

# THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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## Prospering through Perseverance

Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. **James 5:10**

Abraham Lincoln was able to prosper through his willingness to persevere in the face of difficulty. His law partner, William H. Herndon, expressed it this way: "Mr. Lincoln was a peculiar man; he was intensely thoughtful, persistent, fearless, and tireless in thinking. When he got after a thought, fact, principle, question, he ran it down to the fibers of the tap root, dug it out, and held it up before him for an analysis, and when he thus formed an opinion, no man could overthrow it. Perseverance is one of the main ingredients to every great endeavor, because nothing that is worth holding on to has ever been realized without it. The king of entrepreneurs "Henry Ford" had a vision and a dream of making cars. In order to achieve his dream he bombed out several times in business before he saw the fruit of his labors. Someone once asked Ford what was it that helped him to achieve his dreams and Henry Ford replied, "When you start a thing, don't quit until you finish it." Remember to stick to a realistic resolution you have made through the power of perseverance. On the contrary, if you falter, and give up, you will lose the power of keeping any resolution, and will regret it all your life. Dear

brothers and sisters, the road ahead of us is embedded with detours, dead ends, and yes even dummies. These are People who will whisper in your ear you can't do that! There will be money problems, health problems and unexpected tragedies that will plague you. Some of your biggest challenges will come from your own mind. You: will doubt your self worth, you will wrestle with worry, insecurity, and procrastination. Jesus admonishes us to run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. **Heb 12:1** Perseverance is a refusal to not give up. It's getting knocked down a 1,000 times and getting back up 1,001 times. Job, Jeremiah, David, Jesus, Paul, and many others got back up after they were attacked by Satan. Perseverance is not a matter of forcing doors to open; it's waiting patiently for God to open doors that are closed. What Jesus opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. May we all heed the words of our Lord. Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't **grumble against each other**, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! . **James 5:7f** Life needs to be run like a marathon, not a 100 yard dash. If you want to finish the race take Jesus by the hand and just don't give up. May we all prosper this week as we persevere in the Lords strength.

*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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| Dec. 12        | Ladies' Holiday Brunch   |
| Dec. 13        | J. W. Hamby's Life Group<br>Care and Share                                   |
| Dec. 15        | Cheer Baskets Delivered  |
| Dec. 18        | Adult 1 Party<br>HILLTOPPERS Party   |
| Dec. 20        | Install New elders<br>Small Groups   |
| Dec. 23        | Singing and Devo only<br>No Ladies' Bible Class<br>Office will close at noon |
| Dec. 24        | No Men's Prayer Breakfast  |
| Dec. 24-Jan. 1 | Office Closed  |
| Dec. 30        | Singing and Devo only<br>No Classes or Ladies' Class                         |
| Dec. 31        | No Men's Prayer Breakfast  |

## Announcement of new elders

The elders want to thank all of you for your prayers concerning the selection of new elders.

We had over 60 forms turned in. It was clear from the forms that two devoted and godly men have the overwhelming support of the congregation. Mike Allison and Neal Becker are these two men.

After interviewing these men we asked them if they desired to serve as elders. They both said they were humbled to be asked and would be honored to serve the Lord as elders. These two men have shown that they truly have a servants heart. They clearly fulfill the description of elders in 1 Timothy 3.

We ask you to consider these two men to serve as elders. If any of you have any scriptural reason for them not serve as an elder please contact either the man or one of the elders.

If there are no scriptural reasons for them not to serve we will install Mike and Neal on December 20th.

Please continue to pray for the congregation and for Mike and Neal.

The elders

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009**

Song Leader:	Jimmy Holmes
Announcements:	Steve Stokes
First Prayer:	Mike Allison
Closing Prayer:	Neal Becker
Communion Scripture Reading:	Jimmie Glenn
Sermon Scripture Reading:	Josh Dominguez
Lord's Table:	Bobby Ross
	Otto Schacht
	Jeff Settle
	Jerry Settle
	Grady Simmons
	George Slone
	Doug Smith
	Scott Snipes
Evening Opening Prayer:	Fred Robertson
Evening Closing Prayer:	Ray Sooter
Westridge:	Charles Massie
Prairie House:	John McGavock
Communion To Shut-Ins	Weldon Melton
Jail: 12/15	J W Hamby
Sound Board:	Bobby Ross
Computer:	
NLB Teachers: Fri. 12/-11-	Neil Billingsley & John McGavock
	Wed. 12-16--Lonnie Jones & Mark True

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Nursery Workers: Donice Hays, Kristen True & Karley Wells  
 Kitchen: Cindy Simmons  
 Daily Bread: Beverly McDonald

**ATTENDANCE BAROMETER**

Lord's Day	12/6/09
Bible Study	161
Sunday Morning	277
Sunday Evening	
Wednesday Evening	NC
Contribution	\$8,485.81

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS-DECEMBER**

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

*You may have noticed small individual portions of the "bread" during communion in the last few weeks. The sole reason for offering the individual portions is because of the heightened awareness of sanitary concerns given the higher incidences of influenza this season and bacteria that is unintentionally transferred via our hands. For those of you who prefer, we will continue to make available the conventional "bread".*

*The elders*

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**

**Ladies Holiday 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.

**J. W. Hamby's Life Group** will meet Sunday, December 13.

**Care and Share** will meet Sunday, December 13 following evening services.

**Cheer Baskets** will be delivered December 15. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you would like to help deliver the baskets. If you have any questions contact Pam Hamby or the church office.

**Hilltoppers** will have a Holiday Party Friday, December 18 in the home of Charles and Sheila Massie.

**You may pick up children's names from the office to purchase gifts for them.** Gifts need to be returned to the office by Wednesday, December 16.

**Ladies' Signup sheets for 2010 are on the table in the foyer.** They will be on the table till the first of the year. Ladies wanting to be on the 2010 prayer chain must sign the new list.

**New directories will be printed in January.** This will allow the prayer chain list to be current.  
**Let us all rejoice with our new brother in Christ, Scott Parsley.** He was baptized Sunday. Scott is the brother of Cindy Simmons. His phone number is 839-8934 and his address is P. O. Box 1077, Hale Center, TX 79041.

ADULT ONE PARTY

Friday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Paul and Marka Fikes, 1301 Amarillo. Bring a wrapped food item to be exchanged - \$10.00 or less. One gift per couple and or individual. Sign up sheet on the table in the foyer by December 13. It will be catered so we must have your reservations. \$5.00 per person-please pay Dana or Shonda.

## Thank You Note

My family and I want to thank all of you here at Garland Street for all of your prayers, words of comfort, hugs and food that we received when my Dad passed away. While it is a very difficult time when a loved one passes away our family here at Garland Street eased our pain. Our faith in the Lord is our anchor especially when a loved one passes away.

Thank you for all you did for us.

Weldon and Judy Melton

### In Our Prayers

Perry Walker, Cindy Valentine, Dorothy Bradley, Louise McDaniel, Sydney King, Mike Deso, Whitney Smith, Ben & Betty Foster, Martha Pitts, Margarita Castaneda, Doris Hearn, Porshea Ellis, Charles Ryser, Mack Ledbetter, Bobby Jones, Estelle South, Jim South, Morris Driver, 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, Opal Yarborough, Linda Wilson, Jim Adams, Beverly Kimbrough, Wesley Everidge, Billie Goree, Barbara Garwood, Trent Campbell, Leon Watson, Kaylyn Jo Barbee, Taylor Olson, Our Soldiers

### **ABOUT OUR FAMILY**

Congratulations to Clint and Laura Patterson on the birth of their son, **Jay Garrett Patterson**. He was born by c-section Monday evening and weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Lytton Stark's sister, **Cleora Brittan** passed away Monday. Her services will be Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at Bartley Funeral Home. Jeanea Barnes aunt, **Shirley Ann Patridge** passed away Saturday in San Angelo. Her graveside services will be Wednesday at Plainview Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m.

Lena Margaret Block is in ICU here in Plainview with pneumonia.

Congratulations to Jerry and Sharon Settle on the birth of their granddaughter, **Danica Laney Settle**. She was born Monday, November 30 and weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Jody and Connie Settle and big sister, Ashley.

**Terry Underwood** is having problems with his shoulder. **Diana Underwood** will have surgery Tuesday, December 22 in Dimmitt.

**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 wash (men's or women's) Toothbrushes, 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. You may bring your items to the office.

**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: Weldon Melton**

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