

# Teen News

Good morning! I hope you all are enjoying the summer heat. Many of you have been out of town on vacation and many of you have plans to go on vacation. I hope all of you have fun! Thanks to everyone who came to the Summer Youth Series last Tuesday evening and to all the people who helped in the activity building afterwards. Thank you Doug Sumrall for providing the BBQ. It was delicious!!! I want to remind the youth about the watermelon supper tonight after church. I hope you all will make plans to be here! See you tonight.

Ben

**Considering the Appointment of and additional Elder and Deacons, please read the following.:**

The qualifications of the bishop/elder/pastor are found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and in Titus 1:6-9

The qualifications for a Deacon are found in I Tim. 3:8-13

We believe that the men that have been placed before the congregation, will serve and promote the harmony and unity of the church at Crockett Rd. Keep them in prayer, as well as your present leadership.

## **DON'T JUDGE BY APPEARANCE**

Two businessmen were traveling by train to an important business meeting. In the seat opposite them was an old man with a shaggy beard, dressed in a tattered sweater and jeans. Throughout the ride the two told each other crude jokes about bums and tramps, with particular reference to the chap in the next seat. When they arrived at the meeting they discovered this "tramp" was a world-class scholar and the meetings' keynote speaker. Realizing he had heard everything they said on route, they apologized.

"It is not my forgiveness you need," he responded, "but the forgiveness of all the common people you hold in such disdain."

Sadly, many are disrespectful to their fellowman based on outward appearances. I attended a Lectureship once, and as the speaker of the hour was about to take the platform, I said to myself, "He looks like a country bumpkin. This is sure to be a boring sermon." To my surprise it was one of the most powerful sermons I can remember hearing. You can't always judge a book by its cover. Perhaps we should heed the following words: "for man looketh on the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). Perhaps the following exhortation should be heeded as well: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matthew 7:12). **SELECTED**

## **DOOR GREETERS**

**July 10, 2016**

**Lorelee Reeder & Millie Baur**

## **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

**July 10, 2016**

**Fred & Beth Freeman**

# *Gospel Worker*

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### **MINISTERS**

Dan D. Manuel  
*Pulpit Minister*  
Ben Rhone  
*Youth Minister*

### **ELDERS**

Dan D. Manuel  
Dale Sparks

### **DEACONS**

Henry Baker  
Dwight Franklin  
Adam Harding  
Kyle Lock

### **SECRETARY**

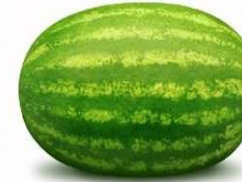
Lorelee Reeder

### **MISSIONS**

Brown Trail School of  
Preaching, *Bedford, TX*  
Jose Cuadras- *Mexico*  
*School of Preaching*  
Hershel Bearden  
*India Mission*  
Central TX Children's  
Home- *Buda, TX*  
Tipton Children's Home  
*Tipton, OK*  
GBN T.V. NETWORK  
GIVE ME THE BIBLE  
T.V. Program  
KETK-56 Tyler, TX.  
FOX 44- Waco, TX.  
FOX 33 Shreveport, LA.  
FOX 29, Bryan-College  
Station, TX.  
NBC 53- Lufkin, TX.

### **ASSEMBLY TIMES**

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



**We will have a  
watermelon supper  
after worship  
services tonight.  
Plan to join us for a  
fun time. The  
watermelons will  
be furnished.**

**America's Birthday Tomorrow.  
New Elder and Deacons to be ap-  
pointed On July 24th**



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

What a blessing it is to live in America. We have problems in our homeland, but not to compare to other countries in the world. How grateful we ought to be to God for the opportunity to live in a free land. May we all consider those blessings when we vote in the month of November. The Elders have asked DWIGHT FRANKLIN to serve as an additional Elder in the congregation here and we have asked JOHNNY JENKINS and R.D. PRINCE to serve as additional Deacons. We believe that these men are qualified and will serve the church faithfully. If you have any scriptural objection to any of them serving, put it in writing and give it to either Dale or myself. We express our appreciation to SAM ELLIS for serving as a deacon over the last several years. He expressed his desire to resign at this time because of personal issues. We know that Sam & Cheryl will continue to support the church in its efforts here. We hope that each of you will want to stay after services tonight for the Annual Watermelon supper. It is always a fun time and the watermelons are the best. They come from Pennington's farm. Be sure and make plans to stay this evening after services. I know Ben did a good job last Tuesday evening at the Youth Rally. Ben always does a great job along with his sweet wife, Keri. They are both a blessing to the church here. I served as a youth director before I became a preacher and it is extremely challenging at times. We need parents to become more involved in the youth program. You might check with Ben and Keri, to volunteer your time and energy. They cannot do it alone. One way you can help encourage them is to make sure that your children participate in the events that are planned for the youth. Our thanks to Doug Sumrall for preparing the meal for the youth Rally last week and those who helped out in the kitchen. We hope to see you tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**ED FURMAN has learned that he now has bladder cancer and more bone cancer .**

**BOB STECH has been losing blood and had 2 pints of blood Wednesday at Palestine Regional.**

**All others who have been ill and hospitalized are improving.**

**ELDERS & DEACONS**

**It was announced last Sunday that the Elders have asked Dwight Franklin to serve as an additional Elder and that Johnny Jenkins and R.D. Prince would be appointed as additional Deacons for the church here. If you have any scriptural objection, put it in writing and hand it to Dale or Dan.**

**Sam Ellis resigned as a deacon last Sunday for personal reasons and we express our appreciation to Sam for having served over the last several years.**

**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.

**What Character Do We Have?**

Lily Tomlin said something funny about politicians and about those who elect them in the following - little joke. She said, "Ninety-eight percent of the adults in this country are decent, hardworking, honest Americans. It's the other lousy two percent that get all the publicity. But then, we elected them." My apologies to the many sincere, decent, hardworking politicians in America. Elected officials have a very difficult job. They live in a fish bowl, and a scandal-hungry media is always nearby, just waiting to whiff something rotten and smelly so they can splash the stink on screens and in headlines for all the world to see. And the public always seems eager to sniff it up. Tomlin's joke brings a smile to our faces due to the fact that political scandal is, sadly, a reality and a fairly routine part of public life in America. America's leaders can at times be a pretty rotten bunch. But that's only half the story. As Lily said, we elected them! Could it be the character of America's leaders is a reflection of the character of America's general public? President James A. Garfield (who was also a Gospel preacher) once made this pointed and uncomfortable statement about where the buck really stops: "The people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body is ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people -tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities. . . . If the next centennial does not find us a great nation . . . it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces. As America observes her 240th birthday, let us remember this timeless principle - "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:14).