

THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

Making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Eph 5:16

Sunday evening I came down with flu like symptoms. Being incapacitated for 24 hours affords me with the opportunity to share with you some ways you and I can draw nearer to God. James tells us to Submit ourselves, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. **James 4:7f**

James will give us 4 practical ways!

1. We are to Submit ourselves to God. Placing yourself under the yoke of his authority and will is not natural for most of us. Taking up our cross daily and following him is only possible with the Spirit's help. Jesus says take **my yoke** upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find **rest** for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. **Matt 11:28f**

2. We are to resist the devil. We can only resist the devil in **God's power**. Paul says be strong in the Lord and in **his** mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but

against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to **stand** your ground, **Eph 6:10-13**

3. We are to near to God. We come near to God by asking him to forgive our sins and to renew a steadfast spirit within us. The LORD is **near** to all who call on him. **Ps 145:18** When a tornado plows through a forest, the tree limbs that are furthest away from the trunks of the trees are the first to be stripped away. If we are to be victorious against temptation, we must remain close to the Lord.

4. We are to humble ourselves. He who was found in the appearance as a man, humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Phil 2:8f** Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. **1 Peter 5:6**

Let's make the most of every opportunity to draw nearer to God.

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

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

COMING UP

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| Dec. 7 | Benevolence Pick Up
Care and Share |
| Dec. 14 | J. W. Hamby's Life Group |
| Dec. 16 | Last Bulletin for 2008
Cheer Baskets Delivered |
| Dec. 20 | Ladies' Holliday Brunch |
| Dec. 24 | Singing and Devotional only |
| Dec. 31 | Singing and Devotional only |
| Jan. 4 | Benevolence Pick-Up
Care and Share |
| Jan. 7 | Wednesday Fellowship Meal
Ladies' Bible Class |

Attendance

Habits Are Hard To Break

When I was little, my mother took me to Bible Class.

When I was in my early teens, I went to church on my own.

When I was a teen, I became a member of the Lord's Church.

When I married, my wife and I attended worship regularly.

When we had children, we carried them to Bible Classes.

When they left home, I in my mid-years still attended worship regularly.

Now in my senior years I still attend worship regularly.

Habits Are Hard To Break

What kind of habits are you building?

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2008**

Announcements:	Neil Billingsley
First Prayer:	Mike Allison
Closing Prayer:	Steve Turner
Communion Scripture Reading:	Jimmy Holmes
Sermon Scripture Reading:	Brad Lane
Lord's Table:	Larry Golden
	Charlie Gonzales
	Keenan Harmon
	Scott Harmon
	Kim Hays
	Rodney Hearn
	Garth Hughes
	Mark James
Evening Opening Prayer:	Bob Pitts
Evening Closing Prayer:	Dan Ellis
Westridge:	Larry Hamby
Prairie House:	Grady Simmons
Communion To Shut-Ins	Jim Gambrell
Jail: Nov. 12/9	Herb Purdon
Sound Board:	John McGavock

New Life Behavior Teachers:
 Fri. 12-5: Neil Billingsley/John McGavock
 Dee Blevins/Charles Massie
 Wed. 12-10: Mark True and Dee Blevins

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Nursery Workers: Donice Hays, Karley Wells & Kristen True
Kitchen:
 Daily Bread: Office

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	11/30/08
Bible Study	103
Sunday Morning	200
Sunday Evening	NA
Wednesday Evening	NC
Contribution	\$6,7236.22

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS-

Men- Rock'N R Steakhouse
 Ladies-Eclectic Teapot



Jeff, Angela, Will, Nora & Eva Blackmon,
 Lubbock, Texas
 Gary Bryant, Fort Stockton, Texas
 Lee Carrier, Plainview, Texas
 Maurice Drinks, Dallas, Texas
 Mark, Katie, Emily & Luke Lindsey,
 Cleburne, 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

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes will remain the same for the month of December.

You may pick up names for the children's gifts in the office beginning Wednesday, December 3. Gifts will need to be purchased and returned to the office by Tuesday, December 16.

Benevolence Pickup will be Sunday, December 7. Men will be at the exit doors following the morning service to take your donations.

Care and Share will meet Sunday, December 7 following evening services.

J. W. Hamby's Life Group will meet Sunday, December 14.

December 16 will be the last bulletin for 2008.

Cheer Baskets will be delivered Tuesday, December 16. Please make plans to help.

Ladies' Holiday Brunch will be December 20 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the home of Cynthia Pinnell.

We will not have Wednesday night fellowship meals until January 7.

Wednesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 31 we will have singing and a devotional only, NO CLASSES.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST meets every Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Our Pictorial Directories are here! They are on the table in the foyer.

Please pick up your copy. Contact the office if you are unable to pick yours up.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Queenie Davis, Kylan Barcheers, Summer Coleman, Tracie Buchanan, Whitney Smith, James Mayden, Roxie Igo, Zach Hoover, Tracie Buchanan, Noel Bradford, Dorothy Smith, Bob Barnett, Gary Alexander, Melinda Pratt, Estelle South, Bobby and Frankie Griffin, Trevor McGavock, Judy Chambliss, Bobbie Rawdon, Micah Blankenship, Marge Gowan, The Alex Dominguez family, Roberta Turner, Bill & Tweet Moore, Dorothy Bradley, Jackson Calhoun, Cindy Valentine, Ben and Betty Foster, Maylene Mickey, Mattie Lou Ellis, Danna Lamb, Doris Hearn, Opal Yarborough, Jerry Settle, Kay Powell, Opal Barnes, Linda Wilson, Cleo Crutchfield, Sonny Sherrock, Doyce Watson, Jim Adams, Beverly Kimbrough, Wesley Everidge, Paul Godman, JoAnn Underwood, Christen Driver, Pat and Phyllis Tone, Cory Crump and Our Soldiers.

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Bobbie Rawdon returned home to Plainview Monday evening. She has finished her treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.

Whitney Smith will have surgery in Denver on December 9th.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

- "One good thing you can give and still keep is your word."
- "No room is more spacious than the room for improvement of ourselves."
- "As the church builds Christian families, Christian families will build the church."

To my Garland Street Family,

Thank you all so very much for all of the prayers and monetary gifts you so generously gave to my children Laci and Jared King while Laci was expecting her twins. We had many worries during this time and I know because of all your many prayers we were so blessed with our beautiful little girls.

Again, thank you all, and may God bless you!

Christi Durham

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

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

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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