



## Those To Serve

Dec. 2019

### A.M. Opening

1 J.B. Matlock  
8 James Singleterry  
15 Wayne Cartwright  
22 Charles Steen  
29 Clint Satterwhite

### A.M. Closing

Doug Rader  
Jerry Sturgess  
Jack Thomason  
Orre Costlow  
Bill Rawson

### P. M. Opening

1 Rick Giles  
8 David Sparks  
15 Doug Lowe  
22 Dwight Franklin  
29 Steve Camp

### P. M. Closing

Charles McCullough  
Danial Plummer  
Andrew Petty  
Brandon Franklin  
Robert Lopez

### Serve Communion

Kolby Radford	Jeff Sparks
Doug Lowe	Luke Lane
Doug Sumrall	Billy Lane
Danial Plummer	Billy Rose

### Communion Preparation

1 Charles & Shelia McCullough  
8 David and Sherron Carder  
15 Gayle Hamilton  
22 Katie Holmes  
29 R.D. & Daphne Prince

### DOOR GREETERS

Sunday Dec. 1, 2019

James & Sandy Singleterry  
**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Sunday Dec. 1, 2019

Patricia Barrett

### NURSERY

Keri Rhone

I'm so happy the Elders have asked me to work with the youth here at Crockett Road. I know with your participation our time together will be well spent serving the Lord. A special thanks to all who had a part in the Singles and Single Again fellowship last Sunday afternoon, especially Ben and Kerri Rhone and Steve and Jill Camp. It is a blessing to be a part of a congregation that cares for everyone who serves the Lord. Please note, we will meet at Legacy at Town Creek this afternoon at 2pm for our nursing home service. Also, we have a devotional planned for tonight following the worship service at our home, 102 Marsh Lane here in Palestine, for 5th-12th graders. We hope you will make plans to join us. Remember to invite a friend to bible class each week. Have a great week! "Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them." Ecclesiastes 12:1 **DOUG**



**Holiday Fellowship**  
Dec. 3rd 6:30 P.M.

Our Annual Holiday Christmas Dinner will take place on Tuesday Night Dec. 3rd at 6:30 P.M. It will be a great evening and we hope everyone one will join us for a wonderful meal and program. Santa will be here for the children to present gifts. You can sign up by next Sunday.

**Make plans to be with us.**

# Gospel Worker

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### MINISTERS

Dan D. Manuel  
*Pulpit Minister*  
Doug Rader  
*Youth Minister*

### ELDERS

Dwight Franklin  
Dan D. Manuel  
Dale Sparks

### DEACONS

Henry Baker  
Kyle Lock  
R.D. Prince

### SECRETARY

Lorelee Reeder  
Beth Freeman

### MISSIONS

Brown Trail School of Preaching, Bedford, TX  
Jose Cuadras—Mexico  
Hershel Bearden—India  
Steve Handley—Prison Min.  
Central TX Children's Home—Buda, TX  
Tipton Children's Home  
Tipton, OK

GBN T.V. NETWORK  
GIVE ME THE BIBLE-T.V.  
FOX 44 KWKT—Waco, TX  
KTAL NBC Channel 6  
Texarkana-Shreveport, LA.  
KLTV ABC channel 7 Tyler  
KTRE ABC channel 9 Lufkin, TX.  
NBC 28 KYLE, Bryan-College Station, TX.  
FOX 29 KSVP Lake Charles, LA  
ABC 10—KTEN Sherman-TX  
KTXD—47 Dallas, Texas

### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

### **“Thanksgiving For God’s Cleft Of The Rock”**

On the Gettysburg battlefield, there are two round top hills with a rocky area between known as “Devil’s Den” It became a place of refuge during the fierce battle. Following the battle, many bodies were retrieved of soldiers seeking refuge “in the cleft of the rock.” What was hoped to be protection became a vault by which they were entrapped. We have been promised refuge during times of threat and harm which cannot be penetrated by the most cunning enemy. David had found refuge in God’s protective custody many times about which he wrote with these words: *“I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies”* (Ps. 18:1-3). God’s glory is seen from the Rock as is expressed by the words of the old song, “Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee”. I find comfort in the passage where God told His people of the Exodus that *“There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock”* (Ex. 23:21-23). There is the story of a little bird that was being chased by a much larger bird of prey. The little bird flew to save its life, darting about while being pursued by the larger bird. The little bird quickly flew into a crevice in a rock face, inside the cleft in the rock. The larger bird gave up. The little bird had found shelter in the rock, out of reach from fearsome claws. It’s life was saved. How like the little bird are we! Keep in mind that *“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty”* (Ps. 9:1). “He will cover you with His pinions and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark” (Ps. 91:1). The wonderful and warm embrace of our heavenly Father is a place of refuge and not a “Devil’s Den.” When we try to find comfort in the clutches of alcohol, drugs, sex, money or so many other cares of the world by which we are surrounded, they become a prison and not a refuge. We must take confidence and courage in knowing that our God is our protectorate and never a threat. Praise God and be thankful for His loving care in the past, eve now and in the future that rests before us.

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***Single Luncheon was Great!***  
**Remember the Mid Week**  
**Service day change (ONLY)**  
**this week to Tuesday.**



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

Please be reminded that we will meet this Tuesday night for our midweek assembly instead of Wednesday night. We will all meet in the church auditorium. We will have a devotional service with the men leading the service. We will also have a power point presentation. We hope and trust that all of you will have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. This is always a time when most families get together and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We also have several events coming up over the next few weeks. Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday night Dec. 3rd. It will be a wonderful. The food will be delicious (it is free to all of you), the fellowship will strengthen each of us. There will be a program presented by the "Lads To Leaders" and Children's Bible Hour following the dinner. Don't miss it. Please sign up on the bulletin board by next Sunday. This will afford us the information needed to prepare the meal. We want to have enough. This morning the sermon will focus on "Thanksgiving". You might make a list of things for which you ought to be grateful and pray everyday expressing your thanksgiving to our Father in Heaven. The Single & Single Again Luncheon" was great with almost 70 in attendance. Thanks to Ben and Keri Rhone, and Jill and Steve Camp for your kindness. Everyone appreciates you. The Elders have asked DOUG RADER to begin working with the teens. He has accepted. He will do a great job and we appreciate him stepping in. Alison has been working with the younger youth in Lads To Leaders. We appreciate their acceptance of this area of ministry. Pray for Doug and Alison. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**DEBBIE WARREN continues to undergo treatment for cancer.**

**DEANNA CHAPMAN had additional treatment last week in Houston.**

**JIM DAVIS will undergo additional tests this week.**

**MICHAEL THOMASON, is improving following heart surgery.**

**JOHN HAWKINS (father of Gary Hawkins) has been dismissed from the local hospital.**

**A prayer list is in the foyer.  
REMEMBER OUR SERVICE MEN  
IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

**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.**

**NEW ADDRESS**

**Robert & Lois Duzan  
19072 Villa Lane  
Montgomery, Texas 77356  
GOD BLESS YOU BOTH**

**"FRIEND OR ENEMY"**

The cruel treatment of the world is always hard to endure, but what is worse is when the mistreatment comes from those who claim to love us. Too often we are assailed by those closest to us - our own brethren. David spoke of the terrible hurt he experienced from a friend. "For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it.- neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: but it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company" (Psalms 55:12-14). Have you been hurt by someone close to you? Have you been betrayed by a brother in Christ? Have you been wronged by those who should have loved you and treated you with kindness and affection? Don't imagine that you are the first to be misused in this way. What you have experienced has been common to God's faithful people throughout the ages. How shall we deal with this sort of painful "wound?" In the same context quoted above, David gives the answer. "As for me, I will call upon God, and the Lord shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice" (Psalms 55:16-17). In the most difficult of times, continue to trust in God and serve him faithfully. Even when betrayed by a friend, maintain your confidence in Him. Remember, "your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). - We must do all we can to keep from wounding a friend. We are to encourage and motivate others to good works. Hebrews 10:24. When we are fulfilling our responsibilities, we have little time to hurt others with our words or actions.

DAN