

# THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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## \*LIVING TOGETHER IN UNITY\*

Part 1 of 6

“Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

**Col 3:12**

“Unity is the heart and soul of fellowship. The church has always been the apple of God's eye; therefore God enjoys watching his children get along with one another. The psalmist says that it is good and pleasant when brothers live together in unity. “

**Ps 133:1**

In Jesus final moments in the garden he prayed for unity. John 17:20 says “I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, (the Apostles message) that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” Jesus goes on to pray that they be brought to complete **unity** to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

The Apostle Paul admonishes all of us that we are to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. **Eph 4:3** From this passage it looks like unity is not produced by Christians, but by the Spirit of God, and Christians are merely admonished to keep it. The selfishness and pride of men are constantly threatening to disrupt the progress of the good and perfect gift from above.

Paul gives us another passage

which shows that the unity of the Spirit comes from God. He says “may the God who **gives** endurance and encouragement **give** you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” **Rom 15:5**

The Bible gives us direction on how we are to go about keeping the unity of the spirit. Today I want to share with you the first of six things to keep in mind as we strive to keep the unity of the spirit.

One of the most important things we can concentrate on this week is this:

**\*Think about what we have in common, and not what we don't have in common.\***

In other words, we must strive to stay focused on what really matters most.

**Acts 2:42** says “they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were **together** and had everything in **common**. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

These first century Christians were enjoying being part of one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. **Eph 4:4** As we love, serve, and work with God in his vineyard this week, keep these words of the Apostle Paul in your heart and mind. “I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.” **I Cor 1:10**

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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**

- Mar. 12-15 New Directory Pictures
- Mar. 17-21 Spring Break
- Mar. 19 No Wednesday Meal
- Mar. 26 Blood Drive
- Mar. 29 & 30 Everett Hysten  
Robinson-Turner Shower  
Hilltoppers deadline for  
Cactus Theater
- Mar. 30 Fifth Sunday Here
- April 6 Benevolence Pick Up  
Care and Share
- April 11 Hilltoppers Trip
- April 13 J. W. Hamby's Life Group

## DO YOU KNOW HOW OLD YOUR CHILDREN ARE?

The Bible class was shocked by the question. Their brother in Christ had said he was concerned if the fathers knew how old their children were. One dad angrily replied, "Of course, we know how old our children are!" The concerned member replied, "I don't mean to irritate you, but you all seem confused about how old they are."

Another man challenged, "Tell us how we seem confused." "I will," the concerned member softly answered, "but you will not like the answer. I will start with Nathan, who is not expected to sit still for thirty minutes during the sermon, because he is too young."

"He is too young," interrupted Nathan's father.

"Perhaps. But you expect him to sit for hours in school," continued the concerned member. "Then this is Sharon, who is old enough to sing with the radio, but is not expected to sing with the congregation. And what about Michael? He will not even say hello when an adult greets him after services. He learned the rules of soccer, so why can't he learn basic etiquette? And what about Janice? Is she too young for the Bible? Her Bible class reads paraphrased Bible stories rather than the Bible itself, yet she is old enough to watch PG movies."

"Is Jimmy really too young to learn the books of the Bible? He is able to learn the fifty states. And how can Ellen be old enough to write a paper for her school, but too young to look up scripture references during the sermon? How can Cheryl..."

"All right, you can stop," said Cheryl's father.

There was silence for a few moments, then another said, "I have been treating my child as if he were grown up during the week and as if he were a baby on Sunday. It seems the rest of us have not done much better. God told us to bring up our children in nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4)

No one answered. The silence that followed was the silence of prayer.

Kent Davis

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2008**

**Announcements:** Scott Clevenger  
**First Prayer:** Glenn McDonald  
**Closing Prayer:** Brad Lane  
**Communion Scripture Reading:** Kim Hays  
**Sermon Scripture Reading:** Jeff Settle  
**Lord's Table:** Denver Ford  
 Dustin Smith  
 Jimmy Barnes  
 Steve Barrett  
 Stan Branam  
 Earl Brown  
 John Brunson  
 Luke Carpenter  
 Herb Purdon  
**Evening Opening Prayer:** John McGavock  
**Evening Closing Prayer:** Ron Gammage  
**Westridge:** Lonnie Jones  
**Prairie House:** John McGavock  
**Communion To Shut-Ins:** J. W. Hamby  
**Jail: 3/18** Bobby Ross  
**Sound Board: 3/16 & 3/19** Charles Massie  
**Computer: 3/16 & 3/19**

**March -2008**

**Nursery Workers:** Cynthia Pinnell  
**Kitchen:** Evelyn Lindsey and Dee Weatherly  
**Daily Bread:** Nida Peck and Sheila Massie

**ATTENDANCE BAROMETER**

Lord's Day	3/09/08
Bible Study	NC
Sunday Morning	318
Sunday Evening	126
Wednesday Evening	108
Contribution	\$7533.44

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS- MARCH**

**Men- - - - - Rock'N R Steakhouse**  
**Ladies - - - - - Leal's**



**Ephesians: Pattern for Christian Living** by Ray Summers and **The Christian Warfare (Ephesians 6:10-13)** by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. The Pattern for Christian Living (Religion 227.5/Su6p) presents a discussion on the doctrinal and ethical implications in the message to the Ephesians. The Christian Warfare (Sermons L77c) deals with the character and strategy of Satan in today's world.

*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**

**Wednesday Night Meal will be Mexican Salad, Beans and Dessert.**  
**Elders' Meeting Wednesday, March 12 following services.**  
**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:00 a.m.**  
**OLAN MILLS will be here March 12, 13, 14 & 15** to take pictures for our pictorial directory. Everyone who participates will receive a directory. We have one opening for a helper on Wednesday. **There is a sign up sheet in the foyer.** If you have any questions contact the office.  
**Singing Class will meet in the Auditorium this Wednesday Night and the High School class will meet in the Library.**  
**Fifth Sunday Fellowship** will be Sunday, March 30. We will be hosting 9th and Columbia and Ash and Carver.  
**BLOOD DRIVE: Wednesday, March 26th.** There is a sign up sheet in the foyer if you would like to donate.  
**Relay for Life:** If anyone is interested in forming a Team for Relay for Life contact Brandi Ray or Lori Wells.  
**We will not have a Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal March 19 because of Spring Break.**  
**Benevolence Pick Up** will be Sunday, April 6.  
**Care and Share** will meet Sunday, April 6.  
**Make plans to attend the Teacher Training Session** Sunday, April 6 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.  
**HILLTOPPERS:** Our next trip will be to the Cactus Theater, Friday, April 11th. The Hallelujah Chorus presents "America Sings" with the Otwell Brothers, songs of the Forties, the Lighthouse Quartet and the Hallelujah Chorus. Individual tickets are \$25.00, or groups of 10 -19 are \$18.00 and groups of 20 or more are just \$15.00. Sign up sheets are in the foyer, and the DEADLINE is March 29th. We will leave the church building at 5:00 pm. and eat in Lubbock.  
**Missing DVD:** The first DVD to the gospel of John is missing. Please check your classroom to see if



A Bridal Brunch  
 honoring Miss Sarah Mackenzie Robinson  
 Bride-elect of Mr. Aaron Lyles Turner  
 Saturday, March 29  
 from 10:00 until 11:30  
 in the home of Jan Cartwright  
 7109 Olton Road  
 Selections: Bonnes Amies, Dillard's,  
 Evalene's Suzanne's Target, and Wal-Mart

**The Children's Home of Lubbock-Big Heart Campaign:** We will be collecting paper towels now through Wednesday, April 3rd. Paper towels or monetary donations may be taken to the church office.



**Welcome Guests**



Jarrod Rowls, Plainview, Texas  
 Ashley Hill, Plainview, Texas  
 Barbara Stokes, Hale Center, Texas  
 Ashlyn and Brooklyn Tider, Lubbock Texas  
 Bertrand P. Thompson, Lockney, Texas  
 Ruth Viselli, New Wilmington, PA

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Fred Robertson, Lupe Gonzales, Roberta Turner, Gary Alexander, Frankie Griffin, Family of Faye Wilson, Wayne and Barbara Wheeler, Dub Mercer, Baylee Banning, Bill & Tweet Moore, Cleo Crutchfield, Harlan Dizmang, Dorothy Bradley, Raul Camacho, Jackson Calhoun, Cindy Valentine, Shirley Igo, Billy Clay, Whitney Smith, Larry Hamby, 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, Betty Thompson, Lou Ann Lopez, Lisa Richards, Japheth James, Cory Crump and Our Soldiers.

**ABOUT OUR FAMILY**

**Gary Alexander** had back surgery Tuesday, March 11th at UMC.  
**Fred Robertson** is out of ICU and in room 221 at Plainview Covenant hospital.  
**Lupe Gonzales** had surgery Thursday at Plainview Covenant hospital. She is home.  
**Larry Lance** had surgery Wednesday, March 5th here in Plainview.  
**Roberta Turner** will be in Denver from March 12 through March 20 for tests and evaluation. Roberta and Steve would appreciate your prayers.  
**Frankie Griffin** is home after going back to the hospital last week with complications from her pneumonia.  
**Steve Barrett's mother, Pauline Barrett** is in ICU at BSA in Amarillo. She is having heart problems and they are trying to regulate her medication.  
**Please welcome our new sister in Christ: Shayla Ross** was baptized Sunday following evening services. Her parents are Bobby and Shonda Ross and grandparents are Lonnie and Patricia Jones.

- 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

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:**  
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 Wednesday: Bible Study 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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