

# Teen News

Good morning everyone.

Last Sunday night's devo was a lot of fun and I would like to thank Adam and Diane Harding for getting the pizza for us and setting up the "surprise" birthday party for Destiny. Tonight the devo will be at the home of Lorelee Reeder and I want to encourage everyone to attend. See you all tonight.

BLAKE

In place of the Fall Fest this year we will have "Trunk or Treat" in the parking lot after the Wednesday night service on October 31st. Please park your cars with the trunk open and give out treats from your trunk. This change was made because of scheduling conflicts.

## STUDY TIME

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

- 2 TIMOTHY 2:15 NIV

## "Electronic Addictions"

There are all kinds of addictions these days — drugs, alcohol, tobacco, etc. All forms take issue with the characteristic Peter identified as "self-control" in II Peter 1:5-9. No man or woman who is addicted to anything is in control of self. We have now entered into an age of electronic addictions. gospel; no wonder people cannot reason and arrive at a valid conclusion — people no longer think. Are you addicted to "electronics?" How can you tell? Well, the dictionary defines an addiction as — "to devote or surrender to something habitually or obsessively". What are some of the "electronics" that I can become addicted to?

1. **Computer** — I know that most people have to use computers today, however, how much time do you spend on the computer that is NOT work-related? (i.e. Facebook, My Space, games, pornography, gambling, ebay, shopping, etc.)
2. **Cell phones** — Texting, talking, browsing, e-mailing, etc. Some is necessary but are you addicted? (see definition above)
3. **iPod/MP3** — It takes some time (a lot of it) to build a library full of songs and then save them to your iPod/MP3 player or to burn them onto a CD.
4. **Xbox/PS2** — How much time do you spend playing video games a week. How does that compare with your personal Bible study time?
5. **DVD/BluRay** — A lot of people spend time watching movies. So much so that there are stores dedicated to doing nothing but renting movies.

Ask yourself one simple question: "Am I habitually or obsessively devoted to any or all of these "electronic" devices?" It may be time for you to take a good long look at how you spend your time!

## DOOR GREETERS

**October 21, 2012**  
**Ben & Kerl Rhone**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

**October 21, 2012**  
**Sam & Cheryl Ellis**

# Gospel Worker

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### MISSIONS & OUTREACH

"Give Me The Bible"  
telecast  
Brown Trail School of  
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*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

## "YOU WERE BORN TO FLY"

One day a prairie chicken found an egg and sat on it until it hatched. Unknown to the prairie chicken, the egg was an abandoned eagle egg. That's how an eagle came to be born into a family of prairie chickens. Eagles are the greatest of all birds, soaring above the heights with grace and ease. Prairie chickens are so lowly that they don't even know how to fly and just spend their days eating garbage. Predictably, the little eagle thought that he was a prairie chicken. He walked around, ate garbage, and clucked like a prairie chicken. One day he looked up in the sky and saw a majestic bald eagle soar through the air. When he asked his family what it was, they responded, "It's an eagle. But you could never be like that because you are just a prairie chicken." They returned to pecking around in the garbage. The eagle spent his whole life looking up at eagles, longing to join them among the clouds. It never once crossed his mind to spread his wings- and try to fly. The eagle dies thinking it was just a prairie chicken. We were all born to fly, but some of us think and act like prairie chickens because that's what the world keeps telling you that's what you are. Do you ever feel like there is more to life than what you are now experiencing? Look up. Lift your wings and fly! Stop living like an eagle who thinks he's a prairie chicken. God wants you to be all that you were created to be. You are no longer ignorant. YOU KNOW WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE – SO SPREAD YOUR WINGS AND FLY!

## Men's Breakfast and Work Day. New Carpet installed



### *From Dan's desk:*

Thanks to all the men who came and worked last Saturday. The breakfast went great and a big thank you to Charles McCullough for putting it all together and those who help prepare the food. The men worked hard to remove unwanted tree limbs and debris from the property. It was a great day. Last Sunday proved to be a wonderful day with the change in the weather and spirits high for the worship of God. Thanks to all who were present for both the morning and evening service. We are grateful for your continued support of the work here at Crockett Rd. Our Children's Bible Hour program is really going great and a big thank you is also in order for those who worked hard in preparation of the Bible Hour program last Sunday night. We are so grateful for the children who are present and the ones who teach them. Many of you have commented about the beautiful new carpet in the building. We were able to do this because of a generous contribution made by someone in the church above and beyond the regular contribution on Sunday. We appreciate the love and generosity of those who love God and have a willingness to share with God and His Church the blessings that our Lord has given unto them. This is truly a commendable spirit. Be sure and thank the Lord. The work has been completed on the building and it really looks nice. Dennis Homann and son Brian did a great job repairing the building and taking care of additional work that we wanted to get done. Thanks to all of you who are present this morning to worship our Lord. We are glad you are here. We hope you will join with us today in honor of our Lord who gave His life for all of us. He is worthy of our praise. We hope and trust that you will want to be with us tonight at 6 P.M..

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

### **PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**SHERRY SYBERT** is still very ill at her home.

**BEVERLY NORWOOD** had gall bladder surgery on Thursday in Nacogdoches.

**BILLY BEIL** has blood clots in his legs.

**JAKE GLENN** has been undergoing tests because of severe abdominal pains.

**PLEASE REMEMBER to stop for a prayer list in the foyer and remember those with continuing illnesses in your prayers.**

**PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR U.S. SERVICEMEN. & OUR COUNTRY.**

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Our congratulations to Ruth Cox on the birth of her first great-great grandson. CHARLES BENTLEY DRAKE was born on October 5th to Eathen & Ashley Drake.**

### **DIRECTORY PICTURES**

**The photographer will again be taking pictures this Friday, the 19th, Saturday the 20th & Sunday, the 21st. Please keep your appointment, and if you have not set up an appointment the ladies are in the foyer to make you an appointment today. If you do not have your picture taken, we cannot put the old picture in the directory and in order to have a copy of the directory the cost will be \$10.00, for those not having your picture made.**

## Do You Say What You Mean?

Preachers have an unusual opportunity to listen to people. many promises are given, statements made, excuses offered. it is easy to see, then, that some people do not "say what they mean":

"THEY SAY" usually means, "I heard it from at least one source, but I assume everybody believes it."

"IT NEEDS TO BE DONE" means, "I'm not going to do anything about it, but somebody ought to."

"I'VE HEARD SOME CRITICISM" usually means, "I'm against it but I don't have the nerve to speak up for myself."

"THE WHOLE CHURCH IS UPSET" means, "two or three loudmouths have turned loose their venom."

"SOMEBODY MIGHT CRITICIZE IT" usually means, "I know it should be done, but it takes too much effort for me to do it."

"IF MEMORY SERVES ME RIGHT" really means, "I'm going to say something I'm not sure of, whether true or false, but if somebody discovers I'm wrong, then I can always blame my memory."

"I WILL BE THERE IF I'M NOT PROVIDENTIALLY HINDERED" nearly always means, "If I'm not there you can blame God for it."

"I WON'T PROMISE ANYTHING, BUT I'LL DO MY BEST" means, "Don't expect much out of me."

"I'M STILL THINKING IT OVER" means, "I'm hoping you'll forget about it and I won't have to do it." You can take it from there. Christians should be far more careful to mean what they say and say what they mean than people of the world. Jesus said a plain "yes" or "no" is suitable for a Christian's word (Matt. 5:36-37).