

# Teen News

Good morning! I hope you all have had a good week. We will have a devotional today and make plans for the Thanksgiving Dinner for the Widows and Widowers. We will need a lot of help for this and we hope you will all want to be involved. Please make plans to stay today and be here on November 24th. It is good to see you here today and plan to be back tonight.

## 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.**

## SERVICEMEN PACKAGE

**All items for Jason Mottern and his platoon must be here no later than tonight. In order for them to reach Afghanistan by Christmas, they must be mailed by November 12th. It will take a while to get it boxed up.**

Thank you to Harold & Russell Johnson for cutting down the trees at the back of the parking lot. We took them down so the oak trees could hopefully get a better footing. Thanks again Harold for your good work. We appreciate you!

## God's Special People

The one reoccurring theme of Leviticus is stated in chapter 19 verse 2, "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.'" Their holiness was to be seen in every aspect of their daily lives. Leviticus tells us how they dressed, how they could or could not cut their hair and beards, the foods they could eat, and when they could not work. It addressed their character. God demanded they "do no injustice" (19.35). This included their weights and measurements (19). Just as importantly they were to think in a holy way. "The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with Me" (25.23) "For the children of Israel are servants to Me; they are My servants whom I brought out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God" (25.55) "I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people" (26.12) Other passages can be cited, but I think you get the point. They owned nothing; they did not even own themselves. Their very being as a people was due to God's power. Their possession of the land was more of a lease agreement than a purchase. Their purpose for existence was to serve God. In the same way we are to be a holy nation, a peculiar people, His own special people, 1 Peter 2.9. Unfortunately, Israel became like the other nations around them. They became deceptive, untrustworthy, rebellious, immoral, and idolatrous. The same can happen to us today. Wearing the name of Christ, coming to a church building, and worshipping is not "being holy". We are to be holy in conduct, character, and our purpose of life.

**DOOR GREETERS Nov. 17, 2013**

**Jim & Jane Davis**

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

**Dwight Franklin**

# Gospel Worker

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FOX 44—Waco, TX.  
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

## Thanksgiving Is A Way of Life

Of all the Holidays we celebrate in this country Thanksgiving is the closest to being Biblical. In fact, Abraham Lincoln in 1863 instituted this Holiday recognizing the great blessings we have received as a country from God. Can you imagine a political leader today declaring a day to give thanks to God for our great many blessings? As we think about our blessings we need to be thankful for all that we have received. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1.17). Many times we can read of people giving God thanks for His kindness and mercy. Jesus gave thanks before breaking the bread when feeding the 4,000. "And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude" (Matt 15:36). He also gave thanks while observing the Passover and then instituting the "Lord's Supper" in Matthew 26. We need to remember that being thankful is not a day, but a way of life. A person that is not thankful each and every day is not truly thankful on the forth Thursday in November. We need to appreciate the great blessings of life each day. The blessing of having family and loved ones around us is truly something to be thankful for. We are blessed with a level of prosperity that is the envy of the world around us. We have homes the size of mansions, televisions in most rooms, electronic games, medical care, central heat, air conditioning, food in the fridge, and more clothes than needed. This is just a partial list, but you get the idea. We have been blessed. God's Greatest blessing was His Son, Jesus. John 3:16. Let us always be thankful.

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# One responds to the invitation



*From Dan's desk:*

Last Sunday morning PATRICIA MANVILLE responded to the invitation of our Lord asking for the prayers of the church here. We commend her for taking this step in her life. We continue to pray for her that God will give her strength in this time of seeking a closer walk with Him. The month of November has arrived and with it again, numerous activities are planned for the month along with Thanksgiving holidays. It will be a busy month. Please look elsewhere in the church bulletin for a list of events that are planned. Today we will be honoring our Veterans who have served in the U.S. Military. We have so many in the congregation who have served valiantly and have given much to keep our country strong and free. We will pay special tribute to them and honor them in the service today. If you see a Veteran on the street salute him. The sacrifices, hard work, commitment and love for country is often overlooked by many in America. Jesus said, "Give honor to whom honor is due." We believe that honor is due to the many men and women who have given so much. Thank God for them all. With the time change, darkness comes a little earlier and it seems later than it is in reality. It is hard to make the adjustment sometimes to the new time. Please plan to be present at the evening worship service tonight at 6 P.M. We had a good worship service in the church chapel last Wednesday night. It was singing night. Thanks to all who were in attendance. See you tonight.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

**IKE WEATHERLY** was taken to Mother Frances hospital in Tyler Sunday evening with a brain bleed.

**MARGARET PEARSON** is in Palestine Regional with a UTI.

**EMERALD ELLIS** is also in Palestine Regional with a viral infection.

**GARY BRILEY** will go to Houston for tests and treatment this week.

**WILLARD LANE**, father of Billy Lane, had cancer surgery in Dallas on Wednesday.

**DAVID BOLT**, brother-in-law of Harold & Bobbie Johnson, is in very serious condition with several blood clots.

*CONTINUE TO REMEMBER those with continuing illnesses. Pick up a prayer list on the table in the foyer.*

*Remember JASON MOTTERN in Afghanistan and other U.S. military personal serving around the world.*

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 10th Baby shower for Jodi Bainum
- 16th Ladies Brunch—We will meet at the activity bldg to work on wreaths and scarves for the shut-in's.
- 22nd Ladies Bunko night at the Bon Appetit.
- 24th Widows and Widowers luncheon planned by the youth of the church.
- 26th Mid-week service (Tuesday) change from Wednesday this week. Annual Thanksgiving Devotional.

## Fatal Riches

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Tim. 6:10). There was a story in the news about a German Billionaire who threw himself in front of a train last week. The family confirmed that he too his own life. They said, "The distress in his firms caused by the financial crisis and the related uncertainties of recent weeks, along with the helplessness of no longer being able to act, broke the passionate family businessman, and he ended his life," After reading the article I thought about how said it is to be in a frame of mind that says, "Because of the loss of riches, and without the ability to change that, the next best solution is to take my own life."

Paul tells us that those who seek after riches: "pierced themselves through with many sorrows." This man could not live with the fact that he had lost so much money in the markets, as well as his standing in financial circles. While striving for prosperity and great riches he lost everything. He had pierced himself through with many sorrows. If only he would have learned the lesson Paul gave in 1 Tim. "Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content." (1 Tim. 6:6-8). Contentment does not come by having more and more stuff, for surely the loss of it would be great. Contentment is a frame of mind. Heb. 13:5 ". **Selected**