

# THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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## THE DAY OF THE LORD

But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. **1 Thess 5:4**  
Armageddon and Judgment Day movies have always been very popular in our society. I was noticing the size of the audience at the movie theater last week, and it seems like our society has an insatiable appetite for apocalyptic movies. The apocalyptic maven [Roland Emmerich](#) who crafted the likes of [Independence Day](#), [The Day After Tomorrow](#), crafts this apocalyptic sci-fi thriller following the prophecy stated by the ancient Mayan calendar, which says that the world will come to an end on December 21, 2012. When a global cataclysm thrusts the world into chaos. The movie ends with a selected few who are chosen to board these Chinese made ark ships that are able to withstand a tsunami. Only those who were the privileged, the powerful, and the prosperous made it on these boats. This new age utopia of a new world order sounds good in the movies but the reality is that their will be a day when the entire world will come to an end. According to the Apostle Peter and Paul "The Day of the Lord" will be that day. It will be a day that is described as unexpected and catastrophic. Both men say that it will come like a thief in the night. The Apostle Paul says. That the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon

them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **1 Thess 5:1f**  
The Apostle Peter says that the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. The good news for the faithful Christian is that this day should not surprise you as it would a thief. A faithful Christian should always be alert and ready for that day. In reality the day of the Lord should inspire all of us to Holy living as we look forward to a new place where righteousness dwells. May we all be able to say what Paul said on the day of the Lord. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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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

- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| Nov. 18    | Last Wednesday Night Supper<br>till Jan. 6th  |
| Nov. 22    | elder selection forms due   |
| Nov. 25    | Devo & Singing. No Classes!   |
| Nov. 25-27 | Office Closed   |
| Nov. 29    | Fifth Sunday @ 5:00 at<br>9th and Columbia  |
| Dec. 6     | Benevolence Pick Up<br>Announce men vetted and<br>nominated for installation<br>as elders<br>Small Groups |
| Dec. 12    | Ladies' Holliday Brunch   |
| Dec. 13    | J. W. Hamby's Life Group<br>Care and Share  |
| Dec. 15    | Cheer Baskets Delivered   |
| Dec. 18    | Adult 1 Party   |
| Dec. 20    | Install New elders  |

## “Do You Disparage Baptism?”

Many in the religious world stress the importance of faith in Christ in becoming a Christian, but the importance of baptism seems to elude them.

Jesus came to earth to do God’s will—all God’s will according to John 6:38. So it isn’t surprising to find him wanting to honor the ordinance of heaven concerning baptism.

When Jesus came to John to be baptized, John was very reluctant until Jesus said, “*Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness*” (Matt. 3:15 NIV). Then John consented. If Jesus had declined or refused to be baptized, as did many of the Pharisees and lawyers who rejected the purpose of God for themselves in their refusal (Luke 7:29-30), Jesus would have been disobedient to God and could not have fulfilled “*all righteousness.*”

So even though John preached a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, and Jesus had no sins, he still wanted to honor God by being baptized. He proclaimed that it was the ‘*proper*’ thing to do. If Jesus had obeyed every command of God except the one to be baptized, he would not have obeyed all of them and that would have been improper.

In our case we need baptism for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38), and those who desire to honor God will gladly submit.

Jesus was acknowledged by God for his obedience. The record states, “*And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased’*” (Matthew 3:16-17).

Rest assured that God will likewise be pleased with your submission to the ordinance of baptism. It’s the fitting, proper and becoming thing to do.

JOHN GIPSON  
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**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009**

<b>Song Leader:</b>	<b>Mike Allison</b>
<b>Announcements:</b>	<b>Larry Hamby</b>
<b>First Prayer:</b>	<b>Mike McDonough</b>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Glenn McDonald</b>
<b>Communion Scripture Reading:</b>	<b>Dee Blevins</b>
<b>Sermon Scripture Reading:</b>	<b>Bobby Byrd</b>
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	<b>Weldon Melton</b>
	<b>Gary Miller</b>
	<b>Jason Miller</b>
	<b>Alan Monroe</b>
	<b>Tanner Monroe</b>
	<b>Clint Patterson</b>
	<b>Robert Pitts</b>
	<b>Herb Purdon</b>
<b>Evening Opening Prayer:</b>	<b>John McGavock</b>
<b>Evening Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Lonnie Jones</b>
<b>Westridge:</b>	<b>Larry Golden</b>
<b>Prairie House:</b>	<b>Kenneth Hooper</b>
<b>Communion To Shut-Ins</b>	<b>Steve &amp; Lillie Barrett</b>
<b>Jail: 11/24</b>	<b>J W Hamby</b>
<b>Sound Board:</b>	<b>Steven Leyendecker</b>
<b>Computer:</b>	<b>Charles Massie</b>
<b>NLB Teachers: Fri. 11-20-</b>	<b>John McGavock &amp; John Peck</b>
<b>Wed. 11-25-</b>	<b>NO CLASSES!</b>

**NOVEMBER -2009**

**Nursery Workers:** Becky Watson  
**Kitchen:** Lori Carpenter & Katie Brunson  
**Daily Bread:** Sherry Reese & Katie Brunson

**ATTENDANCE BAROMETER**

Lord's Day	11/15/09
Bible Study	148
Sunday Morning	250
Sunday Evening	N/C
Wednesday Evening	91
Contribution	\$8,090.20

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS-NOVEMBER**

Men - - - - - Old Mexico  
 Ladies - - - - - Eclectic Tea Pot

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**

**Elder Selection** forms are on the table in the foyer. Make sure to turn your forms in no later than Sunday, November 22.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship meal will be homemade lasagna, and dessert** from 6:00 to 6:30. **This will be the last Wednesday night meal until January.**

**HILLTOPPERS:** Will have a whatjmacalit party in the fellowship hall November 20 at 6:30 p.m. We will have STONE SOUP. Bring a can of vegetables to put into the soup.

**Wednesday, November 25 we will have singing and devotional. No Classes.**

**Fifth Sunday Fellowship will be Sunday, November 29.** We will meet at 9th and Columbia at 5:00 p.m. A sandwich supper will follow the service.

**Benevolence Pick Up** will be Sunday, December 6. Men will be at the exit door following morning worship to take your donations.

**Batteries in the hearing units are rechargeable.** Please let us take care of them for you.

**Ladies Holliday Brunch will be Saturday, December 12 from 9:30 to 11:00 in the home of Coleen Bryant, 3500 Quincy. If you need directions contact her.**

**Welcome Visitors**



Trey & Marta Ziegler, Silverton, TX  
 J. D. McGavock, Silverton, TX  
 Jessica Olson, Amarillo, TX  
 Scott Parsley, Hale Center, TX

**A group is being formed to make and fill bags with encouraging items for victims of domestic violence in our area. If you have any questions contact Crystal Dominguez or Roberta Turner.** (Items needed for bags are: Lotions, Brushes, Combs, Mouthwash, Body was (men's or women's) Tooth-brushes, Sweat Suits (children 3-12 yrs), Body Sprays, Candles, Razors, Shaving cream and Children's books/Coloring Books, Material for Bears and Bags and Children's Bubble Bath. There is a box in the foyer for your donations.

## Time line for elder selection 2009

- Nov. 8 – Begin accepting names of scripturally qualified men to serve as elders; (you may submit as many names as each individual deems appropriate)
- Nov. 22 – Last day for congregation to submit elder suggestions;
- Nov. 22- Dec. 5—Current elders to interview and qualify potential new elders with no specific number of elders that will be installed until after qualifications and interviews;
- Dec. 6 – Announce to congregation the men vetted and nominated for installation as elders;
- Dec 6/ Dec 20—Period for congregation to reveal any scriptural reason for the aforementioned men to not be installed as elders.
- Dec. 20 – Install new elders.

## GRACE NOTES

will meet  
Sunday, November 22  
at 4:00 p. m.

Please Make Plans  
To Attend

### In Our Prayers

Family of Dewey Melton, Mike Allison and Family, Ellen May, Betty Criswell, Delphia Davis, Jimmy Sooter, Louise McDaniel, Chris Grant, Sydney King, Mike Deso, Whitney Smith, Ben & Betty Foster, Martha Pitts, Margarita Castaneda, Doris Hearn, Porschea Ellis, Charles Ryser, Mack Ledbetter, Bobby Jones, Estelle South, Jim South, Morris Driver, Pearl Wood, Averil Dorsett, Caden Joy, Dr. Randy Lee, Roberta Turner, Bobby Griffin, Tony Cook, Harlan Dizmang, Dorothy Mitchell, Tommy Sherman, Wayne Kennedy, Irene Wilson, Mark McCormick, Lisa Haynes, Jack Compton, Janie Lopez, The Alexander Family, Ann Lyles, Charlie Mickey, Dale Mickey, Bob Barnett, Dorothy Bradley, Judy Chambliss, Janis Horton, Dub Mercer, Tweet Moore, Cleo Crutchfield, Cindy Valentine, Opal Yarborough, Linda Wilson, Jim Adams, Beverly Kimbrough, Wesley Everidge, Billie Goree, Barbara Garwood, Trent Campbell, Taylor Olson, Our Soldiers

### ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Weldon Melton's dad, **Dewey Melton** passed away Monday. His services will be Wednesday at 2:00 at Kornerstone Funeral Home. Visitation will be Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 at Kornerstone.

**Ellen May** was scheduled to have surgery Tuesday, November 17 at Lubbock Covenant Hospital.

June Wells' daughter, **Cathy Cummings** had back surgery Monday at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She is in ICU.

John Dee Walker's dad, **Bruce Walker** fell and broke his hip Sunday morning.

**Betty Criswell** is home following her knee replacement surgery.

Mike Allison's mother, **Bessie Allison** passed away Thursday. Her services were Saturday in Gainesville.

**Betty Foster** is Plainview Hospital in room 201 with pneumonia. **Ben Foster** is in Prairie House. Please keep him and Betty in your prayers

Inez Sooter's brother-in-law, **Bobby Jones** had surgery Tuesday, November 10 to correct the blockage in the main artery to his legs.

Ray Sooter's brother, **Jimmy Sooter** is gravely ill.

**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  
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:** Rob Lindsey

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