

# Teen News

Thanks to all of you who helped serve at the Widowers and Widows luncheon last Sunday. It was a good day and we wanted to say thank you to all who helped in any way. I hope you had a good Thanksgiving Day with your family. Be sure to give thanks to God every day for all His wonderful blessings. See you tonight.

BLAKE

## 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.**

Doctor: 'Your recovery was a miracle!'

Patient: 'PRAISE GOD. Now I don't have to pay you!'

Q: Why did God create man before woman?

A: He didn't want any advice.

Q: When was the longest day in the Bible?

A: The day Adam was created because there was no Eve.

## ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

The Annual Ladies Ornament Exchange will be held at the home of Sonda Baker next Sunday Dec. 8th after worship services. She will be serving lunch. Ladies are asked to bring an ornament to exchange and join us for a delightful experience. All ladies are invited to attend.

## Falling for Grace

Mark Twain was far from being a skilled Bible scholar, but he makes us think with these words about grace: "Heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in." Twain's words remind me of the Bible's message in Romans 3:10 and 23 — As it is written: 'There is none righteous, no, not one' ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." And Ezekiel 18:4 and Romans 6:23a — the soul that sinneth, it shall die. ... For the wages of sin is death." The "death" in these and other passages is a reference to the eternal separation of the soul from God. This separation will occur at the final judgement and be maintained forever in the place Jesus called "hell." Hell is described by Jesus as indescribably horrible place with the "worm that does not die and the fire that shall never be quenched" (Mark 9:42 -48). The apostle John described it with the mind jarring, fear-inspiring phrase "lake of fire burning with brimstone" (Revelation 19:20; 20:10, 14 15). It is the place where all those whose names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life will be cast. Hell is too awful and fearful to completely comprehend, along with the thought God would be just and righteous if He sent us all there.

## DOOR GREETERS Dec. 8, 2013

Jerry & Marlene Thompson

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FOX 44—Waco, TX.  
FOX 29, Bryan-College Station, TX.  
NBC 53—Lufkin, TX.

### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## Choice Matters

We live in the day of multiple choice. Whether buying a car, cookies, crackers or clothing, Americans daily experience a long menu of choices. Forty years ago I began to notice preachers telling people to go to the "church of your choice," and now choices seem endless in religious and even moral lifestyles. Millions are absolutely sure nobody can be absolutely sure about anything, and they are absolutely sure about that! The result is a radical pluralism that says all choices in religious belief and moral behavior are equally valid, and all roads somehow in the end take us to God no matter how different they are. But it won't wash! As somebody said, it is true that there are two sides to every question, but it is also true there are two sides to a sheet of flypaper, and it makes a big difference to the fly which side he chooses!

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## Remember our Annual Christmas Dinner Fellowship Tuesday Night.



*From Dan's desk:*

We hope and trust that all of you are planning to attend the Annual Christmas dinner to be held this Tuesday night. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship and fun. Be sure to sign your name to the list and give your money to Lorelee. Please check the entrée that you would like that evening. Either Chicken tenders, or smothered chopped steak is on the menu. Children under 5 years eat free. Children 6-10 the cost is \$5.00. and adults are \$8.50 each. Be sure to sign up by tonight, if you are planning to be with us. Thanks to the youth for hosting the widowers and widows last Sunday. The luncheon was great and we appreciate the youth and Blake and Brandy for organizing this annual event. Everything was great and all who were in attendance really enjoyed the meal and the fellowship. Thanks also to the men who led the congregation in worship last Tuesday night. It was great to engage in this format of worship. For all who led songs, read scriptures and lead prayers we say thank you. Thanks for making the adjustment from Wednesday night to Tuesday. We felt that this would provide a better opportunity for families to make preparation for Thanksgiving on Thursday. We hope that each of you had a wonderful time with your family. We are glad you are here this morning and for all who might be visiting with us, we say "thank you for coming and we hope you will come again." There will be no Children's Bible Hour tonight. Several are out of town for the holiday, but Bible Hour will resume next Sunday evening. Everyone will meet in the church auditorium tonight. Thanks again for being present this morning. We will look forward to being with you at the service tonight.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**OWEN PERRY** is improving following a brain hemorrhage. He is in a rehab hospital in Dallas.

**BOBBIE JOHNSON** is improving following her recent hospitalization in Tyler undergoing tests and treatment.

**JOANN LOWE**, sister-in-law of Virginia Stanaland & Doug Lowe, is very ill with cancer.

Continue to remember others who have been ill are those who had surgery: **Donnie Fincher, Gary Paul, Bob Burchfield, Bob Stech, Emerald Ellis, Sarah Foreman, David Lamb, Margie Myers, Helen Sparks, Jimmy Allen, Gary Briley.**

*Remember JASON MOTTERN in Afghanistan and other U.S. military personal serving around the world.*



**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS  
FELLOWSHIP  
Tuesday Dec. 3rd**

The Annual Christmas fellowship dinner will be held this year on Tuesday night, Dec. 3rd. The event will be catered and you will need to sign the list in the foyer. A great menu is planned. The cost is \$8.50 per adult, \$5.00 per child (below 10 yrs.). Please sign up by next Sunday and indicate which entrée you want. You may pay Lorelee anytime between now and the 3rd.

## CARELESS CHRISTIANS

Some people are far too casual and careless about Christ and His church. One Sunday morning, two men were on a lake fishing. After several hours without so much as a single bite one of the guys said to his friend, "You know, we probably should have stayed home and gone to church this morning." The other guy said, "Well, I could have stayed home, but I couldn't have gone to church anyway." His buddy asks, "Why's that?" Fisherman # 2 responded, "My wife's at home sick and in the bed." That funny story reminds us of a sad truth - some people are more careful about fish than they are faith and family! Some are quite simply careless about their souls. Webster's Universal Dictionary and Thesaurus defines careless as "not careful; negligent, unconcerned, insensitive, carefree." On the other hand, careful means "painstaking, thoughtful, cautious." Those definitions before us, allow me to affirm that some people practice "careless Christianity." Regarding their devotion to God, study of the Bible, involvement in the church, attendance at assemblies and performance of Christian duty, some are not careful and are negligent, unconcerned insensitive, and carefree instead of being painstaking, thoughtful and cautious. See Hebrews 10:24-25. "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together". *Adapted*