

The Meadowlark Messenger

Meadowlark Church of Christ
Glorifying God, sharing Christ, encouraging one another



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SENIOR SUNDAY

Please join the Meadowlark congregation as we honor and recognize our two graduating seniors:

Garrett Von Gunten
and
Jonnie Fleagane

Sunday, May 15, 2005
10:00am

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CONGRATULATIONS
SENIORS!!



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Sunday Bible class	9:00am
Sunday Worship	10:00am
Sunday Evening	5:30pm
Life Groups	5:30pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00pm

Elders:

* Dale Alexander 223-2663
Milt Brown 221-3256
Tim Brown 223-1949
Paul Cooper 221-4073
Don Fike 229-0676
Don Kyle 225-8958
Marvin Martin 484-8385
Gary Richards 223-9663

* Elder chairman for the month of May

Ministers:

Doug Hall, Pulpit Minister
377-9863

Russ Whitten, Campus Minister
494-0999

Wes Kohring, Youth Minister
225-1173

Gena Neise, Church Secretary
223-7788



Hall-Marks

Real Spiritual Living

Have you been listening to some of the coverage about the late Pope and the new one? It has been interesting to hear one theme stated over and over after the death of John Paul II and the selection of Benedict XVI. In fact I heard it again just last night. “Both these men were real spiritual giants.” It made me wonder, what did they mean by the word “spiritual?” In fact, I think a lot of people are very confused when it comes to understanding what spirituality really means.

Is spirituality the rare trait of the sensitive few? Is it true that really spiritual people don’t get their hands dirty with the stuff of ordinary life? Are they somehow above all that? Would the person who attains real spirituality really fit in my world? Do the spiritual not belong to the rough and tumble, down and dirty world that you and I inhabit? Do you have to somehow leave all this mundane stuff behind to pursue spirituality?

The truth is that all the commonly asked questions in the paragraph above are misguided and wrong-headed. On top of that, our misconceptions about spirituality sometimes undermines that desirable way of life.

You need go no further than Jesus to find a good example of what it means to be a spiritual person. Think hard. Did he live in a monastery? Did he build a retreat center in the wilderness? Was he protected from the common folks who were struggling with all kinds of difficulties? We know better, don’t we?

Jesus went to weddings and dinner parties. He told stories that proved he was a keen observer of life – such things as sweeping a house, planting seed, tending sheep, and fishing. He was constantly talking to all sorts of people. He cooked breakfast for his friends. He cried at funerals. He was a real person with real emotions dealing with real life and real people.

Being a spiritual person never meant monasteries and mountain tops. Spirituality is living with new purpose in the life God has given us. It is the reorientation of all the details of life, work, and family under the Lordship of Jesus. It is living the same life but living it in a different way. Spirituality has to do with honoring God with our lives each day, doing what is appropriate because we are believers, and having a destiny that overshadows all the pain here. It is honoring God in all the ordinary things that make up our lives.

The worse thing we could do is to see spirituality as some elitist pursuit for something that is ethereal, un-earthly, and invisible. Spirituality in its purest form is simply being controlled by the Spirit of the Living God. It’s not how strange or “other” you can be, but it’s all about how straight we walk.

Jesus was God among us and the hardest thing for us to grasp about him is not that he was truly God but that he was truly human. He sweated, got belly aches and tired feet. He laughed and cried, got angry and disappointed. He was fully human and people were so amazed at his miracles because they came from a carpenter’s son who once lived in Nazareth. In all the ordinariness of his life, he did the extraordinary because he was fully spiritual.

God isn’t calling you to a different life. He is calling you to be different in the life he has given you. At work, with your family, and in your normalcy, you are on a mission. You are God’s servant offering a living sacrifice, filled with dignity, grace and love. You are called to be spiritual! Behold God’s Son!

Stand Firm!!!
Doug Hall



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Prime Timer's breakfast will be Friday, May 6th at 8:00am. It will be at The Egg & I (on Harmony and Lemay.)

The President, Faculty, and the Graduates

of

Abilene Christian University

announce the awarding of the degree of

Doctor of Ministry

to graduate

Douglas Leon Hall

Saturday May 7, 2005

at eleven o'clock in the morning

Moody Coliseum

Abilene, Texas

Diana Pinner's new address is: 1412 Johnson St., Big Spring, TX 79720.

Congratulations! Trace and LaNell Wilson have a new granddaughter. Her name is Lillian Nell, and she weighed in at 2 lbs., 13 oz., and is 15" long. She will need to be in NICU for a few weeks. Please pray for her and Mom, Kathryn.

Updates from the Intl. Missions Committee: Ivan Skoleba, the evangelist that we support in Kiev, Ukraine, has decided to leave the Vinograder congregation and to pursue his ministry elsewhere in Ukraine. Ivan's decision came after a prolonged period of conflict within Vinograder. The Intl. Missions Committee worked to seek peace and reconciliation within Vinograder but the decision to stay or leave was left to Ivan. The separation occurred in a godly manner without anger or bitterness. The IMC believes that Ivan was not primarily at fault in the conflict and that he handled himself in a godly manner through the problems. Meadowlark continues to support Ivan, who is currently assisting in the work with another church in Kiev. Ivan is determining where he thinks God wants him to work in a long-term role. Ukraine continues to be an important mission field for Meadowlark and we plan on working with both Vinograder and Ivan for now.

Steven Martin, former member and son of Vannah and Marvin Martin, and his family are about to leave to go to Dresden, Germany to be missionaries. A recent godsend has made their departure this summer a possibility, but they are still lacking

some of their needed monthly support. The Intl. Missions Committee wants to support financially, evangelistic missionaries who are members or former members here. Accordingly, we are considering a two-year financial commitment of \$300-\$500/mo. to help Steven and his family (this amount is in the budget). Please prayerfully consider this commitment and contact any IMC members if you have questions or comments.

Members of the Intl. Missions Committee are: Debbie Brunk, David Wheat, Russ and Charlene Whitten.

Co-ed softball—begins June 3rd. If anyone is interested, please call the Worrell's at 207-9425.

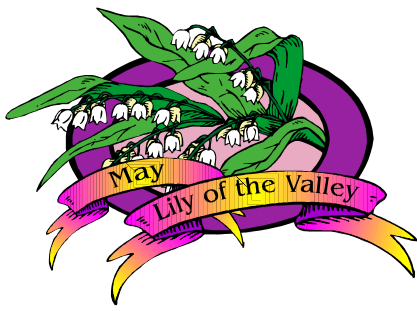
(insert wedding invitation for Hayley Brown here)

TEEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BUCKHORN Camp**—Dates for this year's camp are June 5 through 11th. This is for preteen and teen kids. Preteen: kids entering 4th through 7th grades, and Teens: kids entering 8th through 10th grades. Registration/enrollment forms will be forthcoming soon.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the family of **Stephanie Murphy**. Her sister, **Sally Lawrence** is in ICU in Pueblo. Prayers have been requested on behalf of a friend of **Kevin and Carmen** (the Murphy's son and daughter-in-law.) His name is **Tom Ultom**, and he has a malignant growth in his chest area. He has a family with two small girls. Please also pray for **Kevin** as his ship went out to sea several days ago, and he will return the end of May. Continued prayers for: **Pat Lang, Geri Cooper, Barbara Herron, Bob Lang, Mable Dowse, Elnora Boone, Joan Taylor, and Eunice Young**.



May 2005

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Coins for Christ Sign Language Class 3:30pm Rm. 10	2 College Men /Women's Bible Studies 6:30-8:00pm	3 Teen Prayer Breakfast Ladies Bible Class 9:30am Clothing Bank	4 Bible Class 7:00pm	5	6 Teen Prayer Breakfast <i>PrimeTimer's Breakfast</i>	7 Jr./Sr. Banquet
8 Sign Language Class 3:30pm Rm. 10 Mother's Day	9 College Men /Women's Bible Studies 6:30-8:00pm	10 Teen Prayer Breakfast Ladies Bible Class 9:30	11 Bible Class 7:00pm	12	13 Teen Prayer Breakfast DATE YOUR MATE	14
15 Sr. Sunday (honor graduating teens) 3:30- Sign Language Class, Rm. 10	16 College Men /Women's Bible Studies 6:30-8:00pm ←	17 Teen Prayer Breakfast Ladies Bible Class 9:30am Clothing Bank	18 Bible Class 7:00pm College Finals →	19	20 Teen Prayer Breakfast	21
22 3:30 Sign Language Class, Rm 10	23 College Men /Women's Bible Studies 6:30-8:00pm	24 Teen Prayer Breakfast Ladies Bible Class 9:30am Clothing Bank	25 Bible Class 7:00pm	26	27 Teen Prayer Breakfast	28
29 3:30 Sign Language Class, Rm. 10	30 College Men/Women's Bible Studies 6:30-8:00pm Memorial Day 	31 Teen Prayer Breakfast Ladies Bible Class 9:30am				

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MEN SELECTED TO ASSIST IN WORSHIP

MAY

	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>May 29</u>
Song Leader	B. Shumate	B. Hall	W. Kohring	J. Schmitz	B. Shumate
Opening Prayer	B. Shumate	B. Hall	W. Kohring	J. Schmitz	B. Shumate
Shepherd's Prayer	D. Alexander	D. Alexander	D. Alexander	D. Alexander	D. Alexander
Communion	T. Brown	D. Martin	S. Meyer	F. Bruce	B. Bland
Server 1	D. Grenier	D. Grenier	D. Grenier	D. Grenier	D. Grenier
Server 2	L. Luna	L. Luna	L. Luna	L. Luna	L. Luna
Server 3	K. Brown	K. Brown	K. Brown	K. Brown	K. Brown
Server 4	S. Burnam	S. Burnam	S. Burnam	S. Burnam,	S. Burnam
Take Count	S. Tourney				
Communion Coordinator	D. Walker				
PM-Worship					
Greeters	Tamlin	Tamlin	D. & B. Martin	D. & B Martin	Walker
Nursery	E.&M.Williams	C.&K. Nance	D.&S.Walker	P.King	R. Smith
Attendants	K. Gillen	L. Bolin	M. Brown	D. Brunk	H. Donahue
	S. Dotson	S. Murphy	C. Brown	M.&C. Wells	C. Stevens

Children's Bible Hour for May:

Please meet in the back of the auditorium on Sunday morning before worship service at 9:45am. Be punctual. *Please contact Todd Gillen, or the song leader if you cannot serve. He will arrange for a replacement.*

FAMILY RECORD—APRIL				
	<u>4-3</u>	<u>4-10</u>	<u>4-17</u>	<u>4-24</u>
Attendance--				
Bible Class				
Worship A.M.	227	209	276	351
Sunday P.M.				
Life Groups				
Weekly Contribution—				
This Week	7,815.00	4,756.00	6,505.00	4,816.00