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Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes?

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As you probably know, George Jones passed away last week. He was a legend in country music, having (among other notable accomplishments,) a number one single in each of the five decades from the 1950s through the 2000s.

One of the biggest George Jones hits was "Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes?" It is a song about the loss of several notable county music singers that wonders how country music will survive and flourish without their continued presence.

That is a question most pastors wonder every Sunday morning, as we look out over our flocks. The Church in America is aging and shrinking. Who is going to fill their shoes: the shoes of the faithful attenders, the faithful servants, the faithful givers? We are seeing a generation of churchmen and women pass from the scene, the likes of which we will not see again. Men and women who were shaped by the Great Depression and World War II, as well as other world events. These are men and women who know the power of poverty, hard work, and sacrifice. Combine those experiences with their faith in Jesus, and you have the generation of Christians on whose shoulders we stand--but those shoulders are now stooped by time. Who is going to fill their shoes?

It is time for you to step up, brothers and sisters. The Kingdom calls, the Kingdom demands. The Kingdom knows no excuse, not even yours. When I was a kid, I loved to go barefooted all summer. I honestly think the only time I put on shoes was to go to church. Kids can get by without wearing shoes, without having to fill shoes. Childhood is over. Put on your shoes. You may or may not be called to fill someone else's, but you are certainly called to leave some shoes for someone else to fill one day.

Special offerings

- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: our goal is \$2500.00, our giving as of April 24 \$1769.00
- A special offering is being taken in memory of Bill Finley to pay for transportation costs for taking donated food and other items to the Frank Banda ministry.
- A love offering is being taken as a retirement gift for Barry Taylor, the Lake Ivie Baptist Association Director of Ministries.

Navajo mission trip

If the Lord is leading you to go on the Navajo mission trip June 21-30, it's not too late to sign up. Please talk to Betty Smith (597-0740) for more information.

There will be an organizational meeting for everyone interested in May, date and time TBA.

Baby dedications planned for Father's Day, June 16

Father's Day next month will be a special day in our church as we witness parents and grandparents dedicating their babies and small children to the Lord.

Please contact Maurice Mallow (597-2373) if you would like to be a part of this service. We need to know in advance, as special gifts will be presented.

You do not have to be an FBC member to participate. Also, grandchildren who live in other towns are welcome.

Frank Banda ministry donations

Anyone wishing to donate items to Frank Banda in Mexico can continue to do so through Sunday, May 12. Ed Weber will be picking up all items from the church on that Sunday. Any items donated after that date will be held over until the next scheduled trip sometime in the fall.

This is the ministry that Bill Finley so dearly loved.

All of your contributions are sincerely appreciated.

Lake Ivie Baptist Association Quarterly Business Meeting

The Lake Ivie Baptist Association will hold their quarterly business meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at the First Baptist Church in Coleman.

Both the LIBA Executive Board and WMU will begin their meetings at 5:00. The associational meal will be held at 6:00 followed by the Associational Missions program at 6:45.

Mark your calendars now to come and find out what has been going on, and what will be going on within your association, and for a wonderful and blessed time of fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Welcome new members

Andy and Kim Howard

Elliotts return from China

Charlie and Becky Elliott returned from their work in China on April 9. One of their tasks was teaching English classes to university students. They also made individual contacts through a home Bible study.

On May 5, the Elliotts will host six students from China and their teacher at their ranch. Our church family is invited to join them at the ranch at 5:00 for a meal at 6:00 that Sunday. Please sign up to bring a food item.

Welcome home, Charlie and Becky!

Godly Impressions Preschool plans "graduation," registers for fall

by Kim Coleman

Godly Impressions Preschool is now registering for the fall semester! We are now offering two class options: 3 days a week or 5 days a week, both 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Registration forms can be picked up in the church office. Sign up fast, space is limited! September 4th at 9:00 am will be our first day of preschool.

The theme for May is "Bubbles, Boats, and Floats," the letters the children will be learning are Aa, and Dd, along with the number 19. Purple is the color of the month, and the children will be learning sign language for the words "water" and "alligator." Some of the bilingual words that will be learned include, "alligator," "water," "soap," "duck," and "rainbow." The Bible lesson the children will be learning is that God is all-powerful. Our Bible verse for the month is "He does great things too marvelous to understand." Job 9:10

On Friday, May 10, the children have invited their mothers or grandmothers to the preschool to share "Muffins for Mom" in honor of Mother's Day at 10:30. Then on May 17th, we will invite the fathers or grandfathers to come and share "Donuts for Dad" in honor of Father's Day at 10:30.

Wednesday, May 29, at 11:00 we will have our Preschool Program and Preschool Graduation in the church sanctuary. There will be a party in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the program. Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of this memorable moment. This will also be our last day of preschool until September.

This preschool has truly been a blessing from God! I cannot wait to see what He has in store for us next!



Youth ministry: leaving Egypt behind

Skylar Maley, Youth Minister

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We all know that Exodus is a book of the Bible, but is it more than just a book title? *Exodus* is actually “to exit or go away from.” The Israelites who were made slaves in Egypt by Pharaoh wanted to leave Egypt and cried out to God. God heard their cries and prayers and so sent Moses. We know that with God's help and guidance they were able to flee Egypt. The story also goes that they wandered the desert for 40 years. Some may say that is “jumping out of the frying pan and into the fire,” but God knew what He was doing. The Israelites may not have seen what God had planned, but it was for their best.

Some may think that to run away or leave something behind is a bad thing. Some may also think that what they have now, even though it is bad, is better than anything else. The Israelites may have thought that they would rather be in Egypt as slaves than wander around in the desert. But God knew that they were not meant to be slaves, so He brought them out. And even though it was not instantly easy for them, it was still better for them in the desert for 40 years wandering than to be slaves. Eventually God fulfilled His promises of delivering them to the Promised Land just like He said He would.

Now apply this concept to today and the lives we live. Are we in something that we know is not good but we still choose to stay? Do we keep doing something that is harming us or others? God says, “Stop and trust me to lead you out!” It may not be easy, it may be hard, but He wants your life to be better and not horrible! God keeps His promises, but we each have to trust that He will get us to that Promised Land in our life!

God bless and be with you all.

Women's ministries: A place for everyone

6th Annual Ladies Spring Luncheon

The Lake Ivie Baptist Association's W.M.U. held their 6th Ladies Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 27 at the First Baptist Church in Eden. Over 50 women were in attendance to enjoy a wonderful program presented by Aver Harreld, of Harreld of Praise Ministries. Aver shared the gospel through beautiful songs and a very moving testimony of how God changed her life. Following the program the ladies were treated to a tasty lunch served by our retiring Director of Missions, Barry Taylor, Ed Weber and David Dunn, the pastor at 7th Street Baptist Church in Ballinger. I believe a blessed time was had by all.

—Becky Weber

Thanks to Susan and Lynn for coordinating the Spring Fling luncheon on April 6. It was a beautiful time of fellowship.

Upcoming events for "Sassy Sisters":

- May 5, 4:30: planning meeting for May
- May 12, 9:00: Mother's Day brunch. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend. There is also a sign-up sheet for food.
- May 28, 5:30: Bring cookies for end-of-year gifts for teachers.
- May 29: Deliver cookies to all schools.
- July 12-13: retreat at Steton Creek Ranch: *When Wallflowers Dance: Becoming a Woman of Righteous Confidence*, a study by Angela Thomas. Cost is \$25.00 for workbook and extras!



Music ministry: My Master's voice

Tyler Cooper, Minister of Music

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This month I have been thinking about a sermon I had heard years ago. The sermon was themed "My Master's Voice".

I have recently adopted a dog from the local humane society, named Allen, and this little dog has reminded me of much. We saved the dog from the shelter, gave him a warm home and healthy food. We saved his life. Now, when I speak to him he recognizes my voice, and knows that it is me. If someone else speaks to my faithful companion, the response will never be the same.



The same goes for our faith. When we hear our Master's voice, the One who has rescued our own lives, we know it immediately. We may not know when it will come, or how, but we will recognize it nonetheless.

—Tyler

My goodness, the AWANA year had flown by! May 8 is our end of year open house and family meal. Our year has been a great success thanks to all the wonderful folks that shared their time to make this program work. Seeds were planted, friendships formed, and lives changed. Now we will take a much needed break and enjoy our summer. The next children's event will be VBS July 21-25

—Cynthia Reeves.



**Vacation
Bible School
July 21-25**



Girls in Action and Royal Ambassadors make a great pair! Find ways to bring your groups together this fall.



Mission Friends

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Wes Avant Tim Owens	3 Ethel Blackwell	4 Oleta Weaver Matthew Bishop
5 Sassy Sisters, 4:30; Deacons meeting; fellow- ship at Elliott Ranch, 5:00	6 Alton Roberts	7 Daniel Virdell	8 AWANA Family Night Edith Slaughter	9 Andy Howard	10 Food Distribution, 10:00-12:00 Terry Virdell	11 Geneva Stanley Josh Collier
12 Mother's Day brunch, 9:00; Business Meeting, 6:00 Cody Munden Crockett Jurius	13 Triple S lunch, noon, Fellowship Hall Pat Gary Emily Spurgen	14 Grace Class meet- ing, 3:00, FLC Wesley Virdell	15 Norma Ridout	16	17 Lynn Munden	18
19 All-church fellow- ship, 6:00.	20	21 LIBA quarterly meeting, FBC Coleman, 5:00 Sharon McDonald	22	23	24	25
26 Visitation, 6:00 Jeanagayle Behrens	27 Triple S meal and game night, 6:00 Teresa Felts Layne Avant	28	29 Preschool pro- gram and gradua- tion, 11:00	30 Arlan McBee Daryl Booth	31 Kelsey McAda	

Weekly Events

Sunday	
9:45 AM	Sunday School
10:50 AM	Morning Worship
6:00 PM	Evening Services/Events
Monday	
4:00 PM	Ladies Bible study home of Mary Ballew
6:30 PM	CWJC, Building Men for Christ
Wednesday	
7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast Presbyterian Church
5:30	AWANA, mission groups (last meeting May 8)
6:00	Prayer meeting/Bible study
5:45-6:30	Middle School Youth
6:30-7:00	Youth snack time
7:00-8:15	High School Youth
Thursday	
9:30-11:00	Quilting ministry , Grace Class Sunday School room

Deacons on call for May

Bobby Williams 597-7573
Rex Joslin 286-4526, 456-8080

Greeters for May

East Door
May 5 Jim and Betty Smith
May 12 Jackie and Jeanagayle Behrens
May 19 Rex and Geneva Joslin
May 26 Roy and Janet Guthrie
West Door: Youth

Broadcasts on KNEL 95.3 FM

Sunday morning: live broadcast at 11:00 AM

Weekdays: Morning Devotional at 7:45 AM

Thanks to Wanda Burns, Joyce Scott, Cynthia Reeves, Ida Owens, and Ken Young for recording devotionals in April.

May devotionals will be done by Jeanagayle Behrens, James Mallow, Gwen Bush, and Lynn Munden.

Food Ministry Report

April 2013

- 84 families
- 104 adults
- 57 children under 12
- 37 adults 65 and older

May food distribution will be Friday, May 10, from 10:00 to 12:00.



Upcoming Events

June 16 Father's Day and baby dedications

June 21-30 Navajo mission trip

July 12-13 Women's Retreat at Steton Creek Ranch

July 21-25 VBS

Pray without ceasing. . .

Carry each other's burdens,
and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 5:2

- our nation's leaders
- our members in the nursing homes
- our homebound members
- the lost and un-churched in our community
- Brady children & youth
- Our Sunday School
- Godly Impressions Preschool

Catherine Adams
Pam Beasley
Joyce Blackwell
Chelsea Brown
Marcus Burell
Betty Caraway
April Carson

Patsy Finley
Amanda Gutierrez
Louise Hammett
Jimmy Hodges
Wesley Hyitt
Curtis and Genna Jennings
Tammy Kirkland
Mike Lowery
Edna Myers
Pearl Nahkai
Paul and Connie Nix
Brian Owen
Tracy Parsley
Bobbye and Jerry Petty
Dorothy Reeves
Robert Houston Reeves
Alton and Destani Roberts
Ann Roberts
Betty Schaffner

Red and Kay Simpson
Jerry Slaughter
Mike and Laurie Slone
Opal Smyrl
Joy Taylor
Joyce Torres
Jack and Susan Turk
Richard Valdez
Makie Jo Walters
Billy and Doris Whitaker
Skylyn Whitaker
Margaret White
Kaelie Dawn Young

In military:
Daryl Booth
Jon Bradshaw
Brandon Haymon
Talisha Hendley

David Hernandez
Concho Moore
Tyler Remini
Jace Telford
Jonathan Torres
Alisha Slone
Wes Stark
Justin Williams
Ricky Williams, Jr.

Please remember in your prayers the families of Barbara Martin, Larry Howard, Sandy Capps, Norma Lee Ranne, Newton Hinshaw, and Freddie Bonetti.

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Her children arise
and call her
blessed; her husband
also, and he praises her.
Proverbs 31:28



The preschool would like to thank the following people for their donations:
Lisa Spurgin and the Girl Scouts for the boxes of crafts.
John Ed Weaver for bringing fresh bananas to the children 3 days a week, every week.
Woodard Family for the water play table, the play kitchen and all the snacks.
Pierce Family for all the learning material and DVD's that you donated.
Becky Martin for the egg cartons and the bottle of bubbles.
Bobbie Williams for the large bag of toys that were donated.
And to all those that left items and I did not catch your name, thank you!
—Kim Coleman

Thanks a bunch for all you do!
Thanks so much for sponsoring the belt buckle. I won again this year!
Kara Nelson



All ladies are invited to the Mother's Day brunch at 9:00 a.m. on May 12. Come be a part of this special event.