

# Teen News

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for our service weekend and the widows/widowers luncheon. If any widows or widowers need work done at your house, please sign the service sheet so we can schedule times for work.

Tonight we will have a devo in the activity building. We will be discussing what we will be doing for the crossover weekend and the widows/widowers luncheon. Please plan on sticking around.

**We have purchased 3 books about marriage for the library in memory of Elizabeth Chandler and we purchased a new set of cookware and various utensils for the activity building in memory of J.L. Parkman. These items were purchased with memorial gifts donated to the church in their memory.**

## NO ANSWER

A new pastor moved into town and went out one Saturday to visit his parishioners. All went well until he came to one house. It was obvious that someone was home, but no one came to the door even after he had knocked several times. Finally, he took out his card and wrote on the back: Revelation 3:20 and stuck it in the door.

The next day, as he was counting the offering he found his card in the collection plate. Below his message was the notation Genesis 3:10.

Revelation 3:20 reads: "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with me."

Genesis 3:10 reads: "And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked."

## Understandest Thou What Thou Readist?

In Acts 8:26-39 we have the story of Phillip and the Eunuch. An Angel told Philip to go down to Jerusalem, and on his way, he ran into an Ethiopian Eunuch, a very important man in his country. He was the treasurer for the Queen. He had gone up to Jerusalem to worship, and was on his way back home. As he was returning, he was riding in his chariot and reading from the book of Isaiah. Phillip ran up to the chariot and asked him "Understandest thou what thou readest?" The Eunuch replied, "How can I, except some man should guide me?" From that Isaiah passage, Phillip preached the gospel to the Eunuch and we all know the happy ending to this story. The Eunuch was baptized for the remission of sins. A very important question was asked that I think we need to ask ourselves from time to time. That question is, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" (Or sing, or hear, or pray) There are several areas inside of worship and outside that I think we need to step up our understanding of. Proverbs 1:7 says, *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."* Many passages in the Bible talk about the pursuit of knowledge, especially the book of Proverbs. I think knowledge can enhance our worship, and our service to God in helping us to understand what we sing, pray, hear and speak.

## DOOR GREETERS— November 21 2010

**Jerry & Marlene Thompson**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

**November 21  
Ed Compton**

# Gospel Worker

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*India Mission*  
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**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**

## GOSPEL OR ENTERTAINMENT

In the denominational world, and lately in the church itself, the gospel is being watered down in order to bring in more people. In the denominational world especially, the social gospel is rampant. They are willing to do what ever it takes to bring in people. I have even seen church sponsored circus'. How ridiculous that a church would have to give in to such tactics to bring in people. Where is their faith in the Gospel?

let me ask this question. If you put on a play or a circus to bring in people, and you hope to teach them the gospel while they are there, why did the people come? Did they come to hear the gospel, or to be entertained. I guarantee that 95% of those who attend are there to be entertained. Yes, they may be taught a perverted gospel (usually leaving out very important parts, like baptism), but even if they obey that gospel, they were primarily won by the entertainment part of it, and not for the true spiritual gifts offered in Christ.

"Join the church of your choice," is the common cry in the denominational world, all the while they are putting on play's, church sponsored ball teams, suppers and whatever they can to bring in the people. Most people will join a church where they can have the most fun and get the most entertainment.

Jesus explained in Matthew 7:12-14, *"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. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."* This is a very telling statement. Those who are won over by the social gospel will get a rude awakening in the day of judgement when they are told *"Depart from Me ye that work iniquity."* (Matt 7:21-23)

The word "gospel" literally means "Good News." What better news could man receive than that of salvation from a burning hell?! The gospel is simply the fact that Christ came to this earth and died for our sins, giving us the opportunity to be saved from our sins. (Rom 1:16, Eph 1:13, Phil. 2:12) I believe it is undeniable that few will reach heaven. Jesus said so (Matt. 7:12-14).



# THANKSGIVING DINNER

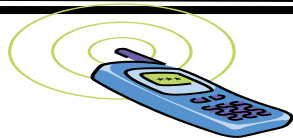
One week from Thursday

## FROM DAN'S DESK..



We want to remind you of the Thanksgiving Dinner here at the church building one week from this Thursday. The date is Nov. 25th at noon. Please sign the list in the foyer if you are planning to attend. Also the Widows and Widowers luncheon will be held one week from today in the activity building. Please sign the list in the foyer if you are planning to attend. I begin a gospel meeting today in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. The meeting continues through Wednesday. Bernie is preaching this morning and tonight. We appreciate Bernie and what he continues to do for the church here. The Elders have just recently asked Bernie to work with us in the role of associate Minister. He will assume the work that Owen Perry had been doing for several years. Bernie preached the gospel for many years fulltime and is extremely qualified to do this good work. He is willing to study with anyone who might be interested, so if you have family members or friends and you would like to study with them and Bernie, please let him know. He will also be visiting the hospital each week and calling on those who are sick right along with Dale and me. We will look forward to seeing you next Sunday.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES  
OR PUT THEM ON VIBRATE.**



### TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

#### **PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:**

**SANDY SINGLETERRY** chipped her ankle and is in a walking boot.

**HUNTER SHERIDAN**, son of Ann Fulford, had cancer surgery on Tuesday, November 9th. It was more serious than they hoped.

**Continue to remember:** Ida Lee Parkman, Maggie Larsen, Danny Sumrall, Mary Brown.

**Military Overseas:** Jeffery Dixon

Our sympathy is extended to Virginia Hall & family on the death of **CHARLIE HALL** who passed away on Saturday morning after a long illness. His services were held here at the building this last Friday.

Sympathy is also extended to Pat Wilburn on the tragic death of her husband, **WALTER WAYNE WILBURN**, in a 4 vehicle accident on Monday afternoon.



### SIGN UP NOW

Sign up sheets have been posted on the bulletin board across from the office for the Widow/Widowers Luncheon on Nov. 21st and for the Thanksgiving Lunch on November 25th. Please sign up if you plan to attend either of these or both.

**The ladies who work in the Visual Aid brigade will not be working on November 23th and will resume again on November 30th. There will also be no Ladies Bible class that day.**

### Moving Experiences: Is It Up To the “Experience” or the “Mover”?

As I sat, patiently waiting for the light to turn green, the American Flag flapping in the light wind caught my eye. It was an average size flag (nothing fancy), faded and beginning to show some frayed edges. I’m not sure how often I have seen this flag, but it is in a location where I easily could have seen it several times a day. Yet, for some reason, I usually don’t pay any mind.

But, this day was different. And I looked at the flag, the lyrics of the Star Spangled Banner began to run through my mind, “...our flag was still there. Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?” What an incredibly moving song! I began to think of the times I’ve watched soldiers fold the flag that was draped over a coffin and graciously present it to a grieving mother or widow. My heart began to sink. Then, the vivid memories of that lone bugler playing Taps began to flood my mind. The vibrato of those piercing notes grabs the soul and stirs the heart.

My mind raced to images of Iwo Jima, then to that experience many years ago of the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The crosses at those military cemeteries, the rows and rows at Arlington, and even the ones over in Europe are stunning reminders of the ultimate price that has been paid by so many for “the land of the free and the home of the brave.”

I loved seeing that flag that day, but it made me wonder. It was the same old flag that I had seen thousands of times, but it had become so common place that I didn’t even connect with it most times. What was different on this particular day? It certainly was not the flag. Old Glory was still its faithful mainstay...“our flag was still there!” The flag did not need to change. I was the one who had dismissed it without special notice so often. I was the one who needed to re-focus and re-engage.

Think about this in relationship to worship. I have heard so many times over the years, “We sing the same songs...those same old songs we’ve been singing for years. The prayers are always the same. The sermons review the same points over and over” Wait a minute! Why isn’t worship the moving experience we think it should be? I suggest it is for the same reason that viewing the Stars and Stripes is not a moving experience every time. The flag is not to be blamed, nor is the worship service. We are!

If we will truly worship with our hearts fully engaged, then simple phrases in songs and simple thoughts in a prayer can lead our minds on a journey of praise-filled worship!

Jordan Edwards, Garden Valley church of Christ