

# Teen News

Wow! It's hard to believe this summer is nearly behind us. Hope you all are getting geared up to begin yet another school year. Big thanks to The Lane's for opening up their home last Sunday. The devotional will be in the Activity Building following services.

"Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you." PSALM 63:3

## THE DEATH OF MODESTY

By Ruth Cox

Today we buried Modesty. She was born many years ago, living her life with dignity, always honoring God. Teaching her children moral values to live by.

As time went by she was saddened at the changes being made in the world all around her. In her day, she wore clothing that covered from neck to toe. Now it's let everything show.

She grew tired and the burdens became heavy, as she saw her sisters and daughters dishonoring God with their indecent acts and the way they dressed. Modesty died of a broken heart.

No one mourned, or shed a tear for Modesty. A loss we will never replace, unless we keep Modesty in God's hands.

Some will say, "We live in a different time frame." "Yes," but God's Word is the same today, tomorrow, and forever. And His dress code is what we should live by.

As you stand before your mirror, admiring your image, do you dress to please God, or the world?

## "THE FROG DIES BY DEGREES"

In an experimental laboratory, a frog was placed in a container of water. The water was heated at the rate of 0.036 of a degree per second. The frog did not notice the change. When the water finally reached 140 degrees, the frog died. But, he had not been aware of any change in temperature. The frog died by **degrees**.

In the above story, by an unknown author, a spiritual principle is taught that we as Christians should give heed to. Like a lot of church members, the poor frog never did realize he was dying. He could have jumped out at any time if he had known the danger. Members of the Lord's church can (and often do) stray far from God, but they never reach this unfaithful state in one night. It takes place by **degrees**. A Christian begins to miss services occasionally and then a little more often, then soon he or she is completely out of duty and lost. Even then, they sometimes do not realize they are dead while they yet live (cf. 1 Timothy 5:6). Maybe others still attend services, but their lives lack that inner devotion and fervor they once had. How did they get into such a condition? Little by little they omitted prayer, Bible study, meditation, and personal consecration until finally there remains only a shell of a once faithful Christian.

The Devil doesn't lure us into committing sin overnight, but tempts us by **degrees**.

## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of IDA LEE PARKMAN who passed away this last week in Hawaii. A memorial service is planned for 2 PM on August 15th, here at the building.

## DOOR GREETERS - Aug 12

**Lois King & Sue Grubbs**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION- Aug 12

**Fred Freeman**

# Gospel Worker

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Tanzania Africa Work  
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Tipton Children's Home  
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Gospel Broadcast Network

### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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



*Covered Dish*

**Luncheon Next Sunday  
following the morning  
worship service.**

**Next Sunday, August 12th, will be our Fellowship luncheon. Please bring 2 of the following: A meat dish, a vegetable, a salad or a dessert. We will have a Men's Vocal group called the "Hall Brother's" from the Houston area entertaining us at the luncheon. Please make plans to attend.**



## Thanks to Joe Waugh and Mark Teske



### *From Dan's desk:*

Our gratitude is offered to JOE WAUGH and MARK TESKE for speaking to the congregation last Sunday, while I was in Nacogdoches. Joe represents the Tipton Children's Home that we have been supporting for some time now. Also thanks in is order to Mark for speaking on Sunday night. I had planned to be here to speak, but due to a misunderstanding, Mark was here to speak about the GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK. We are so excited about the work that they are doing and the lesson was very informative. We too have been supporting this good work for several years. The meeting at the APPELBY Church of Christ went great. It was good to be with the brethren there. Last Wednesday evening, I was speaking in Longview at the Longview Church of Christ. They too have guest speakers come in during the summer months to speak on a special theme. Robert Johnson is the preacher there and he is scheduled to speak to us this coming Wednesday in our continuing series on "FOLLOW THE LIGHT". His topic is "JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF LIFE". He is a great speaker and I know you will appreciate hearing him. Summer has finally taken hold and the temperatures have really risen over the last week. We hope and pray that God will send relief soon, along with rain. Let's continue to encourage the weak and those who are suffering illness at the present. We have several in our congregation with continuing illnesses. Please remember to pick up a prayer list in the foyer listing those who are undergoing treatment and tests at this time. We will see you tonight.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



### TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

#### PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

BERNIE BAUR was in the local hospital this last week with pneumonia. He was transferred by ambulance to VA in Temple.

SHERRY SYBERT is in local hospital. KENNETH HOLLAND has gone home from the hospital.

STEVEN LA SHAUN MILLER son of Nancy Miller is undergoing tests and treatment for a heart problem.

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE  
WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL  
RECENTLY & OUR SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS.**

### You Cannot Waste Time

It is absurd to speak of "wasting time." We cannot! It is as if to say to the fish in the sea, "Do not waste the water." We have no power at all over time -- it "marches on" regardless of anything we can or will do. We are born into a world that is governed by time and after we are laid to rest in the grave, time continues until God sees fit to end it. We can and we do waste ourselves. What we could be; services we could render; powers we could use; words and deeds we could use in doing good; kindness we neglect to show; happiness we could enjoy — all become waste as we waste away our lives. The starting point on the path toward useful living lies within our easy grasp. Make now a time of resolution and determination to live a life to the glory and praise of God.



### **TRIPLE BABY SHOWER**

LADIES: Remember the baby shower today for Hailey Brooks, Holly Franklin, and Brianne Campos from 2 to 3:30 PM in the activity building. All these ladies will be having little boys soon.

ROBERT JOHNSON from Longview will be our guest speaker in the summer series next Wednesday evening. His topic is "JESUS THE LIGHT OF LIFE". We hope and trust that you will want to be here to hear his presentation. He is a great preacher of the Gospel.

### **SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER IN BIBLE CLASS NEXT SUNDAY**

Gene Boone, former Deputy Sheriff of Dallas County and the "man who found the rifle of LEE HARVEY OSWALD" assailant who shot President John Kennedy will speak in the chapel to the combined Adult and Teen Bible Classes next Sunday morning. Please plan to hear him. Gene was the Superintendent of the Foster Home for Children in Stephenville for many years.