

Good morning and welcome to services! We had such a great time last Sunday evening fellowshiping with our young adult class. The devotional time was uplifting and I think everyone who played volleyball enjoyed the healthy competition. The adults won, but our youth kept it close! We are looking forward to our Lads to Leaders kick-off, service projects and devotionals later this month, as well as our traditional upcoming October activities including pumpkin carving, Yesterland Farm and our Fall Fellowship party. We are so excited about promotion day today! We hope all the students are enjoying their new Bible classes and that it is a great year of learning and growing. DOUG

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night."

Psalms 1:2

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**RANDY FOREMAN** will be our guest speaker in the Summer Series of Speakers this Wednesday night in the auditorium at 7 P.M. Please plan to be present.

## So Close...Almost...But Dead

Robert Woods was a 27 year-old Dallas police officer. He died on November 28, 1976 after being shot five times with a pistol. The man convicted of the crime was Randall Dale Adams. He spent 12 years in prison but his conviction was overturned as a result of the movie entitled *The Thin Blue Line* (a name used to describe the police). The crime remains unsolved. Woods had pulled a vehicle over for driving with no headlights. As he approached the car the driver shot him five times. The ironic and tragic thing was that Wood's wife had bought him a bullet-proof vest and was going to give it to him for Christmas, less than a month away. Officials said if he had been wearing the vest, the .22 bullets would most likely not have taken his life. So close...almost...but dead! The warning found in James 4:13-17 needs heeding as much today as when Officer Woods was killed and even as much as when James wrote it... 'you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money,' you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes; ...anyone who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.' Is there someone you need to visit? A call you need to make or a letter you intend to write? Is there sin you need forgiven of? Are you planning someday to obey the gospel? Are you waiting to get everything in order before you come back? Don't be one of those who almost did it... It could be too late! DAN

**September 10th 2023**  
**Door Greeters**  
**Security Team**  
**Communion Preparation**  
**Linda Johnson**

# Gospel Worker

## Crockett Road Church of Christ

1717 Crockett Road; P.O. Box 288  
Palestine, Texas 75802  
903/723-6291  
www.crockettroadchurchofchrist.org

### MINISTERS

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

### ELDERS

Dwight Franklin  
Dan D. Manuel  
Dale Sparks

### DEACONS

Henry Baker  
Steve Camp  
Kyle Lock  
R.D. Prince  
Doug Rader

### SECRETARY

Chloe Collins  
Eva Walker

### MISSIONS

Brown Trail School of Preaching, *Bedford, TX*  
Jose Cuadras— *Mexico*  
*India Missions*  
*prison Ministry*  
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.  
KFXK FOX 51 Tyler  
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

## Encourage One Another

Joel Stephen Williams

In a revival meeting in a village church, many had made professions of faith. Toward the end of the series of meetings, the visiting preacher made a request of everyone present: "Is the person here who most influenced you in becoming a Christian? Maybe it is your mother or your father, your Sunday school teacher, your minister, or your neighbor. I wish that each of you would now rise and go and shake hands with the one who most influenced you to follow Christ."

All over the church auditorium people went to one another and encouraged one another by saying: "Thank you." Many went to parents. Others went to Sunday school teachers. Some went to the preacher. Yet others went to the Sunday school director. The longest line, though, formed in front of a woman in her late 70s. She had never taught a class or filled any prominent role in the life of that congregation, but for many decades her quiet life of consecration had touched more people than anyone else. In worship, in her home, and in the community, she had led many to Christ.

It is the power of example of a godly life which may convert a mate when sermons from the preacher will not do any good (1 Pet. 3:1-4). It is the consistent acting out of faith by a parent which can be the most powerful influence on a child. Maybe you do not have the ability to be a great song leader. Maybe you do not feel like you can take on the responsibility of being a teacher (Jas. 3:1). Maybe you will never serve in a prominent role in the church. But none of these are a cause for concern. If you live a faithful, devoted life of service to the Lord, you will have a wholesome influence on all of those around you.

**Happy Labor Day Weekend  
September has arrived hope-  
fully cooler will come soon.  
Thank God For rain.**

*From Dan's desk:*



Tomorrow is Labor Day. We are reminded of why we were placed here on this earth. Our main area of labor should be for the Lord Jesus and our God. Our Father makes many provisions for us. I hope each of you will pause and take the time to express your gratitude to Him for His love and Kindness. We continue to thank our Father for the continued Growth of God's Kingdom. The spiritual growth of the Lord's Church at this place is obvious as well, and for that we are grateful. Thanks to all of you who attended Bible classes here this morning. The younger classes promoted this morning. We are so appreciative of our Bible school teachers and the efforts they put forth to teach. **THE MORE WE CAN TEACH THE YOUNGER CHILDREN AND TEENS** the stronger the Church will be in years to come. We are so thankful for all who work with the children. Children's Bible Hour will resume again this year a week from tonight, Sept. 10th. Our last speaker in the Summer speaker series will be here this Wednesday evening Sept. 6. His topic will be, "Out Of My Shameful, Failure And Loss." We hope you will plan to be with us this Wednesday evening. Thanks for coming this morning and we hope to see you tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**JO ANN MORTON, sister of Jane Davis remains seriously ill in Tyler. She suffered a brain hemorrhage. GARY HAWKINS is improving following shoulder surgery. BRYCE STEWART, nephew of Virginia Stanaland and Doug Lowe has brain cancer.**

**OUR SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to EMERALD ELLIS. Her grandmother, JEAN WHITFIELD passed away this last week. Visitation at 1:30 P.M. today and service at 2:30 P.M.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Please be reminded that we will have a fellowship luncheon *next Sunday morning Sept. 10th* following the morning worship service. You are asked to bring two of the following: meat, vegetable or a dessert and plan to stay for the delicious food and fellowship.

The following article was written by Ruth Cox in Legacy Nursing Home.  
"I DREAM OF HEAVEN"

**I Dream of Heaven;**

With streets paved in gold.  
No more pain, sorrow, or growing old.  
To meet God face to face,  
And not be judged by race.

**I Dream of Heaven;**

To sing songs of praise to the Lord,  
And reap all the blessed rewards.  
Where envy and hate,  
Can never enter the Pearly gate.

**I Dream of Heaven;**

No more time clocks,  
Or doors to lock.  
No more tears to shed,  
Over the hungry to be fed.

**I Dream of Heaven;**

To be free of all sin,  
For things I did, and where I've been.  
To know peace that never ends,  
And be together with my family and friends

By Ruth Cox

**SYMPATHY**

Our condolences and sympathy are extended to JERRY STURGESS in the death of his beloved wife GWYNETTA STURGESS last Monday. Memorial services will be held this Thursday, Sept. 7th at 1 P.M. here at the building. A reception will follow in the activity building.

**Sept. 3rd 2023**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Cecil Stanaland is recovering from a surgical procedure on his back recently

Rick Giles has prostate cancer and will undergo radiation soon.

Doug Sumrall is still undergoing treatment in Tyler.

Kenneth and Ann Holland both continue to have issues with COPD and eye issues.

Larry Baskin is also undergoing tests on his heart. Keep him in your prayers.

Dale Sparks undergoing tests for dizziness.

Mark Thornton, brother of Cindy Thornton, will have hip replacement surgery this week.

Ed Compton is recovering from hip surgery at home.

Jerry Sturgess prayers in the death of Gwynetta.

Emerald Ellis in death of her grandmother, Jean Whitfield.

Alexis Wright daughter of Kristi Brunson Wright is better and at home recovering.

Paul Cartwright has completed his radiation and improving.

Jo Ann Morton, sister of Jane Davis is in Christus Mother Francis Hosp. in serious condition.

Gary Hawkins is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Ann Tillman niece of Mary Stech is having copd problems and asked for our prayers.

Gerald Wilcher and Diane Wilcher both continue to have health issues.

James, Angela and Anthony Birdow. All have health issues and need prayers.

Bob Monroe former member has prostate cancer and is undergoing treatment.

Sandy Singleterry is recovering from a fall. She is home recovering.

Trent Barrett, son of Pat Barrett is recovering from an accident.

Angela Buddin, niece of the Cartwrights, has a brain tumor and having health issues.

Shelia Thompson's granddaughter, Kymber (10 months old) cancer family request our prayers.

Becky Barnes' great grandson had a bone marrow transplant. He is under observation.

Bob Watts, Kimberly Hawkins uncle had been placed with Hospice care.

Tina Teetz, daughter-in-law of Pat Baird, is better.

Bryce Stewart, former member, is still undergoing tests and cancer treatment.

Deborah Hagemeyer (former member) has cancer and short time to live and they requests prayer.

**Remember those in nursing homes and the homebound in your prayers.**

Courtney Bell, Patsy Bush, Mary Chambless, Opalene Chapman, Mary Ann Colling, Ed and Kathleen Compton, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, George Wooden, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, Joyce Matlock, Annie Lee Birdow, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Lorelee Reeder, Martha Sims, Monty Todd, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, Charlie Young, and Frances Lowe.

**NOTE:** We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list or removed, please notify us in the church office. THE ELDERS