

In Our Prayers

Dale Mickey, Opal Yarbrough, Armando Alaniz, 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 Dizmang, Tommy Sherman, Lisa Haynes, Janie Lopez, The Alexander Family, Ann Lyles, Charlie Mickey, Bob Barnett, Dorothy Bradley, Judy Chambliss, Janis Horton, Dub Mercer, Tweet Moore, Cleo Crutchfield, 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

Opal Yarbrough is in Plainview Covenant Hospital.

Dale Mickey is in room 563 at Lubbock Lakeside Hospital with an infection. He is on very strong antibiotics and will be in the hospital till at least Friday or Saturday.

Joy Johnson will see the retina eye specialist in Lubbock Monday.

Claude May was scheduled to have a stent replaced Tuesday in Lubbock.

Alva Gonzales' brother, **Armando Alaniz** has been diagnosed with cancer. He will begin his chemo as soon as he has his port put in.

Ben Foster is at Prairie House. **Betty Foster** has a sinus and lung infection. Please keep them in your prayers.

Billy Kennedy's nephew, **Wayne Kennedy** passed away last Thursday. His services will be Thursday in Amarillo.

Bobbie Griffin started chemo last Monday.

Manuela Ayala is home from the hospital.

Inez Sooter's brother-in-law, **Bobby Jones** infection has cleared up. He is still to ill to be moved to a specialty hospital.

Linda Wilson is in ICU at Plainview Covenant Hospital with pneumonia and congestive heart failure. She asks for prayers.

Waylon Johnson's sister, **Betty Webb** has been moved to the BSA Hospice Center in Amarillo.

Please keep **Kenny Frankenberg** in your prayers. He will have surgery Tuesday, March 2 in Amarillo. This surgery will be very difficult because of his many health issues. He is a very close friend to Dwight and Becky Watson.

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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MINISTER:

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Neal Becker

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Brent Wells

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Fantasizing: Destruction from the Inside Out

A beautiful apple sits on the table. Bright red in color. Firm. Glossy and appealing. Then, one day a hole suddenly appears—a wormhole. Where did it come from? There were no worms in the house. Where did the worm come from that broke through the glossy red peeling and corrupted the fruit of the apple?

Scientists have discovered that, in many cases, the worm comes from inside the apple! An insect lays an egg in the apple blossom. Later, the worm hatches in the heart of the apple. Then it eats its way out, ruining the heart and substance of the apple and only later becoming visible to those who see only the outside of the apple.

What that worm does to the physical apple—destroying it from the inside out—is what the wrong kind of thought can do to our spiritual lives and our souls. Hence, Solomon's warning to his son and to all of us, young and old: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23).

The impure thoughts that we have—the immoral fantasizing—can steadily and progressively spoil our hearts and eat away our spiritual substance, in some cases long before the sin shows itself in such a way that others can see that sin in our lives.

We tell ourselves that if others cannot see a wormhole, then it is okay to have the worm! We convince ourselves that, if the wormhole is not showing through the surface, no real harm is done to the inside of the apple. We delude ourselves into thinking that if the worm has not made it through to the surface, we have that worm under control so that it will not

reach the surface. It is a grave mistake to underestimate the sin of fantasizing. Our thought can spiritually ruin us from the inside out.

This is especially true when we allow our minds to concentrate on, and fantasize about, things that are not morally pure and wholesome.

We cannot be pleasing to God with impure thoughts and imaginings. We need to fully understand that God knows what we think. Through the prophet Ezekiel God made that perfectly clear when He said "...for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them" (Ezek. 11:5). The Lord told Solomon the same thing: "...the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts..." (1 Chr. 28:9). The Psalmist said: "The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man..." (Psa. 94:11).

God knows what we think, and God cares what we think. The reason God decided to destroy the world by water was that God saw: "...that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5).

And, it should not be surprising that on Solomon's "short list" of things that are an abomination to God is included a heart filled with wrong thoughts: "An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations..." (Prov. 6:18).

If we desire to be acceptable and pleasing to our God, we must understand that the Scriptures tell us that we cannot please God with an impure heart. We fool ourselves, but certainly not God, if we think we can do that. God sees and hates the worm—long before it surfaces in the very predictable wormhole.

Stan Crowley

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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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| Mar. 3 | Ladies' Bible Class
Wednesday Night Meal |
| Mar. 4 | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| Mar. 7 | Benevolence Pick Up
Small Groups
Youth to Abernathy |
| Mar. 10 | Ladies' Bible Class
Wednesday Night Meal |
| Mar. 11 | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| Mar. 12 | Porterfield-Chappell Wedding
Hilltoppers-Hereford &
Umbarger |
| Mar. 14 | Daylight Savings Time Begins |
| Mar. 17 | NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT
MEAL—Spring Break |
| March 21 | Small Groups |
| Mar. 31 | Blood Drive |
| April 4 | Benevolence Pick Up
Small Groups |

Small Groups–March 7

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

**Group 2-Stokes & Miller at 5:00 at the Dougherty's home–
1404 Wayland**

**Group 3-Byrd & Ross at noon at the Simmons' home– 207 N. W.
Alpine**

**Group 4-Becker & Wells at 5:00 at the Becker's home-1210
Yonkers**

**Group 5-Billingsley & J. Hamby at 5:00 at J W Hamby's home
1305 Zephyr**

**Group 6-Lindsey & Freeman at 5:00 pm at Schacht's home-1315
Garland**

**Group 7-Melton & True at noon in the fellowship hall for a
brown bag lunch with the meeting to follow**

Group 8-Harmon & Settle at noon at the Settle's home

**Group 9-Allison & Glenn at 3:30 pm at the Robertson's home-
7209 W. U. S. Hwy 70**

**Group 10-Patterson & Joy at the home of Garrett and Lindsie
Mathis-391 FM 2301, Lockney, Texas**

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

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

Song Leader:	Jimmy Holmes
Announcements:	Steve Stokes
First Prayer:	Otto Schacht
Closing Prayer:	Neal Becker
Communion Scripture Reading:	Clint Patterson
Lord's Table:	Deryl Clevenger Scott Clevenger Todd Criswell Marion Cross Thomas Curry JR. Lee Dougherty Denver Ford Doug Freeman
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:	Lockdown until 3-21

MARCH-2010

Nursery Workers: Debbie Hearn & Judy Purdon
Kitchen: Nancy Leyendecker & Lupe Gonzales
Daily Bread: June Wells & Lori Carpenter

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	2/28/10
Bible Study	NC
Sunday Morning	255
Sunday Evening	122
Wednesday Evening	83
Contribution	\$7,815.45

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS-MARCH

Men- Old Mexico
Ladies -Pizza Hut

Welcome Visitors



Adolpho Alaniz, Plainview, Texas
Vernah Sprous, Plainview, Texas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal will be barbeque sandwiches, beans, chips, and desserts. Next week we will serve, ham, green beans with new potatoes, and dessert. Serving is from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

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.

Benevolence Pick Up will be Sunday, March 7. Men will be at the exit doors to take your donations.

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

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

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.

NLB TEACHERS: There has been a lockdown at the prison thru 3/21/10. There will be no classes. Our next scheduled class will be March 24 unless otherwise notified. Contact John McGavock if you have any questions.

Daylight Savings Time will begin Sunday, March 14.

AREA WIDE YOUTH RALLY IN ABERNATHY

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.

Thanks to each one who sent a card and to all that attended our 60th Wedding Anniversary. It meant so much to hear from each one and also was so glad to see ones that came.

*In Christian Love,
Joe & Helen McWhorter
Friona, Texas*