

Good morning and welcome to services! We are continuing to work hard to prepare for Lads to Leaders. It is an encouragement to us to see our young people being so committed to spiritual growth. Our March calendars are on the youth board, so we hope you'll grab one to keep up with all the youth happenings. Much of what is going on this month is related to L2L and we are definitely looking forward to convention at the end of the month! This week is spring break for many of our schools, so we hope everyone has a fun and safe spring break! **DOUG** 

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:2

### **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.

### "BECAUSE IT'S RIGHT"

Reward incentive motivation permeates our society. People respond to rewards just like little puppies do. Some parents think only in terms of rewarding their children, and, they even reward them for being bad. When a parent says to a little child, "If you will quit throwing a temper tantrum, we will go get an ice cream as soon we get away from the doctor's office," and he is rewarding bad behavior and the child quickly understands how to get what he wants. The "in thing" now in many churches is to offer physical rewards for being religious. That ranges from the "gospel of health and wealth" that says, "If you give \$100, God will give you \$1,000," to appealing to the fleshly appetites of entertainment to get people to come to "church." Whatever happened to doing right, because it is right? Surely, Jesus offers men rewards, but those incentives have nothing to do with the sensual desires. In fact, he condemned those who followed him because they were fed -- "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life,"(John 6:29). The reward for righteousness is eternal life with God. God expects right behavior, because he is holy and we must be like him to share in spiritual life(1 Peter 1:15-16). **ADAPTED** 

March 17, 2024 **Door Greeters Security Team Communion Preparation** Clint & Jonna Satterwhite

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### **SECRETARY**

Eva Walker **Chloe Collins** 

### **MISSIONS**

**Brown Trail School of** 

Preaching, Bedford, TX Jose Cuadras-Mexico Hershel Bearden-India Steve Handley-Prison Min. Central TX Children's Home—Buda, TX **Tipton Children's Home** Tipton, OK GBN T.V. NETWORK GIVE ME THE BIBLE-T.V. FOX 44 KWKT-Waco, TX KTAL NBC Channel 6 Texarkana-Shreveport, LA. KFXK FOX 51 Tyler NBC 28 KYLE, Bryan-College Station, TX. FOX 29 KSVP Lake Charles, La ABC 10 KTEN Sherman-Tx KTXD- 47 Dallas, Texas **ASSEMBLY TIMES** 

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

# Preach the bible again

Growing up I used to watch all the Bowl Games on New Year's Day. There were about eight of them, and they were confined to that 1 day. To get to a Bowl Game a team had to be really. really, really good. Now we are inundated with bowl games. There are so many that I cannot keep up with them. One Bowl Game had two teams whose coaches were fired for having such a poor season. Another Bowl Game had to get a special waver from the NCAA to allow a team with a losing record to play. Why the change over the last 50 years? Money and the desire of the colleges, the NCAA, and the organizers of these Bowls to make money. The end result is that the Bowl Season is now over a month long and most fans only keep up with their team. The bowls have become diluted to mean practically nothing. Such can be said to a lot of preaching that goes on today. It used to be that the Bible was preached in almost every pulpit. Now a lot of places hardly hear the Gospel of Christ. The conditions of salvation are often left out of sermons, and sin is not mentioned. In denominations the Bible is a relic, an outdated book with outdated principles. Every day in the Lord's church there are congregations where plain preaching is not appreciated. So what happened over the last 50 years? Man has decided that religion should concentrate on man and not God. Church has become a social organization with social programs and a social message. Some preachers today are good communicators but poor students. Churches have become businesses with "programs" and "outreaches." Money is needed to finance all of these activities. The truth is diluted to appeal to a larger audience. The end result is weak preaching and the lost still lost. DAN

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# Fellowship Luncheon today following worship



# From Dan's desk:

I hope that each of you moved your clock forward by now. If you have not, you will be late everywhere you go today. We are thankful for all of you who have joined us in worship to the God of Heaven. There is no greater joy than being in the House of God honoring Him with our voices and offering praise to our Maker. The Annual Dogwood Trails begins next weekend. It is hard to believe it is that time already, but we have actually seen some dogwoods blooming. My favorite time of year is Spring. I love to see the resurrection of new life. It reminds me of the coming resurrection of which Christ promised in John 5:28-29. If you have come as a guest of someone or if you are just visiting on your own, we are truly thankful for your presence this morning. Today following the morning worship service, we will have our fellowship luncheon. All visitors are encouraged to stay for the good food and the wonderful fellowship with God's children. The food will be plentiful and you will miss a real treat by not staying. We hope your plans will allow you to be in worship tonight. See you then. DAN

### **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**





## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

BILLY MASON has been moved to Tru-Care nursing facility. He will undergo rehab there.

ANN SPARKS is improving following her recent hospitalization last Tuesday.

BOB STECH is having issues with his heart and has been in U.T. Health center in Tyler for tests.

IKE WEATHERLY has been having health issues at home.

SHARRON CARDER is undergoing tests and is awaiting a procedure on her heart.

A prayer list is located in the foyer. Be sure and get a copy ,

### **BROKEN TOYS**

As children bring their broken toys
With tears for us to mend
I brought my broken dreams to God,
Because He was my friend.
But then instead of leaving Him
In peace to work alone,
I hung around and tried to help,
With ways that were my own.
At last I snatched them back and cried,
"How can you be so slow?"

"My child," He said,
"What could I do?
You never did let go."

### **BUILD ON THE FOUNDATION**

Have you watched workers clear an area where a building is going to be located? You probably noticed they first made it level, then dug a trench for a foundation, and finally poured in concrete on which to build the walls. A building needs a good foundation so it will not slide on the dirt under it. A good foundation is always built first for without it a building is never safe 1 Cor. 3:11). Yet if the workers stopped after making the foundation there would just be a level area with some concrete. While some things could be done on a concrete foundation, a person would not be safe from a storm there. A person could not come in from the cold there. What if the workers started building another foundation on top of the old one? In New Testament times God had to tell some Christians to not stop with the foundation of the Old Testament teachings. He wanted them to build Christ's house, the church, on that foundation. and then go on. "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works. and of faith toward God" (Hebrews 6: 1). The same principle holds for us today. We cannot stop with learning just the simple things from God's Word (Heb. 5:1214). We must continue to build on our foundation and build a beautiful Christian life (2 Pet. 1:58). We must build up the church each day for it is the one place we find safety from the storms of life and warmth from the coldness of sin in the world (Eph. 2).

Alton Jones

### PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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Bob Stech has been having heart problems and has been in U.T. Health center in Tyler this week.

Ann Sparks is improving at home from recent hospital stay locally last Tuesday.

James Henry has been having problems with sleep apnea and asked for our prayers.

David and Sharron Carder have both been ill at home.

Mason Johnson (16 month great grandson of Linda Johnson) having seizures. He is back in the hospital for tests.

Billy Mason has been moved to Tru-Care nursing facility

Becky Welborn, sister of Kyle Lock has been seriously ill.

Ike Weatherly has been having health issues and requested our prayers.

William Hawkins, son of Bill and Linda has been having health problems in Okla.

Bryan Titlow, cousin of Jim Ricard has cancer & undergoing treatment.

Chloe Collins is recovering from recent tests that indicated that she has M.S. She will begin treatment soon in Dallas.

Kenneth Thomason, son of Jack and Mary Jo, is recovering from a head injury.

Ann and Ken Holland both continue to have health issues at home.

Spencer Kieffer (friend) has lymphoma and asked for prayer.

Robbie Cox, friend of the Hawkins has been in the hospital for two weeks. He has been seriously ill.

Keith Bellamy, preacher at Woodville, is recovering from hip surgery and requested our prayers.

Mary Bryant, cousin of Linda Hawkins, has Lymphoma Leukemia.

Devin Jackson, a friend of many has been having health problems and asked for our prayers.

The Hawkins friend, Vernon Dickinson, has staph infection and asked for our prayers.

Lori Tanner Richardson, cousin of Cindy Thornton, has breast cancer and asked for prayers.

Jeffery Wooden, son of George, has completed treatment for his cancer.

Sue Smith, friend to several is recovering from surgery in Dallas.

Madison White, step daughter of Jamie White, is doing better.

Diane Wilcher continues with health concerns. She fell and has 4 broken ribs.

Jerame Gipson's friend, Lisa Safronoff, is having health issues.

Becky Barnes' great grandson continues to have health issues.

Tina Teetz, daughter-in-law of Pat Baird, is still undergoing tests and treatment

### Remember those in nursing homes and home bound in your prayers.

Courtney Bell, Patsy Bush, Mary Chambless, Opalene Chapman, Mary Ann Colling, Ed and Kathleen Compton, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, George Wooden, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Joyce Matlock, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Martha Sims, Monty Todd, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, Charlie Young.

**NOTE:** We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they improve. Please notify us in the church office.