

# Teen News

Good morning and thank you for being here! Thanks to those who stayed for the sandwich supper last Sunday. We had a lot of people who made sandwiches and deserts. I have never seen so many sandwiches! We are very proud of our young people who participated in the Lads to Leaders program this year. You all did very well, CONGRATULATIONS. We are looking forward to next year and hopefully many more will join in. We need to encourage our young people to get involved as much as we can. After all they will be our leaders in the future. Church Camp is just a couple of months away! We have eight from this congregation going. We will have another meeting next month about camp. I hope you all have a great week!

BEN

## WHY DO PREACHERS PREACH?

Why do God's preachers preach? When a servant of God determines to proclaim the sacred message of Christ, he will preach the glorious gospel of his free will. He puts in his heart a hope behind his preaching. Like his Master, he has been sent to, "preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captive, recover of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" Luke 1:18. He preaches in hope that the Lord will minister grace and mercy to men's sin sick soul. If he is called of God, he will remain faithful to preach Christ in season and out. He will not adjust his messages based on the response of men. His heart will be set to comfort God's people. Some hearers will get angry, some will remain silent, some will try to correct him, others will even praise him. None of these things will deter him from hoping that some will hear and be saved. All that being true, preachers are frail men that need to be encouraged to know if someone has heard God speak to their soul. This is why I have proclaimed God's Word for over 50 years. DAN

## THEIR HEARTS WERE WRONG

The one thing Ananias and Sapphira coveted more than money was the praise of men. Acts chapter 5. They were even willing to give up a little money and take on a form of religion to get it. Barnabas sold a piece of land, they imitated; Barnabas brought the price of the land, they imitated; Barnabas laid the price of his land down at the apostles feet, they imitated; Barnabas desired his money be distributed among the poor saints, they imitated. The deceit of Ananias and Sapphira outwardly toward the brethren was evil. But their crime was in their heart against God. The lesson is simple. God will receive nothing less than complete surrender to him. Submit wholly to Christ through faith and cease deceiving your own heart. God will not be mocked. People do what they want to do. They do what they do freely without being forced to do so. People were not forced to crucify Christ. Pilate was said to have, "Delivered Jesus to their will." While they were acting freely and uncoerced, they were doing neither more nor less than "Whatsoever Thy hand and Thy counsel determined before to be done." Men do precisely what they want, and God exercises absolute sovereignty over men's, but we make choices that are often not in harmony with God's Will. Their hearts were wrong. IS YOURS?

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# Gospel Worker

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## "LADS TO LEADERS"



## PARTICIPANTS WITH THEIR AWARDS. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU ALL!

**Young people involved in “LADS TO LEADERS” honored last Sunday night at Fellowship.**



*From Dan's desk:*

I am working with the church in Jasper, Texas today in a special series of lessons. I was with them last year and they had asked if I would come again this year. They are wonderful people and I will look forward to working with them this week. My thanks to Ben Rhone for speaking this morning while I am away in the meeting. Thanks also to the men for speaking tonight. It is always great to know that we have people who can step in at any moment and do whatever needs to be done. Last Sunday night we all gathered in the activity building for a period of fellowship to honor those who went to participate in the “Lads To Leaders” program. It was just great. We really appreciate all those who work with the young people and preparing them for competition this year. The kids really did great and we are so proud of all of them. Clint and Doug presented awards to those young people who were involved in the program. It was a wonderful evening. Elsewhere in the bulletin you will find a picture of those young people who were present Sunday night for the presentation. Several were unable to be here. Be sure to offer these young people your encouragement for a job well done. We also had the opportunity to recognize Dale Sparks on his 80th birthday. We presented him with a cake. We love and appreciate Dale so much. There is no finer person than Dale. He does so much for the church and has always given so much of his time to build and strengthen the church. Thank you for being present today. If you are visiting with us, we hope you will come again real soon. It is always great to have visitors among us.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**IKE WEATHERLY** is having numerous health problems at this time.

**CLINT ELLIS's** kidney is failing. Has been placed on the transplant list.

**KERMIT GRIMSLEY, GERALD MORRIS, ANN SPARKS** and others who have recently had surgery are all doing better.

**DOLLYE JEFFUS** has been in hospital and will have surgery soon.

**AVERY MEYERS**, granddaughter of Patti Bowles, will have heart surgery on Tuesday in Boston.

**MATTHEW CHENAULT**, grandson of David & Sherron Carder, was in an accident last week. He has a concussion.

*Be sure and pick up a prayer list in the foyer of all those who have asked for our prayers.*

#### SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Reba Whitley and Mike Whitley in the death of Reba's brother and Mike's uncle, **JOHNNY GUNNELS** who passed away last week in Houston. Memorial services were held in Houston.

#### MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

A week from tomorrow night we will meet for Monday Night For The Master. We hope that each of you will want to participate. We will meet for pizza and salad at 6:15 P.M. and work between the 7 P.M. and 8 P.M. Please put this on your calendar.

**STRAIT IS THE GAIT & NARROW THE WAY**

“Enter ye in at the strait gate...Strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” “Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able” (Matthew 7:13; Luke 13:24) The words above were spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ. And He said in another place, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). Since then, HE is the “Strait gate,” “the narrow way,” and the “life:” and since HE is received through simple faith and trust (Acts 10:43; 16:30,31; Rom. 10:1-17; John 3:14-16, 36), WHY is the entrance and way of life described as being so strait, so narrow, so compressed, so difficult? Is it because men are so sinful and their sins so numerous that, with such a load, they cannot squeeze into the kingdom of God? No, that is not the difficulty. The most wicked and vile sinner who ever lived may enter the “strait gate” but they must come on the terms of Jesus. We must repent of our sins, Luke 13:3-5 and be baptized Mark 16:15-16, to get on the “strait and narrow”. Many have done that recently here at Crockett Rd. We thank God for those who have committed their lives to Jesus. Sometimes the real issue is staying on the strait and narrow. May God help us to do so.

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