

# Teen News

We want to thank all of you who came to the fellowship sandwich supper last Sunday night. I know that some could not be present because of several reasons. Thanks also to those in the church who brought food. We really appreciate your help. You are always so good to provide for the young people and we want you to know how grateful we are. Thanks also to the youth who are in Bible class every Sunday and Wednesday night. If you are not attending, you miss an opportunity to learn more about God. Tonight we will have a devo and activity in the activity building. Plan to stay. Your participation is so important. Thanks for being here this morning.

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## “DON’T LOSE HOPE”

To live without hope is a terrible thing and causes many people to take their own lives. Even the most spiritual of people can feel hopeless at times. When David was on the run from the jealous and vengeful King Saul, he wrote Psalm 142 while hiding in a cave. In verse four, he lamented, “Look on my right hand and see, For there is no one who acknowledges me; Refuge has failed me; No one cares for my soul.” Of course, David then realized that God loved him. In fact, He loved us all so much He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins. In Christ, we have the hope of eternal life. This hope is not mere wishful thinking, but a firm expectation of reward in the future. In Romans 8:24, the apostle Paul wrote, “For we were saved in this hope...” Do you have the hope of heaven today?

## “A greater place of Refuge”

There is the story of a little bird that was being chased by a much larger bird of prey. The little bird flew to save its life, darting about while being pursued by the larger bird. The little bird quickly flew into a crevice in a rock face, inside the cleft in the rock. The larger bird gave up. The little bird had found shelter in the rock, out of reach from fearsome claws. It’s life was saved. How like the little bird are we!

Keep in mind that *“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty”* (Ps. 9:1). “He will cover you with His pinions and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark” (Ps. 91:1).

The wonderful and warm embrace of our heavenly Father is a place of refuge and not a “Devil’s Den.” When we try to find comfort in the clutches of alcohol, drugs, sex, money or so many other cares of the world by which we are surrounded, they become a prison and not a refuge. We must take confidence and courage in knowing that our God is our protectorate and never a threat! DAN

### DOOR GREETERS – May 8, 2016

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FOX 29, Bryan-College  
Station, TX.  
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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

## The Greater Love

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” (John 15:13)

In his book, “Written in Blood,” Robert Coleman tells the story of a little boy whose sister needed a blood transfusion. The doctor had explained that she had the same disease the boy had recovered from two years earlier. Her only chance for recovery was a transfusion from someone who had previously conquered the disease. Since the two children had the same rare blood type, the boy was the ideal donor. “Would you give your blood to your sister Mary?” the doctor asked. Little Johnny hesitated, his lower lip started to tremble, and then he smiled and said, “Sure, for my sister.” Soon the two children were wheeled into the hospital room--Mary, pale and thin; Johnny, robust and healthy. Neither spoke, but when they met, Johnny grinned. As the nurse inserted the needle into his arm, Johnny’s smile faded. He watched the blood flow through the tube. With the ordeal almost over, his voice slightly shaky, broke the silence. “Doctor, when do I die?” Only then did the doctor realize why Johnny had hesitated, why his lip had trembled when he’d agreed to donate his blood. He’d thought giving his blood to his sister meant giving up his life. Though, in reality, it was not necessary, he was willing to give his life for his sister. In that brief moment, his love for his sister, caused him to make his great decision.

Let us remember that there was one who laid down His life for us. via “Brief Exhortations”

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# L.T.C. Teens Honored Welcome Visitors



*From Dan's desk:*

The young people who went to L.T.C. in Dallas last month were honored at the fellowship sandwich supper last Sunday evening. Ben gave out awards and presentations to the youth who were involved in this annual event. We are so grateful for their efforts. We also appreciate Ben and Keri for the work they are doing with the youth. Thanks to those of you who came for Monday Night for the Master last Monday night. It was a great evening, as we worked together serving the Lord in many facets. Much was accomplished and we know that God is pleased by the love and willingness to serve on the part of the membership here. Thanks to Dwight and Shelly Franklin for preparing the evening meal. It was great and those who usually help were having tests or out of town. Thanks to Dwight and Shelly for doing a wonderful job. It is hard to believe that the month of May is already here. Next Sunday is Mother's Day. All mother's will be recognized with a special presentation. We hope you can be with us. The following Sunday morning we will honor our Graduating seniors at a luncheon to follow the morning worship service. Mark the date May 15th. We have four graduating seniors this year. We will list them in the church bulletin next week. Dale Sparks came home from the hospital last Monday. He is doing great and we are so thankful for his recovery. We have received many calls about Dale. This shows how much he is loved and appreciated by the church here, as well as those who are not members. Thanks for being here this morning. We will look forward to seeing you tonight.

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**DALE SPARKS** is recovering from heart surgery. He is now home. **DENNIS ELLISON** will be undergoing treatment for his cancer soon. **HEATHER PARKER** is still awaiting the heart ablation procedure. **EMERALD ELLIS** has been undergoing tests for blood pressure issues.

**Continue to pray for all on the sick list.**

### CHANGES TO DIRECTORY

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### **SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **SAM ARYANPUR** who passed recently. Memorial services were held here at the church building yesterday.

Sympathy is also extended to Mary Jo Thomason on the death of her niece, **LINDA JO MULLENAX** from Buffalo. Her services were held Wednesday.

Sympathy is also extended to Nancy Mooney & Harold Johnson on the death of their brother, **THEO JOHNSON**. He passed away on Tuesday. Services were held on \_\_\_\_\_.

### **"America's Favorite Pastime"**

It has truly been called. "America's favorite and most popular Pastime." Nothing good comes from murmuring. Nothing but, rebellion against God, which is often done in secret, resulting in doubtful disputations that discourage others! We should be able to see how harmful murmuring is and why God's word warns against this sin? In (1 Tim. 6:1-5) Paul does not mince words in his description of the one who engages in such sinful conduct! Because of such conduct, innocent people who are the object of a murmurer despite have severely damage reputations of good, faithful, people and have caused much discouragement amongst brethren! May we all strive to respect the warnings and teaching of God's word and heed the instructions of the apostle Paul who commanded, "Do all things without murmurings and disputing; That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:14-15). May God help us not to be caught up in such a pastime.