

# Teen News

Good morning to all of you and thanks for being here today. Thanks to all who went skating last Saturday, we all had a great time! Thanks to Jeff and Emily Sparks for providing lunch last Sunday and to all who came to the devo in the activity building. After services this evening we will meet at the activity building for a meal and to play volleyball. (youth & Adults) I hope you all will attend !!! BEN

## Clusters of Three

Three things to govern: Temper, Tongue, and Conduct.

Three things to cultivate: Courage, Affection, and Gentleness.

Three things to commend: Thrift, Industry, and Promptness.

Three things to wish for: Health, Contentment, and Friends.

Three things to admire: Dignity, Intellectual Power, and Gracefulness.

Three things to give: Alms to the needy, Comfort to the sad, and Appreciation to the Deserving.

## Let God Carry My Potatoes

The story is told of a poor man who plodded along toward home in an Irish town, carrying a huge bag of potatoes. A man came along in a horse-drawn wagon and invited the man to climb inside. When the man sat down in the wagon, he held the bag of potatoes in his arms. When it was suggested that he should set it down, he said very warmly, "I don't want to trouble you too much. You're giving me a ride; I'll carry the potatoes." Sometimes we think we're doing the Lord a favor when we carry the burden. But the work is His, and He asks us only to be faithful. Let us permit Him to "carry the potatoes" also. -Virgil Brown

LADIES: Bunko Night will resume on Thursday, February 20th at 5 P M, at Bon Appetite. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to come.

**RESPONSES  
BAPTIZED**  
**Lawna Henderson**  
**Tomball, Texas**  
**(granddaughter of**  
**Bob and Mary Stech)**

**DOOR GREETERS Feb 16, 2014**

**Mark & Linda Johnson**

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**  
**Feb 16, 2014**

**David & Jennifer Sparks**

# Gospel Worker

## Crockett Road Church of Christ

### **MINISTERS**

Dan D. Manuel  
*Pulpit Minister*  
Ben Rhone  
*Youth Minister*

### **ELDERS**

Dan D. Manuel  
Dale Sparks

### **DEACONS**

Henry Baker  
Sam Ellis  
Dwight Franklin  
Adam Harding  
Kyle Lock

### **SECRETARY**

Lorelee Reeder

### **MISSIONS & OUTREACH**

Brown Trail School of Preaching, Bedford, TX  
Jose Cuadras—Mexico  
*School of Preaching*  
Hershel Bearden  
*India Mission*  
Central TX Children's Home—Buda, TX  
Tipton Children's Home  
*Tipton, OK*  
GBN T.V. NETWORK  
GIVE ME THE BIBLE  
T.V. Program  
KETK-56 Tyler, TX.  
FOX 44—Waco, TX.  
FOX 29, Bryan-College Station, TX.  
NBC 53—Lufkin, TX.

### **ASSEMBLY TIMES**

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

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**February  
14th  
2014**

February 14th, is Valentine's Day. It is a day in which we like to express our love for our "sweethearts." On that day, we will give and receive Valentine's cards, eat chocolate and quote love poetry to one another, "My love is like a red, red, rose that's newly sprung in June..." We give gifts of roses, chocolate and Teddy bears to the ones we love the most and we receive their gifts of love in return. It truly is the most romantic day of the year.

Yet the Valentine's that we give to one another pale in comparison to that greatest expression of love, given by the Creator Himself. That greatest of Valentine's came in the form of Jesus Christ. The Bible teaches us, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17) It also teaches that Jesus was that perfect gift – given out of the motive of purest love. "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4:9-10)

**The gospel message is essentially a message of love. It is a message of the Creator's love for His creation.**

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# One Baptized Into Christ this last week Valentine Luncheon Weds.



**From Dan's desk:**

I had the opportunity visit and study with LAWNA HENDERSON this last week and baptize her into Christ for the remission of sins. Lawna is the granddaughter of Bob and Mary Stech. Lawna lives in the Tomball area, but expressed desire to obey the Gospel of Christ and we rejoice with her upon this confession of faith and her baptism into the Lord Jesus. She along with her mother Donna will be attending services in the Tomball area. The weather just keeps changing one day to the next. In a little over a month however, Spring will arrive. Even though the "Groundhog saw his shadow" in Pennsylvania, it does not indicate that we will have six more weeks of bad weather. Lorelee has been on vacation this last week, but will be back in the office tomorrow. If you see mistakes in the church bulletin, we can "still blame it on Lorelee". Ha! Thanks to those who helped out in the office this last week. We appreciate your time in answering the phone when the preacher had to be out of the office. We still have a number of folks that have been sick and several in the hospital recently. Let remember to lift them up in our prayers. God is a wonderful God who listens to our petitions that we bring before Him. Many who have been ill are improving and doing much better and for this we are thankful. We are planning a Valentine luncheon for the retirees in the congregation next Wednesday Feb. 12th in the activity building. We have a number of things planned and we hope you will want to join us for lunch and the program to follow. Parents are encouraged to pick up a YOUTH CALENDAR listing events that are being planned by BEN and KERI. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

**BOBBIE JOHNSON** was in Dallas this for tests at Southwestern Medical Center

**ED FURMAN** is at home recovering from surgery on his hip.

**GARY OLIVER** is taking chemo again and awaiting a bone marrow transplant.

**JIM HAHN** is improving at home from recent hospitalization.

**MIKE MASON** is better following surgery

**CURT DONALDSON** son of Mary Stech is undergoing tests.

**GENE CHANDLER**, brother of Bill Chandler, is improving in Tyler Hospital

**NORA DUDLEY** mother of Sam Ellis is recovering from Pneumonia.

**JOHNNY GUNNELS**, brother-in-law of Reba Whitley is recovering from surgery.

**MARY PARSONS** is seriously ill at home with hospice.

A minister was busy in his study preparing a sermon. He remembered that he had left a book he needed downstairs. He called his little daughter and explained where she could find the book. She went gladly, but returned in a moment with the wrong one. He hardly looked at the book but kissed her and said, "Thank you, darling." When she had gone, feeling happy and contented, he went quietly for the book he needed. That's what love is all about. I Cor. 13

### 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." Do come again**

## GOD'S LOVE

Love is essential for Christ's disciple. Love is a desire we awaken so that the abilities we practice and the opportunities we are presented with may be met with our actions. (Hebrews 10:23-25) Love has a power that, depending when awakened, may cause one to ascend upwards in bliss or downwards in despair. In his book, *The Road Less Traveled*, M. Scott Peck said, "I define love thus: The will to extend one's self for the purpose of nurturing one's own or another's spiritual growth." (p. 82) He continued by saying, "Love is not simply giving; it is judicious giving and judicious withholding as well. It is judicious praising and judicious criticizing. It is judicious arguing, struggling, confronting, urging, pushing and pulling in addition to comforting. It is leadership. The word 'judicious' means requiring judgment, and judgment requires more than instinct; it requires thoughtful and often painful decision making." Reflecting on Paul's tender words, an early disciple named Clement wrote this: "Love joineth us unto God; love covereth a multitude of sins; love endureth all things, is longsuffering in all things. There is nothing coarse, nothing arrogant in love. Love hath no divisions, love maketh no seditions, love doeth all things in concord. In love we're all the elect of God made perfect; without love nothing is well pleasing to God; in love the Master took us unto Himself; for the love which He had toward us.



Wireless communication is nothing new,  
I have been praying for years.