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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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| April 9 | Group 10-Cookout at The Joy's |
| April 11 | J W Hamby's Life Group
Elders Meeting
Care and Share |
| 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
Care and Share
Mother's Day |
| May 16 | Small Groups |
| May 30 | Fifth Sunday |
| June 5 | Austin Heights Ladies' Day |

A Preacher Who Wouldn't Do

A church was in need of a preacher. One of the elders was interested in finding out just what kind of a preacher the church wanted. In order to do this he composed a letter as though it had been received from a preacher and read it to the committee selecting a new preacher.

"Gentlemen:"

"Understanding that you need a preacher, I would like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications that I think you would appreciate. I have been blessed to preach with power and have some success as a writer. Some say that I am a good organizer. I have been a leader in most places I have gone.

Some folks, however, have some things against me. I am over fifty years of age. I have never preached in one place for more than three years at a time. In some places I have left town after my work caused riots and disturbances. I have to admit that I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any wrong-doing. My health is not

too good, though I still get a good deal done. I have had to work at my trade to help pay my way.

The churches I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities. I have not gotten along to well with the religious leaders in different towns where I have preached, and I am sure that they will not recommend me. In fact, some of them have threatened me, taken me to court, and even attacked me physically. I am not too good at keeping records. I have been known even to forget whom I have baptized. However, if you can use me, I shall do my best for you, even if I have to work to help with my support."

The elder read this letter to the committee, and asked if they were interested in the applicant. They replied that he would never do for their congregation. They were not interested in any unhealthy, trouble-making, contentions, ex-jailbird, and were insulted that his application had ever been presented! But one of them did ask the preacher's name, and the elder replied, "The Apostle Paul."

Author Unknown

The following men meet the qualifications listed in 1: Timothy 3 to serve as deacons in the Lord's church.

They are:

Brandon Joy-wife Dana

Scott Harmon-wife Susan

John McGavock-wife Venita

Clint Patterson-wife Laura

If anyone knows of a scriptural reason why any of them cannot serve, please either go talk with them or come talk with the elders.

If there are no scriptural objections, they will be installed as deacons April 18.

Please pray for these men and their families.

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010**

Song Leader:	Mike Allison
Announcements:	Bobby Byrd
First Prayer:	Dee Blevins
Closing Prayer:	Scott Clevenger
Communion Scripture Reading:	Steve Barrett
Lord's Table:	Jim Gambrell
	Ron Gammage
	Jimmie Glenn
	Charles Godfrey
	Larry Golden
	Charlie Gonzales
	Bobby Griffin
	Keenan Harmon
Evening Opening Prayer:	Doug Freeman
Evening Closing Prayer:	Raymon Hackett
Westridge:	Bobby Byrd
Prairie House:	Charles Massie
Communion To Shut-Ins	Lonnie Jones
Jail: 4/13	J W Hamby
Sound Board:	Nathan Leyendecker
Computer:	Gary Hull
NLB Teachers: Fri. 4-9	Neil Billingsley & Mike Allison
Wed/ 4-14:	Jimmy Holmes & John McGavock

APRIL-2010

Nursery Workers: Vada Mast & Jeanea Barnes
Kitchen: :Lori Carpenter & Vada Mask
Daily Bread: Becky Watson & Jill Golden

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	04/04/10
Bible Study	207
Sunday Morning	298
Sunday Evening	NC
Wednesday Evening	NC
Contribution	\$7,436.60

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS-APRIL

Men- Old Mexico
 Ladies IHOP

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

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal:

Hawaiian Stack and dessert.

GROUP 10: Patterson-Joy group will have a cookout this Friday at 6:00 p.m. at the Joy's home (2403 Magan).

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

Elders meeting Sunday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m.

Care an Share will meet Sunday, April 11 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.

Graduates it is time to get your pictures into the office.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS PLEASE TURN YOUR TIME AND PLACE FOR APRIL 18 MEETING. Your attendance needs to be turned into the office on Monday following your meeting.

Welcome Visitors



LaJuana Curry, Lubbock, TX
Jessica Olson, Amarillo, TX
Jennie & Ashleigh Reese, Lubbock,
Jennifer Miller, Silvertown, TX
Lance Sheets, Lubbock, TX

Garland Street will install new deacons on April 18, 2010

We will follow the time line below:

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

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Bobbie Rawdon is out of the hospital and back at her daughter's home in McKinney. **Donna Baker** went home from the hospital Tuesday. She has restarted rehab. She is in a great deal of pain that they think is caused by a nerve and should go away in a few days.

Jeremy and Katie Wright's son, **Brayden** had surgery to place tubes in his ears Friday in Lubbock.

Alva Gonzales' brother, **Armando Alaniz** will not be able to start chemo. He has been placed on Hospice.

Betty Foster has moved to a retirement center in McKinney. Please keep her in your prayers.

Becky Watson's great niece, **Ashley Karlin** is in ICU at Dallas Children's Hospital. She has thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura. She is having plasma exchanges and dialysis. She is breathing on her own and her blood pressure is down but still not following with her eyes. Hopefully this will change as the swelling at the base of brain goes down.

*To my dear, dear Garland Street Family,
Thank you so much for my bible. It
will of course be used greatly.*

*I want you all to know that my deci-
sion to move came with very much of a
heavy heart to leave this loving family
here. You are truly the only church home
I have ever had. You have all been a huge
part of the good and bad times in my life.
You have taught me what God's idea of a
church does for our lives.*

*You helped me to raise Laci and Can-
dice who are continuing another generation
of believers because of all of you who spent
your time teaching these children.*

*May God bless each and everyone of
you for all these blessings in our lives and
helping us to press on to the Goal.*

*I love each one of you with all my
heart.*

*In Him,
Christi Durham*



Mother/Daughter Girls Night Out For Middle
and High School Girls and their moms on
April 24.

We will be painting pottery at the
Mud Room in Lubbock.
More details to follow.

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: Neil Billingsley

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Jimmy Barnes

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