

Elders

Louis Drennan 828-5725
Nick Johnson..... 828-3757
Al Jolly.....936-855-2715
Rex Neff 828-2728
Doug Watts..... 828-2370
Carl Wylie 828-1649

Seniors Minister

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

Youth Minister

Coby Whitehead..... 828-9907

Pulpit Minister

Rocky Whitely..... 828-5391

Missionaries

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

Deacons

Hal Dumas Physical Plant
Don FeautoService
Ross Mitchell Fellowship
Troy Mitchell Outreach
Jerry Paceley..... Education
Wyman Poe Missions
John Shelton.....Youth (Sr. & Jr. High)
Will SmithTraining, 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.
..... Bible Classes for all – 7:00 p.m.
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GROWTH... AMERICAN STYLE

Halloween is the official beginning of the holiday season. “Official” because the first displays for Thanksgiving and Christmas come out in the stores. Costumes mingle with horns of plenty and tinsel-draped ornaments. Often there are complaints about the over-commercialization of Christmas. There are more complaints of watching the pounds add up.

There are pounds from helping our children eat their trunk-or-treat candy. It usually lasts only a few weeks. That is, the candy.

There are pounds from Thanksgiving turkey and mashed potatoes and giblet gravy and cranberry sauce and green bean casserole and buttery rolls and pumpkin pie and pecan pie and oh no! No more please, until tomorrow.

There are pounds from all the Christmas parties we attend with their fancy lights and sugary delights. There are pounds from the Christmas dinners leading up to Christmas dinner.

There are pounds from all the game gatherings, bowl games and playoffs galore with basketball and hockey thrown in. Sometimes we end up looking like the sports we enjoy. Oh, when a belly looks like a football or a hockey puck, it is too many sodas, chips and honey-coated peanuts.

There are pounds from the New Year’s celebrations. Please, Lord, let it end!

Such is “growth... American style.” In addition to such growth, there is church growth... heavenly style.

Jesus is our source of maturity and growth.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. (John 15:1, NIV)

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (v. 5)

Jesus is our source of nourishment and growth.

Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’ (6:35)

I am the bread of life. (v. 48)

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. (v. 51)

Jesus is our example on how to grow.

‘My food,’ said Jesus, ‘is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.’ (4:34)

Every season is growing season for the Christian. Come to Jesus for sustenance and nourishment. Come to Jesus for a growing lifestyle of obedience. Just come to Jesus.

ROCKY

PRAYER LIST

Special Requests:

Nick Varvel is home from St. Joseph Hospital after head injuries he received in a 4-wheeler accident.

Barbara Mitchell is still in ICU in Arkansas with brain, spinal and lung injuries.

Charles Dees has diagnosed with ALS disease.

Military:

Thomas Shelton.

Missionaries:

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

Nursing Home:

Carla Hemphill Hickman, Nettie Hill, Charlene Oates.



Our Church Family:

Louise Hall, Nellie Horton, Mary Louise Lierman, Betty Hairston, Kathleen Smitherman, Ben & Karen Jenkins, Vee Munson, Joe Mitchell, George Biggs, Marie Williams.

Cancer Patients:

Mark Carlisle, Kathy Pierce, Nita Niemann, Vickie Novak, Phillip Sabo, Michael Kite, September Bigelow, Aggie Budwigg, Marilyn Cooper, Louie Reagan.

Family and Friends of our Church:

The families of Dorothy and Roger Wylie, Mary Margaret Jones, Christina Gaskamp, Allen Poe, Barbara Mitchell, Ron Simpson, Gerri Spears, Margaret Muncie, Evelyn Elliott, Ed Beasley, Bruce Boller, Jessie Sabo, Bill Loftin, Tomi Quinn Houston, Glenn Jackson, Doug Hathorn, Chase Ellison, Leonard Coble, Charlie Middlebrook, Madison Storm, Kelly Miller, Gwen Simpson Rottmund, Raymond Tidwell, Lindsey Smith, Laura Winslow, Justin Nichols, Jenny Smith.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Funeral services for **Dorothy Wylie** and

her son, **Roger Wylie**, are 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 28, at Bald Prairie church of Christ building. Visitation is 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. before the funeral at the church building.

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, October 29, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Compassionate Friends are having *Robertson County 5th Annual Walk to Remember* on Saturday, October 29, at Franklin High School.



**DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME**
Ends Sunday,
November 6.
Don't be late for
services! Remember,
"fall back."

Citywide events after evening services on Sunday, October 30— 1) **Hobo Stew**. Team 1 will be in charge of kitchen duties. 2) **Trunk or Treat**. The congregation is asked to bring 3 cans of vegetables, a dessert, and a bag of candy.

North Beaton Church of Christ in Corsicana will have their fall gospel meeting October 30 - November 3. Tim Orbison a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University will be speaking on *The Greatest Commandment, To Whom Shall We Go? A Man Made Wise, I Just Want To Be A Sheep, Sing To Me of Heaven and If You Die In Your Sins*. The times are in the letter posted on the bulletin board.

The deadline for present your request for a budget item is November 1. Give your request in writing to any member of the **Budget Committee** which are: Terry Smitherman, Tim Neff, Louis Drennan and Carl Wylie.

Lifeline Chaplaincy invites you to seminar *The Empty Chair: Handling Grief Through the HOLIDAYS*, Saturday, November 5,

at Brentwood Oaks Church of Christ, 11908 North Lamar, Austin. The deadline to register is November 2. You can register by contacting Valerie at vcrin@lifelinechaplaincy.org or call 512-371-3753. Some areas of study include the emotions of grief, coping with the holidays, and creating lasting memorials. Continental breakfast will be provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS. We are glad that you chose to worship with the congregation of Christ here in Franklin. We hope that you are blessed just as much as we are. We would like to have a record of your visit and request you fill out a Member and Visitor's card found in the back of the pew in front of you and place in the Collection Plate during communion.

God's angels and the Franklin saints rejoiced as **Isaac Neff** was immersed into Jesus Sunday night. Be sure to welcome him into our Christian family.

Mary Louise Lierman has moved to Heritage Home, 407 N. College, Rosebud, TX 76570.

Brentwood Christian School presents 21st Annual Partnership Dinner on Friday, November 11 in Austin. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board for more information.

The **10th Annual Holiday Feast of Sharing** is in full swing! Melissa Williams is requesting funds for this very worthy day. Many people send a check in honor or in memory of someone. If you want to send a check, make it out to: Holiday Feast of Sharing and mail to c/o Melissa Williams, 1918 West FM 1644, Franklin, TX 77856.

SUNNY GLEN CHILDREN'S HOME has request the following items:

Presweetened Cereal
Liquid Laundry Detergent
Salad Dressing

If you give money to Margaret Hall, she is willing to shop for you!

October 30, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements

Nick Johnson

Substitute

Ross Mitchell

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 19:18-22

Buddy Hiatt

Direct Singing

Wyman Poe

Communion

Will Smith

Wendell Hall

Hal Dumas

Mitchell Shelton

Dennis Varvel

Charles Hairston

Nursery

Kalyn Paceley

Summer Neff

Sunday: 10-23-11

Bible Class

Worship A.M.

Worship P.M.

Contribution

2011 Budget

FOR THE RECORD

Membership 242

2011 Baptisms 8

Placing Membership 11

Wednesday: 10-26-11

Bible Study 75

EVENING WORSHIP

First Prayer

David Mitchell

Direct Singing

Jerry Paceley

Communion

Rex Neff

Billy Briscoe

Closing Prayer

Dan Feauto

Sound Booth

Camp Neff

First Prayer

David Hall

Intercessory Prayer

Carl Wylie

Closing Prayer

Terry Smitherman

Sound Booth

Alexis Poe