Todd is critically ill in Iowa Park.

<u>LAURA WILLIS</u> aunt of Tiffany Bell has cancer and will begin treatment soon. <u>ELIZABETH ATTAWAY</u>, daughter-in-law of Beth Freeman will begin cancer treatment soon.



Our sympathy is extended to the family of ADELLE BENGE who passed away last Wednesday morning. Memorial services were held last Friday here at the building.



"NO GREATER LOVE THAN THIS"

The wonderful and demonstrated act of affection on God's part is the heart of the gospel. His plan for man's redemption from sin. "Moreover, brethren. I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you- unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures," (1 Cor. 15:1-4). It is by this gospel message, truly a message of God's love for man, that we are called to salvation. "...because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess. 2:13-14). The gospel message holds the key to our salvation. Paul wrote, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" (Rom. 1:16). God gave His Son as a sacrifice for the guilt of your sins. His act of love for you calls for a loving response from you. The most effective way you can demonstrate your love for God, in response to His love for you already demonstrated in the gospel, is by obeying the gospel. You do that by dying to your life of sin as you're buried with Christ in baptism and raised up from that watery grave reborn, forgiven, saved in Christ (Rom. 6:3-5). God has abundantly demonstrated His love for you through the gospel message. How have you responded to His love? Isn't it time that you do so. None of us knows what the future holds. Our response to God's Love determines our future. **DAN**