

FAMILY MESSENGER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:45 a.m.
Worship	10:45 a.m.
Worship	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Meal	6:00 p.m.
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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No Time For God

*You've time to build houses, and in them dwell,
And time to do business—to buy and to sell;
But none for repentance, or deep earnest prayer,
To seek your salvation you've no time to spare.*

*You've time for earth's pleasures, for frolic and fun,
For her glittering treasures, how quickly you run;
but care not to seek the fair mansion above,
The favor of God or the gift of His love.*

*You've time to take voyages over the sea,
And time to take in the world's jubilee;
But soon your bright hopes will be lost in the gloom,
Of the cold, dark river of death and the tomb.*

*You've time to resort to the mountain and glen,
And time to gain knowledge from books and from men;
Yet no time to search for the wisdom of God,
But what of your soul when you're under the sod?*

*For time will not linger when helpless you lie,
Staring death in the face, you will take time to die;
Then, what of the judgment—pause, think, I implore!
For time will be lost on eternity's shore.*

-Selected-

Guest Article...

Are You Covered?

All kinds of insurance is available to those who are willing to pay the price. There is health insurance, life insurance, car insurance, liability insurance, home owners insurance, flood insurance, theft insurance, etc... Some buy all the kinds they can in order to have themselves fully covered and many insurance companies spend lots of money on advertising to convince us how much they can save us if we switch over to them. But in the process of insuring what is relative to this life, is as much thought always given to the life to come? Of all the possessions to insure and disasters to insure against, the greatest catastrophe is to have no provision relative to eternal life (note Luke 12:20-21). Some of the things we might get covered for in this life may never happen: fire, flood, theft, etc.. However, the fact this life will have its end is something we cannot avoid and therefore need to be prepared. For that you need the coverage only God can provide. There is an “Eternal Life Insurance” policy already paid for by our Lord, but we must be in Him in order to receive the benefits. Are you covered?

In his letter to the church at Rome, Paul (citing Psalm 32:1-2) encouraged, “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” (Romans 4:7-8 ESV). In Christ this provision has been adequately secured. Peter noted that “love covers a multitude of sins” (1 Peter 4:8). Though Peter was noting the kind of love we are to exercise, this is most assuredly true regarding the great love of God in providing the complete forgiveness we need. Though the life insurance of this realm may help the family with expenses and support when we are gone, God’s “Eternal Life” insurance pays us the benefit beyond this realm. Praise God, in Christ, He has us covered!

-Carl Hanson-

Please Pray For...

Mary Hasselman is seeing her specialist this week to discuss her options on surgery. Please pray that they will be able to do the less evasive form of surgery for her. **Lonny Goff** will be taking treatment for his thyroid cancer on February 1st at TMC. Please cover him in prayer. **Lyndon Mincey** was recently in the Durant hospital where he underwent a procedure to put two stints in his heart. He is home and we wish him a speedy recovery. **Jill Muegge** fell and broke her ankle and hurt her back. Please keep her and Francis and Sue in your prayers. Others to pray for are: **Doyle Garrison, Louise James, Lauren Albright, Pauline Maxwell, Geovanti Orta, Jill Muegge J.W. Bennett, Mack Purnell, Jim Wilson, Cory Jones, Loyd Upchurch, Martha Ayres, Lillie Hallmark, Pansy Henson, Lucy Ette Ayres, Mary Huebsch, Joseph Chidester, Larry & Bettie Goff, Don & Louise Newton, Nathan Couch, Carolyn Beadles, Kevin Jenkins, Jacob Jones, Sandra Fort, Dee McGlaughn, Ashley Bradbeary, Lloyd Harkins, Scott Dutton, Victor Jefferson, Ron Kelley, Patricia Kelley, Carroll Davis, Karen Herndon, Colton Contreas, Hubert Baker, Damion Meitzene, Isa Smith, Michael Thomas Gray, Terry Simpson, Ethan Sliger, George Barr, Joni McCulloch, Donna Anderson, Martha Stafford, James Willis, Eva Woodley, Sarah Barnes, Frank Mitchell, Dr. Shannon Goodwin/Chambers, Will Cook, & Lisa Brimcombe.**

Upcoming Events—January

20 - Wed. Night Meal will be “Cornbread & Stew.”

27 - Wed. Night Meal will be “Breakfast Food.”

*“Be assured, if you walk with Him
and look to Him, and expect help
from Him, He will never fail you.”*

- George Mueller



TexomaLand Lectures!

The Howe Church of Christ in Howe, Texas invites us to attend their 25th Annual TexomaLand Lectureship on February 21-24, 2016. The theme is *“Proverbs: Words For and From The Wise.”*

The lectureship will begin on Sunday, February 21st at 9:00 a.m. and will be held each evening at 7:00 p.m. Guest speakers include: Toby Soechting, Don Tarbet, Jess Whitlock, Mike Dickison, Jon Smith, and C.E. Shaw. Mark this date on your calendar you don't want to miss it!



Family Fun Day

Plans are being made for us to have a “Family Fun Day” to see the Frisco Rough Riders Baseball game July 29-30, 2016. The cost is \$20 per person and includes the following:

- Premium seats at the baseball game.
- All you can eat hot dogs, popcorn, and drinks.
- \$10 voucher for dessert or a souvenir.
- Fireworks after the game.

We will then spend the night and have the option of doing the following the next day: bowling, laser tag, miniature golf etc.

If you are wanting to attend please let John Thomas know by the deadline which is June 1, 2016.

30 Day Challenge

The church in Happy, Texas (yes that's the town name) has introduced the 30-Day Challenge in reading through the entire New Testament in just 30 days! This started out as a challenge for their congregation and has spread to a number of congregations and even one Christian University as well as many individuals. With all the challenges we see on Facebook etc. lets take up this challenge it may just change our world!



YOUTH UPDATE!

Winter Quest 2016 is officially in the books as of last weekend and with a record attendance of over 200 campers and staff it was an AWESOME weekend for 4 of our Madill teens as well as Courtney and I. This year's theme was *“The Story Telling God.”* Jesus often used the tool of a story or parable to convey a spiritual message. A “parable” has been defined as “an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.” The goal of our weekend was to take another look at some of Jesus' parables and consider how they might apply to our lives today. Jesus' parables were more than just stories, fables, or tales and, if we see them as such then we have surely missed the point.

Friday night began with dinner then singing songs of praise to our Lord. If you haven't experienced over 200 beautiful voices in the tiny camp chapel glorifying God in unison, it may be something you want to add to your bucket list! Saturday's time was filled with class sessions during the day. Campers had the choice of two topics/speakers per session each looking at one of Jesus' parables. A few of the parables we re-examined were: The Unforgiving Servant, The Prodigal Son, Parable of The Sower, The Persistent Widow, The Wise and Foolish Virgins, The Parable of The Fig Tree, and others. We had another class session Sunday morning before worship and before wrapping up at noon and heading back to our homes with all the new information and renewed spirits gained from the weekend. What a great time!

Teens, if you missed out on Winter Quest, you still have the chance to o to T3 with us on February 12014. See me for details. Don't miss out!

Make it a great week!

-John-

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Wednesday	75	nc	93
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	P.M. 25		
	Wed. 28		
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A Special Thanks!



To The Madill Church of Christ,
 Thank you for kindly providing the family with a location for us to have lunch and for serving the meal on the day of my husband James Atnip's memorial service. Your kind thoughts and sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you.

*Sincerely,
 Stacie Atnip*

Favorite Hymn of:

Dentists: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Meteorologists: "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"

Politicians: "Standing on thee Promises"

Optometrists: "Open My Eyes that I May See"

IRS Auditors: "All To Thee"

Electricians: "Send The Light"

Shoppers: "The Sweet Bye and Bye"

On The Lighter Side.....:)) Never Mind Him

One day Grandpappy was invited to preach for a big city church. He went and preached and after the service, he was greeting members at the back door. Everyone was courteous and said, "good sermon" except one fellow. At first, this guy said: "I don't want to say what I thought about that lesson." Then he went out and mingled with the other members and came back and said to him "that sermon was too long." He went out a second time and came back and said, "that sermon was disorganized." and then he said, "that sermon needed more scripture."

Finally, one deacon leaned over and whispered in Grandpappy's ear: "Don't mind him, preacher. He's the town fool. All he does is repeat what other people say."