

THE MINUTE MESSENGER

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Decision of a Lifetime

After Elimilech and Naomi moved to Moab with their two sons, the sons found wives from among the people of Moab, Orpah and Ruth. Unfortunately, Elimilech soon died, and then his sons after him, leaving the women to fend for themselves. This was a desperate situation during this time. Naomi determined to return home to Israel to find family to help take care of her and suggested that Orpah and Ruth return to their families to find new husbands (Ruth 1:1-13). Orpah kissed Naomi goodbye and left, "but Ruth clave unto her" (Ruth 1:14). "And she said, Behold, thy sister in law has gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law. And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whiter thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part the and me" (Ruth 1:15-17).

In deciding to follow Naomi, Ruth was choosing to leave behind her own family and her own homeland to go to a place she had never been to look for

assistance and perhaps another husband from among people she had never met. Her love for Naomi was strong indeed, but it was her faith in Jehovah that made the difference in her life and in her decision. When people choose to become Christians, they sometimes must choose to leave family behind and embrace people as family they previously had not met. They must change looking to old friends for the help and support they need to assistance from the community of Christians. Most of all, they must learn not to base their decision on earthly relationships alone but primarily on the relationship they have with their Savior (Mt. 6:33). This is no simple task. However, it is the most important decision they will ever make. It will determine if they continue their walk with God or will simply return as Orpah did, to their previous sources of comfort and guidance. Ruth's decision was made for life, and so it must be for all or us. "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sister, yea, and his own life also, he can not be my disciple" (Luke 14:26).

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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. 17 | NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL-Spring Break |
| March 21 | Small Groups
Deacon Nominations Due at noon |
| Mar. 27 | McClure & Loafman Shower |
| Mar. 31 | Blood Drive |
| April 4 | Benevolence Pick Up |
| April 11 | Care and Share
J W Hamby's Life Group |
| April 18 | Install New Deacons
Small Groups |
| April 25 | Fourth Sunday Meal
And 1:00 Service |
| May 2 | Benevolence Pick Up
Small Groups |
| May 8 | Romero-Watson Shower |
| May 9 | J W Hamby's Life Group |

Small Groups–March 21

Group 1-L. Hamby at 12:30 at the Hearn's home-2609 W. 17th

**Group 2-Stokes & Miller at 5:00 at the Redies' home–
1205 Garland**

**Group 3-Byrd & Ross-will meet at noon at the building .
Watch your emails for more information**

**Group 4-Becker & Wells at 5:00 at the June Well's home-1301
Borger**

**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 Corrales' home –
2803 W. 11th**

**Group 7-Melton & True at 5:00 the Brunson's home-
1248 FM 400**

Group 8-Harmon & Settle will meet at noon at the building

Group 9-Allison & Glenn

**Group 10-Patterson & Joy at 5:30 in 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 14ERVE
SUNDAY, March 21, 2010**

Song Leader:	Weldon Melton
Announcements:	Brent Wells
First Prayer:	John McGavock
Closing Prayer:	Bobby Byrd
Communion Scripture Reading:	Dee Blevins
Lord's Table:	Deryl Clevenger
	Scott Clevenger
	Todd Criswell
	Marion Cross
	Thomas Curry JR.
	Lee Dougherty
	Denver Ford
	Doug Freeman
Evening Opening Prayer:	John Peck
Evening Closing Prayer:	J. D. James
Westridge:	Mike McDonough
Prairie House:	Larry Golden
CommunionTo Shut-Ins	Brent Wells
Jail: 3/23	J W Hamby
Sound Board:	Bobby Ross
Computer:	
NLB Teachers: Lockdown until 3-21	
Wed. 3-24-Brandon Joy and Jim Gambrell	

MARCH-2010

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

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	3/14/10
Bible Study	108
Sunday Morning	188
Sunday Evening	88
Wednesday Evening	83
Contribution	\$4,930.50

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS-MARCH

Men- Old Mexico
 Ladies--Pizza Hut

*To the Church at Garland Street,
 Thank you so much for the thoughtful words,
 cards, and prayers that you all sent for
 Shelby. Shelby is such a blessing and we are
 so blessed to have her back home with us: al-
 most as if nothing ever happened. We are also
 blessed to have friends in Christ like you.*

*In Christian Love,
 Caleb and Summer Wilson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, March 17 we will not serve a meal because of Spring Break.

Sunday, March 21 at noon is the deadline to submit your names for deacons.

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.

Small Groups will meet Sunday, March 21.

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. Contact John McGavock if you have any questions.

Benevolence Pick Up will be Sunday, April 4.

Men will be at the exit door to take your donations following the morning service.

J W Hamby's Life Group will meet Sunday, April 11.

Care an Share will meet Sunday, April 18 following evening services.

Sunday, April 18 we will install new deacons.

Sunday, April 25 we will have our Fourth Sunday Fellowship meal followed by the afternoon service. Elder and deacons in charge are Mike Allison, Mark True and Brent Wells.

Garland Street will install new deacons on April 18, 2010

We will follow the time line below:

March 7th – Start accepting names from the Congregation for the office of deacon;

March 21st – Final day for the Congregation to submit names for the office of deacon;

March 21st-----> April 4 – elders to Interview candidates for deacon;

April 4th Present candidates for deacon for congregation to consider and comment on the proposed deacons scriptural qualifications;

April 18 – Install new deacons

In Our Prayers

Loreta McBee, Mattie Lou Ellis, Dale Mickey, Ben & Betty Foster, Vicky Rodriguez, Opal Yarbrough, Armando Alaniz, Linda Wilson, Joann Underwood, Manuela Ayala, Jane Bynum, Katie Whiston, Marie Clevenger, Bobby Jones, Dorothy Mitchell, Cindy Valentine, Dorothy Bradley, Louise McDaniel, Mike Deso, 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, 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

You Are Invited To A
Bridal Shower
Honoring
Rachel McClure
Bride elect of Rance Loafman
Saturday, March 27, 2010
10:00-11:30
1210 Yonkers, Plainview, Texas

Selections at: Evelene's Imports, Life's Blessings, Bed, Bath and Beyond, and JC Penney

Hostesses:

Marjorie Atlas	Lisa Becker*
Laura Graham	Lisa Horne
Denise Kellum	Lisa Miller
Virginia Malone	Mary True
Tonjua Smith	Lori Wells
June Wells	Vickie Young

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Phyllis Brocks' son, **Eddie Ransom** passed away Saturday.

Lee Dougherty's grandmother, **Pearl Wood** has been moved to Bivins Nursing Home in Amarillo.

Tessa Barrett's stepmother, **Tami Robinson** passed away Saturday.

Judy Chambliss will have a IPD catheter put in this week. This will allow her to have home dialysis. Her stepmother, **Kathryn Smith** is in Lubbock Covenant Hospital for tests.

Pattie Allison's mother is in the hospital in Oklahoma.

Mattie Lou Ellis is back at Santa Fe House. Lupe Corrales' cousin, **Vicky Rodriguez** has cancer and started chemo last Monday.

Loreta McBee is at home with a respiratory infection.

Dale Mickey came home from the hospital Monday March 8.

Alva Gonzales' brother, **Armando Alaniz** was not able to start his chemo. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers.

Betty Foster was moved Friday to the Plainview Healthcare Center on 24th. She will be there for two weeks.

Inez Sooter's brother-in-law, **Bobby Jones** has been moved to Southwest Regional Specialty Hospital.

Dr. Landria Smith passed away Monday, March 8. His services were Wednesday. He served as an elder here at Garland Street for over 18 years.

Darla King asks for prayers for her grandson. He is 3 1/2 years old and only weighs 20 pounds.

Grady Simmons' friend, **Sherry Adams** has cancer and has started chemo.

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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