

THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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Not Just a Book for Preachers

Some seem to have the idea that the Bible is only a book for preachers to find a text in. I have known some preachers whose sermons showed that is what they thought. They selected a text and never got back to it or else paid no attention to its context.

Preachers have no monopoly on understanding the Bible. Preachers gain knowledge of the Bible in the same way as anyone else, through study. It is a mistake to think of **preachers** as apostles. The apostles were inspired by the Holy Spirit to receive revelation. Since revelation has been completed we have no living inspired men today. We have an inspired book. The inspired prophets and prophets and apostles still function through the Word.

How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit (Eph. 3:3-5).

Paul received it by revelation and wrote what he received to the Ephesians. He told them that when they read the epistle they would know as much as he knew. If the Ephesians, by reading, could know as much as Paul, then may we not by the same means know as much as any preacher. The preacher learns what he knows by reading and others may read and know in the same thing. All any preachers knows is what he can read in the Bible. I know there are some that claim to know things they cannot read in the Bible, but this is a false claim.

My father had about a fifth grade formal education. The president of a Bible college preached in a meeting

and stayed in our home. He later said to me: "Your father knows more Bible than any teacher I have." His independent study of the Bible and his wonderful knowledge of it has been a source of inspiration to me. It has confirmed my faith in my ability to understand the Scriptures if I will apply myself.

Study the Bible

If one studies math, he needs a math book. If one studies language, he needs a language book. We seem to have forgotten this when we come to the study of the Bible. Instead of studying the Bible, we start looking for a book or books about the Bible. There is nothing wrong in using other material to aid one's study of the Scriptures, but books should never become a substitute for the Scriptures. The Bible is right. What is written by men may be right but it may also be wrong.

The Bible is the best interpreter. Take some time and read the quotations in the New Testament from the Old Testament and notice how the quotes interpret the Old Testament passages. If inspired men used Scripture to interpret Scripture, why do we think we can improve on God's method? What is often made difficult and confusing by some commentary is made simple when one lets the Bible do the interpreting. Remember, the Bible is inspired and all books of men are uninspired. When one reads the Bible and lets it unfold its message, his faith is built on the rock of divine truth and not human wisdom. What men say may be right, but it may also be wrong. Make the Bible your book. You make it your book only by personal study. No one can take your place in this work. Do not depend on anyone else.

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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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| Feb. 24 | Ladies' Bible Class
Wednesday Night Meal |
| Feb. 25 | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| Feb. 28 | Special Speaker-
Freddie Anderson
Crayons for Smileboxes |
| Mar. 3 | Ladies' Bible Class
Wednesday Night Meal |
| Mar. 4 | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| Mar. 7 | Benevolence Pick Up
Small Groups |
| Mar. 10 | Ladies' Bible Class
Wednesday Night Meal |
| Mar. 11 | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| Mar. 12 | Porterfield-Chappell Wedding
Hilltoppers-Hereford &
Umbarger |
| Mar. 17 | NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT
MEAL-Spring Break |
| March 21 | Small Groups |



March Birthday's

BRANDON JOY	03/01
ROBERTA TURNER	03/01
LAUREL CHANEY	03/03
SUMMER COLEMAN	03/04
BRAYDEN HEATH WRIGHT	03/09
SHEILA ALEXANDER	03/10
ASHLYN BYRD	03/10
DAN DAVIS	03/11
JEANNA BARNES	03/11
JANIS HORTON	03/12
GEORGE SLONE	03/13
LEO PHILLIPS	03/15
BEVERLY MCDONALD	03/15
DORIS HEARN	03/17
FAITH REDIES	03/18
PATTI ALLISON	03/18
EVELYN LINDSEY	03/19
MEAGAN RAY	03/19
TANNER MONROE	03/19
TAYLEE WATSON	03/22
RONALD GAMMAGE	03/25
THOMAS CURRY JR	03/26
VICKI STOKES	03/27
LANA BRANAM	03/28
ROBERT PITTS	03/28
RONNIE TAYLOR	03/30

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010**

Song Leader:	Otto Schacht
Announcements:	Bobby Ross
First Prayer:	Scott Clevenger
Closing Prayer:	Jerry Settle
Communion Scripture Reading:	Weldon Melton
Lord's Table:	Hayden Alexander
	Jimmy Barnes
	Robert Barnes
	Steve Barrett
	Neal Becker
	Neil Billingsley
	Dee Blevins
	Luke Carpenter
Evening Opening Prayer:	Raymon Hackett
Evening Closing Prayer:	Grady Simmons
Westridge:	Lonnie Jones
Prairie House:	Larry Hamby
Communion To Shut-Ins	Rodney Hearn
Jail: 3/02	JW Hamby
Sound Board:	Neal Becker
Computer:	
NLB Teachers: Fri. 2/26-Luke Carpenter & Mike Allison	
Wed. 3/03-Brandon Joy & Lonnie Jones	

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	2/21/10
Bible Study	146
Sunday Morning	239
Sunday Evening	173
Wednesday Evening	89
Contribution	\$7,048.00

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS-FEBRUARY

Men- Old Mexico
 Ladies- -Roaring 50's



Luther & Flo Hildebrand, Dallas, TX
 Margie Smith, Plainview, TX
 Will Blackmon, Childress, TX
 Ashlyn Fisher, Lubbock, TX

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 28 all classes Jr. High, High School and all Adult will meet in the auditorium for Bible Class. Freddie Anderson will be a guest speaker that day and will bring the bible class lesson, and both the lessons for the am and pm services.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS: There will be a meeting before evening services Sunday, February 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please let Brandon or Clint know if you will be unable to attend. Spouses are encouraged to attend also.

Ladies, we need help with Daily Bread for the months of September, October, November and December. A couple of months still need nursery helpers. Sign up sheets are on the table in the foyer.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal will be baked ziti. Serving is from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. **HELP! We need cooks and helpers for the April 28 meal.** Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you would like to help.

SMILES BOXES: We will be taking up school supplies for Nicaragua again this year. We will do this the last Sunday of each month. February 28 will be CRAYON Sunday. Bring your CRAYONS and put them in the clear box in the foyer.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. We will be collecting paper towels for the Children's Home of Lubbock. Please bring your donations to the office by Sunday, April 4.

BLOOD DRIVE: We will sponsor a blood drive Wednesday, March 31 from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Adult 3 classroom a sign up sheet is on the table in the foyer.

HILLTOPPERS: Friday, March 12 we will be going to Hereford to see Paul and Mary Frisbie then to Umbarger for a fish supper. More information will follow.

AREA WIDE YOUTH RALLY

The youth will be going to the Area-Wide Youth Rally on March 7 at 5:00 pm. Scott Prather, youth minister at Big Spring Church of Christ will be the guest speaker. Dinner will be served. Please sign up in the High School room if you will be attending. **YOU MUST RSVP** by Wednesday, March 3. We will be taking the church van and will leave at 4:15.

In Our Prayers

Linda Wilson, Joanne Underwood, Luther Hildebrad, Manuela Ayala, Jane Bynum, Katie Whiston, Claude May, The Melton Family, Marie Clevenger, 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, Terry Underwood, Harlan Dizmag, Tommy Sherman, Wayne Kennedy, Lisa Haynes, 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, Jim Adams, Beverly Kimbrough, Wesley Everidge, Billie Goree, Leon Watson, Carolyn Johnson, Our Soldiers

*It is with joy that we,
Annette Porterfield
and
Colby Chappell
invite you to share
in the celebration of love
as we exchange our marriage vows
on Friday, the twelfth of March
Two thousand and ten
at six o'clock in the evening
Garland Street Church of Christ
Plainview, Texas*

Reception immediately following

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Ben Foster fell and broke his hip Friday. He is in Lubbock Covenant Hospital in room S267. He maybe able to return to Prairie House early this week.

Weldon Melton's nephew, **Ryan Melton** passed away Sunday. His services will be Friday, February 26 at 1:00 at the First Christian Church. 2323 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas.

Scott Clevenger's mother, **Marie Clevenger** has a penicillin resistant staph infection in her sinus.

Bobbie Rawdon's father-in-law, **Louie Rawdon** passed away. His services were Tuesday.

Erma Mickey's brother-in-law, Luther Hildebrad had a heart attack Sunday and had a stent put in at Lubbock Covenant Hospital. He will have another stent put in later this week.

Billy Kennedy's nephew, **Wayne Kennedy** has been put under hospice care.

Mattie Lou Ellis is in room 126 at the Sante Fe House.

Claude May is home after spending a few days in the Heart Hospital in Lubbock. He had a defibulator put in.

Bobbie Griffin started chemo Monday.

Manuela Ayala is in the hospital here in Plainview with pneumonia. She is in room 214.

Lonnie Jones, former co-worker, **Mario Gel**, request that we pray for his grandmother who is very ill in Costa Rica.

Shelly Melton's mother, **Jane Bynum** had a massive stroke last Wednesday. She has been placed under the care of hospice.

Doris Billingsley's sister-in-law, **Katie Whiston's** cancer has spread to her liver. She has been placed under hospice care.

Inez Sooter's brother-in-law, **Bobby Jones** has a severe infection in his lungs.

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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