

Teen News

.I want to thank all of the teens for helping with the widow and widowers lunch and fellowship. You all were a huge help and I could not have done it without you. Also I want to thank Bernie and Millie Baur for opening up their home to us for the devotional last Sunday night. It is so wonderful to have such gracious people in this church family. There will not be a devotional tonight as there are many in our number that are out of town.

“A CHICKEN OR EAGLE”

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.



Those to Serve Dec. 2011

AM . Opening

4 Ike Weatherly
11 Charles McCullough
18 Jack Thomason
25 Adam Harding

A.M. Closing

4 Dwayne Hagemier
11 Jim Davis
18 Graham Williams
25 Truman Tate

P.M. Opening

4 Adam Harding
11 Steve Camp
18 Sam Ellis
25 Guest

P.M. Closing

4 Bernie Baur
11 Billy Lane
18 Blake Baker
25 Guest

Serve Communion

Layne Vannoy
Gary Chambless
Clint Satterwhite
Jim Ricard

J.B. Matlock
Alex Lowe
Todd Perry
Luke Lane

Communion Preparation



4 Ike Weatherly
11 Jacob Britton
18 Todd Perry
25 Lorelee Reeder

DOOR GREETERS

Dec. 4, 2011
Jerry Thompson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Dec. 4, 2011
Ike Weatherly

Gospel Worker

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MINISTERS

Dan D. Manuel
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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
5:00 PM Evening
Wed: 7:00 PM



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Annual Christmas Party

Our Annual Holiday Church Fellowship will be held a week from Tuesday night in the activity building at 6:30 P.M. We have a wonderful evening planned. We hope you can join us for an evening filled with fun, laughter, songs, great food and fellowship.



Annual Christmas Fellowship Dec. 6th, 6:30 P.M. one week from Tuesday .



From Dan's desk:

We hope that each of you had a wonderful "Thanksgiving Holiday". It was great to have everyone in services last Sunday. It was a time for us to offer gratitude to God collectively. Also thanks to each of you who came to the "Thanksgiving Service" last Tuesday night. Several of the men of the congregation participated in leading songs, reading scriptures and offering prayers. We appreciate all who helped. The Power point presentation was also inspiring as well. Lorelee has been back in the office after taking a week of vacation. We always miss her when she is out of the office. The annual Holiday Christmas dinner and fellowship will take place one week from Tuesday night. It is hard to believe that the end of the year is approaching. The year 2011 has really gone by fast. A big thank you to Blake and Brandy Baker, the youth and others who helped with the luncheon for the widows and widowers last Sunday. It was fantastic. One of the best. Everyone really enjoyed it so much. The food was wonderful and the fellowship equal to it. The youth served the meal and everyone really enjoyed being together and the effort of the youth in the church here. Blake and Brandy are doing a tremendous job with the Young people.

Be sure to offer a word of thanks to them for their hard work. The holidays bring with them changes in our schedule of events here at the church. We have posted a sheet detailing various events. Be sure to check these out. Thanks for being here this morning.

Dan

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

BILLY WHITLEY was admitted to Palestine Regional hospital on Sunday with a possible stroke.

DENNIS ELLISON is at home recovering from kidney stones.

BENNIE JOE McINNIS, father of Shelly Franklin, is in the hospital in Tyler.

ORVILLE SHELTON, brother of Gerry Hahn, is in serious condition at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

HATTIE CRAWFORD, sister of Billy Whitley & aunt of Mike Whitley is in hospice at Palestine Regional.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Jim Davis Toni Degelia, Gary Oliver, Bill Hogan, Toby Williams, Gerald Wilcher, Shannon Spencer, Dylan Johnson

Servicemen: Blaine Kline, Jason Mottern. & David Sims.

Thanks so much to each of you for your cards sent from the Crockett Rd. Church of Christ. I am stationed in Afghanistan and being away from home it means so much to receive correspondence from back home. I really appreciate your kindness.

JASON MOTTERN



LADIES ORNAMENT EXCHANGE & LUNCHEON

This year an ornament gift exchange and luncheon will be held at the home of Sonda Baker on Sunday, December 4th , from 12:30 till ? . Those participating are asked to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament and join in the fun and fellowship. A sign up sheet has been placed on the board.

"ARE YOU FOCUSED?"

A lot of what we accomplish in life depends upon our focus. The story is told of the golfer Arnold Palmer, who, in the 1961 Master's finals was approached by a friend and congratulated on his victory a few shots prior to his finish. Palmer is on record as saying that in that moment he lost his focus and he ended up losing by a point. It happens time and again; there is the football player who looks toward the goal line and drops the ball; the ice skater who falls and simply can't recover to conclude the performance; the politician who misspeaks and ruins his political career? All for a lack of focus. Out of all of the kings of Israel, David was arguably the greatest; he had his problems, but he always ultimately sought to put his trust in the Lord. Nevertheless, because David was a man of war, his greatest desire, to build the Lord a house, could not be accomplished by him. David, however, purposed to do all that he could toward the construction of the temple prior to his death. He made agreements with nations for materials; he collected materials; he assembled workers. Before his death, David commanded the princes of Israel to help Solomon build the temple (1 Chronicles 22:17). He exhorted them, "Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD" (1 Chronicles 22:19). Do we see the focus in the words, "Set your heart and soul to seek the Lord your God"? Because they focused upon seeking God, they were able to accomplish the task at hand. Adapted