

# Teen News

I'm glad to see everyone this morning and it's good to be back here to worship our God! Thanks to all who went bowling last Sunday and to everyone who played volleyball too. We all had a very good time. Tonight after worship service we will have our church chili cook off and cake auction. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there and I hope you have made plans to be there to help. Also tomorrow night is Monday Night for the Master, this would be a good time to help do some work around the church and to fellowship with each other. Thanks again to Dwight and Shelly Franklin for providing lunch for the youth group last Sunday, it was very good!!

BEN

## TEACHING THE GOSPEL

The Gospel Radio Network has started running a number of broadcast each week. Bill Chandler has been writing articles each week for the Grapeland paper and on a Blog via the internet entitled "When Will We Learn." Some of his articles are being presented on the Gospel Radio Network. The link on the internet is [www.thegospelradionetwork.org](http://www.thegospelradionetwork.org). They can be heard each Tuesday at 11 A. M. and again at 11 P.M. You are invited to listen. Bill's blog address on the

internet is [www.whenwillwelearn.wordpress.com](http://www.whenwillwelearn.wordpress.com). You can go to that website and read the articles that are presented each week.

Thanks to Bill for his efforts. DAN



## Those to Serve MARCH 2014

### AM. Opening

02 Robert Duzan  
09 Kyle Lock  
16 Guest  
23 Mickey Bowles  
30 Dale Sparks

### P.M. Opening

02 Henry Baker  
09 Charles McCullough  
16 Doug Lowe  
23 R.D. Prince  
30 James Singleterry

### A.M. Closing

02 Billy Lane  
09 Johnny Jenkins  
16 David Sparks  
23 Donnie Fincher  
30 Jeff Sparks

### PM. Closing

02 J.B. Matlock  
09 Brandon Franklin  
16 Bill Chandler  
23 Jim Ricard  
30 Clint Satterwhite

## Serve Communion

Marty Nash  
Kermit Grimsley  
Jim Edge  
Dennis Ellison

Todd Perry  
Dee Bell  
Ben Rhone  
Jerry Sturgess

## Communion Preparation



2 Andy Link  
9 Charles McCullough  
16 Marty Nash  
23 Donnie Fincher  
30 Dwight Franklin

## DOOR GREETERS Mar. 2, 2014

**James & Sandy Singleterry**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION Mar 2, 2014

**Andy & Shelia Link**

# Gospel Worker

## Crockett Road Church of Christ

1717 Crockett Road; P.O. Box 288  
Palestine, Texas 75802  
903/723-6291  
[www.crockettroadchurchofchrist.org](http://www.crockettroadchurchofchrist.org)

### 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

## Diluted Truth

Growing up I used to watch all the Bowl Games on New Year's Day. There were about eight of them and they were confined to that 1 day. To get to a Bowl Game a team had to be really, really, really good. Now we are inundated with bowl games. There are so many that I cannot keep up with them. One Bowl Game had two teams whose coaches were fired for having such a poor season. Another Bowl Game had to get a special waver from the NCAA to allow a team with a losing record to play. Why the change over the last 50 years? Money and the desire of the colleges, the NCAA, and the organizers of these Bowls to make money. The end result is that the Bowl Season is now over a month long and most fans only keep up with their team. The bowls have become diluted to mean practically nothing. Such can be said to a lot of preaching that goes on today. It used to be that the Bible was preached in almost every pulpit. Now a lot of places hardly hear the Gospel of Christ. The conditions of salvation are often left out of sermons, and sin is not mentioned. In denominations the Bible is a relic, an outdated book with outdated principles. Every day in the Lord's church there are congregations where plain preaching is not appreciated. So what happened over the last 50 years? Man has decided that religion should concentrate on man and not God. Church has become a social organization with social programs and a social message. Some preachers today are good communicators but poor students. Churches have become businesses with "programs" and "outreaches." Money is needed to finance all of these activities. The truth is diluted to appeal to a larger audience. The end result is weak preaching and teaching.

VOLUME 50

NUMBER 8

Feb. 23, 2014

# **Chili Cookoff and Cake Sale tonight after services.**



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



Everyone is reminded that tonight after worship services we will join the youth in the activity building for the annual Chili-cookoff and cake auction. The event is not to raise money for the church to help support its efforts in preaching the gospel. The event is to allow those in the congregation to contribute toward our youth and help defray their cost in attending L.T.C. and Summer Youth camp, as well as other activities. It is a lot of fun. If you have never attended, please plan to be a part of our fellowship. Everyone that stayed last Sunday night (about 75) enjoyed the volleyball game. It was great. Thanks again to Ben and Keri and all those who stayed for the food and fellowship. Last Sunday morning MIKE HOWELL responded to the invitation of Christ to rededicate his life to the Lord. We bowed in prayer in his behalf and we now rejoice with him in this decision to work and serve the Lord. To those who may not know Mike, he is the son of Gaylon Howell and brother of Jennifer Sparks. Thanks to Dwight and Shelly Franklin for providing lunch for the Youth last Sunday morning following worship services. Thanks to the men who met yesterday for the breakfast and workday. We all enjoyed the day and a lot of work was done. We are thankful to the Lord for the beautiful weather we have been experiencing over the last several days. I think that most of us are looking forward to a beautiful Spring.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



## **TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS**

**EMILY SPARKS** had surgery on Monday at Palestine Regional.

**ED FURMAN** remains in Mother Frances hospital in Tyler undergoing treatments.

**MARY PARSONS** remains in Mother Frances in very serious condition.

Please pick up a prayer list on the table in the foyer for a complete list of those who need our continued prayers.

## **MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

Tomorrow night will be our Monday Night for the Master for this month. We will eat at 6:15 and work will begin at 7PM. Everyone is asked to bring either sandwiches or desserts. Chips and drinks will be furnished.

**RESPONSES  
FOR PRAYER & REDEDICATION**  
**MIKE HOWELL**  
**1628 ACR 385**  
**Palestine, TX 75801**  
**903-729-6075**

## **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." Thanks again for coming.

## **BUILD ON THE FOUNDATION**

Have you watched workers clear an area where a building is going to be located? You probably noticed they first made it level, then dug a trench for a foundation, and finally poured in concrete on which to build the walls. A building needs a good foundation so it will not slide on the dirt under it. A good foundation is always built first for without it a building is never safe (cf. 1 Cor. 3:11). Yet if the workers stopped after making the foundation there would just be a level area with some concrete. While some things could be done on a concrete foundation, a person would not be safe from a storm there. A person could not come in from the cold there. What if the workers started building another foundation on top of the old one? In New Testament times God had to tell some Christians to not stop with the foundation of the Old Testament teachings. He wanted them to build Christ's house, the church, on that foundation, but then to go on. "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying against the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God" (Hebrews 6: 1). The same principle holds for us today. We cannot stop with learning just the simple things from God's Word (Heb. 5:12-14). We must continue to build on our foundation and build a beautiful Christian life (2 Pet. 1:5-8). We must build up the church each day for it is the one place we find safety from the storms of life and warmth from the coldness of sin in the world (Eph. 2).