

Elders

Louis Drennan.....828-5725
Nick Johnson.....828-3757
Al Jolly.....936-855-2715
Rex Neff828-2728
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Carl Wylie828-1649

Seniors Minister

Al Jolly.....936-855-2715

Pulpit Minister

Rocky Whitely.....828-5391

Youth Minister

Coby Whitehead.....828-9907

Missionaries

Russel Bell..... India
Joe Don Brymer (Sandy Creek CH) India
Haley Edmiston..... Thailand
David HamrickWBI of Georgia
Carrie McAnally Botswana

Deacons

Hal Dumas..... Physical Plant
Don FeautoService
Ross MitchellFellowship
Troy Mitchell Outreach
Jerry Paceley..... Education
Wyman Poe Missions
John SheltonYouth (Sr. & Jr. High)
Will Smith Training, Maturing & Library
Joe Squiers..... Young Families & Youth
..... (younger than Jr. High)
Terry Smitherman Administration
Jerry Stover..... Worship
Randy Sullivan Benevolence

Secretary (office)

Sharon Carrigan.....828-4205

Worship Opportunities

SundayBible Classes for all – 9:30 a.m.
.....Worship – 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday ... Ladies’ Bible Class – 10:00 a.m.
.....Evening Bible Classes – 7:00 p.m.

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JUST ROUTINE

It was just routine. I had to clean my van floor mats the old fashioned way. I beat the dirt out of them. Those steel poles supporting my carport work great. With a little breeze and with each beat I watched the dust float away in the air.

What was that? I felt a couple of taps on the top of my head. No rocks were flying with the dirt. But my eyes quickly caught a glimpse of something around me. Sure enough, a few feet to my right, tucked away and hanging on the inside of steel beam, was a nest. I had upset a small colony of wasps.

Some might think that I am a little thin up top. You might be interested to know that I had plenty up there. My “thick” head of hair thwarted the painful rebuke that those wasps had for me. I felt their presence but not their sting.



Sin is just like this wasp murderer overnight. Usually, rarely does one become a mass murderer overnight. Usually, sadly, people start small. How often does one feel sin’s presence but not its pain?

Jesus spoke in these terms in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Murder starts out with anger and escalates from there (5:21-26). Adultery starts out with lust (vv. 27-32).

James, a leader in the church and brother of Jesus, spelled out the pattern. *But each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.* (James 1:14–15, NIV84)

Have you opened your eyes, only to realize that you left God behind in your life? Did you ignore the taps on top of your head? Maybe the stings are now routine. Maybe you no longer feel the pain.

I love the words of the apostle Paul as he contrasts two lifestyles. He gives words of warning,

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 6:9–10)

In the very next verse Paul gives words of hope and forgiveness, *And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (v. 11)*

Come back to Jesus. Sin stings. Leave its routine behind. Live for God.

ROCKY

PRAYER LIST

Special Requests:

Tomi Quinn Houston is in MD Anderson in Houston with cancer.

Glenn Jackson, a teacher for FISSD, has been diagnosed with ALS.

Missionaries:

Russel Bell, Joe Don Brymer, Haley Edmiston, David Hamrick, Carrie McAnally.

Nursing Home:

Carla Hemphill Hickman, Nettie Hill, Charlene Oates.

Our Soldiers Overseas:

Jason Wallingford, Chad Whitely.

Our Church Family:

Mary Louise Lierman, Rita Hairston, Betty Hairston, Bobby Sullivan, Patsy Corn, Lily Squiers, Kathleen Smitherman, Ben & Karen Jenkins, Vee Munson, Joe Mitchell, Ray Maxwell, George Biggs, Marie Williams.

Cancer Patients:

Vickie Novak, Phillip Sabo, Michael Kite, Taylor Pratt, September Bigelow, Aggie Budwigg, Marilyn Cooper, Rance Bivins, Louie Reagan.

Family and Friends of our Church:

Doug Hathorn, Leighton Goodsell, wildfires and tornado victims, Chase Ellison, Leonard Coble, Charlie Middlebrook, Madison Storm, Kelly Miller, Gwen Simpson Rottmund, Raymond Tidwell, Carol Jean Horner, Lindsey Smith, Laura Winslow, Justin Nichols, Jenny Smith.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

The **Youth** will leave for **POW WOW** in Alvarado on Friday, July 29, at 3:00 p.m. from the church building parking lot.

5th Sunday potluck meal will be on July 31.

5th Sunday contribution is designated for resealing the parking lot. The \$4,000 needed is unbudgeted and will spare us a much more expensive repair bill later.

Elders Meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 1.

Empty Nesters will meet at the Branding Iron in Marquez on Monday, August 1, at 6:00 p.m.



Rocky will be preaching at Teague, Wednesday night, August 3, for their summer series.

Wednesday night meal will be pot luck.

In recognition of **Gov. Rick Perry's** declaration of "**A Day of Prayer and Fasting for Our Nation,**" we will have a **Men's Prayer Breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 6.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coby Whitehead asks that anyone wishing to be involved in youth activities this Fall, plan to stay after evening services on Sunday, August 7, for a meeting. Bring sandwiches, snacks, and/or desserts.

Alzheimer's Association will have a free educational, lunch event for family caregivers and anyone interested in learning about modifications and changes which may be needed in your home to keep your loved one safe. Other topics include gun safety, wandering prevention and disaster preparedness. They will meet at El Alamo Café, Friday, August 19, at 11:30 a.m. For more information, there is a postcard on the bulletin board.

Foster's Home for Children will hold a Children's Day beginning at noon on Saturday, September 10. See magazine in foyer for more information.

There will be a bridal shower for **Delana Speer**, bride-elect of **Richard Towns**, here at the church on Sunday, September 18, at 1:00 p.m. Richard is the grandson of **Brunhilde Morgan**. If you would like to help host the shower, please contact Susan Corn.

A box is in the foyer for anyone wishing to donate items to the **Brazos Valley Food Bank**. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Please make checks payable to the **Brazos Valley Food Bank** and give to Cindy Sanders. There is a list of the specific items requested by the Food Bank posted on the bulletin board.

The **North Belize Medical Mission** is dedicated to helping the people of Belize find healing for both their bodies and the souls. Under the oversight of Central Church of Christ in Bryan, a mission team has conducted Medical Mission Campaigns in the south of Belize since July, 1995. The team, made up of medical workers, personal workers, pharmacy, eye, and a dental clinic, goes to

Central America to serve the Lord, and the people of Belize. When Bob Wolfert was here last, he left some change cans. They are out in the foyer. Pick one or two up and fill with your change. When full, place in the church office.

GOSPEL TELEVISION PROGRAMS

KYLE ch. 28 (BCS)/**KWKT** ch. 44 (Waco)

"**Truth In Love**" — Sunday, 7:00 a.m.



"**In Search of the Lord's Way**" — Sunday, 7:30 a.m.



"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY" schedule July 31 — The Way of the Wise

The difference between wisdom and folly is as great as the difference between night and day. If God loves and blesses the wise, how can we become wise in God's eyes? The real essence of wisdom arises from man's trust in and fear of God.

August 7 — Raising Faithful Children

More than anything parents want their children to love God and live righteous lives. How can we bring up faithful children? How can we help them to know and appreciate God? How can we help them to love God and serve Him? This program talks to parents about raising faithful children.

August 14 — Keeping Teens Faithful

The turbulent teen years presents many parents with great challenges as they try to maintain faith in the midst of many temptations. Every parent wants to help their children to work through these challenges and to love God throughout life.

August 21 — Loving But Firm

What kind of parent are you? Many parents choose ways of dealing with their children that may hurt more than help. Parents, however, can adapt a style of parenting that helps their children avoid the pitfalls of life and growing to spiritual maturity. God's advice is the key.

August 28 — When Children Fall

Even the best of parents face times when children disappoint them. How parents react to the troubles their children cause can affect a child's destiny. How does a faithful parent deal with an unfaithful child? God's word has an answer.

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MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements

Ross Mitchell

Substitute

Carl Wylie

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:5-9

Dale Hamilton

Direct Singing

Wyman Poe

Communion

Don Feauto

Morris Fulks

Terry Smitherman

Bobby Corn

Alexis Poe

Charles Hairston

Nursery

Rhonda Stover

Alysta Feauto

Sunday: 7-24-11

Bible Class

62

Worship A.M.

127

Worship P.M.

65

Contribution

\$4,268.00

2011 Budget

\$5,077.00

EVENING WORSHIP

First Prayer

Rex Neff

Direct Singing

Jerry Paceley

Communion

John Shelton

Nick Johnson

Closing Prayer

Jerry Stover

Sound Booth

James Prichard

First Prayer

Joe Squiers

Intercessory Prayer

Louis Drennan

Closing Prayer

Will Smith

Sound Booth

Mitchell Shelton

FOR THE RECORD

Membership

242

2011 Baptisms

8

Placing Membership

11

Wednesday: 7-27-11

Bible Study

103