

# Teen News

Some of the teens will be gone this week for another camp. We will be traveling today Broken Bow, OK to Mountain Fork Christian Camp. Please keep these teens in your prayers this week as we travel. We will be back Saturday the 11th.

There will be no devotional Sunday the 12th, due to just getting back from camp. We will be planning the lake trip soon, so if you have any days to suggest or any days that would be bad, please let me know.

If I could catch a rainbow,  
I would do it just for you.  
And share with you its beauty,  
On day that you are blue.  
If I could build a mountain,  
You could call your very own,  
A place to find serenity;  
A place to be alone.  
I cannot build a mountain,  
Or catch a rainbow fair.  
But let me be what I know best  
A friend that's always there.  
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## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The judge glowered at the haggard robber and said, "then you admit breaking into the same dress shop on four successive nights?"

"Yes, your honor."

"And why was that?"

"Because my wife wanted a dress".

The judge consulted his records.

"But it says here you broke in four nights in a row!"

"Yes sir, she made me exchange it three times".

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Watching her mother as she tried on her new fur coat, young Becky said unhappily, "Mom do you realize some poor dumb beast suffered so you could have that?"

The woman shot her an angry look.

"Becky, how dare you talk about your father like that!"

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Yes said the balding man, "Split hair is a problem, mine split five years ago".

"SMILE, It's contagious"

**DOOR GREETERS- July 12, 2009**

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### IT IS JUST A MATTER OF TIME

Solomon said, "The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways" (Prov. 14: 14). Jesus warned, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matt. 24: 12). John told the church at Ephesus "Thou hast left thy first love" (Rev. 2: 4). When a Christian begins to show less interest in things eternal, he is going the wrong way. When one is getting weaker instead of stronger, something is seriously wrong. If this backsliding is not arrested, it is just a matter of time and he will be spiritually dead.

A preacher once told this unusual experience. A man came to his office one day and told him this story of his life.

Only forty-one years old but he had come to face a problem that was the greatest of all human experiences in this world. He had tears in his eyes as he told of the many years he had gradually neglected God and the church. He didn't intend to ever be where he was at the time-but he was! He continued his story of how he had taken up habits of impure words and thoughts—these led him to neglect prayer because his heart despised hypocrisy. Thus, he began to neglect the assembly of the church for he felt out of place.

Finally, he even became angry if someone visited him and asked of his absences. After all, he said, the absences from the assembly were not the problem. It was the things of the heart and his way of living that actually forced him to stay away. So a few days before, he decided he would confess his faults to a brother in Christ (James 5: 16) and ask for prayers. He continued on to say that unless he did this he knew that it was just a matter of time until he would be dead (spiritually).

How desperate was his soul as he asked the preacher to pray with him for God to forgive him and to make him alive again.

When the way to the meeting house seems too far; when the sermons seem too long; when one begins to dislike the company of brethren; when the sermons make one mad instead of penitent; when reading the Bible puts one to sleep; when one frets if called on to give more—dangerous systems of a backslider are beginning to surface.

Edsel Burleson

#### MINISTERS

Dan D. Manuel  
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Joshua Shellenbarger  
Youth Minister  
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Personal Evangelism

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Henry Baker  
Sam Ellis  
Dwight Franklin  
Adam Harding  
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Kyle Lock

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#### MISSIONS & OUTREACH

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Preaching-Denver, CO.  
Mexico School of  
Preaching  
Hershel Bearden  
India Mission  
Ken Upchurch  
Tanzania Africa Work  
Central TX Children's Home  
Tipton Children's Home  
Gospel Broadcast Network

#### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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

**‘HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA’**

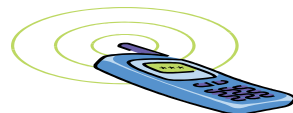
***Thanks for coming this morning.  
We are glad you are here***



**From Dan's desk:**

**Lorelee has been on vacation this last week. If you see mistakes in the church bulletin you will understand why. Ha! It is always good to be away for a few days and one always comes back refreshed. The new church directories are in and were given out last Sunday. If you had your picture made for the directory, you have a directory coming, if not we still have a ledger directory for you. You can pick it up today either way (in the foyer) today after the service. Yesterday marked our Nation's birthday. The fourth of July is always that time to remember our freedoms. I thank God for those who have served our country and those who founded this great land. Thank you for your positive remarks about the lesson last Sunday. We thank you for coming this morning. We hope and trust that you will want to join us tonight for our worship together. We will look forward to being in fellowship with you tonight.**

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES  
OR PUT THEM ON VIBRATE.**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**  
JEAN LONG came home from the hospital last Saturday.

No other new sick at this time.

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:**

Donna Freeman, Ed Furman, Elmer Alford, Glenda Wilson, Gary Oliver, Oran Benge, Lydia Herren, Ida Lee Parkman, Edith Lamb.

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

Jeffery Oden, David Sims, Lt. Col. William Hardy, minister of South Jackson Church of Christ  
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**GREETING CARD SIGNING**

Anyone wishing to sign cards for the sick, please meet at the church building Sunday July 12th at 4:30 P.M. If you have any questions, please call Gerry Hahn 903-723-8159.

**GUEST SPEAKER THIS WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT**

We will have another guest speaker this coming Wednesday night. DAVID ARNOLD preacher for the Athens Church of Christ will speak to us on the subject, "The Steadfast Mind". I worked with David a number of years ago in Dallas at the Sunset Church of Christ. He is a great speaker and you will enjoy hearing him deliver the Word of God. Please make plans to be here for this important lesson from God's Word.

There are only two things to worry about. Either you are sick or you are well. If you are well there is nothing to worry about, but if you are sick, there are two things to worry about. Either you will get well or you will die. If you get well there is nothing to worry about. If you die there are only two things to worry about, either you will go to Heaven or you will go to Hell. If you go to Heaven, there is nothing to worry about. If you go to Hell, then the only thing you will be able to think about is agony and eternity. Then you will have plenty to worry about. So why worry now?

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

You are writing a gospel  
A chapter day by day.  
By deeds that you do  
And words that you say.

Men read what you write  
Whether faithless or true,  
S ay! What is the gospel  
According to you?

Our Sympathy is extended to NANCY MILLER in the death of her brother GEORGE JACKSON who passed away in California last week.