

THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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DID WE PASS THE TEST?

I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, which are ever before me. I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it. **Ps 50:7-12 NIV**

One of our wise sages directed our minds to the fiftieth chapter of Psalms for the meditation before the Lord's Supper on Sunday. He quoted verses seven through eleven. In the passage God did not find fault with their acts of worship, but with their "**attitude**" of worship. God wanted them to spread a banquet of **praise** to him and **serve** him with a feast of kept promises. It was to be a place of Christian growth and not a place to showcase our trophies of arrival. Nothing hurts and irritates God more than a "mannequin" sitting in the worship service. Psalms fifty is all about giving God true worship from the heart. Sunday evening a lady from Hobbs, New Mexico came and sat in the back of the auditorium. I asked her, her name and why she was writing and looking at everyone in the congregation? She said she is in college and she was auditing our worship to God as we prayed, sang songs, and received the message. She left before I could ask her if we

passed the test. I hope that she sensed in our singing, preaching, and praying, glad and sincere hearts. If God were to call us before his throne today for correction, what would he tell us? Would he rebuke us for our lack of sincere worship to him from the heart? Jesus said of the Pharisees and teachers of the law, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men." **Matt 15:8** We all realize that no child of God can live without making mistakes. I have said many times that the church is like a hospital for sinners, not a museum that displays perfect saints. The next time we meet together to worship God, let's remember that there will be times when people will grade us. The question is, will we pass the test? In everything set them an **example** by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that **cannot** be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us. **Titus 2:6**

The first century Christians broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. **Acts 2:46 NIV**

May God bless each of you this week !

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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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| June 22 | High School Monday Night Prayer Group @7:00 |
| June 28 | Olvera-Smith Shower |
| June 29 | High School Monday Night Prayer Group @7:00 |
| July 3 | Brundage -Williams Wedding |
| July 4 | Youth Hide & Seek Cook Out |
| July 5 | Benevolence Pick Up Care and Share |
| July 11 | Middle School Mystery Trip Marroquin-Gloe Wedding |
| July 12 | J. W. Hamby's Life Group |
| July 16-19 | High School Mission Trip |
| July 26th | Fourth Sunday Fellowship and 1:00 service
Dave's Need for Speed |

THE RIGHT KIND OF FATHER

Not all fathers are created equal. Some relish the role and delight in their children while other could care less. But blessed is the child who has a loving, caring father.

John the baptizer had the right kind of father. His father, Zechariah, was a priest before God. Sadly, not all fathers are religious. Some are concerned only about wealth or pleasure. God has no place in their lives. Consequently, no thought is ever given to training their children in the paths of righteousness. (Timothy, of New Testament fame, was blessed in that from a child he was taught the Holy Scriptures which were able to instruct him for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus).

Zechariah made a wise choice in selecting a companion who would be the right kind of wife and mother. She, too, was a godly person. Her name was Elizabeth and she was one of the daughters of Aaron, a descendent of the High Priest. The right kind of father picks the right kind of woman to be his wife.

The right kind of father establishes a God-fearing home. Here is Luke's inspired testimony about this couple, "And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless" (Luke 1:6). Just look at their *devout example*. Their lives were pleasing to God. They were not pretending. They were righteous "before God," and not just making a show before others.

Zechariah was a prayerful father. One of the heartaches of this family was the fact that they didn't have any children— and both were advanced in years. But God can do the impossible. While Zechariah was serving before God at the altar of incense, an angel appeared with a startling message, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for *your prayer is heard*, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John: (Luke 1:13).

Jesus gives us the ultimate assessment of John, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, "Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist..." It pays to have the right kind of father and mother!

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**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2009**

Song Leader:
Announcements: Brent Wells
First Prayer: Rob Lindsey
Closing Prayer: Brad Lane
Communion Scripture Reading: Jimmy Holmes
Sermon Scripture Reading: Keenan Harmon
Lord's Table: Steve Barrett
 Neil Billingsley
 Dee Blevins
 Stan Branam
 John Brunson
 Bobby Byrd
 Luke Carpenter
 Deryl Clevenger
Evening Opening Prayer: John Peck
Evening Closing Prayer: Robert Pitts
Westridge: Stan Branam
Prairie House: Mark James
Communion To Shut-Ins: Grady & Tucker Simmons
Jail: 6-23: J. W. Hamby
Sound Board: Scott Clevenger
Computer: Charles Massie
NLB Teachers: Fri. 6-19: Brandon Joy & Jim Gambrell
 Wed. 6- 24: John McGavock & Mike Allison

June-2009

Nursery Workers: Vada Mast & Debbie Hearn
Kitchen: Vada Mast
Daily Bread: Nida Peck & Dana Joy

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	06/14/09
Bible Study	148
Sunday Morning	246
Sunday Evening	N/C
Wednesday Evening	89
Contribution	\$15,071.95

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS

Men-----Rockin R
 Ladies-----Field House

*The families of
 John Lankford and Calvin White
 invite you to attend the marriage of
 Tara Elizabeth Lankford
 to
 Timothy James Brewer
 son of Jim and Lisa Brewer
 Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 3:00 o'clock
 South Plains Church of Christ
 6802 Elkhart Avenue, Lubbock, Texas
 Reception to Follow*

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

Sunday Morning Bible Classes for the summer: Adult 1- Larry Golden and John Peck teaching **What Every Family Needs**. Adult 2-**Gospels in Chronological order** taught by various teachers. Adult 3 will continue with the study on **Corinthians**. Spanish class is taught by Tim Zepeda, **The Purpose Of Our Worship Of God**.
Wednesday Night Adult Bible Class for the summer: Is This The Right Church? Spanish Classroom with Larry Hamby as the teacher. **A class on 2nd Corinthians** meets in the South end of the fellowship hall. **The Singing class** meets in the Parlor.
SENIORS please check the office for gifts.
Men's Prayer Breakfast every Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
We would like to invite the congregation to Fun, Food and Fellowship following VBS on Wednesday nights this summer. Those that would like to help prepare meals there is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship following services. We are asking for your help with a Wednesday night from June 24 thru August 19th. If you have any question contact Shirley Bell or Cynthia Monroe.
Our Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal and 1:00 service will be Sunday, July 26. The elder and deacons in charge will be Rob Lindsey, Mike Allison and Jimmy Barnes. We need about 8 people to help set up and 8 people to help clean up.

*Julissa J. Brundage
 and
 Gene M. Williams
 invite you to share in their celebration
 as they exchange wedding vows
 and begin their life together
 on Friday, the third of July
 two thousand and nine
 at eleven o'clock in the morning
 at Garland Street Church of Christ
 Reception Immediately Following
 in the Fellowship Hall*



You are invited to a **Bridal Shower**
 honoring
Miss Veronica Olvera
 bride-elect of **Mr. Jared Smith**
Sunday, June 28, 2009
 from two o'clock until three-thirty
Garland Street Church of Christ Parlor
700 Garland Street
Plainview, Texas

Selections: Design's By Anne, Evalene's Imports,
 Life's Blessings, Target and Wal-Mart



You are invited to a
Bridal Shower honoring
Kylie Kay Hughes
 and
Scott Van Pelt
10:00 until 11:30
Saturday, June 27, 2009

2701 West 14th
Plainview, Texas

Selections: Wal-Mart, Target, Bed, Bath and Beyond
 and Evalene's Imports

In Our Prayers

Bobby Jones, Jim South, Sheila Massie, Morris Driver, Pearl Wood, Caden Joy, Dr. Randy Lee, Roberta Turner, Dewey Melton, Bobby Griffin, Tony Cook, Jody & Connie Settle, Harlan Dizmang, Dorothy Mitchell, Tommy Sherman, Wayne Kennedy, Irene Wilson, Mark McCormick, Lisa Haynes, Jack Compton, Ella Grace Massie, Janie Lopez, The Alexander Family, Ann Lyles, Charlie & Libby Mickey and their daughter Amber, Dale Mickey, 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, Trent Campbell, Amanda Walker, Dustin Thompson, and Taylor Olson, Our Soldiers

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Inez Sooter's brother-in law, **Bobby Jones** is in UMC in Lubbock with congestive heart failure.
 A love fund has been set up for the **family of Matthew Williams** at American State Bank.
 Bertha Gambrell's brother, **Dr. P. A. Willmon Jr.** passed away Wednesday. His services were Saturday at the Austin Street Church of Christ in Levelland.
Dale Mickey returned home from the hospital Thursday.
 Martha Garcia's mother, **Manuelita Lopez** had surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.
Freddie Anderson is going to Zambia, Africa on June 24. He will be doing mission work there for three weeks. Please keep him in your prayers.
 Frankie Griffin's sister, **Virginia Russell** received a clear report.
 Please add Lee and Nancy Dougherty's son-in-law, **Taylor Olson** to your prayer list. He deploys Wednesday-first to Mississippi, then to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASS
 will meet Wednesday nights this summer
 in the Jr. High Classroom.
 We will begin preparing for L.T.C.
 which will be April 2, 3 & 4th
 in Fort Worth.
 Grades 5-8

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

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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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