

# Teen News

Today's LTC practice will consist of working on Short film and video Bible drama, along with the regular puppets, chorus, and drama. Please plan on sticking around for practice. We will be staying at the church for lunch, so if you brought something or want to grab something and come back, someone will be at the building.

A woman walked up to a little old man rocking in a chair on his porch. "I couldn't help noticing how happy you look," she said. "What's your secret for a long happy life?" "I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day," he said. "I also drink a case of whiskey a week, eat fatty foods, and never exercise." "That's amazing," the woman said. "How old are you?" "Twenty-six," he said.

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After putting her children to bed, a mother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin.

At last she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with a stern warnings.

As she left the room, she heard her three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was that?"



## Those to Serve February 2011

### A.M. Opening

6 Jerry Sturgess  
13 Dale Sparks  
20 Jim Davis  
27 Henry Baker

### A.M. Closing

6 Jeff Sumrall  
13 Johnny Jenkins  
20 Truman Tate  
27 Travis Cook

### P.M. Opening

6 Charles McCullough  
13 Robert Duzan  
20 Dwight Franklin  
27 Bernie Baur

### P.M. Closing

6 Brandon Franklin  
13 Clint Ellis  
20 Mark Johnson  
27 Tom Watson

## Serve Communion

James Singleterry	Jack Thomason
Jim Ricard	Mike Whitley
Jerry Thompson	Gary Chambless
Jim Hahn	Phillip Foreman

## Communion Preparation



6 Tom Watson  
13 Johnny Jenkins  
20 Toni Warren  
27 Marty Nash

### DOOR GREETERS

**Feb. 6, 2011**  
**Jerry Thompson**

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

**Feb. 6, 2011**  
**Tom Watson**

# Gospel Worker

## Crockett Road Church of Christ

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### MINISTERS

Dan D. Manuel  
*Pulpit Minister*  
Joshua Shellenbarger  
*Youth Minister*  
Bernie Baur  
*Personal Evangelism*

### ELDERS

Dan D. Manuel  
Dale Sparks

### DEACONS

Henry Baker  
Sam Ellis  
Dwight Franklin  
Adam Harding  
Kyle Lock

### SECRETARY

Lorelee Reeder

### MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Brown Trail School of  
Preaching, *Bedford, TX*  
Jose Cuadras- *Mexico*  
*School of*  
*Preaching*  
Hershel Bearden  
*India Mission*  
Ken Upchurch  
*Tanzania Africa*  
*Work*  
Central TX Children's  
Home—*Buda, TX*  
Tipton Children's Home  
*Tipton, OK*  
Gospel Broadcast  
Network

### ASSEMBLY

### TIMES

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

## MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB



Mary had a little lamb,  
His fleece was white a snow.  
And everywhere that Mary went,  
The Lamb was sure to go.  
He followed her to school each  
day,  
Twasn't even in the rule.  
He made the children laugh and  
play,  
To have a Lamb at school.  
And then the rules all changed  
one day,  
Illegal it became;  
To bring the Lamb of God to  
school,  
Or even speak His name.  
Everyday got worse and worse,  
And days turned into years.  
Instead of hearing children laugh,  
We heard gun shots and tears.  
What must we do to stop the  
crime,  
That's in our schools today?  
Let 's let the Lamb come back to  
school,  
And teach our kids to play!



# One Responds to the Call of Jesus for Restoration Give Me The Bible Conference Great Success



*From Dan's desk:*

The Give Me The Bible Conference and Banquet was a great success. It was thrilling to see so many come from other places to be with us in this special event. It was also good to hear PAUL HILLIER and MAXIE BOREN speak to us on the blessedness of Heaven and how to help the lost get there. The singing was tremendous and the meal was excellent. It was just a wonderful day for all in attendance. It was also good to see so many from the church here in attendance. Many thanks to Lorelee, Dale Sparks, Bob and Mary Stech, Jane Grumbles, Glenda Baskin and others who helped in setting up the building and helping to greet those visitors who came. Last Sunday morning STEVEN JONES responded to the call of our Lord to rededicate his life to God. We were all made so happy because of his decision. Steven is employed by Brookshire's food store here in Palestine. We welcome him into our fellowship here at Crockett Rd. Our Monday Night for the Master program resumed last Monday night. We had 50 present for the evening meal and work session. We are so grateful for those who come and give one hour of their time to the Lord and His work. Much was accomplished and the fellowship we enjoy with each other, while working, is unbelievable. It is just great. Thanks again to all who came. The meal was wonderful. Thanks to all the ladies who work with Jane Grumbles in making provisions for the meal. It was delicious. The new printed ledger church directory will be available following the worship service this morning. Be sure and pick up a copy. If any of the information is incorrect (address, phone number, etc.) or if we have inadvertently left someone out, please let us know. It is certainly not intentional. Thanks for being here this morning. May God a bring special blessing in your life as a result of you joining together in worship with us today. See you tonight.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN  
YOUR PRAYERS:**

**MARLENE THOMPSON** will have knee surgery tomorrow.

**BOB STECH** had a cancerous growth removed from his head on Thursday.

**MARY ANN CHAPMAN** remains in Mother Frances hospital, Room 4431, in Tyler after her heart attack.

**HAGEN CAMPOS** had surgery on Friday in Tyler.

**CORBIN NASH**, 6 year old nephew of Marty Nash will have a cyst removed from his brain soon.

**REAGAN NOELLE JONES**, niece of Wanda Burke, has a hole in her heart and will have surgery soon.

**JOSEPH HILTON**, brother-in-law of Lou Doolittle, is seriously ill in New Jersey.

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:**

Dennis Ellison, Audrey Manuel, Gerald Wilcher, Bill Hogan, Vonolga Roberson

**SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS:** Jeffery Dixon, Dan & Audrey Manuel's nephew, Adam Keck, Adam & Diane Harding's nephew & Blain Klein, Gary & Martha Oliver's grandson

**RESPONSE:**

**For Prayer &  
Rededication**

**STEPHEN  
JONES**



## PRESSING ON TO MATURITY

It is easily discernible that living things naturally mature into fully developed organisms. Our physical bodies, assuming we live long enough, inevitably grow from miniscule fertilized eggs into functional adults. Likewise, under normal conditions, all kinds of animals, insects, and vegetation automatically grow up. From the mustard seed to the aardvark, countless living things are purposefully designed by God to naturally reach maturity. In contrast to physical life, spiritual maturity is by no means a foregone conclusion! Many Christians, however, mistakenly assume that maturity in years equates to maturity in spiritual things. In reality, the scriptures point out that developing spiritually is a conscious choice that one makes, not the inescapable result of living in the world for a number of years. Consider Elihu's words when he shrewdly remarked, "it is the spirit in man, the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand. It is not the old who are wise, nor the aged who understand what is right" (Job 32:8-9, ESV). Although the three friends of Job were advanced in years and had plenty of advice for their comrade, they were certainly lacking in wisdom! In my own life, I have noted with surprise that some young men I know are far more spiritually mature than some of their older, more experienced brothers in Christ, despite a huge gap in years. When considering what spiritual maturity is and how it may be obtained, Hebrews 5:11-14 offers great insight. We should consider ourselves and our character.