

It's hard to believe that the month of December is here and the Holiday Fellowship has come and gone. We would like to give special thanks to those who provided the food, decorated the Activity Building, and to Clint and Jonna Satterwhite and the Bible Hour Volunteers for their hard work on the play. Excellent job everyone! Tonight following the evening service we will have a short Lads to Leaders meeting and a devotional here at the building for 7th-12th graders. Please plan to stay and meet in the High School Classroom. As we start this busy week, remember "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And light unto my path."

Psalms 119:105 ASV Have a great week!

**Doug**

## JOIN US AND SEE THE LIGHTS IN ATHENS, TEXAS

**We are going to see the light in Athens. We will take the big bus on Sat Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, Leave the Church at 5:00 pm, to go to the Land of Lights in Athens. Anyone is welcome to join us. We will eat dinner at Rounder's after we drive through the Lights. If we can get a head count, we can call Rounder's ahead of time and let them know were coming.**

*Clint and Jonna Satterwhite*

## "Now This is My Interpretation"

We have all heard someone advocate their own pet religious doctrine, and then justify (?) it with the statement, "Now this is my interpretation of the Bible; and we all have a right to our own interpretation." And many times they have scarcely read what the Bible says on the subject, to say nothing of having made the careful study necessary for objective interpretation. Perhaps they have accepted the preacher's word for it; who, in turn accepted the word of some school teacher, commentator, or church father. Perhaps they read the Bible AFTER mentally acquiescing to a doctrine advocated by their parents or friends. Frequently this "interpretation" bit is only an effort to give respectability to a purely private opinion. "Interpretation" — when properly used with reference to God's Word, means, "to tell the meaning of." The "meaning" must originate with the Bible, not in the person's imagination. In any event, no one has the right to speak of their interpretation of the Bible until they have made a careful study of the text, in its context, coordinated all like passages, and reached a conclusion as free of bias and prejudice as is humanly possible. Genuine Bible Study is NOT a guessing game!- by **Robert Turner**

## DOOR GREETERS

**Sunday Dec.15, 2019**

**Audrey Manuel –Amanda Lane  
COMMUNION PREPARATION**

**Sunday Dec. 15, 2019**

**Gayle Hamilton**

**NURSERY**

**Faith Doorman**

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KTXD- 47 Dallas, Texas

### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## The Proof is in the Doing

In Matthew 21:28-32 Jesus tells a parable about a man who had two sons. He came to the first one and said, "Son, go, work today in my vineyard." The son told his father he would not go, but afterwards he regretted saying that and went to work. The father went to the second son and also told him to go work in the vineyard. This son said, "I go, sir," but he did not go. Jesus then asked His audience, "Which of the two did the will of his father?" This seems like such a simple question that it doesn't even need to be asked, but with this question Jesus is teaching an important lesson that we often fail to apply to our own lives. Jesus is reminding us that the proof of our love, faith, and reverence for God is in the doing, not the saying. How many times is this lesson taught throughout the pages of the New Testament? - "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles?" (Mt 7:15,16). - "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Mt 7:21). - "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22). - "What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?" (James 2:14). - "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18). Every one of these verses is well known to us, but do they express a principle by which we live?

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

*Christmas Dinner Was Wonderful.  
Young people did a fantastic job.*



**From Dan's desk:**

We want to thank everyone who had a part in the planning and serving of the meal last Tuesday evening. We also thank all the Bible Hour workers and those who helped in the production of Moses at the Christmas fellowship. The program was great. We are so proud of these children and those who are working with them. Thanks to Audrey for coordinating the decorations this year and to Glenda Baskin for her help. Thanks also to Pam Gallaway and the other ladies and men who helped coordinate the meal. It was great and we are grateful to all who helped in any way. They were beautiful. We are happy about Doug Rader assuming the role of Youth Director. He and Alison are already doing a fantastic job and we appreciate the work they will do with the teens in the future. The Elders met with Doug recently and an agreement was reached for him to take on this responsibility. Several will be going to Natchitoches, La. Tomorrow to see the Christmas lights. Keep all of us in your prayers. It is always a wonderful trip. I have many memories of living there almost 50 years ago. Thanks to Charles McCullough for driving the church bus. Next Sunday night Dec. 15th the church has been invited to the home of David and Jennifer Sparks for a Christmas fellowship. The next day Monday Dec. 16th we are invited to the home of Pam Gallaway for the card signing. You are asked to bring a favorite finger food to both of these events and join in the fun of a wonderfully entertaining evenings together. The ladies are invited to the home of Henry and Sonda Baker today following morning worship for a great meal and Ornament exchange. Thanks to all of these for opening their home to our congregation. See you tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**DEBBIE WARREN** continues to undergo treatment for her cancer.  
**TUCKER FARRIS** remains in rehab at Palestine Regional.  
**RENEE' WHITLEY** has been undergoing texts this last week.  
**LARRY BASKIN** was hospitalized last week for treatment but is now better.

**All others are improving.  
A Prayer list available in the foyer.**

### Upcoming Events

Dec. 9-10 Trip To Natchitoches, La. 8:30 A.M.  
Dec. 14th Trip To Athens Lights 5 P.M.  
Dec. 15th fellowship at David Sparks 7 P.M.

### 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.**

### BUNKO

**The ladies will meet for Bunko this Thursday evening at 5:30. Please sign the list in foyer and bring you favorite snack food.**

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

- 3 Susie Tate, Debbie Warren, Amanda Warren
- 4 Jack Thomason
- 5 Michael Herbrough, Jim Ponds
- 6 Justin Davis, Monty Todd
- 8 Beth Freeman
- 10 Toni Warren, Donna Giles, Brenda Beasley
- 12 Kenneth Holland, Jim Ricard, Pam Gallaway, Harland Herbrough
- 14 David Akins, Lorelee Reeder
- 15 Phillip Castillo
- 16 Tiffany Bell
- 17 Jimmy Allen, Doug Sumrall
- 21 Jan Todd, Lora Beth Herbrough
- 23 Mathilde White
- 24 Emma Ricard, Emily Sparks, Adam Krumnow
- 27 Kyle Lock, John Mottern
- 31 Diane Hurbrough

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

**With all the credit cards around these days, the only one who pays cash all the time is the tooth fairy.**

**Tackling life's challenges is like eating an orange. They're much easier to handle one section at a time.**