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RESTORING BROKEN FELLOWSHIP GODS WAY Second Principle

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there **remember** that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother, then come and offer your gift. **Mat 5:24** Last week I shared with you the first biblical principle to restoring broken fellowship. I said that we are to **Present our case to God first**. We're to always take our differences about another person, to God first. After taking it to God first, then you apply the second principle which is to **take the first step** in making things right with our brother.

If you enter your place of worship and, are about to make an offering, you suddenly **remember** a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God. Or say you're out on the street and an old enemy accosts you. Don't lose a minute. Make the first move, make things right with him. After all, if you leave the first move to him, knowing his track record, you're likely to end up in court, maybe even jail. It is in vain to try and worship God when another brother or sister has been offended. Jesus process of restoring broken fellowship is to **take the first step**. When fellowship is disrupted, schedule a meeting to quickly resolve your differ-

ences and always tell the truth when you are addressing the issues. Postponement of the issues only deepens the drama, and resentment can set in and fester. Paul admonishes us to stop lying to each other and tell the truth, for we are parts of each other and when we lie to each other we are hurting ourselves. If you are angry, don't sin by nursing your grudge. Don't let the sun go down, with you still angry, get over it quickly, for when you are angry, you give a mighty foothold to the devil. **Eph 4:25-27** TLB A disciple of Jesus will go "to a brother or sister who has been insulted or offended in a spirit of humility considering others better than themselves and ask for forgiveness. We should always strive to keep our attitude the same as Jesus. **Phil 2:3-5**

Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was reminded one day of a vicious deed that someone had done to her years before. But she acted as if she had never even heard of the incident. "Don't you remember it?" her friend asked. "No," came Barton's reply, "I distinctly remember forgetting it. This week I want to challenge you as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. To 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 3:12-14

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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

May 9	Relay for Life
May 11	Mother's Day
May 14	Jr. & High School Youth Parents Meeting
May 18	J. W. Hamby's Life Group
May 16	Hilltoppers Game Night
May 20	Three Bears Graduation & Program
May 21	Last Wednesday Night Fellowship till Fall
May 25	Senior Recognition Day

MISION PARA CRISTO JINOTEGA, NICARAGUA SPRING BREAK

Wasn't it great to have Benny and Donna Baker here with us on Sunday!! If you missed the slides in the class time hour, there are a few pictures on the bulletin board in the north-east hall...

This year four groups came during spring break to Nicaragua to share in the joy of being a servant of God to the people in a third world country. They come knowing that they will not have the comforts of home and they come anyway.

First was Harding University. They helped to build our newest school in Santa Barbara, visited a few of our other schools, and held a 2 day medical clinic for the rural health care providers.

The next was a group from Utica NY. They held a 2 day marriage seminar that was well attended.

ACU was the next. Among other things, they painted murals on 5 of the walls in the hospital. Those were amazing.

Dallas Christian School was the last to come. They helped in many of our ongoing projects.

All the groups have and will continue to work building our new schools, visit our other schools, visit out lying churches on Sunday, paint areas of the hospital, visit a special needs school, visit a nutrition center and go with daily medical mobile clinics. They always take the love of Jesus in their hearts and on their lips.

This summer we are looking forward to more groups.

Please prayerfully remember some of this summer's work. We will have other schools opening, breaking ground for a new Casa Materna, working with the nutritional center, distribution of 100,000 lbs of food and many other projects that the Lord has placed on our hearts.

Thank you again for your support in so many ways. We can serve many people in many ways, but if we don't teach Jesus, we have failed.

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, May 11, 2008**

Announcements: Mark True
 First Prayer: Stan Branam
 Closing Prayer: Earl Brown
 Communion Scripture Reading: Jerry Settle
 Sermon Scripture Reading: Grady Simmons
 Lord's Table: Charlie Gonzales
 Keenan Harmon
 Scott Harmon
 Kim Hays
 Rodney Hearn
 Mark James
 Lonnie Jones
 Brandon Joy
 Ray Sooter
 Evening Opening Prayer: Fred Robertson
 Evening Closing Prayer: Larry Golden
 Westridge: Kenneth Hooper
 Prairie House: Weldon Melton
 Communion To Shut-Ins: J. W. Hamby
 Jail: 5/13 Bobby Ross
 Sound Board: 5/11 & 5/14 Clay Golden
 Computer: 5/11 & 5/14 Weldon Melton
 Song Leader:

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Nursery Workers:
 Kitchen: Dana Joy and Lori Carpenter
 Daily Bread: Lori Carpenter

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	5/04/08
Bible Study	N/C
Sunday Morning	344
Sunday Evening	N/C
Wednesday Evening	87
Contribution	\$8177.52

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS- MAY

Men- ----- Rock'N R Steakhouse
 Ladies ----- KFC

Welcome Guests



Carlos Thompson Family, Plainview, Texas
 Sydney Lockridge, Plainview, Texas
 Benny and Donna Baker, Nicaragua
 Katrina Plank and Raven, Anson, Texas
 Ashlyn and Brooklyn Fisher, Lubbock, Texas
 Sid and Gayleen McLean, Birmingham, Al
 Josh and Jessica Bonine, Coppell, Texas
 Steve and Rhonda Weatherly, Amarillo, Texas
 Joe and Linda Martin, Gilbert, AZ
 Pat Patterson, Lubbock, Texas
 Lee, Kena, Aldene and Turner Allen, Conroe, Texas
 Katie, Emily and Luke Linsley,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

J. W. Hamby's Life group will not meet Sunday, May 11th.
THE WILL MEET SUNDAY, MAY 18th following morning services.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL WILL BE hot dogs, chips and dessert.

Relay for Life: There is a sign up sheet for walkers on the table in the foyers. We need two people at all times on the track. Our team raised over \$1900.00. WOW! Thank you.

SENIORS you must turn your pictures into the office this week.

PLEASE CHECK THE TABLE IN THE PARLOR FOR YOUR DISHES!

Austin Heights Church of Christ Annual Ladies Day Program: Saturday, June 7. Theme "Running on Empty". Registration form 8:30 to 9:00 AM.

HILLTOPPERS: Game Night-Friday, May 16 in the fellowship hall at 7:00 PM. Please bring your favorite game and snacks.

YOUTH NEWS: Wednesday night, May 14th, we would like to meet with both Jr. High and High School youth parents. We will be discussing the summer calendar of events and going into more detail about the High School mission trip and the middle school mystery trip.

Three Bears Academy needs about 25 dozen cookies for graduation Tuesday, May 20. There is a signup sheet on the table in the foyer. Please bring cookies by noon that day and place them in the kitchen.

We have a new brother in Christ. **Ben Briones** was baptized Wednesday night April 30. Please welcome him into our family.

*Come Celebrate Fern Britton's 80th Birthday
 Please join us May 10, 2008*

from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Westside Church of Christ

Fellowship Hall

4410 W. Illinois Avenue

Midland, Texas

RSVP to Debbie Britton-432-520-5474

*In lieu of gifts, the family is gathering cards,
 Special photos, and memories of Fern.*

*We hope you can make it to the is special event.
 If unable to attend and would like to send a*

card, please mail it to:

Fern Britton

% Terry Britton

3520 W. Shandon

Midland, Texas 79707

IN OUR PRAYERS

Cynthia Pinnell, Charles Godfrey, Marge Gowan, Rudy Pena, Dale Mickey, 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, Betty Foster, Maylene Mickey, Mattie Lou Ellis, Carla Calhoun, Paul Frisbie, Danna Lamb, 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, Lou Ann Lopez, Belinda Spencer, Cory Crump and Our Soldiers.

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Steve Barrett's mother, **Pauline Barrett** had surgery Sunday evening at BSA in Amarillo. She is in ICU but should transferred to a room Wednesday.

Shirley Hilburn's grandmother, **Marge Gowan**, has metastatic. She lives in St. Louis, MO.

John and Ventia McGavock's son, **Trevor McGavock** has started chemo treatments again and possibly may have to have radiation. His cancer has returned. He has spots on his stomach and lymph nodes under his arm.

Charles Godfrey had a lung biopsy Thursday at Covenant in Lubbock.

Congratulations to Mike and Pattie Allison on the birth of their fourth granddaughter, **Jordyn Michal**. She was born April 30. She weighed 7 lbs and 10 1/2 ozs and is 19 1/2 inches long.

Ray and Inez Sooter left Saturday to take her sister, **Dorothy Jones** to the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona. Please pray that the doctors will be able to help her and for their safe journey.

Rudy Pena asks for prayers. He has testicular cancer.

They also found two spots on his lungs that will require further testing to see if the cancer has spread.

Roberta Turner received a good report from her doctor. Her lung function is up to about 50%. Still not good but much better.

Sharon Settle's niece, **Baylee Banning** is doing wonderful. She started radiation on Monday and have it for every day this week and next. Keep her in your prayers!

Randy Crowy's sister, **Sharon Rowlett**, was killed Monday night in Austin in a car wreck.

Christians at Garland Street,

Thank you for your care, concern and especially for your prayers for Matthew. Thank you also for your donations to help with Matthew's medical expense.

He is improving slowly, but he has a long way to go. The massive stroke he had caused quite a bit of brain damage and he is still in a partial coma.

Please continue to keep Matthew and our family in your prayers.

Thank you so very, very much.

The Williams Family

Dear Garland Street family,

What a true blessing it is to have a church family. Thank you for the way you have ministered to us during this difficult time in our lives. Phone calls, visits, cards, meals would come just at a time when God knew we needed encouragement. It is so comforting to know that many people are praying for us. Sometimes God gives us events in our lives to help us appreciate what we sometimes take for granted like being able to attend a worship service. I never truly realized until the past two months how much strength and encouragement we get from attending church. I have missed it so much. What we have as a family at Garland Street is truly amazing and I hope that I can be among my brothers and sisters soon ministering to you. God has put a "one-eighty" in my life and I know that He has a plan for me. Steve and I love you and are so thankful to be a part of the body of Christ at Garland Street.

In Him,

Roberta Turner

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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