

# Teen News

Thank you to the youth for helping last Sunday. The youth put together gift bags for the shut-ins. Thanks to Chloe, Isabel, Jayden, Chris, Kimmie and Kendall for going with us to deliver the gift bags to them. I know that they appreciated the gifts, the singing and the fellowship that you gave them. I know that you all are ready for Christmas break, I know Keri is! I hope each of has a great week and a Merry Christmas.

BEN

## “WHY DO WE COME?”

Among the several very good reasons we come together on Sunday is the opportunity to participate in the Lord's Supper. We learn from Acts 20:7 that it is one of the main reasons the original Christians met on Sundays. Furthermore, the apostle instructs us to participate in this memorial in a reverent manner, considering what it represents for Christians (1 Cor. 11:27-29). The Lord's Supper is a memorial. It is a key part of our worship to God, a reminder to commemorate Christ's love for us — it reminds us that He *gladly* substituted His life for ours (Phil. 2:7-8, John 10:17-18), and in this memory we should be motivated to offer better service in His kingdom. *The reason we "bother" to remember our Savior's death each week is because of our love for Him and His sacrifice.* DAN

## “HAPPINESS GOES LIKE THIS....”

If we are going to be happy, we are going to have to learn from God how to be happy (Psalm 143:10). God teaches through His word that, if we are going to be happy, we have to learn to appreciate every day (Psalm 118:24), we have to trust Him with all of our heart (Proverbs 16:20) and we have to relish the Scriptures (Psalm 19:8). But it is not enough to learn how to be happy, we must also understand the foundation for true happiness. Consider this truth in Psalms 11:3, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" If the foundation of happiness is destroyed, there will be no happiness. Physically speaking, the foundation is of great importance in anything you desire to build. This principle is even more significant spiritually speaking (Matthew 7:24-27). Happiness is founded upon God's presence. Happiness is not founded upon our earthly accomplishments (Ecclesiastes 1:14); it is ultimately measured by our relationship with God. DAN

## DOOR GREETERS

Dec. 25, 2016

**Pam Gallaway & Sue Grubbs**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

Dec. 25, 2016

**Robert & Lois Duzan**

# Gospel Worker

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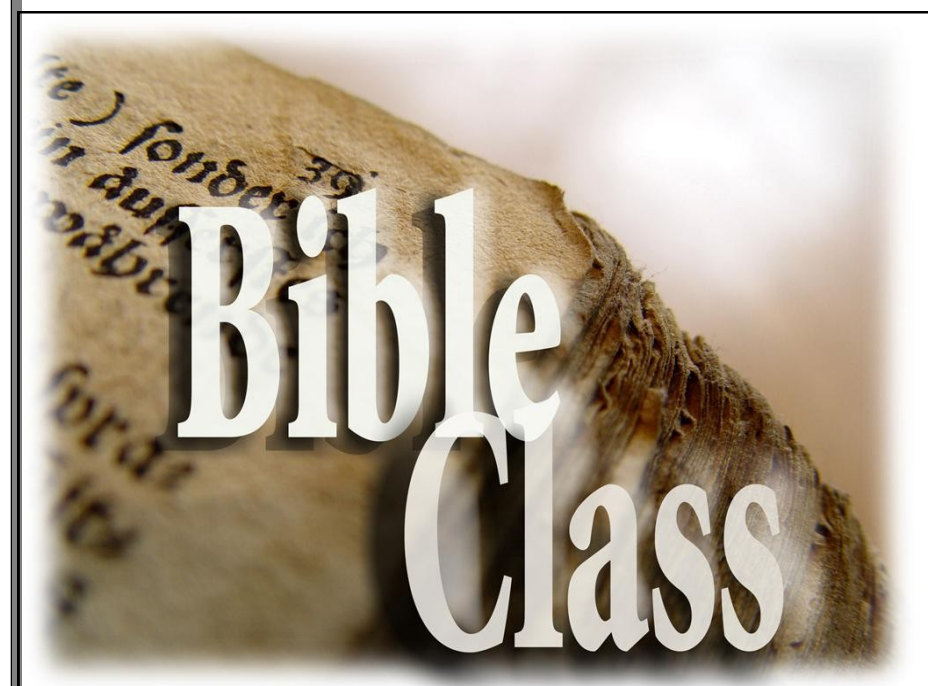
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**ASSEMBLY TIMES**  
Sun: 9:30 AM Class  
10:30 AM Worship  
6:00 PM Evening  
Wed: 7:00 PM



The Elders have made the decision to change the usual schedule for next Sunday Dec. 25th. Because Christmas Day falls on Sunday morning we are suspending the regular Bible Classes that morning. We will have worship (as we are commanded) at the regular times of 10:30 A.M. and 6 P.M. We hope and trust that each of you will want to be present for these periods of glorifying God congregationally. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season. **THE ELDERS**

**Numerous activities remain on schedule.**

**ONE BAPTIZED**



*From Dan's desk:*

**Busy, Busy, Busy.** That describes the congregation here. With all the activities that are ongoing this time of year, we all have been extremely busy. That is great. A busy church is an active church. “A body that is in motion, stays in motion.” Our trip to Natchitoches was just wonderful. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to Charles McCullough for driving the bus again this year. We really appreciate Charles. Charles does so much that often goes unnoticed. Last week, I had the privilege of studying with Amiee Osmond and she was baptized Wednesday of last week. We are happy for her upon this decision. I have had additional studies with others this week and I am sure that others will be baptized into Christ soon. Thanks to those who went to Pam Gallaway’s home last Monday night. Everyone had a great time. The food and fellowship was just delicious. Remember that tonight after the worship service we will be going to the home of David and Jennifer Sparks home for the Annual Christmas party. If you have an “ugly sweater”, plan to wear it. It will be a lot of fun and we always have a lot of folks attend. Please be reminded that next Sunday morning, we will not have regular Bible classes. We will meet at 10:30 A.M. for the regular worship hour and then again at 6 P.M. as usual. The Elders felt that families needed that extra time next Sunday morning with their families. Thanks for being here this morning. **DAN**

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



## **TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS**

**LORETTA YOUNG is recovering from a stroke. She's in rehab in Tyler.**

**SUSIA TATE is also recovering from recent back surgery.**

**ORRE COSTLOW is also recovering from hernia surgery this last week in Dallas. He is improving at home.**

**JAMES BIRDOW is improving in the hospital in Houston.**

**IRENE (McCALLY) BEE is in very serious condition in hospital at PRM.**

**EMERALD ELLIS was in the hospital in Tyler last week. She is doing better.**

**Others who have been ill are doing better.**

*Please Pick up a prayer list in the foyer.*

## **SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to Clauis Lamb in the death of his brother-in-law, **NEAL DICKENS**. He passed away on Wednesday morning in Baytown. Services are pending.

## **RESPONSES**

**BAPTIZED**

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## **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.

## **Does your cup of joy overflow?**

The blessings of being in Christ are overflowing, beginning with the forgiveness He offers. To be forgiven means to be pardoned, to be found not guilty (Rom. 8:1). Since we are indeed guilty (Rom. 3:23) forgiveness can only be found through the blood of Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:17). Our God is ready to forgive (Ps. 86:5) and when we meet His terms of pardon, He promises us that He will be merciful and forgiving (Heb. 8:12). As Christians we can lean upon the God of all comfort (2 Cor. 1:3). We can find comfort in the fact that God will supply all of our needs, that He will never leave us nor forsake us and that we can approach Him for help in our time of need (Phil. 4:19; Heb. 13:5-6; Heb.4:16; Ps.46:1). Another blessing with which our cup overflows is the hope that we have in Christ Jesus. Those who have made spiritual preparation by obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ and living faithfully (Phil 1:27) will be raised unto eternal life (John 5:29). The resurrection of Jesus Christ provides us reason to hope for eternal life (Titus 1:2). What blessings our God is willing to pour out upon His people! When we as children of God think about all the blessings we receive I believe we can all say, “my cup runneth over.” Thank God for all the wonderful blessing that come to us each day of our lives. May we in the coming New Year 2017, express our joy to those around us every day. **DAN**