

# Teen News

Good morning! I hope that you enjoy this Lord's Day. Thanks to those who came to the DEVO last Wednesday evening. Its good to get together and have a fun time. I want to encourage each of you to invite friends to church with you. You never know what you could lead them to. We would like to thank **Dwight Franklin** for the sermon last Sunday morning and to **Kyle Lock, Marty Nash** and **Henry Baker** for the sermon Sunday evening. You all did an amazing job and are an inspiration to many here. I hope everyone has a great week. **Don't forget about worship tonight and Bible class Wednesday.**

Ben

## What's The Matter With Mrs. Craig?

A Nashville newspaper carried a tongue-in-cheek story about Mrs. Lila Craig who hasn't missed attending church in 1,040 Sundays although she is in her eighties. The editor commented, "It makes one wonder, what's the matter with Mrs. Craig? Doesn't it ever rain or snow in her town on Sunday? Doesn't she ever have unexpected company? How is it that she never goes anywhere on Saturday night so that she's too tired to attend the worship service the next morning? Doesn't she ever 'beg off' to attend picnics or family reunions, or have headaches, colds, nervous spells, or tired feelings? Doesn't she ever oversleep or need time to read her Sunday newspaper? Hasn't she ever become angry at the minister or had her feelings hurt by someone and felt justified in staying home to hear a good sermon on the radio or TV? **SELECTED**



## Those To Serve Oct. 2016

### A.M. Opening

2 Dale Sparks  
9 J.B. Matlock  
16 David Sparks  
23 Jerry Sturgess  
30 Sam Ellis

### A.M. Closing

Dennis Ellison  
Dennis Homann  
Russell Johnson  
Jerry Thompson  
Brandon Franklin

### P. M. Opening

2 Johnny Jenkins  
9 Marty Nash  
16 Richard Giles  
23 David Sparks  
30 Tom Watson

### P. M. Closing

Jim Ricard  
Clint Ellis  
Cory Camp  
Billy Lane  
Jayden Townsend

## Serve Communion

Robert Duzan  
Robert Taylor  
Wayne Cartwright  
Harold Johnson

Luke Lane  
Doug Lowe  
John Mottern  
Doug Sumrall

## Communion Preparation



2 Truman & Susie Tate  
9 Mike & Renee Whitley  
16 Charles & Betty Steen  
23 Larry Finley  
30 Deanna Chapman

## DOOR GREETERS – Oct. 2, 2016

Dale & Ann Sparks

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

Oct. 2, 2016

Truman & Susie Tate

# Gospel Worker

## Crockett Road Church of Christ

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### MINISTERS

Dan D. Manuel  
*Pulpit Minister*  
Ben Rhone  
*Youth Minister*

### ELDERS

Dwight Franklin  
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 Grandfather Clock

There is a legend about a grandfather clock that stood in a corner for three generations, faithfully ticking away the minutes, hours and days. Its means of operation was a heavy weight suspended by a double chain. One of its new owners, believing that an old clock should not bear such a load, released the weight. Immediately the ticking stopped, and according to the legend the clock asked, "Why did you do that?" The owner replied, "I wanted to lighten your burden." The clock answered, "Please put my weight back for that's what keeps me going." All too often we try to remove the very things that keep us going, the things that make us worthy of the air we breathe and the space we occupy. As we take a backward glance at our life, we must confess that much of what has contributed to our character was achieved through conflict. Much of what people admire and praise in us, came through the double doors of opposition and frustration. In simpler words, we're like that grandfather clock: life's weights keep us going. Thus, we shouldn't try to get rid of the very things that give us our strength, especially since there's a source of help in bearing the burdens of this life. That source is Jesus Christ. He's promised to help us whenever we need that help if we're a child of God. Paul said regarding his thorn in the flesh, "Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Cor. 12:8-10).

Paul also said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil. 4:13). ADAPTED

**Monday Night For The Master  
Resumes tomorrow night.  
Plan to be with us.**



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

My deepest gratitude to Dwight Franklin and the men who filled in for me last Sunday. I know that Dwight did a great job. We are fortunate to have Dwight serving as an Elder, along with Dale and me. I have seen him grow so much in the Lord. He and Shelly are two of the finest people and we are tremendously blessed to be working with them. My thanks also to Henry Baker, Kyle Lock, Marty Nash and Ben for taking the responsibility for the lesson last Sunday night. Thanks also to Robert Duzan for teaching my Bible class on Wednesday and Sunday. Thanks goes to Cheryl Ellis for teaching the ladies class last Tuesday. So many are always willing to help when needed and we are truly appreciative of your efforts. It was good to be with the brethren in Buna, Texas once again. Buna was our first work as a Preacher of the Gospel. I started preaching there full time when I was 21 years old. Those brethren were really tolerant. HA! God has blessed our lives in so many wonderful ways. To have been with the church here for almost 45 years is more than we ever expected. This congregation has been, and is now a light throughout the East Texas area and beyond. You all have been such a blessing to our lives. I have always said, I wish every preacher had been able to work with a group of Christians like those in this church. We love you so much. It is good to be home.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**CLINT ELLIS has been released from the hospital. He is recovering at home.**

**SHEILA LINK had surgery last week.**

**SONDA BAKER is awaiting results from a biopsy.**

**PHILLIP CASTILLO continues to undergo radiation treatments.**

**ED FURMAN was with us last Sunday, but continues to need our prayers.**

**Please pick up a prayer list with the names of others who continue to need our prayers.**

**MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**  
Tomorrow night we will resume our Monday Night for the Master. If you are new to our congregation, once a month we meet to do odd jobs around the building and sign cards for the sick, shut in's and people not attending regularly. We will meet for a meal at 6:15 and begin working at 7 PM. If you can prepare a dessert, please see Sandy Singleterry, Shelly Franklin or Ann Mottern. This is a great work, it is appreciated by all who receive a card, and saves the church on maintenance, plus a great time for fellowship. Make plans to be here.

**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.

## **“Now This is My Interpretation”**

Many of us have heard someone advocate their own pet religious doctrine, and then justify (?) it with the statement, “*Now this is my interpretation of the Bible; and we all have a right to our own interpretation.*” Many times they have scarcely read what the Bible says on the subject, to say nothing of having made the careful study necessary for objective interpretation. Perhaps they have accepted the preacher's word for it; who, in turn accepted the word of some school teacher, commentator, or church father. Perhaps they read the Bible *AFTER* mentally acquiescing to a doctrine advocated by their parents or friends. Frequently this “interpretation” bit is only an effort to give respectability to a purely private opinion. “Interpretation” — when properly used with reference to God's Word, means, “to tell the meaning of.” *The “meaning” must originate with the Bible, not in the person's imagination.* In any event, no one has the right to speak of their interpretation of the Bible until they have made a careful study of the text, in its context, coordinated all like passages, and reached a conclusion that is based upon biblical truth. DAN

***GENUINE BIBLE  
STUDY IS NOT A  
GUESSING GAME!***