

THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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LIVING TOGETHER IN UNITY

Part 3 of 6

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thess 5:11

I said last week that one of the most important things we can concentrate on as we strive to keep the unity of the spirit was to **be realistic in your expectations of others**. Otherwise we may be disillusioned or disappointed by others. This week I want to challenge you to continue to **make a decision to encourage others, instead of criticizing them**. It's so much easier to criticize from the sidelines and take cheap shots at those who are serving, than it is to roll up your sleeves and help out. James reminds us, don't criticize and speak evil about each other dear brothers. If you do, you will be fighting against God's law of **loving one another**, declaring it is wrong.

But your job is not to decide whether this law is right or wrong, but to obey it. Only God who made the law can rightly judge among us. He alone decides to save us or destroy us. So, what right do you have to judge or criticize others?

James 4:11-12 TLB

God repeatedly admonishes us to not criticize, compare, or judge our brother. How many times have we been wrong about someone? Whenever I judge my brother or sister four things take place instantly **#1**. I break fellowship with God **#2**. I reveal my own pride and insecurity **#3**. I put my-self in a position to be judged by God under the law, instead of under mercy. **#4**. I poison the fellowship of the saints.

The Apostle Paul will ask, who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he

stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. **Rom 14:3-4**

He goes on to say that you have no right to criticize your brother or look down on him. Remember, each of us will stand **personally** before the Judgment Seat of God. For it is written, "As I live," says the Lord, "every knee shall bow to me and every tongue confess to God." Yes, **each of us** will give an account of himself to God. So don't criticize each other anymore. **Rom 14:10-13 TLB**

Satan is called the accuser of the brethren and he loves to criticize, judge, blame, and complain, about the Lord's body. When we do the same things, we are partners with him in his evil work. Folks no matter how much we may disagree with each other, the real enemy is not each other, but the evil forces of darkness that are taking our children captive, taking our marriages captive, taking our finances captive, taking our fellowship captive. Instead of using our precious time to criticize and compare each other, let's use it in maintaining the unity of the Spirit.

The next time you find yourself at the crossroads of criticizing, **make a decision to encourage others, instead of criticizing them**. Make sure your conversation is always full of grace, seasoned with salt. **Col 4:6**

You can only do that if you let Christ be Lord in these affairs. God will be glad and so will others. In this way aim for harmony in the church, and try to build each other up. **Rom 14:18-19 TLB**

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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

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| Mar. 26 | Blood Drive |
| Mar. 29 & 30 | Everett Hysten
Robinson-Turner Shower
Hilltoppers deadline for
Cactus Theater |
| Mar. 30 | Fifth Sunday Here
Hallelujah Chorus PM |
| April 6 | Benevolence Pick Up
Teacher Training Session
Care and Share |
| April 11 | Hilltoppers Trip |
| April 13 | J. W. Hamby's Life Group |
| April 18-20 | High School Retreat |

“A Clear Vision For The Future”

Seminar Presenter: Everett Hysten

March 29 & 30

Saturday 9:00 A. M. to Noon

Session 1 Overview

Session 2 Beginning with the End in Mind

Session 3 Communicating the Vision

Session 4 Especially New Converts

Their Value

How to Retain Them

Endow Them with the Essentials

Session 5 The Tyranny of the Urgent!

Session 6 Simply Defined; Comprehensively Effective

Session 7 Relationships-The Key to Success

Session 8 Think About It!

***Questions and Answers**

Bible Class: “Living Sacrifices” (Romans 12:1-2)

**Sermon: “The Immobilizing Power of an Inferiority Complex”
(Exodus 3:1-12)**

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2008**

Announcements: J. W. Hamby
First Prayer: Johnny Peck
Closing Prayer: Jerry Settle
Communion Scripture Reading: Kenneth Hooper
Sermon Scripture Reading: Clint Patterson
Lord's Table: Denver Ford
 Dustin Smith
 Jimmy Barnes
 Steve Barrett
 Stan Branam
 Earl Brown
 John Brunson
 Luke Carpenter
Evening Opening Prayer: Steve Stokes
Evening Closing Prayer: Mark True
Westridge: Stan Branam
Prairie House: Mark James
Communion To Shut-Ins: Dee and Jeanette Blevins
Jail: 4/01 J. W. Hamby
Sound Board: 3/30 & 4/02 Brent Wells
Computer: 3/30 & 4/02 Clay Golden

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

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	3/23/08
Bible Study	106
Sunday Morning	315
Sunday Evening	130
Wednesday Evening	58
Contribution	\$8056.00

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS- MARCH

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



The Father Book (Coming to grips with being a Dad) by Dr. Frank Minirth, Dr. Brian Newman, and Dr. Paul Warren. The book offers advice for taking children through every stage of growth, from infancy through teens. Family Relations/ Child Development M66f

IN OUR PRAYERS

Randa McDaniel, J. D. James, Kimmee Brandon, Janis Horton, Wayne Sooter, The Alex Dominguez family, Fred Robertson, Lupe Gonzales, Roberta Turner, Gary Alexander, Bobby Griffin, 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, Betty Foster, Maylene Mickey, Mattie Lou Ellis, Carla Calhoun, 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, Paul Godman, Dale Hyde, Cindy Kirby, JoAnn Underwood, Christen Driver, Betty Thompson, Lou Ann Lopez, Japheth James, Belinda Spencer, Cory Crump and Our Soldiers.

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

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship meal will be Beef Tips with Rice, green beans, salad and dessert.

Fifth Sunday Fellowship will be Sunday, March 30. Hallelujah Chorus will be here. We will be hosting 9th and Columbia and Ash and Carver. **Please bring desserts for the sandwich supper.**

BLOOD DRIVE: Wednesday, March 26th. Call the church office if you would like to donate. We only have 4 donors. There is a shortage of blood in our area.

Relay for Life: If anyone is interested in forming a Team for Relay for Life contact Brandi Ray or Lori Wells.

Benevolence Pick Up will be Sunday, April 6. **Care and Share** will meet Sunday, April 6. If you have an April birthday we would love for you and your family to come celebrate with us.

Elders meeting Sunday, March 30 at 4:30 p.m.

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 Wednesday, March 29th.** We will leave the church building at 5:00 pm on the 11th and eat in Lubbock.



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 Suzanné's Target, and Wal-Mart

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Charlie Godfrey's mother, **Birdie Godfrey** is gravely ill.
 Rob Lindsey's aunt, **Mary Helen Heath** passed away. Her services will be Wednesday in San Angelo.
Fred Robertson is home and doing better. He was scheduled to see doctors in Lubbock Monday and Tuesday.
 Kenneth Stone passed away Monday night. His services are pending at this time.
 Tara Walker's dad, **Mr. Wooten** passed away. His services were Saturday.
Roberta Turner had a lung biopsy in Denver last Thursday. They are waiting for the pathology reports.
J. D. James is home from the hospital.
 Ray Sooter's brother, **Wayne Sooter** had an angiogram Monday. He will be treated with medication for his blockage.
 Inez Sooter's great nephew, **Matthew Williams** is in CCU at Covenant hospital in Lubbock. He has a blood clot at the stem of his brain caused from e coli.
Janis Horton has been moved to a rehab center in Lubbock.
Randa McDaniel had one day surgery Friday, March 21 at Covenant hospital in Lubbock.
 Becky Watson's niece, **Kendra McKinley** did not get a good report from her oncologist. Her brother-in-law, **Doyce Watson** is in ICU in Odessa with pneumonia and congestive heart failure.
Bobby Griffin will have surgery Friday, March 28th to remove a lymph from his abdomen.
 Tony Dominguez's brother, **Alex Dominguez** has been having some health issues. He also asks that we keep Alex and Laura's twins, **Zader and Tabitha** in our prayers.
 Weldon and Judy Melton's daughter, **Kimmee Brandon** will have knee surgery next week.
Christopher Clevenger has been placed on the list to be deployed to Iraq.
 Monday, March 24th **Baylee Banning** started her last chemo. before her transplant on the 31st. She will be in isolation for 6-8 weeks! She will turn 1 year old April 4. The office has an address if you would like to send her a birthday card.



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



- Gary & Michelle Boyett, Amarillo, Texas
- Ke'Lyn English, Plainview, Texas
- Paul Fikes, Plainview, Texas
- Fernando Gonzales, Plainview, Texas
- Cynthia Gregory, Plainview, Texas
- Ed and Carolyn Hance, Irving, Texas
- Ben Hernandez,
- Ashley Hill, Plainview, Texas
- Jack & Diana Joy, Artesia, New Mexico
- Jared, Laci and Karlon King, Muleshoe, Texas
- Gino & Rita Riojas, Brownfield, Texas
- Bill & Mildred Smith, Olton, Texas
- Bruce Walker
- Katrina Wall, Plainview, Texas
- David Wood, Crowley, Texas

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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