

# Teen News

The youth enjoyed the fellowship at the home of C.T. and Hailey Brooks last Sunday night. We wanted to thank them for opening their home to our young people. Everyone had a great time. The Youth are preparing the luncheon today for the Widows and Widowers and we hope that each of you will stay. If you didn't sign the list, we want you to stay anyway. This is our annual Thanksgiving dinner hosted by the youth for this group. We appreciate you. BLAKE

## LADIES TUESDAY CLASS AND VISUAL AIDS SCHEDULE

Nov. 22 No class or Visual Aids  
Dec. 6, 20, 27 No Class –Visu. Aids  
Jan 3 No Class or Visual Aids

## RESPONSE FOR PRAYER DENISE CARROLL

### SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Dan Manuel in the death of his nephew this last week in Tyler.

Our sympathy is extended to Mary Jo Thomason in the death of her sister RUBY this last week also.  
*Continue to remember them in prayer*

## “THANKSGIVING”

The genuine test of thankfulness is whether we can give thanks from the heart for what we do have, despite the wounds and pains of yesterday's struggles. Ours is not some fair-weather faith, but a resilient trust in the midst of pain. The Pilgrims lived close to the edge of survival. Perhaps that is why they were so thankful.

How about you? Does your material bounty cause you to neglect thanks? When your clan gathers this Thanksgiving will it be a prayer of thankfulness forgotten between moist turkey and pumpkin pie? Will your children see you bow your head to give thanks, or merely ask for another helping of dressing and cranberry sauce? Children are watching, you know. And their little faith is being formed by what they see. Your family's Thanksgiving celebration is an instruction to them about thankfulness, for good or ill. Will they see you too wealthy to be thankful? Too independent to need God any more? Too bitter, perhaps? Or will they watch you truly give thanks for God's blessings on this special day? And maybe as they will catch a hint that, in spite of difficult times or being blessed immeasurably, we still take time to thank God. DAN

### DOOR GREETERS

**Nov. 27, 2011**  
**James and Sandy Singleterry**

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

**Nov. 27, 2011**  
**Lois King & Sue Grubbs**

# Gospel Worker

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Henry Baker  
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### MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Brown Trail School of Preaching, Bedford, TX  
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*India Mission*  
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*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  
5:00 PM Evening  
Wed: 7:00 PM

## REMEMBER TO GIVE THANKS



*Happy Thanksgiving!*  
*To You And Your Family*

“In Everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you”

I Thes. 5:18



**Good Morning Church.**  
**God continues to Bless us**  
**We are glad you're here.**



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

It is good to see each of you today. Thanks for fulfilling your commitment to God by being present. We commend DENISE CARROLL who responded asking for prayer last Sunday. We continue to pray for her and others also. Sometimes people make a pledge to honor God, but how soon they forget. When it comes to contributing to God, some fail to honor God's Word regarding giving as we have been prospered. The following is so true:

"Two well worn bills arrived at the Federal Reserve Bank to be retired - a twenty and a one. As they traveled down the conveyor belt, they struck up a conversation. The twenty reminisced about the interesting life he had, traveling all over the country. "I've been to the finest restaurants, Broadway shows, Las Vegas , Atlantic City ," he said. "I even want on a Caribbean cruise. Where have you been?" "Oh," said the one dollar bill, "I've been to the church several time, this one and that one." "What's a church?" asked the twenty. May God help us to always put Him first in all things. I Cor. 16:1-2 is a great reminder of how we should respond to God in terms of giving to Him and the church. May we take it to heart. "Whatsoever a man soweth, he shall also reap" Gal. 6. Maybe you are not reaping, because you are not sowing. "That is something to think about. Sometimes members of the church give to God what is left over after we have spent what He has blessed us with in life. PUT HIM FIRST. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN  
YOUR PRAYERS:**

**SHANNON SPENCER** has been in the hospital this last week for treatment. Others who have been ill are improving.

**DOROTHY HARRIDSON** mother of Janette Alford has been in the hospital this last week.

Others who have been ill are improving.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Bennie Joe McInnis, Dennis Ellison, Gary Oliver, Bill Hogan, Ruth Cox, , Toby Williams, Gerald Wilcher, Carlos Blanco. Toni Degelia, Liam Lowe, Marlene Thompson Jim Davis

Servicemen: Blaine Kline, & Jason Mottern.

**WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS**

The Youth are hosting a luncheon today in the activity building for the widows and widowers in our congregation. If you did not sign the list, please plan to attend. We appreciate **Blake and Brandy & the youth** for proving this the "Traditional Thanksgiving Meal" for this group of people. Great food and fellowship.

**"The Sacrifices of Thanksgiving"**

It's always seemed to me a sad commentary on human nature that we have to organize a holiday to encourage people to be thankful. Doesn't it seem reasonable that if we were genuinely grateful for all that God has given us, we wouldn't need to mark it on the calendar? "**Fourth Thursday in November — be sure to thank God today.**" But such creatures we are. We have to be poked and prodded and constantly reminded to do the very things we should be eager to do. We have birthdays so we don't forget to tell people at least once per year that we're glad they're alive. We have anniversaries to compel us to tell our spouses at least once each year that we love them. We have national holidays that nudge us one day out of every 365 to acknowledge our country (Independence Day), our leaders (Presidents Day), our honored dead (Memorial Day), our jobs (Labor Day) and our civil rights (King Day). If we didn't have these annual reminders, we'd let some of these things slip until one day we'd forget them completely. The Bible teaches us that true gratitude has a price: "*Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing*" (Psalm 107:22). At first glance, that command may seem peculiar to us. "*Sacrifices of thanksgiving? I thought we were thankful because we don't have to sacrifice.*" But the truth is that when we are thankful as we should be, we will be moved to sacrifice. In the first century of the church, the Christians in Macedonia were very poor. Yet, when they heard about the desperate material needs of suffering saints in and around Jerusalem, the Macedonian Christians enthusiastically pleaded with Paul to take their offering to Judea for the benefit of their brethren in Christ. Paul was amazed that people so poor themselves would be eager to give from their meager substance to help others. But he said of the Macedonians, "*The abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality*" (2 Corinthians 8:2). Though they had little, these godly people were so thankful for even that small amount that they were anxious to give sacrificially. DAN