

THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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LIVING TOGETHER IN UNITY PART 6

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**

Last week I said that one of the deadliest enemies of **"unity"** in the Church is **"unresolved conflicts"**. We must be able to handle our differences God's way. If we are going to maintain and keep the unity of the Spirit, then we must be willing to **obey and submit to the authority of our Shepherds**. We do this, so that their work will be a joy and not a burden. After all, why would we want to make things harder on them? I want to challenge you this week to make a conscious effort to **"hold their hands up"** by obeying and submitting to their leadership. Holding up someone's hands is the idea of giving them support and aide. We can also hold their hands up by keeping them and their wives in our prayers. Every nation has some kind of government, and God has delegated that responsibility in the church, to men of faith, integrity, ability and reputation. Our Shepherds are to bear the burden of the affairs of the Garland Street Church of Christ. Every Christian @ 700 Garland street, should be willing to submit to their authority by being loyal, faithful, and obedient to them. Remember that they themselves must give an account to God. On the day of judgment when it comes time for them to give an account of you, their hope is, that they will not have to do it with sorrow over your rebellion, perverseness, and disobedience. **"for that would be very unprofitable for you."**

These men are to be guided by the Holy Spirit, while at the same time activating the fruit of the Spirit, as they handle others with patience, love, and gentleness, seeking only that which contributes to the highest good and spiritual prosperity of the

community of believers. If you recall, back in Exodus 17 The people rallied around the leadership of Moses. As Moses led a campaign against the Amelikites he became weary. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amelikites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up--one on one side, one on the other--so that his hands remained steady till sunset. **Exodus 17:10-13**

This passage shows that God required Moses to keep his hands up all day. The point is, that no Shepherd could do that on their own strength. The Lord's great plans for His Church cannot be attained through the efforts of leaders alone. They must be supported by others. There are no perfect leaders, but God gives leaders the responsibility and the authority to watch over you, as men who must give an account. All the conflicts that are resolved behind closed doors are a **"thankless job."** The Shepherds lovingly deal with all kinds of "sheep." This week strive to keep and maintain the unity of the spirit by submitting and obeying your leaders. The apostle Paul leaves us with these words. Now we ask you, brothers, to **respect** those who work hard among you, who are **over you** in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be **patient** with **everyone**. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. Be joyful always pray **continually** give thanks in all circumstances, for this is Gods will for you. **I Thess 5:12f**

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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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| April 18 | Deadline to Register for Ladies Retreat |
| April 18-20 | High School Retreat |
| April 27 | Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal and 1:00 Service House to House Meeting |
| May 2 & 3 | Ladies Retreat |
| May 4 | Benevolence Pick Up Care and Share |
| May 9 | Relay for Life |
| May 11 | J. W. Hamby's Life Group |
| May 18 | Senior Recognition Breakfast |

Brotherly Love

*The little lad took up his hoe
and began to cut the weeds.
He wanted to please his father so,
by doing this good deed.*

*He worked and chopped with all his might,
humming a happy song;
"Til his big brother set him right,
Saying, 'you're doing it all wrong.'*

*Yes, it's true the lad lacked skill,
(as did his older brother),
Now, neither does his father's will;
they only criticize each other.*

*Why should we, our brother condemn,
who is trying his best each day?
Instead, with love we should reason with him,
how the scriptures show us the way.*

*Our Savior prayed we would all be one
as against the world's evil we fight.
Let's say with Him, "Thy will be done,"
and unite to increase our might.*

*When the Father sees the work we do
and judges it good or bad;
His judgement is always righteous and true,
for He sees the motive we had.*

*When we argue, condemn and judge,
we may not reach our neighbor.
We must unite in brotherly love;
then we can serve our God together.*

By Delbert Langford

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2008**

Announcements: Rob Lindsey
First Prayer: Kim Hays
Closing Prayer: Bobby Byrd
Communion Scripture Reading: Brandon Joy
Sermon Scripture Reading: Weldon Melton
Lord's Table: Eric Clark
 Deryl Clevenger
 Scott Clevenger
 Jackie Cunyus
 Lee Dougherty
 Jim Gambrell
 Ron Gammage
 Larry Golden
Evening Opening Prayer: Brad Lane
Evening Closing Prayer: Raymon Hackett
Westridge: Scott Clevenger
Prairie House: Bobby Byrd
Communion To Shut-Ins: Steve and Lillie Barrett
Jail: 4/22 J. W. Hamby
Sound Board: 4/20 & 4/23 Scott Clevenger
Computer: 4/20 & 4/23 Clay Golden

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Nursery Workers: Jill Freeman and Lila Driver
Kitchen: Jill Golden and Becky Watson
Daily Bread: Jill Golden and Becky Watson

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	4/13/08
Bible Study	143
Sunday Morning	329
Sunday Evening	130
Wednesday Evening	81
Contribution	\$8256.25

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS- APRIL

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



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IN OUR PRAYERS

Todd & Connie Blevins, Dustin Smith, Janis Horton, The Alex Dominguez family, Fred Robertson, 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 Haynes, Kenneth Sjogren, Jim Adams, Beverly Kimbrough, Wesley Everidge, Paul Godman, Dale Hyde, Cindy Kirby, JoAnn Underwood, Christen Driver, Betty Thompson, Lou Ann Lopez, 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 THURSDAY
 MORNINGS AT 7:00 a.m.

Elder's Meeting Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL WILL BE ENCHILADAS, BEANS RICE AND DESSERT.

We need a couple of more to help serve and clean up.

Relay for Life: If anyone is interested in forming a Team for Relay for Life contact Brandi Ray or Lori Wells. There is a sign up sheet on the table if you would like walk during the event. If you would like to donate you may write your check to Relay for Life and give to one of the elders or the church office.

Ladies Retreat May 2 & 3 at the Hotel Turkey in Turkey, Texas. If you plan to attend you must turn in your forms by Friday, April 18th.

High School Youth Retreat will be April 18-20.

You must contact Eric or Clint by Wednesday if you will be attending.

Sunday, April 27th will be our Quarterly Fourth Sunday fellowship meal and 1:00 service. Rob Lindsey, Mike Allison and Jimmy Barnes are the elder and deacons in charge.

House to House meeting will be Sunday, April 27 immediately following the afternoon service.

SENIORS it is time to turn your pictures into the office.

Senior Recognition Breakfast will be Sunday, May 18th.

Please No Skateboards or Skates on the carpeted area or ramp in the front of the building.



The Children's Home of Lubbock-Big Heart Campaign: We will be collecting paper towels now through Wednesday, April 23rd. Paper towels or monetary donations may be taken to the church office.

Thank You Notes

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the many expressions of love shown us during Fred's long and serious illness.... Your cards, your visits and your prayers made the difference and we know it. Thank you so much. It seems that recovery is slow. But we're getting there.

Love,
Fred and Clara Robertson

Dear Garland Street,

We would like to thank you for all the prayers and encouragement cards while I was in the hospital. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Love,
Dustin, Samantha &
Braxton Smith

Welcome Guests



Abrie Campos
Jennifer Miller, Silverton, Texas
Joe & Peggy Ortiz, Plainview, Texas
Ian, Derek, and Halle Purdon,
Aaron Smith, Plainview, Texas

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Please keep Jeanea Barnes's sister, **Lisa Bartley** in your prayers. Her breast cancer has spread to her bones. Sondra Loafman's uncle, **Herman Driver** passed away Thursday. His services were Sunday.

Lauren Biera had tubes placed in her ears Monday.

Dustin Smith is home and doing much better.

Inez Sooter's great nephew, **Matthew Williams** is out of CCU and in a room at Covenant hospital in Lubbock. He is doing a little better.

Darla King had breast biopsy Thursday in Oklahoma City.

Jill Golden's mom, **Mrs. Matsler**, of Floydada fell Tuesday, April 8 and fractured a pelvic bone. She has been moved to the Floydada Rehab Care Center.

Becky Watson's uncle, **Kenneth Haynes** is in the VA hospital in Albuquerque. He has bone cancer that has spread through out his body.

Baylee Banning is still in isolation and is doing well. She had a fever, but that shows the transplant is working. Now we are waiting for her white cells to multiply. Also, pray for her to eat.

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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