

News & Notes

Elders

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Joe Paty
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Wendell Whittenburg

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Jose Luis Avlies
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Doyle Gilliam
Royce Sartain
Truman Scott

We express our heartfelt sympathy to Louis Steen & family on the loss of his sister, Marie Carney. Grave-side services were held on Monday in Lamesa, TX.

Louis Steen's address is:
1409
Sunnyvale.



Important LTC Dates

February 12: Deadline for reserving your hotel room.
February 26: Turn in your registration money & fill out LTC registration papers at 5 p.m. in Room B&C.
March 2: Preconvention event due date.
March 18: Hotel money is due. April 6-8: LTC

Sunday AM Class.....9:30 am
Sunday AM Worship.10:30 am
Sunday PM Worship...6:00 pm
Wednesday Classes...7:00 pm
Bible Hour-every Sunday at 6pm in the Bible Hour room.
This is for toddlers—1st grade.

Doug & Jennifer Crum will be moving to Hobbs, NM end of February. Their last Sunday with us will be on February 26th and we would like to send them off with much love, prayers & blessings from all of us. Following the morning service on February 26th, there will be a potluck luncheon in the warehouse.

“Friends, Fellowship & Food” Cookbook

September Whisenant is compiling recipes from church members to produce a cookbook to offer to the church. November was appetizers & December was salads. If you would like to participate, please send in your recipes ASAP. **January will be a collection of soups & breads.**

Financial Update

Weekly Budget: **8,992**
Y/D Budget: **35,968**
Actual Y/D: **40,416**

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Meet and Greet

A Common Love

Call To Worship

Lord Reign in Me

We Shall Assemble (718)

Prayer - Terry Henson

Glorify Thy Name (77)

Holy Lord—Great are you Lord

Lord's Supper - Ted Basye

Contribution

My God Is So Big

Dismiss Kingdom Kids

Scripture—Reese Hayes

Deut. 6:4-9

Soldiers of Christ Arise (647)

Sermon Prayer— Leon Donham

Sermon—Mike Crowley

“Get Re-Energized”

Fairest Lord Jesus (280)

Retrieve Kingdom Kids

The Lord Bless You (710)

Prayer - Mickey Hayes

Shepherd's Prayer—Leon Donham

Welcome!

We have started a New Year, but we proclaim a Gospel that makes every day new! So while it is nice to close the books on another year and start fresh, how much greater is it to wipe clean our sins, struggles, & imperfections and fall into the arms of a Savior who makes all things new . . . Every day. Praise God!



SUPERBOWL SUNDAY is February 5th. We will have Bible classes, morning worship followed by a potluck luncheon. We will end the afternoon with a devo. **There will not be an evening service.**



Educating Nurturing Equipping to Raise Godly Youth

Energy Celebration TODAY

Please join as we celebrate a successful year of ENERGY, and thank all of our volunteers who have made kingdom differences in children's lives! All we need from you is to be present during Morning Worship.

LADIES, if you would like to help plan 4th & Elm's Ladies Night for the spring, please meet Amy Basye in the parlor at 5 p.m. this Sunday, January 29th.

SUPERBOWL PARTY at the home of Terry & Carol Frye on Sunday, Feb. 5th at 5:30p.m. Please bring snacks & finger foods. The address is: 22 Club Terrace.

LADIES DAY
MERKEL CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Saturday, February 4th
 Program starts at 9:30 A.M.
 Lunch is provided so please R.S.V.P.
 at 928-5024 or of-
 fice@merkelchurchofchrist.org
 Speaker: Carla Sandusky
 Theme: "Happiness"

Worship Assignments

Communion
 (North side to South side)

FRONT

Wendell Kent
 Doug Crum
 Jacob Price
 Cody Paty

BACK

Billy Whisenant
 Louis Steen
 Wayne Bryant
 Blair Gibson

SUNDAY NIGHT

Song Leader: Leon Donham
 Opening Prayer: Jim Wilks
 Closing Prayer: Heath Ince

USHERS

Kary Kent Tolbert Jaynes

NURSERY WORKERS ROSEBUDS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

February 1, 2012

SONG LEADER: Leon Donham
 OPENING PRAYER: John Cox
 DEVOTIONAL: Levi Peck

The Moses Syndrome

"I can't..." What a great phrase! It's a shield to hide behind, it's an excuse for inaction, and it's a polite way to simply refuse. This delightful reconstruction of the simple "No" can be driven by fear, rebellion, apathy, or even insecurity. A veiled version of "I don't want to," this response could be called the **Moses Syndrome**. When called by God to serve Him before Pharaoh, Moses employed derivatives of this expression to enable him to refuse. In Exodus 3, Moses felt overwhelmed by his inadequacy and insecurity, he starts with a "Why Me?" and eventually resorts to a "Who am I?" By chapter 4, Moses is expressing "What ifs" and an "I'm not good enough" to justify his reluctance to be stretched in faith.

I can really appreciate Moses' struggle to trust and obey. How many times have I drawn back from a leap of faith because I was afraid or uncertain? While God grew angry with Moses' timidity, He patiently and gracefully continued to grow Moses step by step into the courageous servant that he became by the end of the wilderness wandering. How could we grow in our faith? What if we, in spite of our own inadequacies, stepped further out on the limb of faith as we are called? Before God calls us to some big thing, is it likely that He will first develop and refine us in smaller matters? Before God asked Moses to stretch out his staff to part the Red Sea, He asked Moses to pick up the very same staff that had become a snake.

Even as Moses began to get some traction, he continued to suffer setbacks and experience moments of doubt. On wobbly knees of faith, Moses fumbled an "I told you so, now what?" response when he encountered his first resistance in Exodus 5:20-23. What a blessing that our Lord is prepared for our frailty and is more than adequate for our every need. When we feel overwhelmed, when the tempter whispers doubt, when our strength seems to fail, may we remember God's encouragement to Moses...

The LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? "Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say." Exodus 4:11-12
 Be encouraged: God will never call us where He will not be with us!
 Mike Crowley



4th & Elm Student Ministries

Winterfest was intense, not like camping in tents, but seriously. We had a great time. The speakers were tremendous as usual and the theme hit right at home with the study of 12 spiritual disciplines.

- Feb. 4th we are headed to LCU for the Master Follies. Don't forget.
- If you can help with a feed, please contact Kathy Witt and give her a date. Thanks.
- Feb. 5th, there will be a Super bowl party at the Warehouse Starting at 5PM. Kickoff is at 5:25. Bring a drink or snack food.
- Grab a sign up sheet for XA weekend. Its coming up. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask.

Upcoming Event

Jan. 29th—SNL
Feb. 4th—Master Follies
Feb. 5th—Super Bowl Party
Feb. 12th—progressive dinner
Feb. 17-18—XA weekend

Remember in Prayer

- † Hendrick CCU: **Calvin Boyd**, brother of Arthur Boyd, is having tests run on his heart.
- † San Antonio Hospital: **Kendell Kinney's dad** is not doing well and is expected to be turned over to hospice care.
- † **Don Jones**, father of Carla Sandusky, is undergoing chemo treatments.
- † Rolling Plains: ICU **Guyna Cherry**, mother of Gil Cherry, has pneumonia.
- † **Terry Locklar**—underwent surgery at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock on Wednesday. He will remain in the hospital through the following week.
- † **Dr. Charles Siburt**, ACU professor and friend of 4&E is battling cancer.
- † **Merle Montgomery**, son of Gusta McGee, is undergoing chemo treatments.
- † **Leigh Byrd** undergoing chemo treatments.

"Made in Heaven" MARRIAGE SEMINAR

February 9-12th
 South Plains C/C in Lubbock, TX
 Registration forms are on the Welcome Center



Kingdom Kids!

A ministry serving all 2½ - Pre-K children.
 January 29, 2012

Teachers

Jennifer Crum
 Jeremy/Jennie Dodd

Helpers

Hardy Escobar
 Abby Garcia