

THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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Low Standards are No Standards

During the time of the judges, a man of Ephraim named Micah stole eleven hundred shekels of silver from his own mother; however, he was somewhat an honest thief and confessed to taking them. His mother, rather than being upset, was pleased with his honesty, for she had dedicated the shekels to be made into a religious image for him. Having done so, Micah set up a shire, made an ephod and household idols, and consecrated one of his own sons as priest (Jdg. 17: 1-6). After some time, a Levite from Bethlehem journeyed to the area and happened upon Micah. When Micah learned and that he was a Levite, he offered him ten shekels a year, room, and board to stay with him and be his priest—a proposition the Levite quickly accepted. So Micah consecrated the Levite to be his priest (Jdg. 17:7-12). “Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest” (Jdg. 17:13).

Micah was convinced that upgrading from one of his

own sons to a Levite was a worthwhile improvement with which the LORD would be well pleased—only because his own standards had fallen so low. Micah was a thief and idolater who ignored God’s plan in every way. He was so sure of himself that he thought a Levite as priest would really make a difference, though the man was not of the house of Aaron. How often, though, do we today fall into this same trap? We congratulate ourselves on being one or two steps better than the world, our friends, or even other Christians while failing to compare ourselves to the standard that God has established in His Word. (2 Cor. 10:12; Jn. 12:48; 17:17). Too many Christians have taken the “close enough for government work” approach to their spirituality. Like Micah, they still think they are worshiping and pleasing the LORD. The LORD, on the other hand, knows better (Mt. 7:21). Maintaining low standards is like having no standards at all.

Kevin Rhodes,

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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. 20 | A Look Forward Meeting
All High School and Adult
Classes will meet in the
Fellowship hall @ 7:00
Ladies' Bible Class
Wednesday Night Meal |
| Jan. 21 | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| Jan. 24 | Fourth Sunday Fellowship
and 1:00 Service |
| Jan. 27 | Ladies' Bible Class
Wednesday Night Meal |
| Jan. 28 | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| Jan. 31 | Fifth Sunday here |
| Feb. 5 & 6 | Ladies' Retreat |
| Feb. 7 | Benevolence Pick Up
Small Groups |
| Feb. 14 | J W Hamby's Life Group
Care and Share |
| Feb. 21 | Small Groups |

Dear J. W Hamby and the Garland Street Church of Christ,

Thank you so much for the precious act of love and comfort you extended to us, the family of Mary Irene Pruitt. Even though mother and we had not attended Garland Street in many years, you extended the hand of grace and service to our family in our time of need. We are indeed grateful and touched by the help and show of Christian love.

Thank you so much for such a blessing of a meal and sweet respite before our mother's funeral.

The children of Irene Pruitt;
Elaine Burnett Lindley
Jolene Russell
Barbara Nybock
Joe Burnett Jr.

Dear Brother and Sister,

Thank you so much for the Christmas Cheer Basket. I enjoyed it very much. Thank you also for all of your prayers.

In Christian Love,
Cleo Crutchfield

Dear Garland Street Family,

We want to thank you for the Cheer Basket. We appreciated it so much.

We also want to thank everyone for the prayers and phone calls during our difficult time.

Lupe Corrales and boys

To the Garland family:

The Dominguez family would like to once again express their sincere appreciation and gratitude for all the many, many ways you have demonstrated your love to our family as we labored with yours. I will dearly miss all the men's breakfasts and fellowship meals the men and woman held on a monthly basis. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Phil 1:3-6 May all of us never forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have. Our family will always hold a special place in our heart for the Garland family. You have truly given me the best two years of my entire life. Thank-you Garland family.

In him the silver haired evangelist,
Tony Dominguez

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010**

Song Leader: Otto Schacht
Announcements: Bobby Byrd
First Prayer: Scott Clevenger
Closing Prayer: Brandon Joy
Communion Scripture Reading: Robert Marroquin
Lord's Table: Ray Sooter
 Steve Stokes
 Ronnie Taylor
 Wayne Wheeler
 Gene Williams
 Jeremy Wright
 Tim Zepeda
 Gary Alexander
 Weldon Melton
Afternoon Opening Prayer: Gary Miller
Afternoon Closing Prayer: Mark James
Westridge: Ron Gammage
Prairie House:
Communion To Shut-Ins
Jail: 1/26 J W Hamby
Sound Board: Scott Clevenger
Computer: Charles Massie
NLB Teachers: Fri. 1/122-Neil Billingsley & J W Hamby
 Wed. 1/27-Jim Gambrell & Luke Carpenter

January-2010

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

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	1/17/10
Bible Study	N/C
Sunday Morning	248
Sunday Evening	171
Wednesday Evening	89
Contribution	\$8,633.50

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS-JANUARY

Men- Old Mexico
 Ladies- -The Fieldhouse

Welcome Visitors



Nacona Hill, 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

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.

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

Small Group Leaders extra books are in the office if you need some.

Ladies' Signup sheets for 2010 are on the table in the foyer.

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.

HILLTOPPERS: We will be going to the Cactus Theater Friday January 22 to see Monster Hits of the 50's, 60's and 70's. We will leave the building at 5:30 p.m. and will eat at the Triple J Chop House. You must have made reservations to attend.

Congratulations to **Nathaniel Longoria** his received Reserve Grand Champion in York hogs at Kress.

RESPONSES: Sunday, January 17, 2010
Restored: Andy Garcia

Come and Join us at the...
 2010 Garland Street Church of
 Christ Ladies Retreat
 February 5th and 6th
 (Begins at 7:00 pmish)
 Amherst Retreat Center
 Amherst, TX
 Guest Speaker:
 Melody Huffman of Lubbock
 Theme: "Drawing Nearer to God"
 Hebrews 10:22
 Cost: \$22 (Scholarships are available)
 Hope you will join us for fellowship, fun,
 and spiritual growth!
 Please RSVP to Lori Carpenter
 by January 28.

You are cordially invited to join us
 for a wedding shower
 honoring Katie Butler
 Bride-elect of Josh Thompson
 Saturday, January 23, 2010
 at 9th and Columbia Church of Chris
 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
 Selections: Kohl's, Target and Evalene's

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Deryl and Joan Clevenger's son and Scott Clevenger's dad, **Duane Clevenger** passed away Monday. His services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church at Hart.

Bobby Byrd's uncle, **Sam Reedy** passed away. His memorial service will be Friday in Tyler.

Cornelia McDonough is home after spending a few day in the hospital with an ear infection.

Inez Sooter's brother-in-law, **Bobby Jones** has been placed back on life support and is in CCU at UMC. He had surgery on his legs Friday and will need stomach surgery later.

Nancy Dougherty's mother, **Irene Wilson** passed away Thursday night. Her services were Monday. Her cousin, **David Alarid**, he lives in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti and they have not heard from him.

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.

Barbara Wheeler had the implants placed permanently in her back Wednesday. She is home and doing well.

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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