

Dear LFTB Family,

When I was growing up as a boy in Benton, Arkansas, there was another Dale that everyone in the nation knew. Sometimes I even wanted to change my name because of this famous "Dale". One reason was because it was the name of Roy Rogers' side kick. No, not Tonto. It was Dale Evans...a woman! Kids at school would call me "Dale...Evans". (Those were traumatic scars I carry from my childhood.)

But this week I read a quote by Dale Evans that made me very proud. It was on the subject of Christmas. She said:

*"Christmas my child, is love in action...when you love someone, you give to them, as God gives to us. The greatest gift He ever gave was the Person of His Son, sent to us in human form so that we might know what God the Father was really like! Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas."*

May you and your family have a very Merry Christmas,

Brother Dale



We do not pass an offering plate here at LFTB. Tithes or offerings can be placed in the little wooden church building. Thanks!

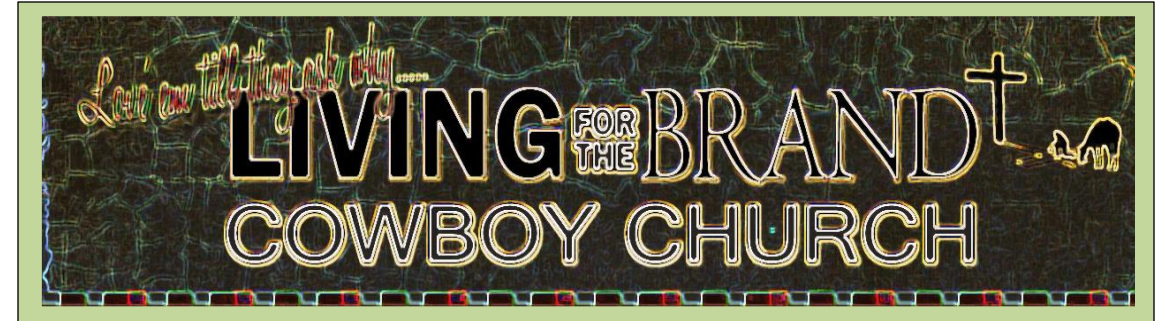
**Please Pray For ....**

<b>Brother Dale &amp; Mitzi</b>	Our Church
Our Deacons	Our Country Military
Our President	First Responders
Faith Connections Ministry	The Farm
Solid Rock Global Ministry	Persecuted Christian
Eastham Prison Ministry	Israel
Ken & Joyce Hayes	Stan & Nan Burke
Kathy & Lloyd Thrasher	Vaneda Worthy
Bruce Moore	Steve & Dot Landis
Karen Laster	Terry & Gary Douglas
Geneva & Ronnie Rudnick	Lonnie Traweek
LaVerne Fitch	Faye Burnett
Steven & Mary Ann Ward	Floyd Tarter
Mike & Mary Ann Jackson	Rick Hendrix
Robert & Dorothy Bailey	Kyleight Fernandez
Cody, Conner & Collin Hancock	Gary Baker
Ruby & Jesse Roberts	Makr Muehl
Mark Muehl	Jim & Betty Malmon
Kids, Grandkids & Great Grandkids	Kellie Kea
Mike & Brenda Newburn	Karin Beamon
Jason Leyday	Mitchell Davis
Peggy Moore	Carlen Richardson
Robin Pickens	Mickey & Larry Surls
Kyleigh & Bayleigh White	Brannon Matlock
Brad & Kolton Lindsey	Jeri Moore
Shavon Johnson	Mike & Paula Moore
Robbie & Wanda Erekson	Rhett & Canlann
Matt Carter	Mary Stutts
Sean Burke	Many Unspokens

**ISRAEL**

*...an exciting study of the Holy Land  
No Study until January 7, 2018*

*Sermon Notes*



*December 24, 2017*

Office Hours M-Th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

(903) 675-9177

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**Weekly Schedule**

- Sunday** ..... Bible Study: 9:00 am – 9:45 am  
Morning Worship: 10:00 am  
Children's Church: 10:00 am (4 yrs. thru 1<sup>st</sup> grade)  
Israel Video, Bible Study & prayer: 6:00 pm  
Branded Kids and Youth: 6:00 pm
- Tuesday** ..... Branded Seniors Game Day: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Exercise Class: 10:00 am  
Grief Share: 5:00 pm  
Arena Service: 7:00 pm
- Wednesday** ..... Ladies' Bible Study: 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
Men's Bible Study: 6:30pm
- Thursday** ..... Agape Knitters: 9:30 am  
Exercise Class: 10:00 am

*Welcome Visitors!*

Exchange your visitor card at the Welcome Desk for a bag of goodies.

## Sunday Bible Study

Adult Discussion – Teacher: Jim Raleigh  
Explore the Bible – Teacher: Jared Smith  
New Members - Teacher: Stanley Burke  
Upper Room – Teacher Clay Clark  
Young Married Couples – Teacher: Art Pool

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

### Nursery – Babies

Mandy Hancock

### TODDLERS 2 - 3 yrs. old

Teachers: Brenda Tarter, Sandy Hoffmeyer

### Pre-K & Kindergarten

Teachers: Deb Scarbrough, Elaine Simmons

### 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Teacher: Kristi Fernandez

### 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Teacher: Tara Walzel

### 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Teacher: Freida Jones

### 7<sup>th</sup> grade thru college

Teacher: Rod Millsap

**Ask at the Welcome Desk to be directed to the appropriate classroom(s). Loving Child Care provided during Bible study and worship.**

### Deacons:

Jeff Ingram, John Friman, Kenneth Hancock, Mickey Jones, John Lam, Art Pool, Kevin Proctor, Jim Raleigh, Terry Rhodes, John Sheets, Gerald Skiles, Jared Smith, John Tarter and Sam Walzel

### Pastors:

Dale Perry - Pastor  
Rod Millsap - Youth Minister and Associate Pastor

### Office Staff

Wendy Brumit – Financial Secretary  
Elizabeth Kellow - Ministry Coordinator  
Debbie Scarbrough – Secretary

## Mission Support

Livada Orphan Care, Solid Rock Global Ministries, First Crow Indian Baptist Church, Faith Comes by Hearing, Roever Evangelistic Assoc., Trails to Recovery, The Farm, Eastham Prison Ministry, Christian Appalachian Project, Fortress of Faith and The King's Rein.

## Ongoing Ministries

**NURSING HOME MINISTRY** - 2:30 pm at Athens Health Care Center for the residents' birthday party on January 8th. See Cynthia Smith for details.

**BRANDED SENIORS** - TUESDAY GAMES (pot luck lunch)  
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

**GRIEF SHARE**- TUESDAY @ 5:00 pm

**TUESDAY NIGHT ARENA SERVICE** - 7:00 pm

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** – WEDNESDAY

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesday

**AGAPE KNITTERS** – THURSDAY - 9:30-11:30 am

**MOVIE NIGHT** – THIRD FRIDAY – 6:30 pm

**SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP** – SECOND FRIDAY - 6:30pm  
Contact Elizabeth Kellow at 903-677-1535

**HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM** - call the church office to join this important ministry.

**PRAYER WARRIORS** - call Steve Foster at 903-286-7948 to participate in this vital ministry.



### ARENA MINISTRY

No meal or devotional until Tuesday,  
January 9, 2018.

### Upcoming Events

December 25 – *Happy Birthday Jesus!!!  
Merry Christmas to all.*

December 25 – January 2 office closed

December 31 – Morning Classes & Service  
(only)

January 1, 2018 Happy New Year!

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## *T'was the Night Jesus Came*



*T'was the night Jesus came  
and all through the house,  
not a person was praying,  
not one in the house.*

*The Bible was left  
on the shelf without care,  
for no one thought  
Jesus would come there.*

*The children were dressing  
to crawl into bed,  
not once ever kneeling  
or bowing their heads.*

*And Mom in the rocking chair  
with baby on her lap,  
was watching the Late Show  
as I took a nap.*

*When out of the east  
there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang to my feet  
to see what was the matter.*

*Away to the window  
I flew like a flash,  
tore open the shutters  
and lifted the sash.*

*When what to my wondering  
eyes should appear,  
but Angels proclaiming  
that Jesus was here.*

*The light of His face  
made me cover my head,  
it was Jesus returning  
just like He'd said.*

*And though I possessed  
worldly wisdom and wealth,  
I cried when I saw him  
in spite of myself.*

*In the Book of Life  
which he held in his hand,  
was written the name  
of every saved woman and man.*

*He spoke not a word  
as he searched for my name,  
when He said, "It is not here"  
I hung my head in shame.*

*The people whose names  
had been written with love,  
He gathered to take  
to his Father above.  
With those who were ready  
He rose without a sound,  
while all the others  
were left standing around.*

*I fell to my knees  
but it was too late,  
I waited too long  
and thus sealed my fate.*

*I stood and I cried  
as they rose out of sight.  
Oh, if only I'd known  
that this was the night.*

*In the words of this poem  
the meaning is clear,  
the coming of  
Jesus is now drawing near.*

*There's only one life  
and when comes the last call  
we'll find out that the Bible  
was true after all.*

