

Hope everyone is faring well with your social distancing. We miss you all and look forward to being together soon. Technology has been such a blessing which creates many opportunities for studying together. Thanks for participating in our Zoom bible class on Wednesday evening. Dan had a great lesson last Sunday on Facebook live, and it's a great opportunity to share it with your friends. Also, you can DVR the "Give Me the Bible" program on TX channel 47 at 7am, or look it up on YouTube and use it for your family bible class. Take care of yourselves and be well.

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”Romans 15:13 DOUG

## “GET OUT OF THE BOAT”

Peter walked on the water. (Matthew 14:22-33) Jesus invited him to do it. Jesus made it possible. What a sight! Peter first had to get out of the boat. You can't walk on water sitting in the boat. The boat is comfortable. A safe environment. A comfort zone. Familiar territory. Peter was a fisherman. He knew boats. He knew the danger of the sea. The boat was the logical place to be and to stay. Walking on water. Faith demands action. How would it feel to walk on water? You'll never know sitting in the boat. Jesus says, "Come." Peter went. He walked on water. Read the rest of the account. Peter stepped out in faith for something he wanted. Some are sitting comfortably in their boats. They don't need anything else. They like it where they are. But, they'll never know what might be or what might have been. Don't be a spiritual pigmy. Get out of your boat. TOM BATTLEJOHN



## Those To Serve April 2020

### A.M. Opening

- 5 Doug Lowe
- 12 Charles Steen
- 19 Ben Rhone
- 26 Carl Rutledge

### A.M. Closing

- Dale Sparks
- Brandon Franklin
- Doug Sumrall
- Roy Davis

### P. M. Opening

- 5 Andrew Petty
- 12 Gary Missildine
- 19 Marty Nash
- 26 Cory Camp

### P.M. Closing

- George Wooden
- Kyle Lock
- Steve Camp
- Gary Chambless

## Serve Communion

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Tom Watson       | Clint Satterwhite |
| Billy Lane       | Gary Missildine   |
| Jerame Gipson    | Luke Lane         |
| Wayne Cartwright | Orre Costlow      |

- 5 Beth Freeman
- 12 Andy & Shelia Link
- 19 Charles and Shelia McCullough
- 26 Gary & Kathy Chambless

## DOOR GREETERS

**Sunday April 5, 2020**  
**R.D. & Daphne Prince**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

**Sunday April 5, 2020**  
**Beth Freeman**  
**NURSERY**  
**Jane Grumbles**

# Gospel Worker

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- 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
- Beth Freeman

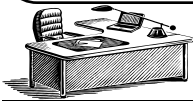
### MISSIONS

- 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
- GBN T.V. NETWORK
- GIVE ME THE BIBLE-T.V.
- FOX 44 KWKT—Waco, TX
- KTAL NBC Channel 6
- Texarkana-Shreveport, LA.
- KLTV ABC channel 7 Tyler
- KTRE ABC channel 9 Lufkin, TX.
- 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

## “SEARCHING WITHIN”

When was the last time you made inventory of your spiritual life? Too many times, people never actually look deep into their walk with God to determine if they are really doing what they should be doing as a Christian. Everybody needs to regularly assess his life's direction from a spiritual perspective (2 Cor. 13:5). If his spiritual life is suffering, he needs to make adjustments to correct the situation. One thing needs to be kept in the forefront of one's mind: "Heaven is where I want to be for eternity. If I don't get to Heaven, my life's an utter failure. Anything in my life that is keeping me from getting to Heaven needs to be corrected." Sometimes, hard choices have to be made. But ending up in the eternal condemnation of Hell will be far harder than any adjustment we have to make in our life in this world to insure our spiritual well being and eternal destiny. Everybody wants to go to heaven, but only a few will make it. The apostle Paul laid out the contrast between two opposing lifestyles (Gal. 5:19-23). The one, described in vs. 19-21, will lead to our eternal destruction. Living such a lifestyle as characterized in those verses will keep us out of Heaven. The other, described in vs. 22-23, will promote our spiritual strength and assure us of an eternal home in Heaven. Which kind of lifestyle we choose to live should be a no-brainer! How do we insure that we live a lifestyle that is properly focused spiritually? The Holy Spirit guided the writers of God's word to give us the direction we need (2 Tim. 3:15-17). If we live by the Spirit's guidance, as revealed in God's word, we can be assured of eternity with God in Heaven (Gal. 5:24-25). In our journey to Heaven, we have to live in this world for awhile. How we live here will play a big part in whether we get to be there. At times, this world can be hostile to our spiritual life. But, through the word, the Spirit gives us "life-support!"... I am grateful for God's love and for those who help me make adjustments that need to be made periodically. Shouldn't we all be making inventory? DAN

**We miss you all in services. Hopefully we will meet again soon.**



***From Dan's desk:***

We do miss meeting together with the brethren here at Crockett Rd. How often we take for granted the blessing of the assembly. We continue to pray that the Coronavirus will soon be eradicated from the world. Never in my lifetime have I ever seen anything like this before. Our country is in a state of wonderment about all this in on going world-wide. Thanks to all of you who watched the lesson last Sunday on the subject "It Came To Pass". I was glad that we had the technology and the capability to make the lesson available world-wide from our church building on Facebook. We will again speak from the pulpit on Facebook at 10:30 A.M. My sermon this Sunday is entitled, "The Coronavirus, Is It From God Or Man?" We will be using a different camera this Sunday that we hope will give us better clarity. This is the next best things to being here together. If would be nice if everyone could see it on Facebook. Last Sunday we had people watching from California, Florida, Indiana and many other states. Over 500 watched. Thanks to Dwight Franklin and Adam Harding for helping us to telecast the lesson. I know that we are living in difficult times, but things will be better and we trust in our God. Prov. 3:6. Even though we cannot be together in worship at this time, we can still pray for each other, read the Word of God and meet together at Facebook and even take communion at home. We love you all. Stay safe, wash your hands and abide by the Word of God and the guidelines of our government that will help us keep from us spreading this horrible disease. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**DEBBIE WARREN is scheduled to have surgery at U.T. Medical Center in Tyler on Friday or Saturday of this week. Keep her in your prayers. We have no other new ill to mention at this time. Continue to pray for those on the prayer list. Since we cannot meet to pick up an updated list in the foyer, we are making it available to you with the bulletin. Continue to pray for all of these and any others you might be aware of who are ill. We will keep you posted of others as we become aware of their illnesses ourselves here in the office. The Elders**

**"I can hardly wait to get back at church, I don't sleep well at home during this coronavirus thing. The preacher puts me right to sleep. I guess I shouldn't have stayed up late."**



**Are You Still Working Zestfully?**

Do you still have a faith that works? James was emphatic in identifying true faith as being working faith. *"Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."* (Jas. 2:17). Faith alone, without works, is dead faith. *"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."* (Jas. 2:26). These verses, and others, do not designate a time period after which we no longer need to put our faith into action through works.

Jesus said He came to *"work the works of Him who sent Me..."* (Jn. 9:4). Jesus had a mission to fulfill when He came to this earth. Central to that mission was establishing the church (Matt. 16:18). As the church we have a mission to teach the gospel throughout the world (Eph. 3:10). Jesus had work to do when He lived upon this earth, and we have work to do in serving Him while we are still alive on this earth. *Let me ask you, have you retired from active duty within the Lord's church?* Are you doing the *"good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them"*? Are you using your time and abilities and opportunities to serve your Lord and Savior who *"worked the works"*. He was sent here to die and died on the cross to pay the price for the guilt of your sins? Let us examine ourselves and always remain on active duty in service to God... This is what we have been called to do. Dan

**"TIME"**

Our time on this earth is brief at best. Psa. 90. We can dream about the past and the future, but the present is the only time we truly possess, the only time with which we can work in any meaningful way to make a difference in our lives. We cannot reclaim the past, and the future is not yet here. But we can do a great deal with the time we have right now. If we use our time in the present to its greatest advantage, we can look forward to some assurances in the future. If we foolishly waste our time in the here and now, our future is bleak! Benjamin Franklin said, *"Don't squander time, it is the stuff out of which life is made."* DAN

**March 29, 2020**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Dee Ricard, heart issues**  
**Deanna Chapman, cancer treatments**  
**Willette Rasure, heart problems**  
**Linda Lippold, cancer treatments**  
**Debbie Warren, Colon surgery this week**  
**Marshall Walker, kidney disease**  
**Gerald Wilcher, kidney disease & COPD**  
**Kenneth Holland, COPD**  
**Lynda Allen– (Beth Freeman’s sister) Cancer issues**  
**Hanna Glen, Leukemia**  
**Una Whitley, Mike Whitley’s aunt, mini strokes**  
**Leann Oliver (cousin of Deanna Chapman) Cancer has returned**  
**John Ownby (step-father of Emily Sparks) cancer**  
**Jack Beasley– (Husband of Brenda) recovering from recent back surgery**  
**Amy Lambright (niece of Costlow family) cancer**  
**Bryce Stewart nephew– cancer treatment of Virginia Stanaland and Doug Lowe**  
**Jim Davis- numerous health problems**  
**Ed Compton, numerous health problems**  
**Elizabeth Attaway (Beth Freeman’s daughter-in-law) cancer**  
**Ricky Ramirez tests ( brother-in-law to Phillip Castillo and Carrie)**  
**Howard & Maurine Ellis ( father & mother of Sam Ells) having health problems**  
**Scott Hilliard (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer**  
**La Shaun Miller (son of Nancy Miller) heart problems**  
**Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer**  
**David Arnold (preacher in Houston) Pancreatic cancer**  
**Lynn Dillon– Dan’s friend– lung problems**

**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. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list, please notify us in the church office.**

**The Elders**