

# Teen News

Tonight we will have our Chili cook off and cake auction. This has always been a fun event in the past and I hope you will join us. This is a donations only event. All donations will go toward knocking down the cost of LTC and also the cost of summer camps this year. We hope to see everyone out in the activity building tonight after the evening worship services.

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

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In an argument, a woman always has the last word. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

If it's true that girls are inclined to marry men like their fathers, it is understandable why so many mothers cry so much at weddings.

How many librarians does it take to change a light bulb? Just six. One gets ready to change the light bulb while the other five form a review committee and write a letter of protest to the Dean, because, changing light bulbs IS NOT professional work



## Those to Serve March 2011

### A.M . Opening

- 6 Adam Harding  
13 Sam Ellis  
20 Guest  
27 Robert Duzan

### P.M. Opening

- 6 Jack Thomason  
13 Ike Weatherly  
20 Dwight Franklin  
27 Bernie Baur

### A.M. Closing

- 6 Steve Camp  
13 Ben Rhone  
20 Guest  
27 David Sparks

### P.M. Closing

- 6 Graham Williams  
13 Blake Baker  
20 Mark Johnson  
27 Bill Chandler

## Serve Communion

Gary Todd  
Billy Lane  
Dwight Franklin  
Tom Watson

Jim Cook  
Jacob Britton  
Jerry Sturgess  
J.B. Matlock

## Communion Preparation



- 6 Dee & Tiffany Bell  
13 Mike & Renee Whitley  
20 Gary & Martha Oliver  
27 Jim & Brandy Ricard

## DOOR GREETERS

**March 6, 2011**  
**James & Sandy Singleterry**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

**March 6, 2011**  
**Dee & Tiffany Bell**

# Gospel Worker

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### ELDERS

Dan D. Manuel  
Dale Sparks

### DEACONS

Henry Baker  
Sam Ellis  
Dwight Franklin  
Adam Harding  
Kyle Lock

### SECRETARY

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### MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Brown Trail School of  
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Hershel Bearden  
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*Tanzania Africa Work*  
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## One Nation Under God?

How far will our nation go from God? Did we not learn from September 11? The only way this nation will ever stand and prosper is to be under God's control. The atheist, skeptic and cynic are trying to push God out of our country. 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 eyes. 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!



## **“ONE RESPONDS TO THE CALL OF CHRIST.”**

### **Monday Night For The Master Tomorrow night.**



**From Dan's desk:**

Thank each of you for being present this morning. It is always an exciting time when God's people can gather for worship. This morning we will praise God from whom all blessings flow. We hope that each of you will join together with us this morning in singing, praying, studying the word of God and observing the supper of the Lord Jesus and in the offering of your contribution to our God. Last Sunday evening ARNOLD SHELLENBARGER responded to the invitation of Christ asking for the prayers of the church here in his behalf. He stated that he wanted to have a "more forgiving heart". We are grateful for his spirit. Tomorrow night is "Monday Night For The Master". We hope that many of you will want to join us for a work session. There is always plenty to do and accomplish in our time together. We will meet at 6:15 P.M. for the evening meal and then begin the work that we have been called upon to do. Last month we had some fifty present for our meeting. This is always a great time of fellowship as well as accomplishing much in the time spent together. Thanks to Jane Grumbles who is responsible for making preparation for the meal together. We are grateful for those visiting this morning. DO come again. See you tonight.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



## **TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS**

### **PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**MARY ANN CHAPMAN** remains in the Hospital in Tyler.

**MATT SATTERWHITE** cousin of Clint Satterwhite, is recovering from an auto accident in Tyler.

**DENNIS ELLISON** underwent another round of chemo this week.

**GARY OLIVER AND GERALD WILCHER** are both undergoing radiation and chemo for cancer.

**DIANE WILCHER** had TIA or seizure this past week.

**SYBIL PERRY** was hospitalized this last week with pneumonia.

**MEMBERS WITH LONG-TERM ILLNESSES:** Dennis Ellison, Bill Hogan, Vonolga Roberson, Danny Sumrall, Hunter Sheridan, Toby Williams.

#### **SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS:**

Jeffery Dixon, Adam Keck & Blain Kline

## **RESPONSES FOR PRAYER: ARNOLD SHELLENBARGER**

### **Monday Night for the Master**

Tomorrow night is Monday Night for the Master. We will meet at 6:15PM for a meal of lasagna and the trimmings and then begin our work at 7PM. We are always finished by around 8PM. 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.

## **The Value of Worship**

In January 2000, 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 ([www.barna.org](http://www.barna.org)). 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).

**Our Impact.** The impact of worship on our own lives and the lives of those whom we contact makes worship vital. Studies show that those who go to worship live longer. The factors for this longevity of life are prayer, stress relief, inward peace and acceptance. Man has always tried to find ways to make life longer. Here is one proven way to increase the length of one's life. Studies also show that the impact worship has on our children is essential.