

Thanks for being here this morning. I hope you all are enjoying your break from school. Thanks to those who came to our Youth Christmas Devotional last Wednesday. We had a great time together and it was a lot of fun. Its hard to believe in just a couple of days this year will be over. This year has gone by so fast!! Looking back this year, you all have grown so much spiritually. I hope you feel the same. We are getting ready for 2019 and I hope this is a good year for everyone. I want to encourage each of you this coming year to attend Bible Class regularly. Many of you all ready do, but some don't. Lets all encourage one another to be stronger in faith this year! Happy New Year!

#### BEN

#### Only One Addiction

People are addicted to many things, alcohol, drugs (legal & illegal), nicotine, gambling, food etc. All of these things can ruin your life. Look what Peter says, "promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved." (2 Peter 2:19). So the goal of the Christian is not to be overcome or enslaved to any particular thing.

This is a principle that not only Peter taught, but the apostle Paul said, "...I will not be mastered by anything" (I Cor. 6:12b). But the big problem is that the alcoholic will not admit that alcohol controls him. We humans have the ability to deny

the obvious.

We must continue to examine our own lives - that we have but one who has overcome us, only one who has enslaved us by His goodness - that is, Christ. love and goodness of Christ overcome you always, and happily I will be enslaved to Him who loves me so. DAN



### Those To Serve

#### January 2019

A.M .Opening		A.M. Closing
6	Ben Rhone	<b>David Carder</b>
13	<b>Danial Plummer</b>	Marty Nash
20	Carl Rutledge	Brandon Franklin
27	Henry Baker	<b>Clint Satterwhite</b>

P. M. Opening	P. M. Closing
<b>6</b> James Singleterry	Tom Watson
13 George Wooden	Johnny Jenkins
20 Steve Camp	Robert Duzan
27 Cory Camp	Charles McCullough

#### **Serve Communion**

Doug Sumrall	Jayden Townsend
Mike Whitley	Jerame Gibson
Charles Steen	Doug Lowe
Gary Chambless	Larry Hooper

#### **Communion Preparation**

- 6 Kyle & Deanna Lock
- Mike & Renee' Whitley
- Ben & Keri Rhone
- 27 Dale & Ann Sparks

#### **DOOR GREETERS**

**Sunday Jan. 6, 2019** J.B. & Joyce Matlock

#### **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Sunday Jan. 6 2019 **Kyle & Deanna Lock** 

## Gospel Worker

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Lorelee Reeder

#### **MISSIONS**

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FOX 29 KSVP Lake Charles, LA.

ABC 10-KTEN Sherman-Denison, TX

#### **ASSEMBLY TIMES**

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



Let's make it a great year. With God's help we can accomplish many wonderful things this year at Crockett Rd.

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# New Year 2019 Begins on Wednesday.



## From Dan's desk:



The year 2018 will be history tomorrow night at 12 A.M. The New Year 2019 will have begun and many opportunities of service and fellowship will be placed before us. We are confident that this New Year will promise many things for the Lord's Church here. We do not know what the future holds, but we believe God will provide for all our needs and He will see that we accomplish His will in all things. As Elders we are moving by Faith in planning and challenging the church, and at the same time attempting to follow the teaching of Jesus who taught that we are to count the cost and seek His will in all areas. We look forward to growth numerically and spiritually as well. We must all endeavor to draw closer to our Lord through regular worship opportunities both on Sunday and Wednesday evening. We grow through our Bible Sunday. Jesus taught that "Man shall not live by bread alone" Matt. 4. He went on to say that "we must feed on every Word of God." One challenge we might all make to others, and accept ourselves, is to read the Bible through in 2019. Some have never done this. If you don't read and study the Word of God, you will never grow. Peter said in 2 Pet. 3:18 "but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." Even though the year 2018 will be history, there were many great accomplishments during those 365 days. We lost a number of brethren in death, but we have been blessed with several births among us physically, but we have grown through some 22 new births through baptism. Others have responded with the desire to become closer to God. Total responses is 83. Now that the New Year is here, we must not rest on the past, but we must build upon it. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH OF YOU. DAN

#### PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

MARSHALL WALKER is improving and is now on dialysis. He was in the hospital last week, but home doing better.

NANCY MILLER has been undergoing hearts tests in Tyler.

HERSHEL BEARDEN, started treatments for cancer last week.

Several remain ill with various viruses.

Continue to pray for them.

Prayer list is in foyer.

#### **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.

children's bible resumes
next Sunday Night Jan. 6th.
LADIES BIBLE CLASS
The Ladies Bible Class will not
meet again until Tuesday morning
January 8th at 9:30 P.M.

#### **OUR FOCUS FOR 2019**

A lot of what we accomplish in life depends upon our focus. The story is told of the golfer Arnold Palmer, who, in the 1961 Master's finals was approached by a friend and congratulated on his victory a few shots prior to his finish. Palmer is on record as saving that in that moment he lost his focus and he ended up losing by a point. It happens time and again; there is the football player who looks toward the goal line and drops the ball; the ice skater who falls and simply can't recover to conclude the performance; the politician who misspeaks and ruins his political career? all for a lack of focus. Out of all of the kings of Israel, David was arguably the greatest; he had his problems, but he always ultimately sought to put his trust in the Lord. Nevertheless, because David was a man of war, his greatest desire, to build the Lord a house, could not be accomplished by him. David, however, purposed to do all that he could toward the construction of the temple prior to his death. He made agreements with nations for materials; he collected materials; he assembled workers. Before his death, David commanded the princes of Israel to help Solomon build the temple (1 Chronicles 22:17). He exhorted them, "Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ve the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD" (1 Chronicles 22:19). Do we see the focus in the words, "Set your heart and soul to seek the Lord your God"? Because they focused upon seeking God, they were able to accomplish the task at hand. We can do the same. Let our focus be on God in 2019

DAN