

THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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Jesus Life In Four Words

What Jesus did for you and me was an incredible demonstration of genuine love. What Jesus did for us, we do not deserve. What He did for us was an act of grace. We could never repay the debt that we owe Him. But, we can (and should) be grateful for Him and His life-giving sacrifice! Not a day should pass without us expressing our thanks to God for what His Son has done on our behalf. "But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57). Jesus did four amazing things for us.

HE CAME. He came from heaven to earth. He Himself said, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me" (John 6:38). In heaven Jesus shared in the glory of the Father "before the world was" (John 17:5), but He left heaven to come to earth. Why? "...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). Let us admit it without shame; if Jesus had not come, we could not be saved from our sins. Consider some of the beautiful words of the song "He Still Came:" Yet the King of kings left heaven to become a lowly man, He left all heaven's glory to fulfill His Father's plan. He still came. Knowing all He would endure, He still came. Disregarding every cost, from the manger to the cross, He still came just for me, He still came.

He Went. He went to the cross. When the mob came to take Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, He could have called "twelve legions of angels" (72,000) to protect Himself (Matt.

26:53), but He didn't. Jesus had the power to run away from the interrogations of the Jewish council, Pilate, and Herod, but He chose not to do so. Instead, He endured mockery, physical and mental torture, and with the help of Simon carried His cross "to the place which is called Calvary; there they crucified him" (Luke 23:33). Why did our loving Lord go to the cross when He could have avoided it? The Bible's answer is plain: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree" (1 Pet. 2:24). If Jesus had not gone to the cross, we would still be hopelessly lost!

HE STAYED. He stayed on the cross. After He was crucified, He hung on the cross for six hours (Mark 15:25, 34-37). While He was still hanging there, some mockingly spoke these words of blasphemy: "Save thyself, and come down from the cross...He saved others; himself he cannot save" (Mark 15:30, 31). Did Jesus have the power to come down from the cross? Of Course! But He stayed right there until the end. Why? Because of His great love for us and because He knew that in God's plan, His death was a necessity.

HE RETURNED. He returned to heaven, where He sat down at the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19). He went "into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us" (Heb. 9:24). Upon His return to heaven, He was given "dominion, and glory, and a kingdom" (Dan. 7:13, 14). There He "ever liveth to make intercession for us" (Heb. 7:25). May we ever thrill at the story of Jesus!

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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. 27 | Ladies' Bible Class
Wednesday Night Meal |
| Jan. 28 | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| Jan. 31 | Fifth Sunday here |
| Feb. 3 | Ladies' Bible Class
Wednesday Night Meal |
| Feb. 4 | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| Feb. 5 & 6 | Ladies' Retreat |
| Feb. 7 | Benevolence Pick Up
Small Groups |
| Feb. 10 | Ladies' Bible Class
Wednesday Night Meal |
| Feb. 11 | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| Feb. 14 | J W Hamby's Life Group
Care and Share |
| Feb. 21 | Small Groups |

Thank you for all the calls, cards and prayers and remembrances during the loss of our loved one.

The Wells Family

*Thank you so much for the cheer basket. We appreciated it so much.
Waylon and Joy Johnson*

*Our Dear Friends; brothers and sisters in Christ,
To all of you who have expressed your love for us in so many ways... a visit, a card, a phone call, flowers, food, or attendance at the memorial service for Duane... thank you. We still need your prayers while we adjust our lives to not having him in the them anymore.*

*In Him who surrounds us with His love,
Deryl and Joan Clevenger*

Our family would like to take this opportunity to thank our Garland Street family for your comforting prayers, cards, calls, and visits. We are so blessed to be a part of such a caring family. Thank you for coming and sitting with us at the funeral home and for your presence at Mama's funeral.

*We love you all,
Lee and Nancy,
Jessica and Taylor
and Ashley,
The family of Irene Wilson*

Dear Garland Street family,

We wanted to thank you for the cheer baskets for us and Meagan and family. The hams were greatly appreciated and the thoughtfulness of the church during the difficult year. Thank you also for all the prayers and cards for Mack Ledbetter, my dad.

*In Christian Love,
Debbie Bowles and family
Meagan Ray and family*

Grace and Megan would like to say "Thank you" for the Christmas presents. They really liked their presents, all of them. You know it seems like there are not that many good people left in the world but I truly do believe the people at this church are good people. Thank you for all you do for us.

The Chappell Family

Our Dear Garland Street family,

I appreciated all the cards, phone calls and the food that was brought to me during the placement of my pacemaker. It went very well, but am having some problems with high blood pressure. I will be on a few days bed rest. Ben is doing about the same. We love each and every one of our dear brothers and sisters. Please continue to pray for us.

Ben and Betty Foster

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010**

Song Leader:	Mike Allison
Announcements:	Scott Clevenger
First Prayer:	Clint Patterson
Closing Prayer:	John Peck
Communion Scripture Reading:	Charles Massie
Lord's Table:	Ray Sooter
	Steve Stokes
	Ronnie Taylor
	Wayne Wheeler
	Gene Williams
	Jeremy Wright
	Tim Zepeda
	Gary Alexander
Evening Opening Prayer:	J W Hamby
Evening Closing Prayer:	Herb Purdon
Westridge:	Stan Branam
Prairie House:	Mark James
Communion To Shut-Ins	Steve & Lillie Barrett
Jail: 2/2	J W Hamby
Sound Board:	Bobby Ross
Computer:	Scott Snipes
NLB Teachers: Fri. 1/29-	John McGavock & Larry Golden
Wed. 2/3-	Dee Blevins & J W Hamby

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	161
Sunday Morning	250
Sunday Evening	89
Wednesday Evening	95
Contribution	\$7,791.00

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS-JANUARY

Men- Old Mexico
 Ladies--The Fieldhouse

Welcome Visitors



Everett and Victoria Hysten,
San Antonio, Texas

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 Retreat on February 5 and 6 The guest speaker is Melody Huffman of Lubbock and theme is "Drawing Nearer to God" More information available on the table in the foyer. **Please RSVP to Lori Carpenter by January 28.**

Ladies' Signup sheets for 2010 are on the table in the foyer. PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY! **Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal this week will be taco salad. Please make plans to attend. Serving is from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. HELP! We need cooks and helpers for the Wednesday night meals. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you can help.**

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 brisket sandwich supper that will follow the evening service. Please bring a dessert.

SMILE BOXES: We will be taking up school supplies for Nicaragua again this year. We will do this the last Sunday of each month. January 31 will be Pencil Sunday. Bring pencils and put them in the box in the foyer.

Benevolence Pick Up will be Sunday, February 7. Men will be at the exit doors to take your donations following the morning service.

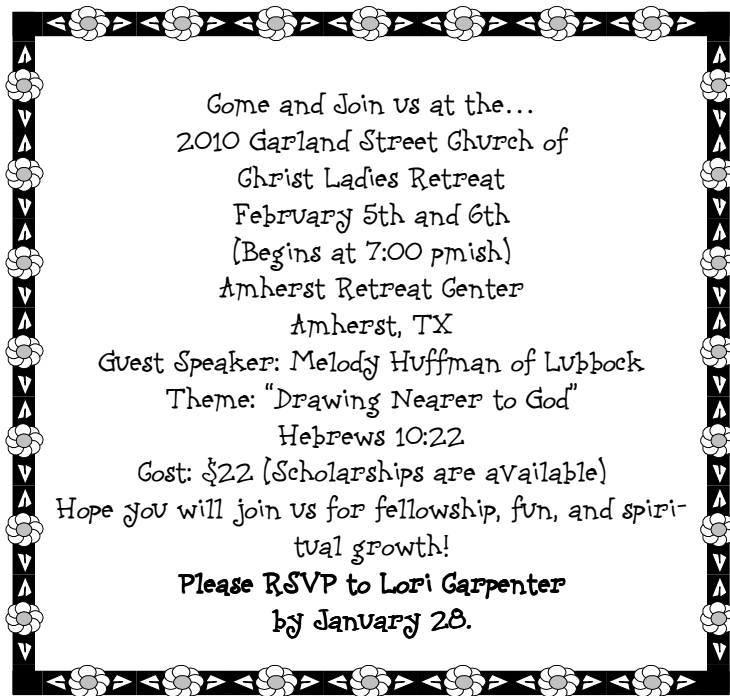
J. W. Hamby's Life Group will meet Sunday, February 14.

Care and Share will meet Sunday, February 14 following the evening services.

RESPONSES: Sunday, January 24, 2010

Prayers: Ronnie Taylor

Crisis Center Bags: We need sweat suits for children sizes 4-12, toothpaste and deodorant. Thank you so much for all the donations that you have made.



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.

We would like to let our friends
 know of our marriage.

Please join us in a celebration of marriage of
 Tommy Burrus and Dave Parson
 at our reception on January 30, 2010 at
 6:00 in the evening.

Vintage Town Hall (Vintage Township)
 12004 Trafalgar, Lubbock, Texas
 Directions: are on the bulletin board
 by the office

In Our Prayers

Mattie Lou Ellis, Bobby Jones, Dorothy Mitchell, Cindy Valentine, Dorothy Bradley, Louise McDaniel, Mike Deso, Whitney Smith, Ben & Betty Foster, Martha Pitts, Margarita Castaneda, Doris Hearn, Porshea Ellis, Charles Ryser, Estelle South, Jim South, Morris Driver, Dr. Randy Lee, Roberta Turner, Bobby Griffin, Joan Underwood, Terry Underwood, Harlan Dizmag, Tommy Sherman, Wayne Kennedy, 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, Leon Watson, Carolyn Johnson, Our Soldiers

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Lisa and Stephanie Havens' grandmother, **Sharon Havens** passed away. Her services are Tuesday at Kornerstone Funeral Home. **Ruby Rogers** is having problems with her hip that may require surgery. **Mattie Lou Ellis** has been moved to the Prairie House to regain her strength. Bobby Byrd's uncle, **Sam Reedy** passed away. His memorial service were Friday in Tyler. Inez Sooter's brother-in-law, **Bobby Jones** is off life support and doing a little better. Rosa Camacho called and asked for prayers for her friend's daughter, **Carolyn Johnson** she is at UMC in Lubbock with cancer. She has been placed on Hospice care.

*The lesser of two
 evils is still evil.*

ELDERS: Mike Allison Neal Becker Neil Billingsley
 Rob Lindsey Weldon Melton Steve Stokes

DEACONS: Jimmy Barnes Bobby Byrd
 Scott Clevenger Gary Miller
 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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