

Good morning and welcome to services! We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and that we will all continue to have an attitude of thanksgiving every day. It's hard to believe December is coming this week! Be sure to grab a December calendar this morning. You'll find them on the youth board. We have a lot of exciting things going on this month. We are kicking off our "blessing bags" service project today. We will be collecting small toiletries and other items for the patrons in The Stockpot. We will be collecting these items until December 15th. We hope everyone will be able to attend our annual congregational Christmas party on December 7th. Be sure to sign up on the list in the foyer. Have a great week!

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"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'" Matt. 25:40

## "MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL"

Someone has said, "If we could see ourselves as others see us we would probably deny it." One of the most difficult things in life is to see ourselves for who we really are. This has been a challenge for religious people throughout time. Jesus was regularly in conflict with the Scribes and the Pharisees, and He called them "hypocrites." In Luke 18, Jesus told about a Pharisee and a Publican who prayed. One big difference between the two is the Publican was able to see himself for who he really was, while the Pharisee was in the same spiritual drought if not worse, yet he thought highly of himself and looked on the Publican with disgust. It's very difficult to see ourselves, know our own strengths and weaknesses, when we are constantly eyeing others. Thus Jesus talked about a hypocrite with a beam in his eye while trying to judge a brother who had only a speck in his eye. DAN

## THOSE TO SERVE IN DECEMBER

### A.M. Opening

5 Henry Baker  
12 Doug Rader  
19 Don Smith  
26 Ben Rhone

### A.M. Closing

Doug Sumrall  
Carl Rutledge  
Tom Watson  
Kyle Lock

### P.M. Opening

5 David Sparks  
12 Bill Hawkins  
19 Bret Nash  
26 Marty Nash

### P.M. Closing

Paul Lewis  
Jim Ricard  
Brandon Franklin  
Steve Camp

## Serve Communion

Scott Roberson  
Donnie Wells  
Gary Missildine  
R.D. Prince

David Akins  
Larry Finley  
Dan Hughes  
Andy Link

## Prepare Communion

5 Pam Gallaway  
12 Donna Costlow  
19 Phillip and Carolina Castillo  
26 Paul Lewis

Please call the church office if you can't fulfill your assignment 903-723-6291

**Dec. 5, 2021**  
**Door Greeters**  
**Security Team**  
**Communion Preparation**  
**Pam Gallaway**

# Gospel Worker

## Crockett Road Church of Christ

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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  
Steve Camp  
Kyle Lock  
R.D. Prince  
Doug Rader

### SECRETARY

Lorelee Reeder  
Eva Walker

### 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  
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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

## "The Importance of Brotherly Love"

Love that exists between Christian brothers and sisters is one of the clearest testimonies that we are in fellowship with God. "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him." (1 John 2:10) "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin". (1 John 1:5-7) One of the best Biblical texts dealing with the importance of brotherly love is 1 John 4:7-21. In this article we'll examine some of what this text has to teach us regarding love. Brotherly love is NOT optional. Some live in self-deception. John gives a stern warning. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God loves his brother also." (1 John 4:20-21) Hate is a strong word. What is hate? It is no more, nor any less than the absence of Love. For the true Christian, love is not optional. It is not something about which he can have a "take it or leave it" attitude. Let us love one another! Love is of God. He is the source, definition and supreme example of love. With brotherly love I leave "church going" behind and live as a true and authentic Christian and have bold confidence in my standing before God. Without love, my "church going" and communion observances are nothing more than a hypocritical sham. If we really love God and the Church at Crockett Road, let us activate our LOVE! DAN

**The Annual Holiday Schedule will be busy. Sign up now to participate.  
One Baptized into Christ**



*From Dan's desk:*

The December holiday schedule is rapidly approaching. We hope that each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends. It is always nice and memorable to be with each other during this time of year. Several events are scheduled for the congregation here in December. We hope you can be a part of these activities. Please remember that our Annual Holiday Christmas Dinner will take place on Tuesday evening December 7th. There is no cost for the meal. We hope you will sign up to come and enjoy the good meal and fellowship we always have with each other. It was my privilege to study with Jose Sardina last week. He was baptized on Monday night. We rejoice with him on this decision. He has been attending services here for several weeks. He lives in Oakwood and will be attending services there and at Crockett Rd. also, because of his work schedule at Walmart distribution center in Westwood. He is a fine young man and we are so happy to have him and his girlfriend attending. Our Sunday evening Children's Bible Hour will resume tonight and the ladies class will resume meeting this Tuesday. We will also meet on Wednesday evening for midweek Bible study. Several continue to be ill and recovering from surgery as well as those who are awaiting surgical procedures. Remember to pray for each of them. They are listed on the prayer list. Please secure a copy in the foyer. Thanks for coming today. Hope to see you at the evening worship service at 6 P.M.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**KENLEE HARBOUR will have her stomach surgery this coming Friday in Dallas. Continue to pray for her.**

**DALE SPARKS is recovering from recent artery surgery this last week in Tyler.**

**REX KRUMNOW (Adam's father) is also recovering from heart-bypass surgery in Tyler.**

**All others who have been on the sick list are improving. Continue to pray for all.**

**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."

***RESPONSES***  
**BAPTIZED**  
**JOSE SARDINA**  
**Oakwood, Texas**

**ADDRESS CHANGE**  
**Larry & Glenda Baskin**  
**513 Webb Ave**  
**Teague, Texas 75860**

**"The Two Go Together"**

Hand in hand with patience is kindness. If you lack one you lack both—if you have one you have both. We often learn these two corresponding skills from our parents or those who have influence on our early lives. However, a lack of example in these areas is not an excuse to abandon them. As with all challenges we must rise up to meet them. Both patience and kindness are trainable skills and in order to know how to develop them we must go to the word of God. Then with the knowledge of God's word we will have to make practical application of patience. So let's open our Bible and learn ways we can develop these traits to the fullest. Love is kind and love is patient. I Cor. 13. May God help us to let Patience and kindness grow to maturity in our lives. **Selected**

**Kindness**

I have wept in the night

For the shortness of sight

That to somebody's need made me blind.

But I never have yet

Felt a twinge of regret

For being a little too kind!

**Nov. 28th 2021**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Kenlee Harbour will have stomach surgery this coming Friday in Dallas.**

**Dale Sparks continues to recover from surgery at home.**

**Rex Krumnow (Adam's father) had heart by-pass surgery in Tyler. He is doing better at home.**

**Jerry Thornton of Canton, is undergoing cancer treatment in Canton**

**Lorelee Reeder has been moved to Park Place Rehab in Tyler. Her address is on the bulletin board Room 105**

**Mindy Petty friend of the Hawkins is having health issues.**

**Christine Oliphant had surgery in Houston last Monday. She is doing well and will undergo radiation at a later date.**

**Cindy Pace has been undergoing tests recently on her heart.**

**J. M. Ray has been placed with Hospice Care.**

**Sue Smith (friend of many) is in Dallas and is having health issues**

**Kelli Robinson daughter of Jimmy and Janette Alford has started her radiation treatment.**

**Emily Davis (granddaughter of the Hollands) has brain cancer**

**Kenneth Holland is still having breathing issues.**

**Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer**

**Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer**

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

**They need our prayers. Courtney Bell, Odessa Boyette, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, Jerry Graham, Sue Grubbs, Gerry Hahn, Marlene Thompson, Bobby Johnson, Miki Kiser, Jessie Kraus, George Lester, James and Irma Ray, Patsy Bush, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff and Martha Sims.**

**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