

# THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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## Casual Worship

This past week as I was driving home from Orlando I noticed a billboard advertising Casual Style, Casual Worship. This seems to be a more common trend as the days go by. There is so much emphasis now on just show up to worship. Nothing will really be asked of you other than attend. Come enjoy a casual worship

As we think about the thought of casual worship it should cause us to cringe. When an individual makes a decision to worship God they have acknowledged there is a God. However, they have made a decision not to understand God's full word and worship Him with the respect He is due. Throughout the Bible we read of individuals that came face to face with God. When they encountered God they fell on their face and worshipped Him. Casual interaction between the individuals in the Bible and God is not what we read about in the Bible. Everyone that was in his presence was in awe. When we think about fostering a "casual style" of worship we might want to think back to a few individuals that chose to worship God in their own casual style.

**Cain-** In Genesis chapter 4 we read about Cain and Abel. We read in Genesis 4 that the Lord respected Abel's sacrifice and the Lord did not respect Cain's sacrifice. Cain understood that his worship was not acceptable and he became angry and his countenance fell. God told Cain if you do well, you will be accepted. However, Cain did as he wished and proceeded to slay Abel.

**Nadab and Abihu-** in Leviticus 10 we read the story of Nadab and Abihu. In their worship to the Lord they took incense and offered a strange fire before the Lord. The Lord did not command this in their worship. During this time fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them. Nadab and Abihu died before the Lord. These two individuals knew what was expected and did it their own way. In the end their casual

worship cost them their life. Shortly after this Moses told Aaron, "By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified." When we come to worship God we must remember these words of Moses. Casual Worship is unacceptable.

**Uzziah-** The last individual we will look at is Uzziah. Uzziah had the potential to be known and one of the greatest kings. Uzziah was great at everything he tried. Uzziah then felt that he was bigger than God and decided to act corruptly. In 2 Chronicles 26 we find the story of Uzziah entering the temple to burn incense on the alter of incense. The burning of incense was reserved for the priest only. As the priest were rushing in to stop Uzziah it was too late. They stopped in their tracks to see that God had struck him with leprosy. Uzziah was leper to the day of his death and his tombstone read, "He is a leper."

These are not the only examples of worship inappropriate to God. There are obviously many stories about idol worship that is totally unacceptable. These examples just clearly show that when God gives a direction of worship we should follow it. These individuals chose to worship with the wrong offering, the wrong method, and in the wrong role. When we make a decision to worship God casually we have opened the door to make the same mistakes.

We must remember John 4:24 and remember that God is a Spirit and we must worship him in Spirit and Truth. When we come before God to worship him we must ensure that we remember who God is and that He is the Creator and Possessor of all the world.

God is overjoyed when we worship him in Spirit and Truth. God is actively looking for his children to worship Him as the Father. So we should ask ourselves, am I worshipping this morning in Spirit and Truth or am I worshipping God casually.

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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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|---------|---|
| Jan. 13 | Wednesday Night Meal<br>Ladies' Bible Class   |
| Jan. 14 | Men's Prayer Breakfast  |
| Jan. 17 | High School and Adults<br>Classes in the Auditorium<br>Small Groups                                       |
| Jan. 20 | A Look Forward Meeting<br>All High School and Adult<br>Classes will meet in the<br>Fellowship hall @ 7:00 |
| Jan. 24 | Fourth Sunday Fellowship<br>and 1:00 Service  |
| Jan. 31 | Fifth Sunday here   |
| Feb. 7  | Small Groups  |
| Feb. 14 | J W Hamby's Life Group<br>Care and Share  |
| Feb. 21 | Small Groups  |

## **Small Group Meetings-Sunday, January 17**

**Group 1-L. Hamby at 12:30 at the Hearn's 2609 W. 17th**

**Group 2-Stokes & Miller at 5:00 at the Redies home-1205 Garland**

**Group 3-Byrd & Ross at noon in the fellowship hall**

**Group 4-Becker & Wells at 5:00 at the McDaniel's home-1310 Zephyr**

**Group 5-Billingsley & J. Hamby at 5:00 pm at the Hackett's home-3503 Red Oak Lane**

**Group 6-Lindsey & Freeman at 5:00 pm at the Freeman's home—  
1300 Floydada**

**Group 7-Melton & True at 5:00 pm at the Smith's home— 2700 W. 10th**

**Group 8-Harmon & Settle at Jewel Loafman's home at lunchtime  
-2100 FM 1914**

**Group 9-Allison & Glenn at 5:00 pm at the Robertson's home-  
7209 W. U. S. Highway 70**

**Group 10-Patterson & Joy at (5:00 pm tentative) at the Joy's home-  
2403 Megan**

**Those not in a Small Group will meet at the building at  
6:00 for Worship Services**

**Make sure to call your attendance into the office and the location  
and time of your next meeting on Monday.**

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2010**

<b>Song Leader:</b>	Perry Walker
<b>Announcements:</b>	Neil Billingsley
<b>First Prayer:</b>	Scott Clevenger
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Kim Hays
<b>Communion Scripture Reading:</b>	Lonnie Jones
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Ray Sooter
	Steve Stokes
	Ronnie Taylor
	Wayne Wheeler
	Gene Williams
	Jeremy Wright
	Tim Zepeda
	Gary Alexander
<b>Evening Opening Prayer:</b>	Charles Godfrey
<b>Evening Closing Prayer:</b>	Dee Blevins
<b>Westridge:</b>	Ron Gammage
<b>Prairie House:</b>	Lonnie Jones
<b>Communion To Shut-Ins</b>	Jim & Bertha Gambrell
<b>Jail: 1/18</b>	J W Hamby
<b>Sound Board:</b>	Scott Clevenger
<b>Computer:</b>	Charles Massie
<b>NLB Teachers: Fri. 1/15-Lonnie Jones &amp; Luke Carpenter</b>	
<b>Wed. 1/20-Jimmy Holmes &amp; John McGavock</b>	

**January-2010**

**Nursery Workers:** Jennifer, Stephanie & Lisa Havens  
**Kitchen:** Judy Purdon  
**Daily Bread:** Christi Byrd and Dana Joy

**ATTENDANCE BAROMETER**

Lord's Day	1/10/10
Bible Study	159
Sunday Morning	261
Sunday Evening	NC
Wednesday Evening	NC
Contribution	\$7,035.76

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS-JANUARY**

Men- ..... Old Mexico  
 Ladies- .....-The Fieldhouse

**Welcome Visitors**



Dorothy Colbert, Plainview, TX  
 Samantha Rios, Plainview, TX  
 Taylor & Jessica Olson, Amarillo, TX  
 Cody, Rhanda, Drake & Cade Emery, Nazareth, TX  
 David, Debra & Becca Mixon, Hale Center, TX  
 Jerry, Susan & Kevin Devin, Lubbock, TX  
 Barbara Stokes, Hale Center, 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**

**Ladies' Signup sheets for 2010 are on the table in the foyer. PLEASE SIGN UP BY SUNDAY!**

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal this week will be King Ranch Chicken. Please make plans to attend. Serving is from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, January 17 High School and all Adult classes will meet in the auditorium for Bible Class.** Our guest speaker will be Benny Baker.

Wednesday, January 20 all High School and Adult Classes will meet in the fellowship hall at 7:00 for "A Look Forward Meeting" to discuss the hiring of a new minister.

**Our Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal and 1:00 service will be Sunday, January 24.**

The elder and deacons in charge will be Steve Stokes, Scott Clevenger and Gary Miller. We need about 8 people to help set up and 8 people to help clean up.

**T-shirt order forms are on the table in the foyer.** The t-shirts are for anyone that would like to purchase one.

**Fifth Sunday Fellowship** will be here Sunday, January 31. Please make plans to stay for the sandwich supper that will follow the evening service. Please bring a dessert to share with our guest.



The inside of the building is being painted this week. Make sure not to touch the walls, window or door frames. To keep the building looking nice please don't attach anything to the walls. You may use the bulletin boards.



Dear Garland Street Family,

Thank you so much for the cheer basket and the gifts for Kayla. It is so very much appreciated.

In Christian Love,  
Janie and Kayla Archer

Dear Garland Street Family,

Thank you so much for the Christmas cheer basket. I appreciate your kindness greatly.

Rosa Camacho and Family

### ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Weldon Melton's mother, **Odena Melton** passed away Sunday night. Her services will be Thursday at Kornerstone at 2:00 p.m. June Well's son-in-law, **Herald Gilmore** passed away Thursday night. His services were Monday in Bastrop. Katie Wright's grandfather, **Joe Cardona** passed away Tuesday night. His memorial service was Saturday in Levelland. Inez Sooter's brother-in-law, **Bobby Jones** has been placed back on life support and is in CCU at UMC. Nancy Dougherty's mother, **Irene Wilson** had a stroke Saturday. She took a turn for the worse on Sunday. She will be going home under hospice care. **Betty Foster** had her pace maker replaced Friday. She is home. **Gary Alexander** had a shot to help relieve his pain and had an appointment with the doctor on Monday. **Charles Godfrey** is at home with pneumonia. **Dorothy Mitchell** will see the neurosurgeon January 14 to try to find out what is causing her numbness. **Barbara Wheeler** had implants placed in her back Thursday to help the pain in her back. **Bobbie Griffin** received a good report at Baylor. The spot on his liver is better than the last report. He will see his oncologist in Lubbock to find out if he will have to keep taking his chemo.

God gave you two hands:  
one to help yourself,  
one to help others,  
  
Life is like a roll of toilet paper.  
The closer it gets to the end,  
the faster it goes.

- ELDERS:** Mike Allison      Neal Becker      Neil Billingsley  
Rob Lindsey      Weldon Melton      Steve Stokes
- DEACONS:** Jimmy Barnes      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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