

# THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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## The Purpose of Miracles

There are many people today, that sincerely believe that first century miracles are still being manifested today. A careful study of the scriptures will reveal that those miracles in the first century served a specific purpose, for a specific people. The Apostle Paul says when the perfect comes the imperfect or partial will be done away with. Paul says *"Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away"* (1 Cor 13:8). So what was the purpose of the miracles in the first century? Simply this: to prove that Jesus was the Son of God. John writes: *"Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written that **you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name"* (John 20:30-31). John recorded these miracles so that we might believe what Jesus said about himself. We can see why John wrote about the miracles that Jesus did, but why did the apostles work miracles? The apostles were able to do miracles for the **sole purpose** of confirming the good news about Jesus Christ. *"And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and **confirmed** the word by the signs that followed"* (Mark 16:20). We see in Acts 14:3 where the apostles were speaking boldly with reliance upon the Lord *"who was **bearing witness** to the word of His grace, grant-*

*ing that signs and wonders be done by their hands"*. Again, the apostles backed up their message about Jesus with miracles. I want you to think about something. If Paul was able to raise the dead and heal sicknesses of many kinds, and he certainly was. Then, why is it that he could not do a simple thing like heal himself if he had this kind of Power? Surely Paul would have used one of those miracles to remove the thorn that was in his own flesh as we read about in 2 Cor 12:7-10. ? God wants us to see that the apostles did not work miracles to benefit themselves in any way. The power they possessed was only needed to confirm the gospel of Jesus in the first century. Now that we have the confirmed and completed word. There is no further need for miracles today in Gods economy. Why? There are no new revelations about Jesus. The **perfect** or completed word of God has come, and we now have everything we need for life and godliness. 2 Pet 1:3 The scriptures tell us in acts 2 that the miracles were given to the apostles directly by the Holy Spirit and they and they alone could pass this gift on to others by laying their hands on someone. I find no evidence to show that others that received this gift could pass it on. Once the Apostles and the ones whom they passed on their gift to passed away, miracles ceased. The bottom line is these miracles were used only to confirm the gospel in early New Testament times. May we all be thankful that the complete and perfect word of God has come.

*Anthony Dominguez.*

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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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| May 13  | Last Wednesday Night Meal<br>VBS Teachers &<br>Helpers Meeting |
| May 15  | Elders Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.                                     |
| May 17  | High School Senior<br>Recognition A.M.<br>Graduation Dinner    |
| May 19  | Three Bears Program &<br>Graduation                            |
| May 31  | Fifth Sunday @<br>9th & Columbia @ 5:00 p.m.                   |
| June 2  | Wednesday Night<br>Summer Program Begins                       |
| June 6  | Austin Heights Ladies' Day                                     |
| June 7  | Preschool & School Age<br>Bible Class Promotion                |
| June 13 | Smith-Becker Wedding   |

The Elders have spent much time recently in thought discussion, and in prayer in an effort to properly oversee the Garland Street family. It is our earnest desire to create and foster a closer familial and spiritual relationship between and among our members. As a result, we made the decision to resurrect small groups to meet periodically starting in the fall of 2009.

Although not yet decided we are also considering a proposal to replace the Sunday evening service with the small group meetings and we ask that you pray for your leadership as we reflect on this proposal and as we study ways to improve our family.

We urge anyone that would like to discuss this to visit with any of the Elders. We would be glad to meet with you if you so desire. We greatly desire your views on this decision and proposal.

Once again we ask you to pray for us and for this Family and our success in reaching the lost in Plainview and in having a closer spiritual family.

The Elders

### **YOUTH NEWS:**

- **High School Seniors you must turn your slide show pictures for the Senior dinner into the office no later than WEDNESDAY, MAY 13.**
- **High School and College Seniors you must turn your picture for the bulletin and bulletin board by WEDNESDAY, May 13. Make sure to bring a copyright release form if you picture is copyrighted.**
- Please list your achievements and your plans following graduation.

SUMMER DATES (Subject to change)

Camp Genesis-June 13-19, Middle School Mystery Trip July 11& 12, HS Weekend Mission Trip July 17-19

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
SUNDAY, May 17, 2009**

<b>Announcements:</b>	<b>Rob Lindsey</b>
<b>First Prayer:</b>	<b>Glenn McDonald</b>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Robert Marroquin</b>
<b>Communion Scripture Reading:</b>	<b>Doug Freeman</b>
<b>Sermon Scripture Reading:</b>	<b>Bobby Byrd</b>
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	<b>Matt Vail</b>
	<b>Chris Vega</b>
	<b>Perry Walker</b>
	<b>Wayne Wheeler</b>
	<b>Jeremy Wright</b>
	<b>Tim Zepeda</b>
	<b>Gary Alexander</b>
	<b>Jimmy Barnes</b>
<b>Evening Opening Prayer:</b>	<b>John McGavock</b>
<b>Evening Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Jerry Settle</b>
<b>Westridge:</b>	<b>Rodney Hearn</b>
<b>Prairie House:</b>	<b>Bobby Byrd</b>
<b>Communion To Shut-Ins</b>	<b>Lonnie Jones</b>
<b>Jail: 5-19</b>	<b>J. W. Hamby</b>
<b>Sound Board:</b>	<b>Bobby Ross</b>
<b>Computer:</b>	<b>Charles Massie</b>
<b>NLB Teachers: Fri. 5-15-Larry Golden &amp; Neal Becker</b>	
<b>Wed. 5-20-John McGavock &amp; Jim Gambrell</b>	

**May-2009**

**Nursery Workers: Cynthia & Kinsley Monroe, Shirley Bell**  
**Kitchen: Christi Durham & Frankie Griffin**  
**Daily Bread: Crystal Dominguez & Rita Holmes**

**ATTENDANCE BAROMETER**

Lord's Day	05/10/09
Bible Study	173
Sunday Morning	332
Sunday Evening	95
Wednesday Evening	116
Contribution	\$6,625.03

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS**

Men-----Rockin R  
 Ladies-----Fieldhouse

**Welcome Visitors**

Esmeralda Adia, Plainview, TX  
 Mickey & Vernah Sprous, Plainview, TX  
 Vicki McNeil, Lubbock, TX  
 Alma McCourt, Havana, AR  
 Marshall Reeder & Family,  
 Josh, Lya, Hunter & Noah Branam, Slaton, TX  
 Dan & Reeda Cay Smith, Lockney, TX  
 Scott parsley, Hale Center, TX  
 David, Debra, Ally, Baca Mixon, Hale Center.  
 Gary Bryant, Fort Stockton, TX  
 Trudy Kelley, Kingsland, TX  
 Veshia Penn, Venus, TX  
 Laci King and girls, Muleshoe, TX  
 Candice Durham, Lubbock, TX  
 Kristi Espinosa & Levi and Caleb, Ruidoso, NM  
 Marsha & Meredith Mickler, Keller, TX  
 Glenda Fuller, Austin, TX  
 Emily, Taylor, Cy, Will & Heidi Gray, Amarillo, TX

*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**

**VBS TEACHERS AND HELPERS MEETING  
 WEDNESDAY May, 13 following services in  
 the Adult 3 Classroom.**

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

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal this week will be our last supper until the fall.** We will have lasagna, salad and dessert.

**High School and College Graduates:** Please turn a picture into the office for the senior page in the bulletin no later than Wednesday, May 13. You need to turn in your snapshots for the Slide Show by Wednesday, May 13.

**Elders meeting** Friday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. A set of keys for a Ford have been turned into the office.

A pair of gold clip-on earrings have been turned into the office.

**High School Senior Recognition will be Sunday, May 17.** Seniors please sit in the front of the auditorium with your family during the morning service.

**Three Bears Academy** needs about 25 dozen cookies for graduation Tuesday, May 19. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer. Please bring cookies to the kitchen by noon on the 19th. The office will be closed Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

**Sunday, May 31 we be our Fifth Sunday Fellowship** at 9th & Columbia. Evening services will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a sandwich supper following services.

**Sunday, June 7 we will promote all Preschool and School age Bible classes.** Parents of preschool children please go by the age your child will be as of September 1, 2009 for the appropriate class for your child.

**We have a new sister in Christ: Latasha Pena was baptized Saturday at the jail.**

### In Our Prayers

J. D. Ellis, Sheila Massie, Doris Hearn, Pearl Wood, Caden Joy, Dr. Randy Lee, Roberta Turner, Dewey Melton, Bobby Griffin, Sonny Banning, Tony Cook, Jody & Connie Settle, Harland Dizmag, Dorothy Mitchell, Tommy Sherman, Wayne Kennedy, Irene Wilson, Norma Lurette, Pam Hull, Mark McCormick, Lisa Haynes, Jack Compton, Ella Grace Massie, Janie Lopez, The Alexander Family, Ann Lyles, Charlie Mickey, Katie Whitson, Bob Barnett, Dorothy Bradley, Estelle South, Judy Chambliss, Janis Horton, Dub Mercer, Tweet Moore, Cleo Crutchfield, Cindy Valentine, Ben and Betty Foster, Opal Yarborough, Linda Wilson, Sonny Sherrock, Jim Adams, Beverly Kimbrough, Wesley Everidge, Billie Goree, Barbara Garwood, Amanda Walker, Dustin Thompson, and Our Soldiers

### ABOUT OUR FAMILY

**J. D. Ellis** fell and broke his hip Saturday, May 2.

He is in Covenant Hospital here in Plainview.

Contact Larry Hamby if you would be able to sit with him at night. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Weldon Melton's dad, **Dewey Melton** was able to return to Santa Fe house after a trip to the emergency room Sunday morning.

**Sheila Massie** had a pacemaker and her gallbladder removed last week at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

**Bobby Griffin** will be at Baylor Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week for procedures.

Sharon Settle's oldest brother's daughter and her husband, **Elizabeth & Bryon Harrison** leave for Sudan, Africa May 26.

**Pattie Allison** has the shingles.

**Dorothy Mitchell** called to let us know that she has been moved to the Plaza Rehab Center behind the Heart Hospital in Lubbock.

Bertha Gambrell's brother, **Dr. P. A. Willmon Jr.** is in UMC with stage 4 cancer. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Kim and Donice Hays on the birth of their grandson, **Thomas Cotton Rosser**. Cotton was born Friday, May 8 in College Station. His parents are Wynn and Manda Rosser and big sister Aubry.

Billy Kennedy's nephew, **Wayne Kennedy** is at a stand still. His last treatment did not seem to help him. Please keep him in your prayers.

*Dear Garland Street Family,*

*I would like to thank everyone for all the calls, cards, visits and prayers while I have been ill. There are not words enough to let everyone know how much I appreciate them all.*

*In Christian Love,  
Tommy Sherman*

*I would like to thank all the people that brought gifts for my grand-baby. Thank you so much to the hostess, Beverly McDonald, Donice Hays and Sharon Settle. A special thanks to Sharon for all the help she gave me.*

*I appreciate everyone outpouring of love to us.*

*Rosa Camacho*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*Thank you for your prayers, cards, telephone calls, visits, flowers and the wonderful meal.*

*I am so thankful to have such a wonderful, loving church family.*

*In Christian Love,  
Dorothy Bradley*

**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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