

# Teen News

The youth group took fruit baskets to the shut-ins last Sunday. I want to thank each one of them for doing that. I know that the elderly really appreciated you all too! Thank you Jim Ricard for driving the new bus, it worked out GREAT. The new bus runs and rides good!! Thanks to Clint Satterwhite for donating it to the church!! Last Tuesday we had the youth Christmas party at our home, it was a blast!! We ate chicken spaghetti, salad, chips and dip, and all kinds of sweets!! Then played games, exchanged gifts and had lots of laughs. (Be sure to check out the pictures on the church website.) Remember this Tuesday night is our annual church Christmas devotional (7p.m.). We are planning on playing volleyball in the activity building after the devotional. If anyone would like to stay and play against the youth, please do. We will provide pizza and drinks, you are welcome to bring finger food or deserts. HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS! Ben

## “IF JESUS PASSED THE PLATE”

If Jesus passed the collection plate I wonder what I would do.

Would I drop in my usual dollar, or more than just a few?

I don't think Jesus would understand if He were on earth today.

We just "had to have a new car," and so many other accounts to pay.



This business of paying for carrying the gospel I know that it costs, don't you see?

But we have some rich folks in the congregation, Why should Jesus want money from me?

Jesus won't be passing the collection plate, But He may be watching with grief.

When I hold back what is really the Lord's, I am nothing but a thief!

## “PUT ON A SMILE”

The expression of a Christian life can be the most precious of garments. It really isn't what one wears on the outside that draws people, but what one is inside. Some of us haven't learned this yet. One of the most obnoxious “Christians” I have ever met is meticulous about his dress. What he doesn't realize is that if he changed his personality, he could wear bib overalls and people would still love him.

Paul warned of overdressing and suggests that there is a certain amount of judgment and discretion involved in deciding what to put on. “Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments; but rather by means of good words, as befits women making a claim to godliness” (1 Tim. 2:9, 10). When we slip into our clothes each day, we ought to be able to say, “Father, I know that you will be pleased with this outfit today.”

When dressing, it isn't really the material or the pattern of the garment that is of paramount concern, but rather, that we are wearing the Spirit of Christ (Gal. 3:27). Oh yes, there's one more thing. The next time you get dressed to go out — be sure to put on a smile!

## DOOR GREETERS Dec. 28, 2014

**Mark & Linda Johnson**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION Dec. .28, 2014

**Charles & Sheila McCullough**

# Gospel Worker

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**Dale Sparks**

### DEACONS

**Henry Baker**  
**Sam Ellis**  
**Dwight Franklin**  
**Adam Harding**  
**Kyle Lock**

### SECRETARY

**Lorelee Reeder**

### MISSIONS & OUTREACH

**Brown Trail School of Preaching, Bedford, TX**  
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**Hershel Bearden**  
*India Mission*  
**Central TX Children's Home—Buda, TX**  
**Tipton Children's Home**  
*Tipton, OK*  
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**GIVE ME THE BIBLE**  
**T.V. Program**  
**KETK-56 Tyler, TX.**  
**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

# Happy Holidays!



*From your staff: Dan Manuel, Ben Rhone, Lorelee Reeder, Shelly Franklin, and the Elders and Deacons*

**Back from a bout with the flu.**

*"Merry Christmas"*



**From Dan's desk:**

It is good to be back today from a recent bout with the influenza that has been affecting the community, as well as others cities in the state and nationally. The "flu shot" according to the center for Disease Control is not going to be effective this year. The strain mutated and the shot will not keep you from getting the flu. I can speak first hand about this issue. I took the flu shot over a month ago and still got the flu. My message to all is to wash your hands regularly and be careful when in a crowd of people to avoid those coughing. You cannot totally escape the virus, but simply using caution will help. Thanks for your calls, cards and encouragement while I was out of commission. I am feeling better and the time off did provide me an opportunity rest up, study more and reflect on a lot of things. DOUG LOWE responded last Sunday morning asking for prayer and to acknowledge that he had said things that he should not have said. We commend him for this decision. My thanks to The Deacons and Ben for preaching last Sunday morning and to Robert Duzan for teaching my Bible class and preaching Sunday night. I heard a lot of favourable comments. Thanks again. Tuesday night of this week, we will have our annual Christmas devotional in the auditorium with a powerpoint presentation. We will not meet on Wednesday night. The Elders felt it better to change the night from Wednesday to Tuesday for a number of reasons. We will however meet on Wednesday night (Dec 31st) of next week. Following the service in the auditorium that night we have our annual "sing in the New Year" in the activity building, with finger foods and games. Plan to be with us. The New Year promises great things. Thanks for coming today. See you tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**SHERRI CHAMBLESS** was admitted to East Texas Medical Center on Sunday. Her oncologist is doing additional tests.

**JIMMY COOK** came home, but was readmitted to the hospital on Tuesday. He's very weak.

**JAMIE FLORES**, niece of Ann Sparks, is being tested for lupus.

**PAT COLEMAN**, aunt of Nancy Miller, remains very ill.

**PLEASE** remember to pick up a Prayer List on the podiums in the foyer and pray for those with continuing illnesses.

**SYMPATHY:** is extended to Jim Edge and family on the death of his aunt CLOIS LOVE who died this last week.  
Pray for this family.

### **CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP**

Tonight immediately after evening services at the home of David & Jennifer Sparks. Please bring a finger food and come join us for a good time.

### **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.

### **CHRISTMAS WISH LIST**

*Thanks to those who gave money to Kyle Lock's request for a needy family. Also thanks to those who gave money or purchased gifts for the names that came to us late. We appreciate your generosity and love. Thanks for your support and encouragement. The Elders*

Our midweek service will take place on Tuesday night at 7 PM this week instead of Wednesday, because of the holidays. We will all meet in the auditorium for a devotional. Please mark your calendars for this change.

### **NEW ADDRESSES**

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### **RESPONSES**

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**