

# THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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I write this article (November 8, 2004) the migration of the geese has begun. I stood outside this afternoon for a few minutes and watched as one flock after another of Canada Geese fluttered down to land in the duck pond northeast of our building. Though one should be careful not to stand directly under them, they are a marvel to watch. How do they know when to leave the north? How do they know when to return? How is it that they come to the same spot year after year?

I have thought recently of the leaves of the trees. What causes them to change? Cooling temperatures? Shorter days? How do all of these things work?

It is a wonder to think of all of the things that God works together to provide for us; changing seasons, rains, sunshine, fertile ground, etc. All of these things have a way of renewing the earth. So much change has to take place by the hand of God in order for us to have the things that are needed.

We would like to micromanage these things, to be sure. We would like for the rains to come right before planting time and then hold off until everything is planted. Then, we would like to have around a two-inch rain about once a week to ten days. After around 120 days of that sequence, we would like a hard freeze followed by about two months of dry, cool, calm days.

It doesn't work quite that way. Yet, God still works out everything for us.

However, it isn't God's providence that I intend to write about but, the seasons of life.

I can't recall the first time I heard the phrase, "We need to make hay while the sun is shining." It seems to me that days come and go. Weeks fly by. Years pass. Still, there are things that we have intended to do for some time that remain undone.

Much like a year, our lives have seasons.

Some are in the spring of their lives. They are energetic, optimistic and alternately confident and afraid. They are sure of themselves and unsure of the world.

Others are in summer. They have begun families. Their lives are full of activity and responsibility. Bills seem to grow as quickly as the children.

Others are in the autumn of their lives. The children are leaving home – launching out to begin their lives – looking to make the turn from spring to summer. Those in the autumn of their lives tend to take inventory of their lives. They are shocked at how differently their lives turned out than what they had planned or assumed it would. Retirement age is now coming close. There is a concerted effort to get things in order, in order to retire.

Finally, comes the winter of life. Steps become slower. Joints become stiffer. Thoughts become cloudy. The calendar is filled with appointments to doctors' offices. Those at this stage of life have learned so much. Yet, the children and grandchildren tend not to come by very often. It becomes more and more difficult for them to do the things they once took for granted.

In these seasons of life, where does God fit? Will we serve him in the spring of our lives when we have so much energy yet, may not feel like we know what to do? Will we serve him in the summer of our lives when responsibilities seem to stack up on us in mind-numbing fashion? Will we serve him in the fall of our lives when we realize that we have left some bases uncovered? Will we serve him in the winter of our lives when we struggle to do things that once were effortless?

Each of us is in one of these stages of life. Perhaps, we may be in a transition time, going from one to another. Yet, these seasons are fairly descriptive of our lives. When will we do the things that we have always intended to do for God? 'Tis the season! Russell

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Is **CHRIST** in me!  
Colossians 1:27

## COMING UP

We are looking for others  
who will...  
***Become Part of the Family***

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|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Nov. 11   | J. W. Hamby's Life Group              |
| Nov. 18   | Last Day to signup for Cactus Theater |
| Nov. 21   | NO BIBLE CLASSES<br>DEVO ONLY         |
| Nov 21-23 | Office Closed                         |
| Nov. 22   | Thanksgiving Day                      |
| Nov. 30   | Hilltoppers-Smoke on the Mountains    |
| Dec. 2    | Benevolence Pick Up<br>Care and Share |
| Dec. 9    | J. W. Hamby's Life Group              |

# ***Move Along***

When Christian Herter was Governor of Massachusetts, he was running hard for a second term in office. One day, after a busy morning chasing votes (and no lunch,) he arrived at a church barbecue. It was late afternoon and Herter was famished.

As Herter moved down the serving line, he held out his plate to the woman serving the chicken. She put a piece on his plate and turned to the next person in line.

“Excuse me,” Governor Herter said. “Do you mind if I have another piece of chicken?”

“Sorry,” the woman told him. “I’m supposed to give one piece of chicken to each person.”

“But, I’m starved,” the governor said.

“Sorry,” the woman said again...”Only one to a customer.”

Governor Herter was a modest and unassuming man, but he decided that this time he would throw a little weight around.

“Do you know who I am?” he said. “I am the governor of this state.”

“Do you know who I am?” the woman responded. “I’m the lady in charge of the chicken. Mover along, mister.”

That was quite a lesson on authority, wasn’t it? It was a lesson in humility, too. Who is the authority in your life? It is important that we get it right.

Many times, we like to be “in charge”—or at least think we are. We even try to “throw our weight around” in order to have things our own way.

The truth is we are not in charge—there is a higher Authority. And we need to learn to humble ourselves and submit to this Authority while we can. God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36). Jesus died on the cross to become our Savior—to pay the price for our sins. Then Jesus rose from the dead three days later. Now, He lives to be our Lord!

Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians 2:11). The only question is when. To confess it now means salvation; to wait to confess it on the Day of Judgment will mean condemnation (Matthew 7:21). To confess Christ as Lord—and to have Him as our Savior—means to trust and obey him: believing in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance to follow Him (2 Corinthians 7:9-10), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being immersed in His name for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). Confessing Christ as Lord also requires that we continue to follow Him faithfully (Luke 6:46). We need to “move along” in obedience to the Lord.

Have you submitted your life to the Lord?— David A Sargent

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**  
**SUNDAY, November 11, 2007**

**Announcements:** Larry Golden  
**First Prayer:** Mike McDonough  
**Closing Prayer:** Kim Hays  
**Scripture Reading:** Steve Stokes  
**Lord's Table:** Jimmy Holmes  
 Kenneth Hooper  
 Mark James  
 Lonnie Jones  
 Brandon Joy  
 Brad Lane  
 Rob Lindsey  
 Robert Marroquin  
 Fred Robertson  
**Evening Opening Prayer:** Scott Harmon  
**Evening Closing Prayer:** Glenn McDonald  
**Westridge:** Rodney Hearn  
**Prairie House:** Steve & Lillie Stokes  
**Communion To Shut-Ins:** J. W. Hamby  
**Jail: 11/13** Gary Alexander  
**Sound Board: 11/11 & 11/14** Clay Golden  
**Computer: 11/11 & 11/14**

**November -2007**

**Nursery Workers:** Lillie Barrett and Judy Melton  
**Kitchen:** Christi Durham and Frankie Griffin  
**Daily Bread:** Becky Watson and Cindy Simmons

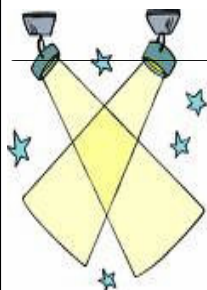
**ATTENDANCE BAROMETER**

Lord's Day	11/0407
Bible Study	
Sunday Morning	315
Sunday Evening	117
Wednesday Evening	70
Contribution	\$8303.75

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS-**

Men----- Rock'N R Steakhouse  
 Ladies ----- Season's Way

**Bookshelf Spotlight**



**Book of Jewish Knowledge**, Nathan Ausubel. A concise encyclopedia of Judaism and Jewish people, covering all elements of Jewish life from Biblical times to the present. Contains information on the secular as well as the religious elements. R208.1A7b

Charles and Shelia Massie's son, **Chuck Massie** has been installed as a deacon at The Colony's Church of Christ in Amarillo.

**Mission Statement**

We the family of Garland Street Church of Christ, with the Bible as our guide and Jesus as our Savior will look:  
 Upward to glorify, praise and honor God;  
 Outward to seek, convert and reach the lost;  
 Inward to serve, equip and love one another.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Elders Meeting Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday Night Meals** are served from 6:00 to 6:30. Our meal this week will be Mexican stack. Our last Wednesday night meal for the year will be Wednesday, November 14. We will have turkey and dressing.

**New Life Behavior** teachers please pick up your new teachers manual in the NBS room next to the brief cases.

**Please contact the office with your 911 physical address** if you are still using your R. Route. It cost .50 cents each time a bulletin is sent back.

**HILLTOPPERS: CACTUS THEATRE-SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN....**

November 30. Cost: \$25.00-Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

**DEADLINE is NOVEMBER 18th to sign up.**

**Birthday Corrections: Tanner Bennett's birthday was October 30th. Anne Hackett's birthday will be November 30th. She was left off the birthday list in the bulletin last week.**

**J. W. Hamby's Life Group** will meet Sunday, November 11.

We will not have a Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal in November or December.

**Wednesday, November 21** we will not have Bible classes. Everyone will meet in the auditorium for devo and singing.

**Response: Sunday, Nov. 4:**

**Prayers: Coleen Bryant**

**The office will be closed November 21-23.**

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Eva Marroquin, Debbie Bowles, Cindy Valentine, Patti Allison, Holly Sullivan, Rodney Hearn, Shirley Igo, Ernest Bell, Whitney Smith, Larry Hamby, Lydia Glenn, Leon Talley, Betty Foster, Maylene Mickey, Roger Ellison, Mattie Lou Ellis, Carla Calhoun, Charles Clark, Paul Frisbie, Danna Lamb, Ken Stone, Doris Hearn, Opal Yarborough, Jerry Settle, Wanda Wallace, Kay Powell, Opal Barnes, Linda Wilson, Cleo Crutchfield, Sonny Sherrock, Doyce Watson, Donna Huggins, Kenneth Sjogren, Jim Adams, Beverly Kimbrough, Wesley Everidge, Janet Voss, Lauren Hurst, Mark Clark, Paul Godman, Dale Hyde, Becky Watson, Cindy Kirby and Our Soldiers.

### ABOUT OUR FAMILY

**Eva Marroquin** had a biopsy Monday and everything came back fine.

**Lydia Glenn** came home from the hospital Saturday. She was admitted last Monday for severe dehydration. Please keep her in your prayers.

Jody Hyde's daughter, Cindy Valentine is undergoing tests for a heart problem.

Former member, **Joe Baker** had open heart surgery Friday in Missouri.

**Lytton Start** had an MRI on his back Thursday.

**Debbie Bowles** will be have her knee scoped November 29th in Lubbock.



Brent and Linda Joy, Tulia, Texas  
Stephanie James, Plainview, Texas  
Mark Maples, Plainview, Texas  
Charles and Genie Kelsey, Lawton, Oklahoma

Dear John and Nida,

The sweet friends who made our Hilltoppers Mystery Trip to the Floydada Country Club a reality. We can not begin to express our thanks for all the love shown by you to us.

It was delightful just visiting with everyone on the trip down and back, the lovely Canyon setting for the Country Club with it's beautiful wildlife and last but not least the elegant Turkey Dinner with ALL the trimmings was just out of this world.

Our many thanks goes out to our dear, dear friends you both are such a blessing to us. It was a taste of heaven.

Thanks again,  
The Hilltoppers

Thank you for the cards, prayers and phone calls during my recent recovery.

In Christian Love,  
Lupe Gonzales

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the visits, food, phone calls and cards that I received may God Bless you all.

In Christian Love,  
Elida Garcia

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 4 -10	1 Peter 1 & 2	1 Peter 3 & 4	1 Peter 5 & 6	II Peter 1	II Peter 2	II Peter 3	Jude
Nov. 11-17	Matt. 1-5	Matt. 6-9	Matt 10-13	Matt. 14-18	Matt. 19-22	Matt. 23-25	Matt. 26-28

**ELDERS:** Neil Billingsley Weldon Melton Deryl Clevenger Steve Stokes Rob Lindsey

**DEACONS:** Gary Alexander Jimmy Barnes Bobby Byrd Gary Miller Mark True Brent Wells Mike Allison Neal Becker Scott Clevenger Grady Simmons Terry Underwood

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday: Bible Study 9:30 a.m. and Worship 10:30 a. m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: Bible Study 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Weldon Melton

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