

# Teen News

Good morning and thank you all for being here. I hope that you had a great week back in school. It won't be long until you are out again for Christmas break. We have a few things planned for this month and I want to encourage the youth to make efforts to participate. We will soon be getting ready to make gifts and visit the shut-ins. We also will be planning a youth Christmas Party too. We have started a new lesson in class about "Keeping Watch" it is a very good lesson that we all need to know. This could be a good lesson for anyone. Invite your friends to join us in class. God bless you all!!

**BEN**

## Card Signing

Please join us Monday night Dec. 12th at 6:30 PM, at the home of Pam Gallaway, 515 ACR 431, to sign Christmas cards for the shut-in's. We will eat and have fellowship. The soup will be furnished. You may bring finger foods to go with the soup, if desired.

## LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The ladies Bible class will have their annual luncheon at the 1904 Bed and Breakfast on Tuesday Dec. 13th following the class. The cost of buffet is \$10.00 each. We will take the bus.

## "To Celebrate or Not"

Today we celebrate the birthday of Washington, Abe Lincoln, Martin Luther King and others. On these occasions young people in school study about these men and what they did for our country. They study about their work and their role as presidents. But they rarely ever study anything about their births. I know of no facts or stories concerning the circumstances of their births. I wish the world would celebrate the birth of Jesus the way it celebrates the birth of other men, by concentrating on His life. I wish (the world) our nation would look more at His accomplishments, teaching, world influence, and death; than at the manger scene, the wise men, and the shepherds tending their flocks. Yes, His virgin birth was special, miraculous, humble and unique. However, in our celebration, let us not lose focus on the man He became and how His life changed the world." That Jesus was born into the world is something to celebrate! The incarnation, God becoming flesh in the person of Jesus (John 1:14), revealed the great love of God in that He came to us! How grateful we should be for the Saviour and Lord of us all was born in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago.

**DAN**

## DOOR GREETERS

Dec. 11, 2016

Lorelee Reeder & Millie Baur

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

Dec. 11, 2016

**Bob & Mary Stech**

# Gospel Worker

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

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



*Our Annual Holiday Church Fellowship will be held this 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.*

# MANY ACTIVITIES ON THE HORIZON FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY



*From Dan's desk:*



It is true that “the body in motion stays in motion.” It is also true of the Church Body. If that is the case, the church body here should be very healthy. Numerous activities are in place for the coming days. We hope you will avail yourselves to the opportunities that present themselves. Please check the bulletin board and do your best to be involved in as many as possible. These are opportunities for spiritual enrichment and fellowship. The beautiful poinsettias were in place last Sunday. The spirit of Christmas prevails among us. Everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday and the New Year is just around the corner. This year has flown by so fast, as we mentioned in the sermon last Sunday. Thanks for all your nice comments about the sermons last Sunday. Even though several were out of town for the holiday, several guests were present for both services. We appreciate all who came. We hope that all of you will want to join us this Tuesday night for the annual holiday Church Christmas Meal and fellowship. Thanks to Doug and Barbara Sumrall for all the preparation of the meal and to James and Sandy and others who help with the beautiful decorations already in place. It will be a memorable night and you will miss a lot by not being present. Santa will be here for the children along with gifts for the kids. This is a family affair. Thanks for being here this morning. We will see you tonight. DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



## TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

**BOBBY BAIRD** is in ETMC in Tyler. He will move to the rehab unit this week.

**LINDA CHEAIRS** remains a patient in the ETMC REHAB in Tyler.

**BOB STECH** has been undergoing tests this last week. He is better.

**MARTHA SIMS** has also been undergoing tests this last week, but is doing better.

**All others who have been ill are improving.**

### **LADIES ORNAMENT EXCHANGE**

**Ladies remember to go to Sonda Baker's home right after the worship service today for lunch and gift exchange.**

### **WELCOME VISITORS**

A big hearty welcome to those visiting today. Allow us to meet and greet you following the worship service this morning. At the end of the service today you will be given a gift bag from our congregation. “It is a small gift, but it comes from big hearts.” Thanks again for coming.



David and Jennifer Sparks are again opening their home to the church on Sunday evening, Dec. 18th following the evening worship. You are encouraged to wear an ugly sweater. Join the fun.

### **WONDERFUL TIME OF YEAR**

Many have started decorating their homes and businesses. We will hear the old classic Christmas songs playing everywhere we go and holiday themed movies will be playing on every channel. Many of us will take time off work to spend with our family and friends. For most of us the holiday season is an exciting time of year. While we do not celebrate Christmas as a religious observance, many families will choose to exchange gifts with each other on December 25<sup>th</sup>. As we bring the current year to a close, many of us will gather with family and friends to bring in the New Year. Some congregations gather on New Year's Eve for a time of worship and fellowship as they welcome the coming of a new year of spiritual service to God and blessings from Him. For many the holidays are the best time of the year. We hope it is for you. DAN