

Northeast Texas Bible Bowl News

By Kris Groda

There were 108 who braved the weather this past Monday night to participate in test number five of our 2009-2010 school year Bible Bowl.

Talco and Fulbright congregations co-hosted. John David Wright brought the auditorium lesson and Jeff Blanton gave the devotional lesson for the youth. Jeff spoke about the importance of being a Christian example to stand out and stand up for what the Bible teaches. Thank you to both of these men.

The North Jefferson youth group was excited to earn 2nd place following Pittsburg that placed 1st. Mt Vernon placed 3rd, Atlanta—4th; Talco & New Boston tied for 5th; DeKalb—6th; Blodgett—7th; and Fulbright 8th.

North Jefferson youth who participated in the test Monday night were: *Joanna Armstrong, Cade Armstrong, Emilee Ferrell, Mollie Ferrell, Megan Grissom, Tyler Hargrove, Sarah Sparks, and Emily Robison. Unable to attend were: Garrett Glover, Cody Sparks, Michael Jimenez, Justin Barker, and Rachel Barker.*

This year's topic is the book of Acts and participants were tested on chapters 17-20. If you've seen a copy of the test, then you know just how difficult the material can be to master.

The majority of our youth group, backed by their dedicated parents, show up each Sunday evening from 5:00-5:45pm for a practice session in multi-purpose room (West). Each

Sunday practice consists of one chapter, group reading, discussion/reflection, and a team practice test. Each practice test is open book and group participation is stressed. The youth are trained to *check* and *debate* their answers to make sure they are correct ... by the Book. Wednesday night classes also do a great job to review the Acts material.

In case you were not aware, the North Jefferson building serves as an area-wide testing center each second Monday of the month. Participating congregations take their turn "hosting". The host congregation (s) provide the auditorium preaching and serve the food.

This event is supported by members of the church of Christ who are involved with and love to encourage the youth. As a director and coordinator of this great work, I want to encourage congregational participation as much as possible. The auditorium class is designed for youth workers, parents, encouragers and members who are our youth group's biggest fans!

We also want to encourage any of our youth who are currently in 1st-12th grades to become actively involved in the church and in particular the Northeast Texas Youth Bible Bowl.

Thank you to the elders, teachers and parents for making this work possible. We also thank our dedicated, brilliant and vibrant youth for your fantastic work!

Please Remember in Prayer:

Justin Barker, Rachel Barker, Doris Bell, James & Sue Browning, Billye Campbell, Gene Campbell, Suzanne Charlton, Randy Cooper, Jim Duncan, Barbara Duncan, Irene Duncan, Patsy Duncan, Wade Miller, Wayne Pickrel, Thelma Reed, Helen Roper, and Rebecca Tippit.

Also: Ozroe Bush, Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Gary Duncan, Larry Freeman, Denise Hess, Cato Jones, Margaret Laurence, Mary Jo Lee, Janice Lineberger, Kent Stephenson, Kaitlin Taylor, and Charles Whitney

Congregational Shut-Ins:

Pleasant Springs Assisted Living: Doris Jean Bell, Annah Brown, **Home:** Irene Duncan, **Villa Assisted Living:** Georgia Lide.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

JON MCCAIN HAS FINISHED HIS TRAINING AND SHOULD BE HOME BY NOW. DAVID AND JANICE MCCAIN AND APRIL WENT TO FT. LEONARD WOOD, MO TO WATCH HIM GRADUATE.

HEALTH UPDATES

Sue Browning continues her recovery at home from her recent back surgery. Continue to pray for her.

Myrtice Grissom continues to recover. She is in the local hospital, Room 428.

Larry Freeman (son of Hallie Lang and brother to Rhodney, Linda, Brenda and Jerry) had surgery on his left shoulder a little over a week ago to clean out the joint. He is to return to his doctor this Wednesday where he should learn if he is to have reconstructive surgery.

Wade Miller is taking Hyperbaric Pressure Chamber treatments in Winnsboro. It takes about 3 hours each day. This is to treat his diabetic problems.

J. D. Williams (grandfather of Daniel McCary) passed away last Tuesday evening. Services were held at Nail Haggard Funeral Home in Daingerfield on Friday morning at 10 AM. J.D. was an elder at Daingerfield Church of Christ for many years.

Rodney and Joan Cook state that a former employee of Western Sizzlin has asked that we put her 4-year-old great granddaughter ... **Alexis** ... on our prayer list. She is scheduled to have brain surgery.

Caitlen Taylor, (former neighbor to the Robison's in Houston) had surgery Thursday to remove 50% of the brain tumor. The pathology report is not yet known. She is in ICU at the time (she is Jr. High age).

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

TODAY WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE HAITI DISASTER VICTIMS. OPEN YOUR PURSE STRINGS IF YOU ARE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING tonight following services. All men of the church are expected to attend. Classroom 4.

LADIES DAY PLANNING SESSION this afternoon at 5:00 pm ... in the Multi-Purpose Room (West). All ladies are invited to attend.

Bible Bowl Practice at 5pm today. This is for all young people from the 1st-12th grades. **Multi-Purpose Room (East).**

The next Bible Bowl is scheduled for Monday night, March 8 at 7PM. Everyone is invited to participate and/or attend.

Youth Devotional tonight after services in the Multi-Purpose Room. Bring snack food and games. **Parents** are being asked to come to help plan youth activities for 2010. See you there!

All Ladies ... Ladies Bible Class this Tuesday at 10:00am. Studies in Titus Chapter 2 continue. Mothers are encouraged to attend. Child care will be provided in the nursery.

Wednesday Night Supper is from 5:45pm to 6:45pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. If your busy family is interested in participating, please contact Keely McCary at (903) 563-7895 by Tuesday of each week to see how you can contribute to the meal. **THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE TABLE IN THE FOYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO HELP.**

LADIES DAY will be **April 17**. More details later. Donations would be appreciated to cover the cost of our Ladies Day. Please give your donations to Amy Jones or Veleta McFerrin.

Bro. Mike Demory of Debuke, Iowa, reports they had 15 in attendance last Sunday. Families are relocating there due to IBM opening a facility there.

Area Events

GOSPEL MEETING—Atlanta church of Christ
February 21—24 With B. J. Clarke
For more info: 903-796-3371 www.atlantacoc.org

2nd Annual Area Wide Singing—DeKalb church of Christ
Friday, February 26 7:00 pm — 9:45 pm

Special Event

Mark your calendar:

Gary and Anita Cornett, and Van and Terri Lee, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Natalie Marie McPeters and Jason Scott Lee, both of Dallas. The couple plan to wed on Friday, April 2nd in Dallas.

Van and Terri Lee