

# Teen News

It is good to see each of you here this morning! Thanks to those who attended Bible Class this morning. You all have been doing very well in class and I can see a difference by your actions. Christmas is on the way and I know you are excited. I hope you will remember the true meaning of Christmas this year and every year. Thanks to our parents and youth who attended the L2L (Lads to Leaders) meeting last Sunday. If any one else would like to sign up please see me or Doug and Alison Rader. Remember about our Christmas Fellowship this Tuesday evening. I hope to see you there. It will be a great time!  
BEN



**UGLY SWEATER PARTY!**

**Saturday, December 23rd, will be the time for the Ugly Sweater Party at the home of David & Jennifer Sparks. All members are invited**

**to attend. Please bring your favorite snack and join us.**

**Charles & Billie Lasiter just celebrated their 64 wedding anniversary. Congratulations.**

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

**2 David and Lori Akins**

**5 Cecil & Virginia Stanaland**

**21 Dennis and Misty Ellison**

**30 Gerald and Diane Wilcher**

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

- 3 Courtney Bell, Susie Tate
- 4 Jack Thomason
- 5 Michael Herbrough, Jim Ponds
- 6 Justin Davis
- 8 Beth Freeman
- 10 Toni Warren, Donna Giles
- 12 Kenneth Holland, Jim Ricard, Pam Gallaway, Harland Herbrough
- 14 David Akins, Lorelee Reeder
- 15 Phillip Castillo
- 16 Tiffany Bell
- 17 Jimmy Allen, Doug Sumrall
- 21 Jan Todd
- 24 Emma Ricard, Emily Sparks
- 27 Kyle Lock, John Mottern

## NATCHITICHES TRIP

We will be leaving the church building at 8:30, Friday, December 8th & return on Saturday afternoon. One suitcase please. You may bring a makeup bag to stow under your seat. The cost is \$75.00 per room.

## CARD SIGNING

On Tuesday, December 12th, we will meet at the home of Pam Gallaway to sign cards to the shut in's and ill of the congregation. Please bring a snack, to go along with soup, and join us.

## DOOR GREETERS

December 10

**Willette Rasure & Millie Baur**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

December 10

**Danna Collins**

# Gospel Worker

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### MINISTERS

**Dan D. Manuel**  
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### ELDERS

**Dwight Franklin**  
**Dan D. Manuel**  
**Dale Sparks**

### DEACONS

**Henry Baker**  
**Johnny Jenkins**  
**Kyle Lock**  
**R.D. Prince**

### SECRETARY

**Lorelee Reeder**

### MISSIONS

**Brown Trail School of Preaching, Bedford, TX**  
**Jose Cuadras— Mexico**  
**Hershel Bearden—India**  
**Steve Handley—Prison Ministry**

**Central TX Children's Home—Buda, TX**  
**Tipton Home**  
**Tipton, OK**

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**GIVE ME THE BIBLE**  
**T.V. Program**

**KETK-NBC 56 Tyler, TX.**  
**FOX 44 KWKT—Waco, TX**  
**FOX 33 KMSS**  
**Shreveport, LA.**  
**NBC 28 KYLE, Bryan—College Station, TX.**  
**NBC 53—KLSB Lufkin, TX.**  
**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**

*Be with us this Tuesday Night*

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP

**Tuesday Dec. 5th—6:30 P.M.**

**The Annual Christmas fellowship dinner will be held this year on Tuesday night, Dec. 5th. The meal will be furnished and you will need to sign the list in the foyer. A great menu is planned. There is no cost to you. Just show up. Please sign the list in the foyer by today, if you are planning to come.**

**We welcome all visitors this morning. We are glad you are here.**



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

We have a large number of visitors with us this morning. We are glad you are here. We especially thanks the "All Stars" from Houston and Buddy Griffin for being present this morning. They performed at the Jamboree last evening. They will present a short program in the activity building at our luncheon. Anyone who is not going to the Baker home for the Ornament exchange is invited to stay and eat lunch today following the morning worship. These are always great time of fellowship and we hope you will stay. Thanks also goes to Sonda Baker for opening her home again for the annual 'Ornament exchange". We have numerous events forthcoming for the church here. This Tuesday night, we will have our Annual Christmas Fellowship in the activity building. We have a special program planned, including Santa and you won't want to miss it. Those going to Natchitoches, La will leave Friday morning at 8:30 A.M. and return on Saturday. The Christmas lights in Natchitoches are some of the most beautiful decorations you will find anywhere. Thanks to Charles McCullough for driving the bus. It is too late to sign up for the trip because we had to release the remaining rooms, but we have 21 who are planning to attend. Please pray for our safety while we are away. Please check the bulletin board for other coming events later in the month. Many have been asking about Sunday Dec. 24th and are we making any changes in service time. The answer is yes. We will have regular services that morning and we will come back following lunch and have a 1:30 P.M. service and not have a Sunday night service. Please note the change. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

***GARY WARREN had cancer surgery on Tuesday in Temple. He is recovering at home.***

***SARA BRILEY had surgery on Wednesday at Mother Frances in Tyler.***

***ANNIE LEE BIRDOW is in Park Place Rehab in Tyler.***

***TERRIE McCOSLIN, mother of Holly Palk, had neck surgery on Monday. She is recovering at home.***

**LADIES ORAMENT EXCHANGE**  
**The Annual Ladies Ornament Exchange will be held at the home of Sonda Baker on Sunday Dec. 3rd after worship services. She will be serving lunch. Ladies are asked to bring an ornament to exchange and join us for a delightful experience. All ladies are invited to attend.**

**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.**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To Joshua & Haley Gilbert on the birth of a new baby girl. Sophie Jean Ovie Gilbert was born November 16th and weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 ins. long. Grandparents are Orre & Donna Costlow.

**"TUNNEL VISION"**

Tunnel vision is when you are so focused on something that you can't see what is happening around you. It happens all the time and nobody is immune. We become so fixated on an object ourselves or an ideology that we don't see what is really happening around us. This is a dangerous state as it may cause us to miss out on so many things but most importantly, a relationship with God. The Pharisees, Sadducees, Lawyers and Scribes were groups that were stuck in tunnel vision. They had this law thing figured out. They knew exactly what the Messiah was supposed to do and how He was supposed to act. Anything that was different to their tunnel vision of God's plan was not acceptable. Jesus called them out on it. "Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot discern the signs of the times?" (Matt. 16:30). It still happens today. There are those who plainly see what is happening and are obedient to the Lord and His Father. They are blessed and accept God's justice. There are those who reject God's will or purpose for their lives and will not receive the justice they seek. The warning to us all is that we do not become so narrow minded that we don't see the truth before us. Do not use so broad a brush stroke or sweeping generalities that would go beyond what is written. When God says that He has a purpose for you, it is not some mystical thing that you must go in search of—it is simply obedience to His will. We must not get so focused on what we think the plan is that we neglect to ask God what He wants. Don't miss out on what God has planned for you because of spiritual tunnel vision.

Josh Blackmer