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A GROWING TREND"

Part I

He tends his flock like a shepherd, He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart, He gently leads those that have young. Isaiah 40:11
It's comforting to know, that our God is not some impersonal, far away God, sitting up in a celestial office somewhere wishing us the best.

The Old & New testament alike, paint a beautiful portrait of God as our 'good shepherd' who *daily* bears our burdens. **Ps 68:19** Even though we are just specks of dust, the great shepherd of our souls chooses to carry his sheep close to his heart?

Speaking of sheep, the aim of all shepherds should be to nurture, feed, and care for the flock. A congregation can't help but grow when a Shepherd's life is saturated in the lives of his sheep. Did you notice, I used the word shepherd's and not elder's? Presbuteros seems to be the most commonly used title for our leaders of the Church today. The word elder seems to be on letterheads, church office doors, billboards, and business cards. It is important to remember that the title elder is but one, *of many* aspects of God's chosen leader.

I suppose that whatever name you prefer to call them by, does not matter to God, just as long as it is Biblical.

Our nation today is not only facing a shortage of Gospel preachers, there also seems to be another growing trend that's quite alarming. It seems like we are experiencing another wave of an 'old reoccurring' problem, and that is a shortage of elders. Many congregations are finding it more and more difficult to "lift up" 'blameless' men to serve as Shepherds. Why the shortage?

What's going on? Well, In a nutshell we are not **preparing** our young men to serve in that noble function. Instead of our young men being taught, trained, and admonished to be our next leaders, we are systematically teaching our young men how to succeed financially in the arena of life. Tragically, at the expense of their spiritual well being.

Their is *no* function on the face of the earth that is *more noble and honorable*, than that of a shepherd. In God's eyes shepherds are viewed as kings. Rev 11:16 says "and the twenty-four **elders**, who were seated on their **thrones** before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God". Are not all Christians in a sense part of a kingly, royal priesthood? 1 Pet 2:9 When the king of the universe was born into his own creation, who were the first ones to see him? The Shepherds. Luke 2:16

King David was a shepherd. **King** Jesus is the good Shepherd. The Hebrew word for king is melek. One of the root idea's of "king" is that of a counselor and not just a ruler. Isaiah 9:6 calls **king** Jesus a wonder of a **counselor**.

I want to encourage each of you, to take the time to thank God for all the shepherd's God has blessed us with in our world today.

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Heb 13:7-8

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a **joy**, not a burden, **for that would be of no advantage to you.** Heb 13:17

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The **difference...**
Is **CHRIST** in me!
Colossians 1:27

COMING UP

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

Jan. 30	Regular Bible Classes
Feb. 3	Benevolence Pick Up Care and Share YOUTH: SUPER BOWL PARTY @ 5:00
Feb. 4	Visitation @ 6:30
Feb. 10	J. W. Hamby's Life Group
Feb. 11	Visitation @ 6:30
Feb. 18	Visitation @ 6:30
Feb. 24	Fourth Sunday Fellowship
Feb. 25	Visitation @ 6:30



Thank You Notes

Thank you all so much for all the many items we received for our cupboards. You have made us feel apart of the family. We appreciate each one of you and look forward in growing and working together for his kingdom.

*Love,
Tony, Crystal, Melissa,
Tiffany and Josh*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for the prayers, words of encouragement and thoughts for Kristen and our family as we search for the answer for her breathing problems and possible circulation issues. We continue to seek the cause of these problems, so we covet your continued prayers.

You are each so very special to us. We are so thankful to be a part of the family here at Garland Street.

*In Christian Love,
Mark, Mary, Kaitlyn
& Kristen True*

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2008**

Announcements:	Steve Barrett
First Prayer:	Stan Branam
Closing Prayer:	Lee Bertelson
Scripture Reading:	Glenn McDonald
Lord's Table:	Stephen Leyendecker
	Nathan Leyendecker
	Jeff Settle
	Jerry Settle
	Doug Smith
	Ray Sooter
	Lytton Stark
	Steve Stokes
Evening Opening Prayer:	Clint Patterson
Evening Closing Prayer:	Gary Miller
Westridge:	John McGavock
Prairie House:	Mike McDonough
Communion To Shut-Ins	Weldon Melton
Jail: 2/3	J. W. Hamby
Sound Board: 2/3 & 2/6	Brent Wells
Computer: 2/3 & 2/6	Charlie Massie

February -2007

Nursery Workers: Debbie Hearn
Kitchen: June Sherman and Nida Peck
Daily Bread: Dana Joy and Dee Weatherly

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	1/27/08
Bible Study	143
Sunday Morning	298
Sunday Evening	153
Wednesday Evening	117
Contribution	\$7162.11

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS- FEBRUARY

Men----- **Rock'N R Steakhouse**
Ladies ----- **Fieldhouse**



The Ruler Who Serves by Ray C. Stedman. A study from the Gospel of Mark, this book chronicles the life of Christ as a servant, and his expectations for his disciples as followers who submit themselves to his lordship.
Religion/226.3/St3s



The Rowell Family, Plainview, Texas
 Duff and Kaley Morrow, Plainview, Texas
 Ashlyn and Brooklyn Fisher, Lubbock, Texas
 Randy Croy, Lubbock, Texas
 Troy Kleeper, Lubbock, Texas
 Augusta Romera, Portales, Texas

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

HELP!!!! WE NEED COOKS AND HELPERS FOR OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS. Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

Our meal this week will be fried chicken, potato salad, green beans, and dessert.

We will have regular Bible Class this Wednesday night instead of 5th Wednesday Devo and Singing.

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK THE Ladies' Volunteer Sheets for 2008 are on the table in the foyer. There are many areas of work for you to choose from. If you have any questions contact Shonda Ross. **We have TWO MONTHS OPEN for Helping Hands, Daily Bread and Nursery workers.**

Benevolence Pickup will be Sunday, February 3.

Men will be at the exit doors following morning worship to take your donations.

Care and Share will meet Sunday, February 3 following evening services. If you have a February birthday we would love for you and your family to join us to celebrate it.

Sunday, February 24 will be our Fourth Sunday Fellowship meal and 1:00 service. Deryl Clevenger, Brent Wells and Gary Alexander will be the elder and deacons over the meal. Sign up sheets are on the table in foyer. We need about eight people to set up & clean up.

Please check your information in the directory. If there are changes that need to be made please turn them into the office this week.

The front door bell is working again. Please ring the bell to enter the building during office hours.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bobbie Rawdon on the birth of her granddaughter, Callie. She was born Thursday, January 24 to Stephen and Kari Sharpe.

Lost women's watch Sunday, January 27.

Please contact the office if you find it.

Congratulations to Kaitlyn True, she was chosen District Lions Queen.

We will not start the lessons on **Losing our Children** by Dr. Brad Harreb, PhD. until Sunday evening February 10. The second part of the lesson will be presented Sunday evening February 17.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Cleo Crutchfield, Wayne Wheeler, Harlan Dizmag, Debbie Bowles, Dorothy Bradley, Raul Camacho, Lynn Becker, Jackson Calhoun, Cindy Valentine, Shirley Igo, Billy Clay, Whitney Smith, Larry Hamby, Leon Talley, Betty Foster, Maylene Mickey, 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, Kenneth Sjogren, Jim Adams, Beverly Kimbrough, Wesley Everidge, Mark Clark, Paul Godman, Dale Hyde, Cindy Kirby, Debbie Roberts, JoAnn Underwood, Christen Driver, Japheth James, and Our Soldiers.

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Jeanette Blevins' mother, **Cleo Crutchfield** is home after spending a week in the hospital. She is very weak.

Raymon Clyde fell and broke his hip. He works with Freddie Anderson in Huntsville.

Grace Lindley passed away Thursday. Her services were here at Garland Street Tuesday afternoon

Frankie Griffin has been ill and will be having tests.

Betty Ray, Frankie Griffin's niece had surgery Monday. Virginia Russell, Frankie Griffin's sister spent a few days in the hospital in Minden, Louisiana. She should be back in Plainview by Thursday.

Summer Coleman will be having surgery Thursday at Covenant hospital in Lubbock.

J. D. James grandson, **Japheth James** had hernia surgery in Iraq.

Donice Hays' aunt, **Ellen Chiddix** fell and broke her hip last Tuesday.

John and Venita McGavock's son, **Trevor McGavock** will have a PET scan and return to the doctor in two weeks. Please keep them in your prayers as they wait for the results.

YOUTH NEWS

SUPER BOWL PARTY (Jr. High and High School)

**At the True's Home
Sunday, February 3rd
at 5:00 pm.**

**Students are asked to bring
either chips and dips
or dessert.**

February Birthday's

Monte Neil	2-1
Judy Buchanan	2-1
Larry Golden	2-2
Bobby Smith	2-2
Cynthia Monroe	2-3
Fae Stevens	2-4
Channing Snipes	2-5
Sherry Reese	2-6
Doris Billingsley	2-7
Terry Noel	2-10
Jimmy Holmes	2-11
Katelyn Brown	2-11
Rita Holmes	2-12
Betty Criswell	2-13
Nancy Dougherty	2-14
Frances Mason	2-14
Gladys Roberts	2-16
Kristen True	2-17
Benny Garcia	2-17
Maria Arroyo	2-19
Shirley Igo	2-20
Marie Walker	2-20
Jeremy Watson	2-20
Petronila Zepeda	2-20
Chris Bowles	2-21
K'Lee Beth Gonzales	2-22
Kate Bertelson	2-23
Angie Bennett	2-23
Joan Ford	2-23
Lytton Stark	2-25
Greg May	2-25
Codey Holland	2-27
Dale Mickey	2-27

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

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

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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