

# Teen News

Good morning everyone. I hope you all had a good week this past week. We will have a devotional in the Activity Building after evening services tonight so make sure to make plans to attend. I appreciate all of you that make coming to class a priority on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. I know all of you have a lot of things going on, but I wanted you to know that your efforts are not going without notice. See you all 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.**

## RESPONSES

FOR PRAYER  
ARNOLD SHELLNBARGER  
ANNIE LEE BIRDOW

**A Sunday school teacher was teaching her class about the difference between right and wrong. "All right children, let's take another example," she said. "If I were to get into a man's pocket and take his billfold with all his money, what would I be?" Little Johnny raises his hand, and with a confident smile, he blurts out, "You'd be his wife!"**

## Truly Incredible Dog

This fundamentalist Christian couple felt it important to own an equally fundamentally Christian pet. So, they went shopping. At a kennel specializing in this particular breed, they found a dog they liked quite a lot. When they asked the dog to fetch the Bible, he did it in a flash. When they instructed him to look up Psalm 23, he complied equally fast, using his paws with dexterity.

They were impressed, purchased the animal, and went home (piously, of course). That night they had friends over. They were so proud of their new fundamentalist dog and his major skills, they called the dog and showed off a little. The friends were impressed, and asked whether the dog was able to do any of the usual dog tricks, as well. This stopped the couple cold, as they hadn't thought about 'normal' tricks.

"Well," they said, "let's try this out."

Once more they called out to the dog, and then clearly pronounced the command, "Heel!"

Quick as a wink, the dog jumped up, put his paw on the man's forehead, closed his eyes in concentration, and bowed his head.

**DOOR GREETERS –April 28, 2013**

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KETK-56 Tyler, TX.  
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

## "THE UNCLAIMED GIFT"

Several years ago, a story appeared in the newspapers, about a homeless man found dead on the streets of Los Angeles. His name was Morris Stegel. On the surface he seemed like your average Los Angeles street-person – roaming about in dark alleys, sleeping out-of-doors, carrying everything he owned in an old shopping cart. And he died the way you would expect a street-person to die – sprawled in an alley, dead of natural causes, heart trouble perhaps. "But there was something different about Morris Stegel. Maybe it was that he had three bank accounts, containing a total of \$207,421.00. "It seems that ten years earlier Morris' father had died and left the money to him. But Morris didn't want it. When Morris did not claim it, the Division of Unclaimed Property tracked him down, and his family tried to force him to take it. They even arranged a ceremony to turn the money over to him, but Morris did not show up for the presentation. Later, he allowed himself to take enough of the money to buy an old car; which he used to sleep in during bad weather. His relatives rented him an apartment, but he never lived in it. Finally on Dec.10, 1959, he died just as he lived, a homeless man of the streets; with three dollars in his pocket and an unclaimed fortune in the bank. "Does this story sound crazy?? Well, figure this one out. Ole' Morris lived a wasted life and died a futile death, but don't be too quick to point the finger at him. He was only dealing with temporal things, while many people play the same losing game with an eternal, priceless fortune left to them by Jesus Christ.

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**Men's Breakfast was a great day of fellowship. Two respond To Invitation**



*From Dan's desk:*

Last Sunday morning ARNOLD SHELLNBARGER responded asking for the prayers of the church and on Sunday evening ANNIE LEE BIRDOW responded asking for the prayers of the church family here. We continue to pray for these, our brethren, as they deal with their lives. We are glad that each of you are here this morning. The Summer months are rapidly approaching. It is hard to believe that we only have one more week in the month of April. May will be upon us then the month of June. We have a lot planned for the month of May and numerous activities planned for the Summer months, including our V.B.S., Summer speaker series on Wednesday nights, watermelon supper, youth activities, activities for the Young at Heart or Funtimers, as well as other special events. It will be a full summer to say the least. The men's breakfast yesterday went well and we all enjoyed the company of each other. Thanks to all who had a part in planning, cooking and cleaning up after a bunch of men. Ha. It was a great day. A special thanks to Charles McCullough for the special flag burning ceremony that took place to dispose of old worn out flags. This is the proper way to dispose of them. The ceremony is very meaningful and we are grateful that we live in a country where we have freedoms to live and exercise ourselves in God's service. I regret that there are so many who burn the flag in protest and are unwilling to uphold the constitution of the United States of America. May we ever be thankful for our National heritage as well as our Spiritual heritage and those who have blazed the trail for us. See you tonight DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS**

Others who have been ill continue to improve for which we are thankful **REBA WHITLEY** has been in the hospital this last week with a virus. **PATSY BUSH** was also hospitalized with a virus this past week. **GENE HAVARD**, brother-in-law of Dale Sparks, has learned he has very serious cancer. He lives in Indiana and will begin treatment soon. **JAMES BIRDOW**, son of Annie Lee Birdow, is a little better in the hospital in Houston.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE WITH CONTINUING ILLNESSES:**  
Dennis Ellison, Ed Furman, Gary Oliver  
Matthew Ray Linda Allen

**Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of James Mosley who passed away on Tuesday. His services were held here yesterday.**

**MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

Next Monday night, April 29th, will be our next Monday Night for the Master. Please make your plans now to be here that night. The meal will be Taco Salad. We will eat at 6:15 and work begins at 7 PM.

**"THE POWER OF ONE"**

A young man preached his heart out. He was barely 23 years old and this was his first gospel meeting. How his heart did beat when he received the invitation to come and preach for the small group of brethren in this little community. Visions of huge crowds, high excitement, lots of responses filled his head as he contemplated the coming event. When the time came he was almost out of breath with excitement.

Although the crowds were fair, there was seemingly very little excitement during the meeting. Brethren listened attentively, but their reaction was basically one of quiet politeness. He preached his heart out for two weeks. When the meeting was concluded, one person—a little girl 12 years old—obeyed the gospel. He was discouraged, disappointed.

Before returning home, he called together the Elders of the little congregation and apologized to them. "I guess I'm not as far along as I thought I was," he said, "I'm sorry for the fact that only one person responded to the invitation." "I'll try and do better the next time—that is if there is a next time," he said. The Elders sought in vain to console him as he went on his way.

Years past. The little girl grew up. She married a fine Christian man. To this union was born five sons. All five of the sons became gospel preachers. Through their efforts thousands of people learned about Jesus and obeyed the gospel.

All this, because of the effort of one young, inexperienced gospel preacher.