

Good morning and welcome to services! We are so glad you are here. We had such a wonderful Wednesday night singing service led by our young men. They always do such a great job and it's such an encouragement to know that our future at Crockett Road is bright. Lads to Leaders is this weekend! Everyone has worked so hard getting ready for convention and we can wait to see all the hard work pay off. All art submissions needs to be turned in by Wednesday night so we can transport them to convention on Thursday. We hope everyone has a great week! DOUG

"But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive."

Genesis 50:20

### **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."

## CHURCH GROWTH **SEMINAR**

To be held at the Faith Village Church of Christ in Wichita Falls Texas. Various speakers will be on hand. This will take place the week of April. 23-26. Dwayne Hagemeier has any additional info if you are interested in attending.

Monday Night for the Master One week from tomorrow night is Monday Night for the Master. We will meet at 6:15 PM for a meal of Pizza and Salad and then begin our work at 7PM. We are always finished by around 8 PM. If you are too busy to give the Lord one hour of service per month, you need to think about your priorities. Come join us. The fellowship is a bonus.

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### ARE WE REALLY A NATION UNDER GOD?"

How far will our nation go from God? Yet many who claim to believe in God are breaking down this nations spiritual fiber by the way they live. What does "One nation under God" really mean? The phrase one nation under God inherently means that we must be like God. God is wholly and completely righteous (1 Pet. 1:15, Heb. 12:14). Therefore, we as a nation must strive to be a righteous people. Solomon declared, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34). The only way our nation will be an exalted and wonderful place to live is when its people strive to do what is right in God's eves. However, there are many practices in our nation that are a sinful reproach to God. For example, when we legalize abortion in our country we are no longer righteous (Prov. 6:16-19). When we allow homosexual marriages and lifestyles to be acceptable God is not pleased with us (Lev. 18:22, Rom. 1:26ff). When gambling, immorality, and all kinds of filth are popular are we really one nation under God? Let's strive to put away sin and be a righteous people! To be one nation under God necessarily means we are under His word. The founders of our constitution and pledge of allegiance based much of their text upon teachings from the Bible. It is long overdue for our country to go back to the Bible for instruction. If we really want our country to be under God we must let God's word be over us. This means that each citizen must live his life by the word of God. It means that we should look to the Bible for the characteristics of a good political candidate. It also means that we should look to God's word as the legal standard for moral and ethical issues. The Bible must be the main textbook for everything our nation does! It is heart rendering to see a time when our judicial courts try to overthrow God and the religious foundation of our nation. But what may be even sadder is the fact that many already have taken God out of our country by the way they live and act. If we have already removed God then let's repent and put Him back over our nation. The only way this nation will ever survive these trying times is to strive to be righteous and Biblical. May God give us the strength and courage to accomplish this!

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## HOW OFTEN DO YOU ATTEND WORSHIP SERVICES? One responded during the Gospel Meeting.



# From Dan's desk:

## We worship at Crockett Rd. Church Of Christ

In January Barna Research Group published a survey concerning church attendance that was very alarming. Their survey showed that only 40% of American adults attend church services on a typical weekend. How shocking that 6 out of every 10 people don't attend church services regularly! Of the sixty percent who don't attend church regularly, an estimated twenty percent either don't believe in God or have no desire for religion. But what about the other forty percent who don't attend? These may not attend church services regularly because they have not realized the inherent value of worship. What makes worship so valuable? **Our Creator.** A knowledge of and a personal relationship with God makes worship essential to the Christian life. It is in worship that we praise and magnify God for who He is and what He has done for us (Jn. 4:24). When worshipping God we realize our purpose in life is to glorify Him in every way (Isa. 43:7). It is this close communion with God that makes us humble ourselves and focus on eternity (James 4:10, Eccl. 12:13-14). The Lord's brother sums it up by saying, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8). Our Bible. Studying the Bible makes worship an invaluable time for us. Job said, "I have treasured Your words more than my necessary food" (Job. 23:12). Our Lord encouraged us to "hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matt. 5:6). Many people today are starving for spiritual food. Worshipping God through the study and preaching of His word is one way we can fill this void. Please note that in the Bible, worship is not an option it is a must (Jn. 4:23-24). May we continue to WORSHIP at this place Thanks to those who filled in for me last Lord's Day in worship. Our meeting in San Augustine went great. One responded to the invitation during the meeting. It is good to be back home and to be in worship with you today. See you tonight. DAN.

# PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**DONNIE WELLS continues to im**prove following recent surgery TIM VASQUEZ AUNT KARLA is recovering from injury during a tornado in Ark. Last week. A Prayer list available in the fover Public Enemy #1 Our Our #1 enemy is Satan. His main objective is to cause each of us to lose our soul in the burning fires of Hell. We are warned in 1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." We must constantly watch out for Satan. He is very dangerous! Satan is real. He is not a fictitious character in a red suit, horns, and a tail and carrying a pitchfork. Satan can appear in many different forms. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 11:14-15, "For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness." Satan is a master of disguise. He and his ministers can appear to us so innocently. Satan's main weapon is the lie. Jesus says concerning Satan in John 8:44, "When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." Satan knows all of our weaknesses and how to tempt and deceive us. In Genesis 2:16-17 God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or they would die. But in Genesis 3:4 Satan told eve, "You shall not surely die." Satan only added the word "not" to what God said and changed it into a lie. Ron **Boatwright** 

## What Kind of Christian Are YOU? (author unknown)

Some are like wheelbarrows - have to be pushed; Some are like trailers -have to be pulled. Some are like kites -always trying to fly away. Some are like kittens -more contented when petted. Some are like footballs -you can never tell which way they will bounce. Some are like balloons - full of wind & ready to explode. Some are like neon signs - always going on & off. Some are like a "dead" battery - no energy or power. Some are like the hitchhiker - want a free ride Some are like an iceberg - cold and dangerous. Some are like a candle under a basket useless. Some are like salt mixed with sand - no saving power. Some are like little children -no sense of responsibility. Some are like falling leaves -carried away with the wind of doctrine. Thank God, some are like the Rock of Gibraltar —

## **PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

## Sunday April 13th 2025

**Donnie Wells is improving following surgery recently.** Joe Hancock is recovering from heart surgery this last Thursday in Longview, Texas Robert Johnson minister in Longview is seriously ill in Okla. Rocky Whitely, minister in Bryan, Texas is recovering from lung surgery in Bryan. Steve Camp continues to undergo tests. Tim Vasquez' Aunt Karla was injured in a tornado in Arkansas last week. Braden McInnis, nephew of Shelly Franklin is recovering from a fall and additional heart tests. He is back home now. Lu Gannon has an appointment with an oncologist for treatment. Jerry Sturgess suffered an accident and broke his leg and asked for prayer. 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. David Carder has been ill at home, but is undergoing tests & treatment. Will Hawkins, son of Bill and Linda, did not get a good report on blood work. 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.