

# Teen News

Congratulations to Peyton for her commitment to follow Christ! Last Sunday she was Baptized into Christ. I know she made the best decision of her life. Thanks to all of you for being here today. Last Sunday we started a Bible Study on the effects of sin in our lives. This has been a very interesting study and I appreciate all of the comments on this lesson. Sin does affect us and will effect our lives, if you allow it. Last Wednesday we started making Valentine's Day cards for our shut-ins. We will deliver these cards to them in a few weeks. Thanks to our youth for there help with this. Our DEVO will be here in the small fellowship hall after the evening worship service. I hope you will make plans to stick around. See you tonight!! **BEN**

## "SAY A LITTLE PRAYER"

At the beginning of a New Year is the time to learn to rely more heavily on the grace of God. Now I've met a few self-made men and women and so have you, but so often these people seem proud and driven. There is another way: beginning to trust in God's help. The Apostle Paul said, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." (Phil 4:13). God's strength saw him through a lot--through pain, through joy, and through accomplishment. If this last year, you didn't practice relying on the Lord as much as you should have, there is no time like the present to make a New Year's resolution. In fact, why don't you say a short prayer right now--use these words, if you like: "Dear God, I want the new year to be different for me." Now spell out in prayer some of the changes you'd like to see. And close this way: "Lord Jesus, I know that I'm going to need a lot of help for this. So right now I place myself in your hands. Help me to receive Your strength. Amen." Real strength comes from our Father. **DAN**

## "DON'T BURN OUT"

Gods people are to be a people "Zealous of good works". I hope that such a spirit prevails among us in the year 2018. Keeping busy helps maintain zeal. Idleness is the menace of earthly aspiration and a bar to heaven's door! The one talent man lost his reward because of laziness (Matt. 25:26). Doctors report that more than 33% of their patients suffer from inactivity and emptiness of life. The Bible points us to the sluggard and slothfulness in business despairingly (Prov. 6:6; Rom. 12:11). Keep contented; life is not all daylight, it has darkness too. The sun hides behind clouds as joys are dampened by hurt and loss. We cannot always choose our circumstances, because it often does not fit into the will of God (Lk. 22:42). Keep in touch with God. A kerosene lamp will extinguish when cut off; a Christian will do the same when forgetting the source of his power. Life is brief at best and God expects us to grasp the fullness and beauty of it, which quest leads to happiness. When the proper ingredients are added, life takes on a pleasantness otherwise missed, just as a little catsup and mustard make an already tasty hamburger more palatable. We are the "salt of the earth" (Matt. 5:13), meant to give flavor to the lives of all that we touch. The "Laodiceans were neither cold nor hot," therefore lacking zeal. (Rev. 3:15) Don't let it happen to you.

**DAN**

## DOOR GREETERS

**January 21**

**Wayne & Carol Ann Cartwright**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

**January 21**

**Ben & Keri Rhone**

# Gospel Worker

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Youth Minister

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**Dale Sparks**

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**Henry Baker**  
**Johnny Jenkins**  
**Kyle Lock**  
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**Lorelee Reeder**

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**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.**  
**KLTV ABC channel 7 Tyler**  
**KTRE ABC channel 9 Lufkin, TX**

**NBC 28 KYLE, Bryan-College Station, TX.**  
**FOX 29 KSVP Lake Charles, LA.**  
**ABC 10—KTEN Sherman-Denison, TX**

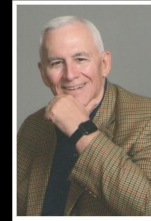
### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

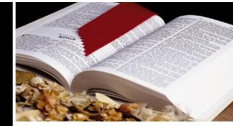
# "Give Me The Bible Annual Conference"

## "A New Routine In 2018"

Come Hear God's Word



**Randy Foreman**



Join us for a day of spiritual enrichment, singing, preaching, and an opportunity to view and purchase books from the Bookstore display.



**Ray Franks**

**Topic**  
**"Learning To Love God More"**

**Topic**  
**"Learning To Love One Another More"**



## Saturday Jan. 20th 9 a.m.

**Crockett Rd. Church of Christ**  
**1717 Crockett Rd.**  
**Palestine, Texas 75801**

**The Noon Meal Will Be Catered at \$8.00 per person**

**Join us for a wonderful day of fellowship and encouragement**

**2 Baptized and place  
Membership.  
Plans for the New Year 2018**



*From Dan's desk:*

Last Sunday got off to a great start. On Sunday afternoon, I had the privilege of engaging in a study with DAKOTA SIMS and PAYTON GOWIN. Following our study, they were both baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. We rejoice with them. They have asked to place membership with us here at Crockett Rd. They are brother and sister and have been coming for some time. Dakota is 21 and Payton is 16 years of age. They both made their profession of faith and were baptized that afternoon. They both are excited about their new relationship with our Father in Heaven and the Lord who died for them. We are glad you are here this morning. We will hand out the plans for the year. The Elders are presenting a letter to the congregation and a list of events for the coming year 2018. We encourage you to mark the dates and plan to be with us at each and every opportunity. This is going to be a wonderful year in the Kingdom of God. Don't forget that next Saturday we will host the Annual "Give Me The Bible" television program conference here in the activity building. RANDY FOREMAN AND RAY FRANKS will be the speakers for the occasion. Cotton Patch of Palestine will be catering the event. World video Bible School will be here with tracts, DVD's and other material. We hope you will want to join us for a memorable day. If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you have come and we hope you will come again. It is always great to have visitors among us. The Lord continues to bless this congregation of His people both numerically and spiritually. I hope that each of you will accept the challenges to be more involved in the work of the Lord in the year 2018. See you tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**FRED FREEMAN** continues to undergo tests for cancer.

**MARLENE THOMPSON** was hospitalized in Tyler with heart issues. She is doing better and is home now.

**JACK THOMASON** will have knee replacement surgery on January 29th.

**ANNIE LEE BIRDOW** is improving and hopes to come home from rehab in two weeks.

**JIMMY ALFORD** had back surgery last Monday in Tyler. He is improving following his procedure.

**LORETTA YOUNG** will be undergoing tests this week for her eyes. She has asked that we pray for her.

*All others are improving.*

**DIAPER SHOWER**

There will be a Diaper & Baby Wipe Shower honoring Bridgette (Franklin) Harbour on January 21st from 1:30 to 3PM in the Family Room of the activity building. Bridgette & Daniel will be having a baby girl soon. All ladies are invited to attend.

**RESPONSES**

Baptized & Membership  
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PAYTON GOWIN  
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**"WE ARE SECURE IN  
CHRIST"**

Nothing make us feel any more secure than the instructions of God. His inspired word, ought to provide us with a sense of security and well-being. Our Father in heaven cares enough for us to set boundaries. When we follow His teaching, good feelings are produced. When we read Matthew chapter 6 we realize that if God cares for the birds of the heavens, then surely he cares for all of us. Many have made the mistake of turning things around by insisting that one must feel right in order to do right. But, actually, there are many occasions in which we must do what is right and trust that the feeling will follow. We are created in the image of God. He loves us so much that He gave us the gift of His Beloved Son so that we might entertain a strong hope of living forever in His glorious presence. Such thoughts as these will influence the way we feel about ourselves and those around us. A sense of His great love frees us from self-hate and stirs within a genuine sense of good will toward others. You can smile and you can feel secure in knowing that God cares. "Cast your cares on Him for He careth for you."  
DAN