

# Teen News

Blake was on vacation last week. Here's an article you might relate to.

Gossiping, joking, trashing, roasting....whatever we call it; does hurting someone ever help them? We as Christians aren't called to hurt people; we're called to love them. So if we hurt people, can we really call ourselves Christians? If we're gonna use Christ's name, let's try to act like Him. Otherwise, we not only trash a person, but the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as well. That's a bad place to be, don't you think? Today as you hang with friends, remind yourself and them, that if you can't say anything cool don't say anything at all.

## RESPONSES

### Prayer & Membership:

**David & Toni Degelia**  
310 Sycamore  
Grapeland, TX  
936-687-4221



### Baptized:

**Tanner Gibson,**  
son of Kim Gibson  
&  
**Zachary McEwen**  
489 ACR 444  
Palestine, TX

If you are new to our congregation, or if your birthday & anniversary have not been on the screen the week before your occasion, we need to have your dates. Please put these dates on the attendance card you make out today. The young men will pick these up.

An account has been set up at Austin Bank, by interested people in the community, on behalf of Dennis & Misty Ellison. If you would like to donate you can go by there and make your donation. Just tell them to credit it to their account.



GOOD THING I FOUND YOU GIDEON ... IT SEEMS SOMEONE HAS BEEN HIDING ALL YOUR BIBLES IN HOTEL ROOMS  
02-18-2005

### DOOR GREETERS

**Aug. 14**  
**Lois King & Sue Grubbs**

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

**Aug. 14**  
**Fred Freeman**

# Gospel Worker

## Crockett Road Church of Christ

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### MINISTERS

Dan D. Manuel  
*Pulpit Minister*  
Blake Baker  
*Youth Minister*  
Bernie Baur  
*Personal Evangelism*

### ELDERS

Dan D. Manuel  
Dale Sparks

### DEACONS

Henry Baker  
Sam Ellis  
Dwight Franklin  
Adam Harding  
Kyle Lock

### SECRETARY

Lorelee Reeder

### MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Brown Trail School of Preaching, *Bedford, TX*  
Jose Cuadras—*Mexico*  
*School of Preaching*  
Hershel Bearden  
*India Mission*  
Ken Upchurch  
*Tanzania Africa Work*  
Central TX Children's Home—*Buda, TX*  
Tipton Children's Home  
*Tipton, OK*  
Gospel Broadcast Network  
**ASSEMBLY TIMES**  
Sun: 9:30 AM Class  
10:30 AM Worship  
6:00 PM Evening  
Wed: 7:00 PM

### "MY WORDS SHALL NEVER PASS AWAY"

Over the centuries, many men have tried to destroy the Bible. In A.D 303, the Roman Emperor Diocletian issued an edict to destroy Christians and their Bibles. The persecution that followed was brutal. Over a burned Bible, he built a monument on which he wrote these words, "Extineto nomine Christianorum" (meaning the name Christian is extinguished). Twenty years later, Diocletian was dead and the new Emperor, Constantine, commissioned forty copies of the Bible to be prepared at government expense.

In 1776, Voltaire, the French philosopher, announced, "One hundred years from my day there will not be a Bible in the earth except that is looked upon by some antique seeker". One hundred years later, Voltaire was dead and his own house and press were being used to print and store Bibles by the Geneva Bible Society. One hundred years from the day of Voltaire's prediction, the first edition of his works sold for eleven cents in Paris, but the British government paid the Czar of Russia half a million dollars for an ancient Bible manuscript.

It is truly distressing to read what men have tried to do to pervert, distort, and destroy God's Word. However, our Lord, knowing the eternal nature of His Word, declared, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35). Let us, along with the inspired writer John declare, "Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints" (Revelation 15:3; cf. Psalm 92:5; Psalm 111:2).



## Two Respond for Prayer and Place Membership. Two Respond for Baptism.

*From Dan's desk:*

We are so happy about David and Toni Degelia coming to place membership with us. They also asked for the prayers of the church because of their negligence. We commend them and pray that God will bless us as we work together in the Church of our Lord. They are sweet people with an attitude that should be replicated by others also. They will be a blessing to our congregation. Thanks for your comments about the lessons last Sunday. God's Word is profound and speaks to our hearts, sometimes we just don't listen. On Thursday I studied with, and baptized Tanner Gibson, son of Kim Gibson & grandson of George Wooden, and Zachary McEwen, the boyfriend of Lindsey Gibson. We commend these two young men for their desire to be right with the Lord. Make a point to meet these new members. Thanks to the men who gathered last Saturday for the "Helping Hands" work day. Those in the church who were helped by those who served were truly grateful for your efforts. The hot temperatures continue and our earth needs relief. Continue to pray for rain. We have a lot of folks who are ill at present, either in the hospital or at home. Several are recovering from surgery. Please remember these in prayer as well. If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you have come. We hope you will come again whenever you have an opportunity. This Wednesday night, Norvie Cottingham preacher for the Salt Works Church of Christ will be our guest speaker in the Summer series. He will speak on the subject, "This World Is Not My Home". Please plan to be present. See you tonight.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN  
YOUR PRAYERS:**

**MARLENE THOMPSON** will have other surgeries soon on her knee.

**JESSE KRAUS** has been hospitalized at Palestine Regional, Room 327. No visitors at this time, please.

**TOBY WILLIAMS, wife of Graham Williams, remains in the local hospital, Room 329**

**HELEN LICK, Wanda Burke's sister has been in Palestine Regional hospital.**

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER  
THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL  
RECENTLY.**

**VONOLGA ROBERSON, DENNIS ELLISON, JAMES BIRDOW, OWEN PERRY, BOBBIE HOUSE, BILLY WHITLEY, MARY PARSONS, LIAM LOWE, RENEE WHITLEY.**

**SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS:**

**Jason Mottern, Jeremy Dixon, & Blaine Kline.**

## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Edna Higginbotham on the death of her husband, MAURICE HIGGINBOTHAM, and to Deborah Hagemeyer, who is their daughter. Maurice passed away early Monday morning. Services were held on Thursday here at the building.

Our sympathy is also extended to David & Wanda Burke on the death of Wanda's aunt, HAZEL NEWMAN and David's sister-in-law, BETTY BURKE. Mrs. Newman passed away Friday and Mrs. Burke passed away on Monday morning.

## Not For Sale

One day a poor girl slipped into the garden of the queen at Balmoral. She approached the gardener and told him that her mother was extremely ill at home and she wanted to take her a flower. Since it was winter, flowers were very rare, but the little girl had seen flowers growing in the queen's greenhouses. She had saved a few pennies and asked the gardener if she could buy a single rose for her mother. The gardener was sympathetic with the little girl's request, but he replied: "The queen has no flowers for sale." The little girl was about to turn away in disappointment and return home.

Unobserved by either the little girl or the gardener, the queen had been listening through a window in the greenhouse. She stepped out and told the girl: "The gardener is quite right, my child. He has no authority to give you the flowers you want, nor does the queen cultivate flowers for sale. But the queen has flowers to give away." From a basket the queen took several rare roses and gave them to the little girl and said: "Take these to your mother with my love, and tell her that the queen sent them. I am the queen."

This story provides a good allegory for the story of salvation. We have a need for pardon for our sins. We can go to various sources and ask for forgiveness, but no human has the authority to cleanse our souls. We can not purchase redemption, because God's grace has not been cultivated for sale. However, if God decides to give his mercy away freely to a sinner, that is his right, especially in light of what Christ achieved in his incarnate life and through his death at Calvary. "The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). We "are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24).