

Teen News

I want to thank all of the youth for helping last Sunday with the Single and Single Again Thanksgiving Lunch. You all worked very hard and it was a great success. Thanks to Keri Rhone and Jill Camp for preparing the meal, it was very good! We also appreciate those who made the deserts. There were several women here in the church who made them. I hope each of you had a Happy Thanksgiving last Thursday. I know I did! Most of you know how I like to eat turkey legs, but what I enjoyed most was being with family. There are a lot of things to be thankful for... I hope you all realize it. Thanks to those who came to church Tuesday night to the Thanksgiving devotional. It was a great service! I will see you all tonight. BEN

CREDIT CARD PRAYERS

Do you use prayer as a kind of "spiritual credit card"? Lots of people do; they assume that all we have to do is ask God for whatever physical things we want, and He will provide them ("interest-free," we hope!). Most of us are familiar with promises like the one Jesus made in Matthew 7:7-8, where we are told "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened." This statement, and others like it in the Bible do not promise blessings for us without "cost" or responsibility. Jesus isn't offering us a "buy-now, pay-later" plan! When we pray, our prayers should reflect what God wants as well as what we want. James 4:3 tells struggling Christians that the reason they did not receive the things they prayed for was because their motives were selfish; they weren't thinking about God's will, only what they wanted to satisfy their lust.

JIM WYATT



Those To Serve Dec. 2016

A.M. Opening

4 Jerry Sturgess
11 J.B. Matlock
18 Adam Harding
25 Dale Sparks

A.M. Closing

4 Russell Johnson
11 Carl Rutledge
18 Jeff Sparks
25 Johnny Jenkins

P. M. Opening

4 Doug Lowe
11 Wayne Cartwright
18 Dwight Franklin
25 Tom Watson

P. M. Closing

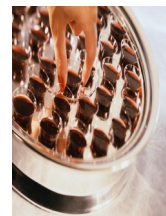
Jim Ricard
Charles McCullough
Ben Rhone
R.D. Prince

Serve Communion

Wayne Cartwright
Brad Starr
James Singleterry
Danial Plummer

Ben Rhone
Robert Duzan
Doug Sumrall
Clint Ellis

Communion Preparation



4 Marshall & Eva Walker
11 Bob & Mary Stech
18 Charles McCullough
25 Robert & Lois Duzan

DOOR GREETERS – Dec. 4, 2016

Robert & Lois Duzan

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Dec. 4, 2016

Marshall & Eva Walker

Gospel Worker

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ELDERS

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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
School of Preaching
Hershel Bearden
India Mission
Central TX Children's
Home—Buda, TX
Tipton Children's Home
Tipton, OK

GBN T.V. NETWORK
GIVE ME THE BIBLE
T.V. Program

KETK-NBC 56 Tyler, TX.
FOX 44 KWKT–Waco, TX
FOX 33 KMSS
Shreveport, LA.
NBC 28 KYLE, Bryan-
College Station, TX.
NBC 53–KLSB Lufkin, TX.
FOX 29 KSVP Lake
Charles, LA.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

THE CHURCH THAT JESUS BUILT

The Church of Jesus Christ is always under attack. God calls upon us to rise to defend the Truth and the One who gave it. The church Jesus built, the one you read about in your New Testament was designed to be always and everywhere in constant confrontation with the wisdom and the ways of the world (1 Cor. 1:20-25). The idea was not to be converted to the culture, but to convert the worldly culture to belief in and acceptance of God. But today too many of us seem to be making peace with the ungodly world. Even many of the known to be conservative churches have not only modified their worship styles and moral standards, but their message too, to conform to the world's demands. It seems the idea is for the church not to confront the contemporary evil culture, but to seek its acceptance and approval. Too many others have decided to remain neutral; to just sit this fight out. Still others are saying what a young preacher said to me recently, "You're concerned about something with no cause! God is still in control of this world, so everything is going to be alright." Yes! My friend, God is still in control. So wake up! He who is in control warns us in Psalm 9:17: *"The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God."* Churches of Christ simply MUST get our gospel message out to the people who live in those houses that line the streets and roads of our American cities and towns. I'm encouraged and optimistic! There's the sound of an awakening! God's people are equipped to win the battle over evil. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-6. God calls on all of us to awaken to the responsibility of standing for the Word of God and the Church that Jesus built. He gave His life for the Church and for that reason we must not defer or neglect the challenge that is before us. The future of the church, our children and generations yet to be born will be determined by what we do today to keep the church pure and strong in the faith "once for all that was delivered to the Saints". Jude 3.

DAN

**One baptized
Numerous activities planned over
the next several weeks.**



From Dan's desk:

The church here has been extremely busy with various activities during the month of November. The month of December will also find numerous events that have been scheduled for the congregation. The Men's breakfast was great. Thanks to Dwight, Billy Lane, R.D. Prince and George Wooden for cooking the breakfast and cleaning up afterward. We had some 24 present. It was a wonderful morning. Thanks to Ben, Keri and the youth for hosting the luncheon for the "Single and Single Again" members last Sunday morning following the worship service. Those who were there really appreciated the kindness of those who prepared the meal and planned the event. Carl Rutledge spoke in behalf of those present expressing gratitude. Thanks also to the men who conducted the worship service last Tuesday evening at the Annual Thanksgiving service. It was a wonderful evening of Songs, Scripture reading, and prayers. There will be no Children's Bible Hour program tonight because so many are out of town and it gives the Bible Hour workers a break. They will resume meeting next Sunday night. If you are planning to attend the Holiday Fellowship or the Natchitoches trip, we encourage you to sign the list posted on the bulletin board today. The Ladies ornament exchange and luncheon will also take place next Sunday. Ladies sign the list if you plan to attend. Thanks for being present today. See you tonight.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

BOBBY BAIRD is recovering from heart surgery this last week. He is in ETMC in Tyler

DEBRA PLUMMER is also recovering from surgery this last Monday at Palestine Regional Hospital. She is home now.

SAM ELLIS is recovering from an auto accident this last week.

He has several broken ribs and broken nose and abrasions.

DON YOUNG is having back problems at home.

DENISE CAROLL is recovering from a fall. She broke her elbow.

All others who have been ill are improving.

RESPONSES

BAPTIZED

NINI LAMB

(wife of David)

We are happy for her.

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.

**CHRISTIANS,
JUST CHRISTIANS**

In only three places in the New Testament the followers of Christ are called Christians. "The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch" (Acts 11:26). King Agrippa said to the apostle Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28). "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in his name," 1 Peter 4:16, ASV). This is the "worthy (honorable) name by which ye were called" (James 2:7). It is important that Christians wear the name of Christ, and no other name. Christ is honored by this name. It signifies that we belong to him. All his followers can unite in this name. We can wear it in faith. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians 3:17). In order to have the salvation that is in Christ, we must be baptized into his name (Acts 2:38). "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:26, 27). Our plea to the religious world is "let's just be Christians".

DAN