

**Those to Serve**

Sunday 06-06-2010

**Sunday Morning Worship:**

Announcements..... Bob Hedges  
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper  
 Opening Prayer ..... Grady Duncan  
 Closing Prayer ..... Ron Traugher

Month of June 2010

**Sunday Morning Lord's Table**

**South Side:**

Jerry Freeman  
 Melvin Norfleet  
 Austin Neal

**North Side:**

Gene Campbell  
 Roger Grimes  
 Cody Sparks

**Sunday Evening Lord's Table**

Charles Kyle      Ron Traugher

**Sunday Evening Worship:**

Announcements..... Bob Hedges  
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper  
 Opening PM Prayer..... Gene Garner  
 Closing PM Prayer..... Chuck Kyle

**Serving Wednesday Night—June 09—2010**

Announcements ..... Bob Hedges  
 Song Leaders....Randy Eubanks and/or Royce Armstrong  
 First Prayer..... Doug Abbey  
 Closing Prayer..... Rhodney Freeman

*\*If you plan to be out of town or are not physically able to serve, please call someone to take your place ... or call the church office.*

**Attendance for the week of 05-30-2010**

Bible Classes..... 91  
 Morning Worship..... 133  
 Evening Worship .....100  
 Tuesday Ladies Class .....(Meets again in Sept)  
 Wednesday Night ..... 95  
 Regular Contribution ..... \$ 3,804.00  
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ -0-

(Transferred from Checking)

**Averages To Date This Year**

Bible Classes..... 94  
 Morning Worship.....135  
 Evening Worship ..... 90  
 Tuesday Ladies Class ..... 08  
 Wednesday Night ..... 92  
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,088.14  
 New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 94,111.29

(Also includes transfers and interest earned)

**PLEASE NOTE:** This bulletin is formatted Friday morning each week. Any news items or articles you wish included must be submitted to the Editor no later than Thursday Night. You may call Rhodney Freeman at 903-572-1181 (home) or 903-572-1136 (Office)

**Today's Sermons**

AM: "Our Adversary - the Devil"  
 Kris Groda, Preaching

PM: "My Stubborn Will"  
 Kris Groda, Preaching



**Assembly Times**

**Sunday**

Bible Classes .....9:00AM  
 Worship .....10:00AM  
                                 ..... 6:00PM

**Tuesday**

Ladies Bible Class ..10:00AM  
 (September—May)

**Wednesday**

Bible Classes .....7:00PM



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Gene Campbell  
 Weldon Miller  
 Wayne Pickrel

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Grady Duncan  
 Jim Duncan  
 Jerry Freeman  
 Hal Roper

**Gospel Preacher**

Kris Groda

**Secretary**

Rhodney Freeman

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# North Jefferson Messenger

"As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him"  
 Proverbs 25:13



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June 06, 2010

## Summer Youth Series

"Spiritual Mythbusters"

**STARTS MONDAY—7PM**

Cody Westbrook is a native of Fruitvale Texas. He began preaching at age 15. He has participated in 6 mission campaigns to Jamaica. He has taught at various youth camps and meetings; preaches on various brotherhood lectureships. He is a 2009 graduate of the Southwest School of Biblical Studies and is currently the preacher for the Ward Street church of Christ in Marlin, Texas. Cody will be presenting a lesson entitled: "Fact or Myth: Religion—One Church is as Good as Another?"

Come and bring a friend! Supper Provided following the service.



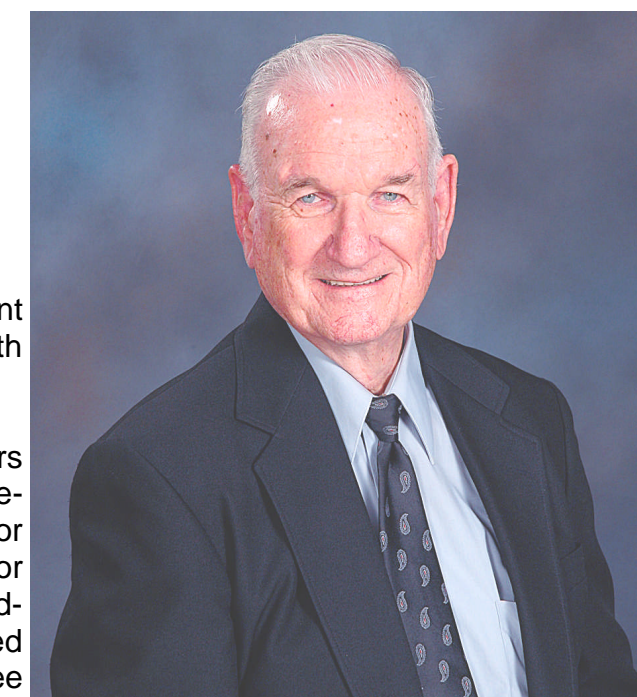
## North Jefferson Summer

### Sermon Series

Theme: "How Faith Shapes Us"

**This Wednesday June 06** Dalton Graves of Mount Vernon, TX. Will be preaching about "How Faith Shapes Us Regarding Un-Biblical Religions"

Dalton Graves has been preaching for over fifty years mostly in East Texas with gospel meetings and lectureships in several states. He also served as an elder for several years. He has been married to Edna Earle for nearly 63 years and has three children, seven grandchildren, and fourteen great grandchildren. He served in Europe during WWII with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne in three battles and was discharged on June 30, 1946.



## “AND BRING US NOT INTO TEMPTATION”

Rob L. Whitacre

Perhaps no prayer has risen to greater notoriety among the world than the model given by our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. The prayer has three main components. First there is the **manner**, “After this manner therefore pray ye...” (v.9). Second, there is the **message**, “...and lead us not into temptation...” (vv.10-13). Third, there is the **motive**, “For if ye forgive men their trespasses...” (vv.14-15). Our topic of study is the message of this sacred supplication.

**Does God lead the child of God?** If he doesn't, the model prayer is unscriptural! Let us be clear, the leading of God does not involve the supernatural. It is not miraculous! I affirm in the realm of conviction, conversion, and sanctification God works through His Inspired Word.

**What kind of leading does Jesus reference in Matthew 6:13?** First and foremost, the leading of God comes from the Bible. The scriptures are the instructing, correcting, reproving, and completing power of God (2 Tim. 3:16). Jesus used the scriptures to defeat Satan on three occasions (Matt. 4:4,7,10). Let us consider the leading of God in a second way. Although God does not work supernaturally today, that does not mean He is not working at all. I am not a “Deist” (one who believes God created the universe and then abandoned it). The life of Joseph is a testimony of what God is able to do without performing miracles. The book of Esther is without any direct reference to God's name or work. Let us not forget the hidden hand of God in the life of Job! In answering prayer, God has and can lead man in a *hidden* and *indirect* way through His providential hand.

**What is the meaning of “temptation” as referenced by Jesus in the model prayer?** Temptation is not sin. It has two distinct meanings. Temptation could refer to a test or trial of our faith through adversity or affliction. William Barkley stated, “But in the Bible, the verb *peirazein* is often better translated by the word *test*

than by the word *tempt*.”

In Genesis 22:1 the Bible says, “*And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham...*” The context clearly concludes this temptation is the proving of Abraham's faith (see also Hebrews 11:17). Another example is seen when Jesus is led by the spirit of God to be tempted of Satan (Matt. 4:1). We know God does not lead (tempt) man to sin. James 1:13, “...for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.” Once again, this was a test and not a temptation to sin.

Temptation can also refer to an inclination towards sin or wrongdoing. The only way God tempts man in this way is by His allowing or permitting Satan to do so. Indeed, every Christian should plead for **protection** against Satan's seductions. Have you ever prayed, “God remove this temptation from me?” Did not God put a hedge around Job for his protection (Job 1:10)? Moreover, the New Testament exclaims God, “... will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it” (1 Cor. 10:13).

It is worthy to note that the prayer of Jesus is not the first time a plea of protection against temptation is proclaimed. A similar prayer was offered by David, “Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men that work iniquity” (Psa. 141:4). The temptation spoken about by our Lord is not the penalty of man but the prize of God. This prayer of our Lord is for the supreme care of a sovereign God.

*Rob Whitacre preaches for the Willette Rd. congregation in Red Boiling Springs, TN.  
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## THANK YOU

**From Rance, Cathy, Travis and Emily**

“Dear Weldon and JoAnn and church family: — Thank you so much for all you did for our going away party. It was so touching and wonderful. Words really cannot express how touched we were by all the kind words and outpouring of love. Your family is so special to us and will be missed. Please keep Rance in your prayers. We are not sure how this job situation will go. You do not know what a blessing the money tree was to us. We have been concerned about paying for two households and the Lord provided for us through this loving church family. Thanks again.”

### MAILING ADDRESS

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**In the “Subject Box” show: FOR RANCE**

**Save the Dates - Plan to Attend  
Oak Grove church of Christ**

**Gospel Meeting**

**June 6-10**

**With Perry Cowan**

**Evening Services 7pm**

**Marriage Enrichment Seminar**

**June 17 thru 18**

*DeKalb Church of Christ  
With Glen & Cindy Colley*

**Family VBS & Friend's Day**

**Happens August 13th thru 15th** with classes on Friday 7:00 p.m. Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Friends Day on Sunday with Friends Luncheon at noon.

### Please Remember These in Your Prayers:

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, Myrtice Grissom, Bob Hedges, Wade Miller, Wayne Pickrel, Thelma Reed, Helen Roper, and Rebecca Tippitt.

**Also:** Ozroe Bush, Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Odis Duncan, Denise Hess, Cato Jones, Margaret Laurence, Mary Jo Lee, Janice Lineberger, Mike Norfleet, Kristen Powell, 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.

## HEALTH UPDATES

**Sherry Fox** has been dismissed from Baylor Hospital following tests and treatment for blood clots in her legs. She is feeling fine now. She did not have blood clots as the doctors thought she had. She returns this next week for further tests to try to determine her problem and how best to treat it.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

**Katelyn Kimbrough** obeyed the Gospel last Sunday evening. Please welcome and encourage this new sister in Christ.

### Wednesday Nights this Summer

Congregational Supper 5:45pm  
Congregational Singing 6:45pm  
Summer Sermon Series 7:00pm

Contact Keely McCary at (903) 563-7895 by Tuesday of each week to see how you can contribute to the meal or sign up today at the table in the foyer.

## THANK YOU

This note from Rebecca Tippitt .....

“Thank you so much for the prayers of this congregation. I am doing better and it is due to your prayers. Thank you so much.

— Wayne Tippitt”