

# Teen News

I would like to thank all of you who have been coming to Sunday school and Wednesday night class. Our class seems to be growing and I hope we can continue to grow it. I really enjoy our Bible studies and the time we spend together! You are all fun to be around and we always look forward to our next meeting with you all. If you haven't been coming to the devos, I want to encourage you to attend them. They are a lot of fun and it's a good way to really get to know each other and we always eat good! Tonight's devo will be at our house after church. I hope to see you all there!!  
**Ben**

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
Congratulations to **Michael Morris and Elbia Henderson** who were united in marriage here at the church building last week. We are happy for them and pray God's blessing on them.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
Nov. 18 Ladies Bible Class Luncheon  
Nov. 23 Widows and Widowers Luncheon  
Nov. 25 Tuesday Night Thanksgiving Devo  
Dec. 2 Tuesday Night Annual Holiday

**Read John 13:35**

## Can Man Worship As He Pleases?

Historical evidence abounds that man can, indeed, worship as he pleases. As creatures of choice, God affords us the privilege of opting for His guidance or striking out on our own. The real question, however, is whether or not humanly-designed worship will be acceptable to Him.

The very nature of the term worship demands careful attention to the instructions of God. Worship denotes reverence or obeisance (bowing down). One can hardly "bow down" reverently before the Creator, while ignoring His divine will. So much has been introduced into modern worship, not because of biblical instruction, but because of human tastes and preferences. It is the height of presumptuousness to assume that God will be pleased simply because we are pleased. "*O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps*" (Jer. 10:23). Not only does that principle apply to man's general course of life, it also has application to our public expressions of worship and devotion to God. We can never claim to worship or reverence a God whose will we ignore. Genuine faith in God establishes His will as our rule of life and conduct (Rom. 3:31). No aspect of human life is exempt from the sovereign rule of Christ, and particularly not the public expressions of our devotion to Him. "*Why do you call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say?*" (Lk. 6:46). **SELECTED**

**DOOR GREETERS Nov. 23, 2014**

**James & Sandy Singleterry**

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**  
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**Dwight Franklin**

# Gospel Worker

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FOX 44—Waco, TX.  
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  
Wed: 7:00 PM

## "Showers of Blessings"

"And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing" (Ezekiel 34:26).

If you start reading in verse twenty-two of this chapter and continue to verse thirty-one, you will see how Ezekiel describes the great blessings that come to the Lord's flock when Jesus Christ, the heir to David's throne, rules as the Lord of Lords, the one Shepherd over all the earth. No drought or lack of food will effect the earth. Instead, refreshing rain is promised in that glorious age.

In the days of Elijah, when the wicked Ahab and his wife Jezebel ruled in Israel, the LORD stopped the rain on Israel for three and one-half years (I Kings 17 and 18). During that time, the LORD used ravens to provide for Elijah (I Kings 17:6). The LORD also took care of a faithful widow even though her situation looked hopeless (I Kings 17:12-14). Her faith in God's message delivered through Elijah caused her to use the very last of her oil and meal to make bread for Elijah. God honored her faith, and she and her son had food throughout the drought.

Elijah's prayers are used as an example for us in James 5:17-18. May God help us to exercise great faith. When we do "Showers of Blessings will come" **DAN**

**Welcome to our services. A special thanks to our visitors.**



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

I am in Sulphur, La in a special series of lectures this morning. The lecture series started last Friday night and continue through this morning. We will be hope this afternoon and I will be preaching tonight. I am thankful to JOE WAUGH for making the presentation about Tipton Home in the combined adult classes this morning. I am also thankful for him speaking during the worship hour today. We are happy to be offering our support of the Children's home at Tipton, Okla. I believe it is one of the finest institutions in the brotherhood of our Lord. They really show an interest in the children and make every effort to provide for them what they would not receive otherwise. Some of these children have lost their parents in death and others have been taken from their parents by the courts for various reasons. I am reminded of James 1:27 that tells us of our responsibility to "visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions". It has been a cold week and the wind and cold weather remind us that we are approaching the Holidays and winter months. I hope that each of us will also be reminded to do our best to be faithful at all the worship services of the church. The greater blessings in life come to those who worship our Lord regularly. Thanks to Audrey for teaching the Ladies Bible Class last Tuesday morning, as I had a prior commitment. I will look forward to being with you tonight at the evening worship service. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**GARY OLIVER** remains in the T. Boone Pickens unit at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. He remains in room 523.

**There are no new sick to report at the time of this writing.**

***Continue to remember all those we have listed recently as being ill or undergoing treatment. They are listed on the prayer list. Be sure to pick one up in the foyer.***

#### **THANKS**

Our deep gratitude to all our U.S. Servicemen and women who have served our country, and who are now serving to provide the liberties we now enjoy as Americans. Continue to pray for those in Leadership that our country can remain free.

#### **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.**

**"OUR FATHER IS ALWAYS  
RIGHT"**

In the parable of the vineyard, the landowner finds men standing in the marketplace and says; "You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is **RIGHT**, I will give you" (Matthew 20:4). And the landowner, who represents the Lord gave them what was right, and far beyond that (Matthew 20:13-16).

Conversely, we see a new Christian, Simon, who tried to buy the power of the Holy Spirit from the Apostles ... and Peter said; "... your heart is not **RIGHT** before God" (Acts 8:21).

God **always** does what is right. He does that because of His righteous character (John 17:25). Jesus is called the Righteous One (Acts 3:14).

As I reflect on my life, I have tried to do what is right, but many times I have failed, and as I review my thoughts and actions against God's word, I see that God is **always right** — about everything! I am not stating this from blind faith. The logic is very apparent to me. God has commanded love, and I have failed in that area many times. I can see the pain and problems reflected in that failure and I can clearly see that God is **right** every time. Yes God is always right! Let us determine to emulate that pure righteousness all the time. **ADAPTED**