

Good morning and welcome to services! We had such a great time celebrating Dan and Audrey last week during our quarterly fellowship. Thanks to all who stayed. We had quite a few young people at our March Monday Night for the Master. If you are not attending these work nights we encourage you to do so. We have a great time eating together and working together. L2L prep is going well and we are excited about convention in Fort Worth this year. Be sure to pick up an April calendar to stay up to date on all the happenings. DOUG

"but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31 ESV

Should We Attack

It was during World War II, in preparation for the Battle of the Bulge, the Allied Forces called every available man to readiness. One unit, consisting of office workers, was hastily converted to infantry and assigned to a section of road that was expected to be under fire within hours. The first order was for the men to dig foxholes. One man, who had spent years at a typewriter, had little success in the stone-hard ground. Finally, he approached his commanding officer and said, "Sir wouldn't it be easier if we just attacked and made them dig the foxholes?" While it is true that we must hold our ground (Ephesians 6:10-17), I think that we sometimes are too content to merely hold the ground that we have. We need to be on the move for the Master. Like Caleb, we need to be conquering mountains and overcoming giants (Joshua 14:12). Like Peter, we need to leave the shore and launch out into the deep (Luke 5:4). As Christians we are challenged to be in an offensive as well as a defensive mode. Let's move forward. DAN

"STAND BY YOUR PRINCIPLES"

You have to dare to stand for your principles when the world around you doesn't. lt doesn't matter what is in the head. It's the heart that matters." It was Samuel who said: "for the Lord seeth not as a man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7) God found that heart in a young boy by the name of David When the soldiers in Israel's army saw Goliath, the Philistine, they fled and were very afraid. When David heard the words of Goliath, he said to the men of Israel: "who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defv the armies of the living God?" David had a heart for God and faith in his God. It was David, a young man, who faced Goliath, the champion of the Philistines. Standing before the giant, David said: "Thou comes to me with a sword, but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel thou hast defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee . . . that all the earth may know that there is a God. 1 Samuel 17:45-46) David showed what was in his heart. In America, we need some young people who will stand up with convictions to challenge the Goliaths in our world. DAN

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6:00 PM Evening

Wed: 7:00 PM

Get On Track and Stay There

A man bought a new hunting dog. Eager to see how he would perform, he took him out to track a bear. No sooner had they gotten into the woods than the dog picked up the trail. Suddenly he stopped, sniffed the ground, and headed in a new direction. He had caught the scent of a deer that had crossed the bear's path. A few moments later he halted again, this time smelling a raccoon that had crossed the path of the deer. Then a turkey, a rabbit, and so on, until finally the breathless hunter caught up with his dog, only to find him barking triumphantly down the hole of a field mouse.

One of the things for which Paul prayed was for his brethren in Colossae to be able to "approve the things that are excellent" (Phil. 1:10). He used a word here that was common among metallurgists. As they tested the quality of metal, they "approved" in the metal that which was genuine. It is used in this passage of testing that which is good or evil. That is not always easy. Easy or not, it is the thing responsible Christians must do.

Our faith gets involved in this. We should test the Excellency of our personal faith. Peter informed his readers that "for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials" but also told them how beneficial such would be. He concluded, that "your faith, which is more precious than all the gold in the world, may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed" (1 Pet. 1:6-7). The word "proved" here is the same as in Col. 1:10). Often Christians start out with high resolve, putting the kingdom of God first in their lives, but their attention is soon diverted to things of lesser worth. One pursuit leads to another until they've strayed far from their original purpose. Let us do our best to put first things first. So, take the divine admonition and stay on track and let nothing cause you to deviate from the straight and narrow way.

"Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before vou" (Prov. 4:25). SELECTED NUMBER 13 **MARCH 27, 2022**

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Manuel's were blessed on their 50th Anniversary with Crockett Rd.



From Dan's desk:

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Audrey and I want to sincerely thank all of you for the wonderful 50th Anniversary celebration. We had no idea that such a celebration was in the making. Your love and appreciation of our efforts and years of service to God and the church reminds us each day of how blessed we are to be working with such wonderful people. Thanks to Doug and Alison, The Elders and Deacons and others who spearheaded this event in the activity building. The Scholarship fund is tremendously nice and we always want to encourage young preachers and the funds received will help accomplish that. Your awards given and gifts as well as the kind remarks made by David, Dwight, Ben Doug and others will linger in our hearts forever. I was not aware that the Governor's office and the Texas state legislature had awarded us an official certificate respectively. They are pictured at the right. Thank you again for a wonderful day, and for loving our family.

Dan, Audrey & Family

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





RANDY FOREMAN had a heart oblation last week but is home improving.

DOUG LOWE is improving following a heart procedure last week. LORETTA YOUNG has gone to rehab at Legacy at Town Creek. DAVID MITCHELL will have gallbladder surgery next week. DALE SPARKS has been undergo-

ing tests recently.

FRED KING continues to undergo heart tests.

DIANE WILCHER is still awaiting results from tests.

SANDY SINGLETERRY will undergo back surgery soon.

SHELIA McCULLOUGH has been undergoing tests this last week. A Prayer list is available in foyer

The certificates given in behalf of the Manuel's 50 years with the church here from the Governor and the Texas Legislature are shown to the right.

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.



Dan Manuel

Crockett Road Church of Christ Palestine, Texas

As Governor of Texas, I am honored to extend congratulations as you celebrate fifty years of service and ministry with Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine.

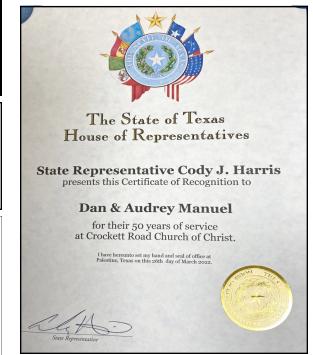
Throughout the Lone Star State, members of the elergy stand as pillars of inspiration. As a steward of a community of faith, you have offered strength and guidance that has projectually influenced the fives of your fellow Texans. Your faith and good deeds highlight the best of our great state.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in thanking you for your service and sending best wishes for many more years of ministry.



In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 18th day of March, 2022.

Greg Abbott Governor of Texas



April 3, 2022

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Doug Lowe is improving a heart procedure this last week. Shelia McCullough has been undergoing tests in Tyler. Dale Sparks has also been undergoing tests in Tyler. Sandy Singleterry is scheduled for back surgery soon. Randy Foreman is improving following a heart oblation in Dallas last week. David Mitchell is scheduled for gallbladder surgery but awaiting issues with a-fib Jerry Thornton of Canton, is undergoing additional cancer treatment for cancer. Jamie Flores (relative of Dale Sparks) is being tested for possible MS. Diane Wilcher has been undergoing tests this last week. Loretta Young has been moved to rehab at Legacy at Town Creek nursing facility. Oleta Lambert (mother of Mark Lambert) in Mabank nursing home seriously ill. Shirleen Taylor friend of some in the church is recovering from burns in Dallas hospital. She is some better. Darren Quick friend of some in the church has esophagus cancer. Michelle Prater friend of some in the church has cancer. Fred King is having heart tests again this week. William Hawkins son of Bill and Linda is having health issues and tests run this week. Christine Oliphant is doing well following chemo treatments. Bryce Stewart (former member) has cancer and requests prayer. Emily Davis (granddaughter of the Hollands) has brain cancer. Kenneth Holland is still having breathing issues.

Remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers.

They need our prayers. Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Mary Ann Colling, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Marlene Thompson, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Irma Ray, Patsy Bush, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, Martha Sims. **NOTE:** We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list or removed, please notify us in the church office. The Elders