

# Teen News

Good morning! I hope you all had a good spring break. Thank you to everyone who supported the Chili Cookoff & Cake Auction. We collected nearly \$1,500.00. This is awesome. Tonight the teens will be hosting a big brother, big sister devotional and would like to invite the younger boys and girls to this devotional. This will help with the outreach portion of the teens L.T.C. competition.

Hope to see you tonight.

Blake

## “The Other One”

I think most of us credit ourselves with being long-suffering, forgiving and patient (even if we don't deserve such credit). There is no getting around the fact that in this life, we are going to get on each other's nerves; we are going to irritate one another; we are going to face contention, and sometimes outright offense. It is at these times that we all try to exercise patience, with varying degrees of success. If we somehow manage to not blow our tops and yell and scream, we credit ourselves with righteousness. If we can avoid plotting the downfall and ultimate demise of the offending party, we pat ourselves on the back and say we “turned the other cheek”, don't we? But is that enough? Is it enough to merely refrain from violent outburst and mean-spirited thoughts and behavior? Jesus had a few words to say about this subject: “*You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile*” (Mt. 5:38-42). Do we return a harsh word with a kind one? Do we seek to help those who have hurt us? It seems counter-intuitive, doesn't it? It goes against our selfish nature to put ourselves in harm's way; especially after we have just experienced a hurt. But there is a reason we are commanded to do this, and we trust the divine wisdom behind this practice of returning evil with good: “*If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head with*” (Romans 12:20-21) **SELECTED**

### DOOR GREETERS

March 25

Ike & Joyce Weatherly

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

March 25

Gary & Toni Warren

## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

**Our next Monday Night for the Master will be next Monday, March 26th. We will be having King Ranch Chicken. If you can provide at dessert, please see Jane Grumbles. We will again eat at 6:15 and start our tasks for the night at 7PM. Please make plans to attend.**

“Choose you this day whom you will serve, as for me and my house we will serve the Lord”  
Joshua 24:15

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Dale Sparks

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Dwight Franklin  
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Kyle Lock

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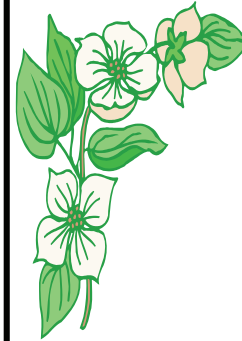
Lorelee Reeder

### MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Brown Trail School of Preaching, *Bedford, TX*  
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Hershel Bearden  
*India Mission*  
Ken Upchurch  
*Tanzania Africa Work*  
Central TX Children's Home—*Buda, TX*  
Tipton Children's Home  
*Tipton, OK*  
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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

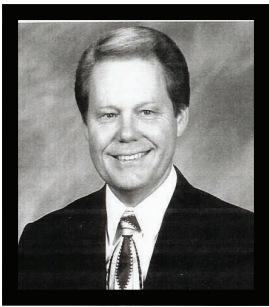
Sun: 9:30 AM Class  
10:30 AM Worship  
6:00 PM Evening  
Wed: 7:00 PM



## DOGWOOD TRAILS BEGINS FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON NEXT SUNDAY FOLLOWING SERVICES. BRING 2 OF THE FOLLOWING: A MEAT DISH, A VEGETABLE, A SALAD OR A DESSERT



# Chili Cookout & Cake Auction

## Great success



*From Dan's desk:*

Last Sunday morning ANN SPARKS and DENISE CARROLL responded to the invitation asking for the prayers of the Lord's Church here. We are grateful for the acknowledgements of both and the desire to live closer to the Lord. They both expressed the need to have more patience and love for others. These two are great examples to all of us. We commend them and continue to pray for them. Several were out of town, overslept, or the rain kept them away last Sunday. It might have been a combination of all three. At any rate, we had a lot out of the morning worship service. It is good to see each of you today and glad that you have come to worship with us. If you are visiting with us, thank you for coming. I hope you are as grateful for the rain as I am. We have really needed the moisture and God saw fit to bring it our way. The Dogwoods are really beginning to bloom and I just hope they will be blooming the first weekend of the Dogwood Trails. Let's be sure to welcome all our visitors over the next several weeks. The Chili Cook Off and the Cake Auction went great. We had a great crowd of folks present and membership here went the extra mile in helping to support our youth. The cake that brought the most money was purchased by Ben Rhone for \$100.00 Several went for \$50.00 or more. Thanks to all of those who prepared chili or baked cakes. DENNIS ELLISON again won the Chili Cook Off contest by one vote and Gary Oliver second and Adam Harding third.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN  
YOUR PRAYERS:**

**BOB BURCHFIELD** is in Mother Frances hospital in Tyler possible light stroke

**GRAHAM WILLIAMS** is also in Mother Frances hospital undergoing heart tests & treatment.

**MELANIE HENDERSON** niece of Bill Chandler and cousin of Lorelee, has learned that she brain cancer.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Due to the lack of space to include everyone with ongoing illnesses, we continue to update the prayer list of those who need our prayers. We encourage you to pick up a copy of that list and pray for those who are listed.

**REMEMBER THE SERVICEMEN!**

Blaine Kline, David Sims, Jason Mottern, Clinton La Master, & Dustin Delsi.

Our sympathy is extended to Dale & Ann Sparks on the death of their brother-in-law, CARLOS BLANCO, in Nacogdoches who passed away on Wednesday.

**No Bible Hour  
tonight due to Spring Break!**

**RESPONSES**

For Rededication:  
Denise Carroll  
Ann Sparks



## “Rescue Group”

There is a woman who has a real soft spot for animals. She not only has many animals of her own, but belongs to a rescue group—a collection of similarly-minded men and women who pool their resources (financial, organizational and otherwise) in order to adopt animals who are scheduled to be euthanized in shelters around California, and then find them good, permanent homes.

This past week she adopted a puppy who was otherwise going to die, along with 30 or so other dogs at an animal shelter near Bakersfield, California. Her and her group by themselves managed to save the lives of six dogs; and along with other rescue groups around the state, a total of 19 dogs have been saved from being killed so far (and probably even more by the time this article is published).

It's difficult NOT to feel compassion for animals that have been lost, and seem to be all but abandoned; animals that appear to be doomed to die. But, as the story I just related to you proves: selflessness, and kindness and love have the ability to save, don't they?

Do we feel compassion for those out in the world who are lost, feel abandoned and appear destined for spiritual death? Would we act out of selflessness and kindness and love to save them?

God our Father did just that for all of us. *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* [John 3:16]

*“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”* [1 John 4:10]

PAUL SEELY