

THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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“Good Luck Charms”

Dear children, keep yourselves from idols. **1 John 5:21 NIV**

Last night during the Academy awards the movie “slum dog walked away with eight Oscars including best picture, best director, best cinematography and best adapted screenplay. The movie was filmed in the country of Mumbai. This country is well known for its many idols of prosperity and success. If you listen to the cast, it becomes very clear were they had placed their trust. Many of them had put their trust in their trinket gods. The director of the movie even carried a golden wishbone in his pocket before they announced the winners of the coveted Golden Oscars. In the above passage the Apostle of Love admonishes us to stay away from anything that would replace our devotion to the one true and living God. We may think that we could never fall captive to idolatry. But the Bible says over and over again that anything that would take the place of God in our hearts is an idol. In Genesis 35 God instructed Jacob to tell his family and all those who lived with him, to throw out all the foreign gods which you have, then take a good bath and put on clean clothes. They turned over to Jacob all the alien gods they'd been holding on to, along with their lucky-charm earrings. Jacob buried them under the oak tree in Shechem. Why did the people have these idols? Well, Idols were sometimes seen more as good luck charms than as gods. Some Israelites, even though they wor-

shipped God, had idols in their homes, just as some Christians today own good luck trinkets. Jacob believed that idols should have no place in his household. He wanted nothing to divert his family's spiritual focus. Jacob ordered his household to get rid of their idols. So he gathered his family together and had a funeral service by burying all their useless idols. Why did the people give Jacob their earrings? Jewelry in itself was not evil, but in Jacob's day earrings were often worn as good luck charms to ward off evil. The people in his family had to cleanse themselves of all pagan influences, including reminders of foreign gods. Brothers and sisters, unless we remove idols from our lives, they can ruin our faith. What idols do we have? An idol is anything we put before God. Idols don't have to be metal objects hanging from our ears for good luck. They can be mental idols that consist of images, thoughts, or desires for success, power, and position. Like Jacob, we should get rid of anything that stands between us and God. You may have to follow Jacobs's example and gather the family together and have a funeral service and bury those trinket gods that are getting in the way of you and your God. The Apostle Paul says that no immoral, impure or greedy person-such a man is an idolater-has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. **Eph 5:3-7 NIV**

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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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| Feb. 25 | Ladies' Bible Class
Wednesday Fellowship Meal |
| Feb. 26 | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| Feb. 28– Mar. 1 | Girls Retreat |
| Mar. 1 | Benevolence Pick Up
Care and Share |
| Mar. 4 | Ladies' Bible Class
Wednesday Fellowship Meal |
| Mar. 8 | J. W. Hamby's Life Group |
| Mar. 18 | NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL! |
| Mar. 28 | Mother-Daughter Night-Out
Jr. High Guys Game Night |
| April 18 | Prison Ministry Workshop |
| April 19 | Special Speaker-
Freddie Anderson |
| April 24-26 | Youth Spring Retreat |

“STORMY WIND”

THE APOSTLES had been sent out two by two by Jesus. They went preaching that men should repent. The mission completed, they returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. *“And he said to them, ‘Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat”* (Mark 6:31). They went by boat but by the time they reached the shore, a multitude had gathered. Because of the Lord’s compassion, he began to teach the great throng many things, and then fed them. Following this, *“Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd”* (Mark 6:45). This voyage was not of the disciples’ choosing. Jesus ‘made’ his disciples get into the boat.

One would therefore be inclined to assume that doing what Jesus told them to do would bring not only a smooth passage, but favoring winds! Such was not the case. The wind and the waves seemed to be leagued in hostility. The apostles were distressed in rowing. Were they going to perish in the very act of doing what Jesus commanded?

And where did that wind come from? Did any of them happen to remember the line from Psalm 148? The one which speaks of “stormy wind fulfilling his command”?

Out of the darkness, Jesus came walking on the water to his disciples. He saw that they were terrified and immediately said, *“Take heart, it is I; have no fear.”* Then Jesus got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. The disciples? They were utterly astounded!

The disciples had failed to understand the import of Jesus feeding the multitude with five loaves and two fish, but in the stormy wind there was a fresh revelation of Jesus.

Has that ever happened to you?

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**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009**

Announcements:	Neil Billingsley
First Prayer:	Glenn McDonald
Closing Prayer:	John McGavock
Communion Scripture Reading:	Grady Simmons
Sermon Scripture Reading:	Hayden Alexander
Lord's Table:	Clint Patterson
	John Peck
	Robert Pitts
	Rex Redies
	Bobby Ross
	Jeff Settle
	Jerry Settle
Evening Opening Prayer:	Fred Robertson
Evening Closing Prayer:	Ray Sooter
Westridge:	Stan Branam
Prairie House:	Mark James
CommunionTo Shut-Ins	Rodney Hearn
Jail: 3-3	Herb Purdon
Sound Board:	Perry Walker
New Life Behavior Teachers:	
	Fri. 2-27: Brandon Joy & Lonnie Jones
	Wed. 2-4: Luke Carpenter & Brandon Joy

March-2009

Nursery Workers: Crystal Dominguez & Pam Hamby
Kitchen: Vada Mast & Nida Peck
Daily Bread: Leona Cartwright & Bertha Gambrell

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	02/22/09
Bible Study	126
Sunday Morning	232
Sunday Evening	NC
Wednesday Evening	78
Contribution	\$7,644.00

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS

Men - - - - - Rock'N R Steakhouse
Ladies - - - - - Roaring 50's Sandwich

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

WORK DAY: Saturday, February 28 starting at 9:00 a.m. We need workers to help put weed and feed on the lawn, trim scrubs, paint the south atrium area. Pass the word around. If we have several show up it should not take that long to do. Call anyone you might think could help.

Benevolence Pickup will be Sunday, March 1. Men will be at the exit doors following the morning service to take your donations.

Care and Share will meet Sunday, March 1 following evening services.

J. W. Hamby's Life Group will meet Sunday, March 8.

Men's Prayer Breakfast every Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship meal will be Baked Ziti, Green Beans, Salad, Bread and Dessert.

HELP! We need cooks and helpers with the Wednesday night meals. We have all of April and the first two weeks in May. Please sign the sheets in the foyer if you would like to help.

DISHES! DISHES! DISHES! Please check the kitchen for your dishes. There are lids with no dishes so check if you are missing any lids.

Help Needed: Nursery Attendants for the month of August. Sign up sheet is on the table in the foyer if you would like to help.

Congratulations to our new sister in Christ, Meagan Igo. She was baptized Sunday evening by her dad, Kevin Igo.

Ben Foster needs a ride to Lubbock for the next 4 weeks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays. You will need to leave by 2:30 in the afternoon. His appointment only last about 20 minutes. Contact the office if you can take a day. Thank you.

Just wanted to let everyone know the website has been updated. The computer that is used to update it became corrupted, but has been fixed. Everything is up and working again.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

- **FEB. 28—MAR. 1-GIRL'S RETREAT**
Location: Ambassador Hotel Amarillo,
Meet at Garland Street at 10:30 A. M. Saturday. We will be home Sunday afternoon in time for services. Bring a sack lunch for Saturday (drinks will be provided) Money to eat at T.G..I. Fridays and fast food. Sign up in the youth room.
- March 28— Mother-Daughter Night Out
- Mar. 28-Jr. High Guys Game Night

March Birthday's

Brandon Joy	03/01
Roberta Turner	03/01
Laurel Chaney	03/03
Summer Coleman	03/04
Josh Dominguez	03/06
Ashlyn Byrd	03/10
Shelia Alexander	03/10
Jeanea Barnes	03/11
Dan Davis	03/11
Janis Horton	03/12
George Slone	03/13
Leo Phillips	03/15
Beverly McDonald	03/15
Doris Hearn	03/17
Patti Allison	03/18
Faith Redies	03/18
Meagan Ray	03/19
Evelyn Lindsey	03/19
Tanner Monroe	03/19
Kendra Hayes	03/19
Taylee Watson	03/22
Ronald Gammage	03/25
Thomas Curry JR.	03/26
Vicki Stokes	03/27
Lana Branam	03/28
Robert Pitts	03/28
Ronnie Taylor	03/30

IN OUR PRAYERS

W. T. Settle, Irene Wilson, Loreta McBee, Janie Lopez, Pam Hull, J. D. Ellis, Jack Compton, The Alexander Family, Dale Mickey, Charlie Mickey, Dorothy Mitchell, Mary Branam, Terry Underwood, Ann Lyles, Billie Goree, Barbara Garwood, The Camacho family, Tommy Sherman, Queenie Davis, Whitney Smith, James Mayden, Noel Bradford, Bob Barnett, Estelle South, Judy Chambliss, Bobbie Rawdon, Tweet Moore, Dorothy Bradley, Cindy Valentine, Ben and Betty Foster, Danna Lamb, Doris Hearn, Opal Yarborough, Kay Powell, Linda Wilson, Cleo Crutchfield, Sonny Sherrock, Beverly Kimbrough, Wesley Everidge, Paul Godman, Pat and Phyllis Tone, and Our Soldiers.

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Mark True's sister, **Debi Rounds** passed away Monday, February 16. Her services were Saturday at Grace United Methodist Church.

Ernest Bell had a stent put in Tuesday, February 17. He is home.

Loreta McBee asked for prayers because she is having problems with her blood pressure.

Jerry Settle's dad, **W. T. Settle** is home.

Lena Margaret Block will have a scope on the 27th. Her brother, **Robert Block** will have surgery February 26 to remove the cancer from his left ear.

Sherry Tunnell's mother, **Norma Luette** is being moved to a skilled nursing home to regain her strength and return home in about a week.

Tommy Sherman is scheduled to return home Wednesday.

Dorothy Mitchell has been moved to UMC and was having further tests run Tuesday.

Dorothy Smith is still in rehab.

Debbie Bowles mother, **Lula May Ledbetter** is in ICU at Lubbock Covenant Hospital.

Ben Foster has four more weeks of radiation treatments for the cancer on his ears. They will decide treatment for the spot in lungs later. If you can help with rides to the doctor please contact the office.

Brent Hodges is sick and request prayers.

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

DEACONS: 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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ELDER OF THE MONTH: Weldon Melton

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