

# Teen News

We will be delivering fruit packages this afternoon to the shut-ins. We hope that all of you teens will plan to help us. They always appreciate it when we drop in to say hello. Many of these cannot leave their home and some are lonely. This is something we can do to cheer them up. I know many of you are busy, but I encourage you to take the time to think of others. Thanks for being in class this morning and thanks to those who went to Ci-Ci's for pizza last Sunday night. Remember that we will begin working on L.T.C. Projects after the first of year. We hope to see you tonight at the worship service.

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## Heart

Be an organ donor. Give your heart to Jesus.

If the heart can conceive it, and the mind can believe it, God can achieve it.

The heart is happiest when it beats for others.

To be happy, give people a bit of your heart, instead of piece of your mind.

When God measures a man, He puts the tape around his heart instead of his head.

## Wiped Out

In an old, one-room, country schoolhouse years ago, John Maynard was doing very poor work. About half way through the school year, though, something the teacher said inspired him. He diligently applied himself to his work. His grades improved. His assignments were neat and attractive. He finished the year with very good marks, and his parents were quite proud. On visitation day at the end of the year, however, John's heart sank as he saw his mother looking at his workbooks from that school year. He knew that the first half of those workbooks were full of messy work and unsightly blots. He watched as his mother leafed through them and was surprised that his mother was quite pleased as she called his father over to examine them. John discovered that his kind teacher had removed all of his work from the first half of the year and only left the work that was neat.

The point in life where we have a change of heart is called "repentance." Sometimes in the Bible this change is simply called "turning" (Acts 3:19). When we make an about-face, God covers up all of our shabby deeds from the past. He forgives, which means he removes them from the record book. In ancient times writing was removed from leather scrolls by washing or sponging the ink off, and this metaphor was employed frequently in the Bible. The Psalmist prayed: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions...Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities" (Ps. 51:1, 9). God declares: "I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins...I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist" (Isa. 43:25; 44:22).

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**DOOR GREETERS Dec. 13, 2015,**  
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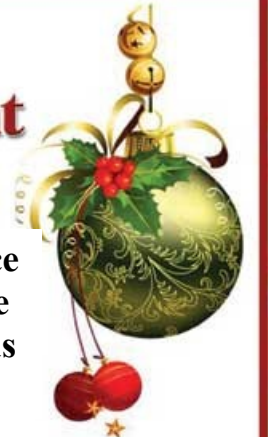
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FOX 29, Bryan-TX.  
NBC 53- Lufkin, TX.  
FOX 29 Lake Charles, La

### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## Women's Christmas Ornament Exchange

Today following the worship service  
at the home of Sonda Baker. Come  
join us for lunch and the Christmas  
Ornament exchange.



## Card Signing

Please join us tomorrow night at 6:30 PM, at the home of Pam Gallaway, 515 ACR 431, to sign Christmas cards for the shut-in's. We will eat and have fellowship. The soup will be furnished. You may bring finger foods to go with the soup, if you would like.

# The Holiday Christmas Fellowship great success!



*From Dan's desk:*

Thanks to all of you who attended the Christmas fellowship last Tuesday night. It was a great evening. The food was delicious, as usual, and the fellowship equal to it. We appreciate the Dogwood Diner for providing the meal. Even though Sam was ill and could not be there, the crew was there, and they did an excellent job. Thanks to Audrey for decorating the activity building in preparation for the fellowship last Tuesday night. The cold weather finally arrived. Many have already started complaining about the weather. A lot of events are forthcoming for the month of December. Several (29) are planning to make the trip to Natchitoches, LA. to see the Christmas lights. They are always beautiful. We are looking forward to going. Last year I got sick and had to come home early. A lot of other events are scheduled including the LADIES ORNAMENT EXCHANGE this afternoon at the home of Sonda Baker. Also tomorrow night Pam Gallaway has opened her home again to those wishing to enjoy another good meal and then SIGNING CARDS to those who are ill or shut-in. This congregation is a loving church family and your concern about one another is always manifested in many ways. I know that the Lord must be honored and pleased by the kindness shown by so many. We appreciate all of you who are here this morning for worship and we will look forward to having you back tonight at 6 P. M. for the evening worship service. Thanks to all who brought items for our U.S. Servicemen connected with the congregation here. Continue to keep them in your prayers. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

**WILLIAM MATTHEWS**— Amanda Herbrough's father has been in the local hospital this last week for tests and treatment.

**NETTA PRINCE**, daughter-in-law of R.D. & Daphne Prince, is very ill in Tulsa, OK.

**LOWELL LEWIS**, father of Toni Warren, has been ill but is better.

**SAM ARYANPOUR** has been moved to True-care nursing facility for rehab.

**PAUL HILLIER** is back home from the hospital in Houston.

**CLINT SATTERWHITE** has wrist surgery this last week but is better. **KENDALL DEAN** will have surgery in Houston this Wednesday.

*Remember others who have been ill. . Be sure to pick up a copy prayer list in foyer.*

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Dec. 6 Ladies Ornament Exchange

Dec. 7 Card signing at Pam Gallaway's

Dec. 11 Natchitoches, LA. Trip

Dec. 15 Ladies Bible Class Luncheon

Dec. 22 Midweek (Tues.)

Devotional service

Dec. 29 Midweek (Tues.) Holiday Service

### 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.**

## "ONLY A GENERAL"

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is known as the son of the famous President, but he had an impressive career in his own right. He graduated from Harvard and served in the military in W.W. I. He was one of the founders of the American Legion and was Assistant Secretary of the Navy like his father was before him. He was Governor General of the Philippines and Governor of Puerto Rico. He ended his public career and entered business in 1933. During his military career he was awarded every military combat decoration including the Congressional Medal of Honor. With the start of W.W. II he returned to active duty and was promoted to Brigadier General. A story is told of Roosevelt from the early days of W.W. II. He was waiting to board a plane on which he had a reservation. He overheard a private at the ticket window begging for a ticket: "I'm going overseas in three days. I want to see my Ma before I go. I can go home and back only if I travel by plane!" He was told, however, that there were no seats available on the plane. At that moment Roosevelt stepped up and said that he would surrender his ticket and his seat on the plane for the private. A fellow officer protested: "But General, this is a matter of rank!" Roosevelt gave a masterful reply: "That's right. He's a son. I'm only a general." The highest rank which God could bestow upon us is to call us His children. "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are" (1 Jn. 3:1). As children we are given the closest possible fellowship in a relationship with God. We are given all the privileges of heirs. We are granted the status of family name and recognition. We are also given the awesome responsibility to live up to the expectations that go with being a child of God. If it is a matter of rank, deference goes to the child of the King, and "that is what we are." SELECTED