

We are grateful for all of our teens. We hope you had a great time last Sunday afternoon. If you are a teenager and not attending our Bible classes, you are missing out on a great opportunity to learn and fellowship with other teens. We hope you will want to join us this Wednesday night for Bible class. School is about ready to start and I know that many of you will be busy, but don't forget your responsibility to our Lord. **BLAKE**

## Am I Giving My Best?

And this they did not as we hoped, but first gave themselves to the Lord and then to us by the will of God." (II Corinthians 8:5). I read that Queen Mary used to go to Scotland every summer. She was so loved by the people that she went about the country without an escort. One afternoon she was walking with some children. Suddenly dark clouds came up. The queen stopped at a house and asked to borrow an umbrella. She said to the lady of the house, "I'll send it back to you tomorrow." The lady was reluctant to lend a good umbrella to a stranger, but remembered that she had an old one in the attic. One rib was broken and there were several holes in it, but she turned it over to the lady at the door with an apology. The next day there was another knock at the door. When she opened the door, a man in gold braid stood with a big envelope in hand. The queen sent me," he said, "and she asked me to thank you for the umbrella." For a moment the woman was stunned and then she burst into tears. She said, "Oh! What an opportunity I missed, that I did not give her my best!"

## So Close...Almost...But Dead

Robert Woods was a 27 year-old Dallas police officer. He died on November 28, 1976 after being shot five times with a pistol. The man convicted of the crime was Randall Dale Adams. He spent 12 years in prison but his conviction was overturned as a result of the movie entitled *The Thin Blue Line* (a name used to describe the police). The crime remains unsolved.

Woods had pulled a vehicle over for driving with no headlights. As he approached the car the driver shot him five times. The ironic and tragic thing was that Wood's wife had bought him a bullet-proof vest and was going to give it to him for Christmas, less than a month away. Officials said if he had been wearing the vest, the .22 bullets would most likely not have taken his life. So close...almost...but dead!

The warning found in James 4:13-17 needs heeding as much today as when Officer Woods was killed and even as much as when James wrote it... 'you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money,' you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes; ...anyone who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.' Is there someone you need to visit? A call you need to make or a letter you intend to write? Is there sin you need forgiven of? Are you planning someday to obey the gospel? Are you waiting to get everything in order before you come back? Don't be one of those who almost did it...but put off and found out it was too late!

### DOOR GREETERS - Aug 26

**Lois King & Sue Grubbs**

### COMMUNION PREPARATION- Aug 26

**Dale Sparks**

# Gospel Worker

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Tipton Children's Home  
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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## Encourage One Another

### **Joel Stephen Williams**

In a revival meeting in a village church, many had made professions of faith. Toward the end of the series of meetings, the visiting preacher made a request of everyone present: "Is the person here who most influenced you in becoming a Christian? Maybe it is your mother or your father, your Sunday school teacher, your minister, or your neighbor. I wish that each of you would now rise and go and shake hands with the one who most influenced you to follow Christ."

All over the church auditorium people went to one another and encouraged one another by saying: "Thank you." Many went to parents. Others went to Sunday school teachers. Some went to the preacher. Yet others went to the Sunday school director. The longest line, though, formed in front of a woman in her late 70s. She had never taught a class or filled any prominent role in the life of that congregation, but for many decades her quiet life of consecration had touched more people than anyone else. In worship, in her home, and in the community, she had led many to Christ.

It is the power of example of a godly life which may convert a mate when sermons from the preacher will not do any good (1 Pet. 3:1-4). It is the consistent acting out of faith by a parent which can be the most powerful influence on a child. Maybe you do not have the ability to be a great song leader. Maybe you do not feel like you can take on the responsibility of being a teacher (Jas. 3:1). Maybe you will never serve in a prominent role in the church. But none of these are a cause for concern. If you live a faithful, devoted life of service to the Lord, you will have a wholesome influence on all of those around you.



# Thank You For Being Present This Morning.



## *From Dan's desk:*

Last Sunday was a great day for the Crockett Rd. congregation. We had a great attendance, the wonderful fellowship meal and the large contribution over \$10,000 and the opportunity to hear Gene Boone speak in Bible class was just fantastic. It was a great day. On Sunday afternoon, we gathered in the church auditorium to offer condolences and express our love to Millie Baur and family in the passing of our beloved Bernie Baur. Bernie was a fellow co-laborer in the Lord's Church here. He had one of the best attitudes of anyone I ever knew. I loved him much. He was a friend and devoted servant of God. We will miss him not being here among us with his radiant smile and friendliness. His legacy will live on for many years to come. May we continue to pray for his family in this time of transition. It is always difficult to say goodbye to old friends. A special bond exists among fellow Ministers of the gospel of Christ. Thanks to Sandy & James Singletary and all helpers last Sunday who worked hard to get the meal ready for all of us. They always do a tremendous job. They are always quick and ready to do whatever is necessary to get the job done and always do it right. We are most grateful. Thanks for being a part of our worship attendees today. We hope that you will join us this day in expressing our deep love and gratitude to the Father in Heaven for sending Jesus His beloved Son to us. We can claim the salvation He provides because we have become obedient to the faith. If you have not, and you are reading this article, we hope you will respond to our Saviour today. Dan

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

### PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

JIMMY ALLEN has been in the local hospital this last week.

LAURA GLENN had gallbladder surgery this past week.

JESSICA WOODEN will also have gallbladder surgery soon.

SHERRY SYBERT continues to undergo cancer treatment.

KENNETH HOLLAND is still not doing well from his recent hospitalization. He is at home but still having health concerns.

CARROLL HOLMES brother-in-law of Virginia Stanaland and Doug Lowe has been in the hospital in Tyler with heart problems this last week.

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



HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

PROMOTION IN BIBLE CLASSES WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 26th. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN ARE HERE NEXT SUNDAY MORNING TO MEET THEIR NEW BIBLE S C H O O L TEACHERS.



Special Bible Hour meeting this Sunday afternoon at 5 P.M. in the chapel for parents of children who will be attending Bible Hour this fall.

### THANK YOU

Special thanks to Sandy Singletary and those who helped in the kitchen and getting everything set up for the Fellowship luncheon. Sandy & James Singletary, Ike & Joyce Weatherly, Jane Davis, Pam Boyette, Fred & Beth Freeman, Dale Sparks, Bob Stech.