

# Teen News

To the Church Family,

The Youth and I would like to thank everyone so much for coming out to the Chili Cook-Off and cake auction last Sunday night. We had around a 115 people in attendance and it seemed like everyone had a good time. First, we really appreciate everyone that donated cakes for the auction, and also those who brought chili for the contest. We would like to give a big thanks to all that donated at this event; we collected over \$2,100 dollars. This will go a long way toward LTC and toward camps this summer. We would also like to thank Scott & Sarah Johnson, Brandy Ricard, Pam Boyette, and Marty Nash for helping us out in the kitchen. Thanks again to everyone that joined us last Sunday, we hope you had a great time.

In Christian Love,

Joshua & The Youth

## INDIA MISSION

**To all church members: The India mission that Hershel Bearden works with yearly, is in need of several items. Please bring to the church foyer the following items:**

Shampoo, moisturizing cream or lotion, bath soap, toothpaste and mouthwash, and if you can find travel size perfumes or men's after shaves they would like them too. These all need to be the small travel size. **NO LARGE SIZES.**

There is a bright yellow box on the table in the foyer to put these in. We need to complete our collection by May 1, 2011. Brother Bearden will be able to take these on his next mission trip in June. When all are collected Larry & Glenda Baskin will take them to Hershel at the Angelina Church of Christ in Lufkin for Crockett Road.

Also, if you can croquet caps for these folks please see Lorelee.

## V.B.S.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway near the office for our Vacation Bible School this year. We already have some teachers lined up, but we need a teacher for the 2&3 year olds and we need helpers in all the classes. If you can help us from June 21-24th, please sign up. We will also need helpers to help serve refreshments. If you can help with this please sign up also.



## DOOR GREETERS

**March 13, 2011**

**Bill Chandler**

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## COMMUNION PREPARATION

**March 13, 2011**

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# Gospel Worker

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### MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Brown Trail School of Preaching, *Bedford, TX*  
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Hershel Bearden  
*India Mission*  
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*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

One thing that we often hear athletic teams talk about is

## "Let Downs"

It is a common problem that many teams face. After a big victory it is often easy for a team to overlook or underestimate their next opponent. Their confidence is sky-high and they feel that after winning the previous game it should be easy to win the next. Inevitably they lose that next game.

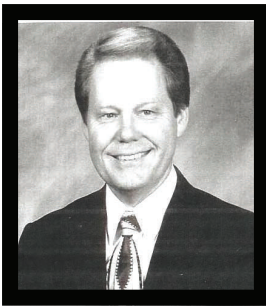
You may be asking, "Why the sports lesson?" Well, as Christians we need to guard from let-downs as well. It can be easy for us to feel like we have arrived. That we are doing so well, we are above temptation. The Bible warns us to avoid that attitude, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." (1 Corinthians 10:12). Just like sports teams, when we get over-confident, we become vulnerable.

Paul knew of this danger, "If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil 3:11-14).

## There is a continuing need for us to realize that we have not "arrived"

Christianity is a lifestyle in which we must continue to grow until we depart from this life. There is a never ending need for us to discipline ourselves, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Corinthians 9:27).

Let us never get too comfortable with ourselves. When we stop growing as Christians, we start dying. I am not saying that we can't be sure of our salvation but rather that we must watch.



# Chili supper great success. Large Number in attendance



*From Dan's desk:*

Welcome to our congregation. Each Sunday we witness a number of visitors among us and we appreciate your presence. Spring is just around the corner. The daffodils are already in bloom. Dogwood and azalea's will be right behind. The annual Dogwood Trails are just two weeks away. We will have many visitors to our community and our services. We will have a noon luncheon on Sunday, - March 20th following the morning worship service. The Texas Top Guns will be providing "BAR-B-QUE" chicken and brisket for the luncheon. It will be a great day. We hope you will plan to be with us. The chili cook-off went great last Sunday evening. A big thank you to all who cooked chili and cakes. It was a wonderful evening. Thanks for your positive comments about the sermons last Sunday. God continues to bless each of us in so many ways. We are thankful for those who came to "Monday Night For The Master" last Monday night. Much was accomplished and so many give of their time and energy to help with the work at this place. Thank you for your sacrificial time and effort to continue with this great program of work. I hope each of you will be present tonight as we come together to worship God again as a body of believers. See

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

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

MARLENE THOMPSON had emergency knee surgery on Wednesday night. She may have a staph infection.

BOB BURCHFIELD had a stroke on Saturday of last week. He has been transferred to Palestine Regional rehab for therapy.

MARK JOHNSON had to postpone his back surgery because of an irregularity with his heart.

MARY ANN CHAPMAN has returned home after her stroke.

CECIL STANALAND saw his heart specialist last week again.

LIAM & MARY LOWE, great nephew & niece of Virginia Stanaland & Doug Lowe, Mary will be bone marrow donor for Liam as soon as conditions are right.

JO HARMON, mother of Lorelee's daughter-in-law, had a stroke last Saturday in Lewisville.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Dennis Ellison, Gary Oliver, Vonolga Roberson, Bill Hogan, Hunter Sheridan, Danny Sumrall, Toby Williams, Gerald Wilcher.

### **Chili Supper**

Last Sunday night the chili supper was a wonderful success. The youth group collected over \$2,100.00 in donations to help them go to LTC competition in Dallas and attend summer camps this summer. A big thank you to all for your support of our youth. Dennis Ellison again won the prize for the best chili. Two times in a row speaks well for his chili making abilities. The cake auction netted the bulk of the monies collected, so as you can see, we have some awesome cooks in this church, both men and women.

## **"JOY"**

Last week I heard a statement that caught my ear. The months of September and October are now the most popular months for weddings. . There was true joy among the family and friends attending the wedding. This caused me to reflect upon the joy I've experienced in my own marriage of 35 years. God has blessed me greatly with a wonderful wife, four loving children and six outstanding grandchildren. In addition I have two daughters-in-law and a son-in-law-to-be who have expanded my joy. And then to also have the joy of my Christian family on top of all of this is almost overwhelming.

**God is certainly great! The Christian life is truly a joyous one!**

There are many things in a Christian's life to bring this joy. We should rejoice over our salvation ([Rom. 5:11](#)), our hope of heaven ([Rom 15:13](#)), and Jesus coming to receive us again ([John 14:1-4](#)). In this country we have many material things to be thankful for, but we are told in [Romans 14:17](#) that: "the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy..." Therefore if we have our priorities right we can have joy regardless of our material state. Joy does not come from without but from within, but many are looking for joy in all the wrong places.

**It is tragic that many Christians do not have this kind of joy in their lives**

God clearly wants us to have an abundant life ([John 10:10](#)). Therefore, if we don't have this joy, the reason must lie in our relationship with Him. God would never break our relationship with Him, but in [II Corinthians 13:5](#) we are to examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith. If we find out that we are not in the faith, God is waiting with open arms to receive us and all He asks is our loving obedience. When we submit in obedience, we can experience the true joy that is found in Christ.