

## Teen News

Good morning and welcome to services! We are so glad you are here. If you aren't joining us for Bible class on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights we hope you will consider doing so. We are continuing our Bible marking studies in various topics on Sundays and studying Peter in Acts on Wednesdays. It's hard to believe it's almost time for L2L convention. Our scrapbook team will be meeting today following worship and will work all afternoon. Our puppet team will meet at 4:00 today and work on our show until just before the evening worship. Things are really coming along well! We hope everyone has a great week!

DOUG“

What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?” Mark 8:36

### 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.”**

### “Nitpickers”

One of the favorite “pastimes” for many is that of “FINDING FAULT”. It is true of people in America, in the home, the church, at the work place and often among friends. Instead of searching for flaws, wouldn't it be better to search for the good things. Some are chronic complainers and the greatest JOY they often experience is endeavoring to search for the worst in folks instead of looking for the redeemable ones. Some complain about the food and service at the restaurants, weather conditions, length of sermons, song service. If someone gets preferential treatment, some are so envious and jealous they can't stand it. When they do search for the good, their main focus is on themselves, and not on others. What a horrible way of life. Those too often who are unhappy with themselves, do their best to make others feel that way. Such folks are known and often avoided by many. It might be well to take a look in the spiritual mirror to determine if our attitude might need an adjustment. With an attitude of looking for good and promoting others instead of self, one might find life worth living again and just might dismiss a lot of unhappiness from their lives. HOW ABOUT YOU?

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Door Greeters

Security Team

Communion Preparation

Sam and Cheryl Ellis

# Gospel Worker

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### DEACONS

Henry Baker

Steve Camp

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Steve Handley-Prison Min.

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Sojourners

Central TX Children's

Home—Buda, TX

Tipton Children's Home

Tipton, OK

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Charles, La

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class

10:30 AM Worship

6 :00 PM Evening

Wed: 7:00 PM

## “ARE YOU WALKING IN LIGHT OR DARKNESS?”

Where are you walking? "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light" (1 Jn. 2:9, 10). "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death" (1 Jn. 3:14).

Some brethren are more loving and lovable than others. We will not feel the same emotional affection or attachment to some that we do toward others. However, we must "love (all) the brethren," for "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen" (1 Jn. 4:20)?

How do we know if we "love the brethren"? "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments" (1 Jn. 5:2). Those who "love God, and keep his commandments" do not maintain membership in man made churches, worshipping God according to the traditions and commandments of men (Matt. 15:8, 9, 13). Their devotions are "in vain," the Savior said. Their religious plant, not being planted of God, "shall be rooted up." One does not "love the brethren" when he walks contrary to the commandments of Christ. If the man referred to above truly loved the brethren, he would "love God, and keep his commandments." If he loved the brethren, he would not be endorsing a religious institution unknown to the New Testament. He would not be following human traditions that make void the word of God (Mk. 7:7, 13; 1 John. 5:2). Therefore, he has not "passed from death unto life." Have you passed from death to life?

**Dan and Audrey are out of town for a Gospel Meeting. Ben Rhone preaching this morning and Dwight Franklin tonight at 6 P.M.**

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

I am out of town today holding a Gospel meeting with the church in San Augustine, Texas. My thanks to BEN and DWIGHT for preaching this morning and tonight. They always do a great job and I am sure that will happen today. Last Sunday evening MIKE DAVIS responded to be baptized. He had been baptized a number of years ago and wanted to make sure he had done it for the right reason. We commend him on this decision. We are glad that each of you are in attendance this morning and we hope and pray that you will be blessed by your presence at both services. We still have a number of brethren who are on the prayer list. I hope you will get a copy in the foyer and pray for those listed. I know that God's ears are open to our petitions and that those who are ill will appreciate your concern and prayers. Thanks to those who came for Monday Night For The Master last Monday evening. It was a great evening and we so appreciate you coming to work and support the efforts of others who help in various areas of service and the one who provided the meal. The month of April is upon us and the beautiful dogwoods and flowers remind us that there is a God who makes it all possible. Continue to pray for us while we are away in the meeting and we hope you will be back tonight to hear the lesson. You will be blessed and God will be honored by your presence.

DAN



### **TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS**

**DONNIE WELLS is recovering from surgery**

**LU GANNON is also recovering from surgery on her arm.**

**RENEE' WHITLEY is still undergoing cardiac tests.**

### **DISHES**

**If you recently provided food for a luncheon or other occasions, there are several dishes that have been returned to the building. They are available in the small fellowship hall.**

### **RESPONSE**

**MIKE DAVIS**

**BAPTIZED**

**We commend him on this decision.**

A woman walked up to a little old man rocking in a chair on his porch. "I couldn't help noticing how happy you look," she said. "What's your secret for a long happy life?"

"I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day," he said. "I also drink a case of whiskey a week, eat fatty foods, and never exercise."

"That's amazing," the woman said. "How old are you?"

"Twenty-six," he said.

### **WHAT WE NEED**

"We do not need more national development; we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power; we need more spiritual power. We do not need more knowledge; we need more character. We do not need more law; we need more Christianity. We do not need more of the things that are seen; we need more of the things that are unseen" (President Calvin Coolidge) Corresponding to the above thoughts, the Bible says, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven....Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2). "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18). The next time you hear some hedonist humanist tell us that we need more money for welfare, more funds for education, more tax revenue for more police and jailhouses, you might remember what our real needs are. It is because we lack what is pure and true that we need more money for depraved deadbeats. It is because we have distributed condoms rather than moral conviction that we need more cash for welfare programs. It is because we have spoiled our children with a false sense of freedom and an illusory concept of "self esteem," and have not spanked them with the law of discipline and virtue and that's why we need more police and penitentiaries. May God give us the strength to help our children develop spiritual character. When we do so, we will change America as we now know it. **ADAPTED**

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Sunday April 13th 2025**

Renee' Whitley is undergoing tests on her heart and esophagus

Donnie Wells is improving following surgery this last week.

Steve Camp continues to undergo tests.

Braden McInnis, nephew of Shelly Franklin is recovering from a fall and additional heart tests. He is back home now.

Jerry Sturgess (former member) suffered an accident and broke his leg and asked for prayer.

Mary Alice Largent has been undergoing tests. She is better.

Ann Sparks is improving and undergoing rehab following a recent fall at Legacy.

Rodney and Robin Covington have both been undergoing tests.

Loraine Satterwhite, mother of Clint is recovering from surgery at her home.

Mark Thornton, brother of Cindy Thornton, had recent surgery. and is better.

David Carder has been ill at home, but is undergoing tests & treatment.

Will Hawkins, son of Bill and Linda, is having health issues.

Bryan Titlow, cousin of Jim Ricard, has cancer & is undergoing treatment.

Jerame Gipson's friend, Lisa Safronoff, remains about the same.

All others are improving at home.

**Remember those in nursing homes and home bound in your prayers.**

Courtney Bell, Patsy Bush, Mary Chambless, Opalene Chapman, Mary Ann Colling, Ed and Kathleen Compton, Blackie Foreman, George Wooden, Bobby Johnson, Joyce Matlock, Vernetta Walker, Lanova Mitchell, Ann Holland, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Martha Sims, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, Charlie Young, Johnny Jenkins, and Cecil Stanaland.

**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. Please notify us in the office.