

Christianity is not a spectator sport, but demands involvement (1 Cor. 15:58; Matt. 25:24-26). So, if you are old enough to obey the Gospel, you are old enough to labor in the vineyard of Christ and don't let anyone tell you any different. Teens, you should know there are no apprentice programs for salvation, no "try it before you buy it" plans for Christianity and you do not have to be 18 to be in the Lord's army. Every worker in the kingdom is expected to use his talents, abilities and opportunities for the good of the group.

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# **A Doctor Explains Death**

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door. On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door.

A dog sprang into the room and leapt on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing... I know my Master is there and that is enough" ADAPTED



# Those To Serve January 2018

A.M .Opening	A.M. Closing
7 Ben Rhone	Jody Radford
14 Marty Nash	Kolby Radford
21 Carl Rutledge	Brandon Franklin
28 Danial Plummer	Steve Camp

P. M. Opening	P. M. Closing
7 James Singleterry	Tom Watson
14 Charles Steen	Johnny Jenkins
21 Andrew Petty	Robert Duzan
28 Clint Satterwhite	Charles McCullous

### **Serve Communion**

Doug Sumrall	Jayden Townsend
Doug Sumrall Mike Whitley	<b>Donnie Wells</b>
Charles Steen	Doug Lowe
Gary Chambless	Larry Hooper

## **Communion Preparation**

- **Kyle & Deanna Lock**
- Mike & Renee' Whitley
- Ben & Keri Rhone
- 28 Dale & Ann Sparks

#### **DOOR GREETERS**

**Sunday Jan. 7, 2018 Gary & Liz Missildine** 

#### **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

**Sunday Jan. 7, 2018 Kyle & Deanna Lock** 

# Gospel Worker

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#### **DEACONS**

Henry Baker Johnny Jenkins Kvle Lock R.D. Prince

#### **SECRETARY**

Lorelee Reeder

#### **MISSIONS**

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FOX 29 KSVP Lake Charles, LA.

ABC 10-KTEN Sherman-Denison, TX

#### **ASSEMBLY TIMES**

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



The New Year is upon us tomorrow. May God help each of us to look back on the past year and make the necessary adjustments to insure that the year 2018 will be an even greater year for the Lord's Church here. The theme for this year is, "A New Routine In 2018".

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# CHALLENGES face us in the New Year 2018. We are glad you are here this morning.



# From Dan's desk:



We trust that each of you had a wonderful holiday with your family. It is hard to believe that the New Year 2018 is upon us. The New Year will hold many challenges for all of us as we embark on it together. The year 2017 has been a blessing to so many. It was a difficult time for many with the hurricanes, fires and earthquakes around the world. Even in the midsts of difficult times we have all come to realize that God can bring good from adversity. It is hard for us to see this in the immediate time frame, but as we look "long term" we can eventually, through God's help, answer the question WHY? We commend each of you for your faithfulness and commitment to Christ this last year and we feel assured that your degree of faithfulness in the coming year will be no less, but even greater. So many in the church have given so much of their time, effort, money to strengthen the Lord's Church here at Crockett Rd. Many are ill and have been in the hospital. Several are undergoing treatment for cancer and are suffering with other illnesses either in the hospital or at home. PHILIP WALDRUM responded last Sunday morning expressing his desire to place membership with the Lord's Church here at Crockett Rd. He is a former member and we welcome him back into the fellowship of God's children here. If you are able to be present this morning you are tremendously blessed of the Father. The "Give Me The Bible Conference" will be held on January 20th this year. We hope that you will begin making plans to be with us. After 29 year on KETK NBC 56 in Tyler we will be moving the program to KLTV channel 7, an ABC affiliate. We will be telling you more about this change. We are also going on NBC KTAL channel 6 out of Texarkana, Texas on Feb. 4th See you tonight. **DAN** 

# PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





FRED FREEMAN is undergoing tests for lesions on his brain and lung.

GERALD MORRIS suffered an additional stroke and is in Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler. Serious condition.

<u>ANN MOTTERN</u> continues to undergo chemotherapy treatments.

<u>LaSHAUN MILLER</u> has been in the Mother Francis hospital with heart problems.

<u>PAM STOVALL</u> stepmother of Lisa Krumnow, is recovering from a stroke. She is in Mother Francis hospital in Tyler.

#### **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.

# RESPONSES FOR MEMBERSHIP

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#### Winter's Here

Temperatures are dropping. Along with that drop comes a drop in attendance at church. It is strange that it is seldom so cold outside that shopping malls lose customers, especially during the holidays. Football and basketball games are not lacking in attendance even though the thermometer drops precariously close to zero or below. Make a special effort to see that cold weather doesn't keep you from worship or Bible study.

#### Football Strategy

Those who make touchdowns need others to block would be tacklers. In the Lord's church those who teach the word need others to pave the way. How about setting up a Bible study with some of your friends in your home. Pave the way by inviting a teacher to come and conduct a study.

#### Where are you?

Assembling for worship and Bible study is the duty of every Christian. That means Sunday, both morning and evening, Wednesday evening and Gospel meetings. Where will you be during our meeting? our Bible classes? our worship? Do you believe it pleases the Lord when you are elsewhere when the saints assemble? What do you think is more important?

#### Study the Word

Study is essential in all education endeavors. Employers come nearer hiring one who has diligently studied a given trade of vocation than one who has not. God uses those who have a good working knowledge of His word.

"Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak" - 1 Cor. 8:9

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