

Thank all of you for coming this morning. Our devotional and meal at the Franklins went well. We want to thank Dwight and Shelly for inviting the youth to their home for the delicious meal. Some were out of town and could not be with us that night. We hope all of you will be here tonight for the fellowship and devo in the activity building. We may all be going to the movie to see "Last Ounce Of Courage" tonight. This is the movie that Preacher Dan mentioned in his sermon last week.

BLAKE

## Why Study God's Word

Just as we eat 3 meals a day to sustain our physical bodies, we must also feast on God's word daily to sustain our souls. If we don't we are in danger of losing our souls. God says in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." People will be lost because they did not care enough to read and study God's instruction book on how to go to Heaven.

Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 2:10 that people will be lost "because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved." Satan wants to distract us with the cares and deceipts of this world. He does not want us to read and study our Bibles every day. He knows that we become weak and vulnerable when we fail to study. Our strongest defense is a shield of faith. How do we obtain that shield of faith to protect us? Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." The more we study the word of God the stronger our faith will be. If we want to protect ourselves against Satan we must have a strong faith.

In years past we in the churches of Christ were known as "walking Bibles" because brethren then studied their Bibles. But sad to say, this is no longer true because we have failed to study God's word, as we should. But what happens when we fail to study God's word and become spiritually starved? 2 Peter 3:16 says that those who are "untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the scriptures." We cannot understand God's word unless we study it. And because of this Jesus says in Matthew 15:14, "They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

To keep from wandering around in spiritual darkness, let's study God's word so that "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalms 119:105). Let's not endanger our souls by a lack of study of God's word. Let's take time to study it daily.



## Those to Serve October 2012

### AM . Opening

- 7 Sam Ellis
- 14 Jim Davis
- 21 Robert Duzan
- 28 J.B. Matlock

### P.M. Opening

- 7 Steve Camp
- 14 Charles McCullough
- 21 Clint Ellis
- 28 Bill Chandler

### A.M. Closing

- 7 Adam Harding
- 14 Tom Watson
- 21 Truman Tate
- 28 James Singleterry

### P.M. Closing

- 7 Billy Lane
- 14 Ike Weatherly
- 21 Graham Williams
- 28 Blake Baker

## Serve Communion

- Clint Satterwhite  
J.B. Matlock  
Jerry Thompson  
David Akins

- Myron Mitchell  
D. Hagemeier  
Fred Freeman  
Todd Perry

## Communion Preparation



- 7 R.D. Prince
- 14 Mike Whitley
- 21 Sam Ellis
- 28 Jack Thomason

## DOOR GREETERS

**October 7, 2012**  
**Sue Grubbs & Lois King**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

**October 7, 2012**  
**R.D. & Daphne Prince**

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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*  
Ken Upchurch  
*Tanzania Africa Work*  
Central TX Children's  
Home—*Buda, TX*  
Tipton Children's Home  
*Tipton, OK*  
Gospel Broadcast Network

### **ASSEMBLY TIMES**

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

## Let's Teach And Save Our Children.

One 40 minute Bible study class each week at church or two if they attend Wednesday evening Bible study does not give our children enough spiritual food to fight off the world's influence they receive at school, TV, etc. Our children spend 30 hours per week in public school preparing for life in this world, but less than 2 hours per week in trying to prepare for eternity. Which is the most important? We become upset if our children make bad grades on their report cards, but it doesn't seem to bother us if they fail to study their Bible class lessons. We closely watch their scholastic and athletic progress, but what about their spiritual progress? We have become passive about allowing our children to grow up without a soul saving knowledge of the Bible. We need to know that the greatest thing we can do for our children is to instill in them a lasting faith in God and the Bible so they can be eternally saved. There is nothing greater we can do for our children.

We should help our children with their school subjects at home, but studying the Bible with them is of much greater importance than their school subjects. Why do children fall away and become lost when they leave home? God's word says, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). If our children are lacking in a knowledge of God's word they will most likely be eternally lost in hell. If they are lost, we as parents will have to give an account to God for our failure to teach them (Romans 14:12).

Bible study with our children will increase their faith in God, because "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). God's inspired word says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

# Two place membership One responds for prayer



## From Dan's desk:



Our children's Bible hour program got off to a great start last Sunday night. We are so grateful to all of those who are working in the program this year and to all the parents who bring their children. We encourage you to continue to do so. Their future is so dependent upon your commitment to God and the Church. Thanks for your encouraging remarks about the lessons last Sunday. I hope that each of us will continue to do our best to be here every time we have Bible Class and when we meet for worship. Thanks to all of you who came last Monday night and worked. Your dedication and commitment to the Lord's church here is unquestionable. Several of the men worked really hard in trimming the oak trees at the back of the lot and they really look nice. Many other tasks were undertaken by those in attendance. Letters of encouragement and cards were sent to numerous ones. Biblical tracts were placed at various places in the community, repairs to the building, etc. Over 25% of the entire church gathered and that is remarkable. Men and woman undertaking these responsibilities is attributable to your love and willingness to serve. We are in the process of replacing the purlins and trim around the church auditorium. They have deteriorated with time over 35 years. We are also carpeting certain areas around the building. It is important to take care of the infrastructure. The building belongs to God and we want to make sure that it is kept in order. We are grateful for recent contributions made by certain individuals to this work. I am speaking tonight in my home town, Hallsville in the "Give Me The Bible Lectureship." Tom Hagan from Central Texas Children's Home will be speaking tonight. We appreciate him coming to be with us. Please plan to be present tonight to hear him. Parents remember to have your children here tonight a little before 6 P.M. for Children's Bible Hour.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

### PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**SHERRY SYBERT** is very ill and has been placed with hospice.

**RUBY MERITT** is recovering from surgery in a rehab center in Tyler.

**BENNY JOE McINNIS**, father of Shelly Franklin, was released from the hospital on Wednesday. He has leukemia.

**NELL LOCK**, mother of Kyle Lock, fell this last week and has pneumonia.

**BILL CHANDLER** fell this last week and broke 2 ribs.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE WITH CONTINUING  
ILLNESSES:** Dennis Ellison, Ed Furman, Sandra Ives, Maggie Larsen, Gary Oliver, LaShaun Miller.

**PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR U.S. SERVICEMEN.**

### CONGRATULATIONS

Wesley & Brianne Campos had a baby boy on Tuesday. His name is Weston Henry Campos.



Brandon & Holly Franklin had a baby boy on Thursday. His name is Travis Daniel Franklin.

### RESPONSES

**For Membership:**  
Harold & Bobbie Johnson  
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**For Prayer & Rededication:**  
Marty Nash



## Believing A Lie

Ever since the creation mankind has been deceived by believing the lies of Satan. We are warned to, "Let no one deceive you by any means" (2 Thessalonians 2:3). "But evil men and impostors will grow worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13). How does Satan use people to deceive other people into believing his lies? "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works" (2 Corinthians 11:13-15) A person who is deceived actually deceives himself into believing a lie. But we are warned, "Let no one deceive himself" (1 Corinthians 3:18). Jesus says, "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). We must desire to know the truth or we will believe the lies of Satan. "Because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth" (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). Those who are deceived will lose their souls in eternity. This is such a great price to pay for believing a lie.