

THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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Whose Side Are You On?

Many years ago I read of a man who had been faithful Christian all his life. Then in his later years, he became completely deaf, yet he still attended every worship service and Bible class of the church. Someone wrote him a note asking, "Since you can't hear the sermons, prayers, songs or Bible classes, why do you still attend?" His reply was, "I want everyone, including the devil and the Lord, to know whose side I'm on!"

There are a number of good reasons why we need to be present for all the worship services and Bible classes. Among them are these:

1. The scriptures plainly tell us that's what we should do. *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth"* (2 Timothy 2:15). If I choose to stay home from the Bible classes where I could learn about the will of God for my life, I'm violating that scripture. If I stay home on Sunday night, I'm cutting the number of sermons I could benefit from by at least 50%, so once again I'm not doing my best to become a worker for the Lord who is capable of rightly handling the word of truth. Many take comfort in a misunderstanding of **Hebrew 10:25**, convincing themselves that it refers only to the Sunday morning worship assembly. Interestingly, the worship assemblies in the New Testament where we have any indication of the time seem to be on Sunday night. The one in **Acts 20:7-12** certainly was, since Paul spoke until mid-

night. The first two meetings of the disciples after the resurrection were on Sunday nights (**John 20:19, 26**). Sunday was still a working day, so they often meet very early in the morning before going to work and then again after work.

2. History tells us the same thing. About A. D. 107, the Roman Procurator of Pontus and Bithynia, Pliny the Younger, an enemy of Christians, records in his letter to the Emperor Trajan that the Christians he was persecuting met both on Sunday morning and Sunday night.

3. Our ability to lead other to Jesus is greatly compromised when we are inconsistent in our attendance. We sing, "O how I love Jesus" on Sunday morning, but if it's not enough to bring us back on Sunday night and Wednesday night, both the Lord and other people may have a right to question the strength of that professed love. And they certainly will view our lack of attendance as hypocrisy and backsliding.

4. Come see attendance on Sunday morning as a 'minimum requirement' for salvation, but no such concept is found in the Bible. Rather, Paul says, *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship"* (**Romans 12:1**). It's hard to reconcile "living sacrifice" with a "minimum requirement."

5. It lets everyone – other people, the Lord, and the devil – know whose side we're on!

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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

Feb. 3	Ladies' Bible Class Wednesday Night Meal
Feb. 4	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Feb. 5	Ladies' Retreat
Feb. 7	Benevolence Pick Up Small Groups
Feb. 10	Ladies' Bible Class Wednesday Night Meal
Feb. 11	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Feb. 12	Hilltoppers: Game night
Feb. 14	J W Hamby's Life Group Care and Share
Feb. 17	Ladies' Bible Class Wednesday Night Meal
Feb. 18	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Feb. 21	Small Groups

Small Group Meetings-Sunday, February 7

Group 1-L. Hamby at 12:30 at the Hamby's-1741 FM 788

Group 2-Stokes & Miller at 5:00 at Colleen Bryant's home-3500 Quincy

Group 3-Byrd & Ross at 4:00 at the Williams' home-2916 Lometa

Group 4-Becker & Wells at noon in the fellowship hall then in the auditorium for the lesson.

Group 5-Billingsley & J. Hamby at noon at J W Hamby's home 1305 Zephyr

**Group 6-Lindsey & Freeman at 12:30 pm at the Freeman's home—
1300 Garland**

Group 7-Melton & True at 2:00 at Clay and Heather Golden's home

Group 8-Harmon & Settle at noon at Vada Mast's home-1201 Ennis

Group 9-Allison & Glenn at 5:00 pm at the Buchanan's home-699 CR U

**Group 10-Patterson & Joy at 4:30 at the Joy's home-
2403 Megan**

**Those not in a Small Group will meet in the fellowship hall
for a potluck meal following morning services.
Immediately following the meal we will have the
afternoon service in the auditorium.
(Same format at Fourth Sunday)**

THERE WILL NOT BE A 6:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010**

Song Leader:	Mike Allison
Announcements:	Larry Golden
First Prayer:	Steve Turner
Closing Prayer:	Brent Wells
Communion Scripture Reading:	Glenn McDonald
Lord's Table:	Hayden Alexander
	Jimmy Barnes
	Robert Barnes
	Steve Barrett
	Neal Becker
	Neil Billingsley
	Dee Blevins
	Luke Carpenter
Evening Opening Prayer:	Neal Becker
Evening Closing Prayer:	John Peck
Westridge:	Glenn McDonald
Prairie House:	Stan Branam
Communion To Shut-Ins	Lonnie Jones
Jail: 2/9	J W Hamby
Sound Board:	Doug Freeman
Computer:	
NLB Teachers: Fri. 2/5-Brandon Joy & Luke Carpenter	
Wed. 2/10-Jim Gambrell & Jimmy Holmes	

FEBRUARY-2010

Nursery Workers: Shirley Bell, Cynthia & Kinsley Monroe
Kitchen: Becky Watson & Elida Garcia
Daily Bread: Nida Peck & Sheila Massie

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	1/31/10
Bible Study	137
Sunday Morning	216
Sunday Evening	182
Wednesday Evening	84
Contribution	\$7,355.82

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS-FEBRUARY

Men-----Old Mexico
 Ladies-----Roaring 50's

*Dear Garland Street,
 "It's been 27 years, what an eventful journey!" From the day I was greeted by JW Hamby at the bus stop, to my first Sunday at church. Welcomed by brothers like Austin Meriwether and Claude May to my last day working at Garland. For the first time in my life I learned how to appreciate my job. I love the brotherhood at Garland dearly, and I'm glad I was able to have been of service for so many years.*

*In Christian Love,
 Tim Zepeda*

*To the Garland Street Church of Christ,
 I thank you for the cheer basket. I appreciated and enjoyed it so much. It is a very thoughtful thing to do.*

Jewel Loafman

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 Night February 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Season's Way Tea Room. The guest speaker is Melody Huffman of Lubbock and theme is "Drawing Nearer to God" .

Ladies' Signup sheets for 2010 are on the table in the foyer. We have 1 month in the nursery open, Daily Bread has 5 months available and Kitchen needs helpers in December and January. PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP!

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal this week will be pizza, salad, and dessert. 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.

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.

HILLTOPPERS: GAME NIGHT-- We will have a game night in the fellowship hall Friday: February 12 at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks and your favorite game.

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

Congratulations to our new brother in Christ: Monte Neil was baptized Sunday night. His parents are Glenn and Michelle Neil.

February Birthday's

MONTE NEIL	02/01
JUDY BUCHANAN	02/01
LARRY GOLDEN	02/02
BOBBY SMITH	02/02
CYNTHIA MONROE	02/03
FAE STEVENS	02/04
CHANNING SNIPES	02/05
SHERRY REESE	02/06
DORIS BILLINGSLEY	02/07
TERRY NOEL	02/10
KATELYN BROWN	02/11
JIMMY HOLMES	02/11
RITA HOLMES	02/12
BETTY CRISWELL	02/13
NANCY DOUGHERTY	02/14
FRANCES MASON	02/14
GLADYS ROBERTS	02/16
ANNE NICHOLAS	02/17
KRISTEN TRUE	02/17
BENNY GARCIA	02/17
MARIA ARROYO	02/19
PETRONILA ZEPEDA	02/20
JEREMY WATSON	02/20
MARIE WALKER	02/20
K'LEE BETH GONZALES	02/22
JOAN FORD	02/23
KATE BERTELSON	02/23
ANGIE BENNETT	02/23
LYTTON STARK	02/25
GREG MAY	02/25
DALE MICKEY	02/27

In Our Prayers

Kay Phillips, Ryan Melton, 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

Kay Phillips is in room 220 at Plainview Covenant Hospital. She had a reaction to her medication.

Ernest Bell was scheduled to have an angiogram Tuesday morning in Lubbock.

Weldon Melton's nephew, **Ryan Melton** is in M.I.C.U. at Lubbock Covenant Hospital He is having complications from his MS.

Colby Chappell's dad, **Robert Chappell** broke his hip Saturday and was scheduled to have surgery Monday.

Ruby Rogers is having problems with her hip that may require surgery.

Kelley Brown's mother, **Patricia Wilson** passed away Wednesday, January 27. She lived in Wolfforth.

Gary Hull's brother, **Harry Hull** passed away Tuesday, January 26 in Bastrop. Please keep Gary and his family in your prayers. This is the brother that just lost his wife a week ago.

Inez Sooter's brother-in-law, **Bobby Jones** has a blockage in his colon.

Mattie Lou Ellis has been moved to the Prairie House to regain her strength. She would love to have visitors.

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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ELDER OF THE MONTH: Mike Allison

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Mark True

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