



Prime Times

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On Sept.18 we had **Rene Maciel, President** of the **Baptist General Convention of Texas** and also **President** of the **Baptist University of the Americas**, preach at our church. He had a wonderful message with many thought provoking elements. The one that I really took to my heart was about being **busy in the church**, but not being **busy with what God wants** us to do. I am the “Queen of Fellowship” and I love having lunch with The Pilgrim of Faith ladies monthly, going out to lunch after Bible Study, and now I am loving Pastor John’s Bible Study and, of course, the dinner by Judy Brooksher and her group. I can rationalize by telling myself that I am serving God with my Nursing Home ministries and Bible Studies before I have fun with my friends. I really want to enjoy my life, but the most important thing is growing closer to God.

When it comes to following God, it is very easy to make excuses like “I taught Sunday School for 25 years and now it is someone else’s turn”, or maybe you are not physically able to volunteer. Being retired, most of us have time to pray and ask God what He has in mind for us. When we study the Bible we realize that things are pretty much the same and the instructions He gave us are still good. God does not expect us to know all about Him before we follow Him. He does expect us to act on the knowledge and guidance that we already have. After a lifetime of following God, even Billy

Graham does not know everything about Him. The instruction for us is to live up to what God has already told us in His Word and to live out what we already know to be true. Through prayer and studying the word, God will continue to reveal His truth to us as we follow Him. We just have to be careful to not get “side tracked” by an unending search for details.

Jesus replied “But even more blessed are all who hear the word of GOD and put it into practice.” Luke 11:28

You are cordially invited to the
Prime Time
Catered Holiday Dinner

Thursday, November 17
5:00 PM
Family Life Center
Entertainment, Food
Fun, Fellowship

Tickets \$5.00
Available in the
Hallway by the Chapel until
November 13



We sent a big lot of dresses, shorts, etc. to Mexico with our Mission Group and they have been so kind as to make copies of many photos showing the children in their new clothes. The photos will be on the table at our next meeting Oct. 7th.

We have been the beneficiary of much fabric from our Church members and others who have heard about our need. Also, donations of cash to buy fabric have been a blessing. Thanks to all of you for your generosity.

The Prime Time Singers' trip to the Rio Grande Valley this month will include a LARGE box of clothing we have made for children along the Mexico border. This will be administered by the River Ministry. For EACH size (3 through 6/7) there are 10 plastic zip lock bags which contain a size 3 dress, shorts and t-shirt for the girls and a pair of shorts with t-shirt for the boys. And the same thing for size 4, etc. Thus, we are delivering about 70 bags. We included t-shirts so the girls could wear them under their sleeveless dresses when weather turns cooler. We will refill our supply to share with children in our area next month.

ONE MORE THING: Please, those of you who can sew, could you make several 12" x 12" bags for the shoe ministry? They need 300 bags!! This is sponsored by our church's "First Blessing" project in November. The bags are simple and fast to make. Instruction sheets are available at the front desk in office.



And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.

Titus 3:14

Crossroads Class - Family Life Center

Kathy McAlpin

God's voice is still and quiet and easily buried under an avalanche of clamor ~ Charles Stanley

Our fearless leaders, **GARY {THE DUKE} ANDERSON**, and **KEITH WILLIAMS**, our knowledgeable judge, have been spot on with our studies. Gary has been leading us through Song of Solomon (and what a love story it has been) comparing the time of Adam and Eve to Solomon and Jesus in the church of the end times.

Keith has been leading us through the book of Hebrews, which is a picture of Christ as the high priest. The superior worth above Moses shows the Hebrews are warned of the sin and danger of unbelief. Humble cautious fear is urged, lest any should come short of the promised rest through unbelief. We are urged to go forward in the doctrine of Christ, and the consequences of apostasy, or turning back, are described.

God gives us Hope, Like an anchor. He holds us firm and brings us to safe harbors. Unknown



It's been an exciting time here in our Crossroads Class. We have again started our dinner groups, which meet once a month. James and I have the privilege of joining and sharing the dinner table with **Royce and Cynthia Itschner, Brock and Pennie Olivio, Don and Jan Cody**.

Other Hosts and Hostesses from Crossroads are :

Roger and Barbara McCormick,

Ray and Carolyn Rothwell,

David and Denise LeMeilleur,

Rick and Laverne Boles,

Mike and Velma Wilson,

Mark and Dianne Clemons.

Looking forward to posting other pictures of Hosts and Hostesses photos in further issues.

Agape Class - Room 223
Sheila Reed

Heavenly Father,

We come before you today on bended knee thanking you for Every Breath we take, for a roof over our heads and for our daily bread. Father, thank you for blessing me beyond what I can see. Thank you for empowering me to rise above my circumstances and any limitations to boldly embrace the blessing You have for me. In Jesus name. Amen.

The Agape class is enjoying the change in the weather. We welcome Fall and all the beautiful colors that come with it. Every Sunday our class has been full of wonderful classmates. I have to say we all love to hear our teacher, Ken Brown. He is such a joy to listen to and we always have very good and interesting discussions from our classmates.

Several of our classmates are having health issues or upcoming procedures. **Nancy Olive** remains out because of her back. She is having physical therapy and we hope she is back on her feet soon. **Bobbie Lesser** is still having breathing problems but appears to be having a little more comfort as long as she takes it slow. **Sheila Reed** is having surgery on her foot on the 14th and she hopes after one month she can give the boot away. Any takers?!

Several members of the Brown family were present in class. They were **Mark and Lynda Maxwell and Dustin and Ashley Sullivan. Klaus Schalkhauser** surprised us on October 10th with his presence. We are always glad to see him and we miss him when he is gone.

"Never underestimate the power of prayer. One small prayer can change your life dramatically."

Mona Reick is back in class. We are so glad to welcome her and so blessed to have her company. We understand she has a new member in her family. She is a 9 pound rescue daschund from Diamond Ranch Rescue. According to Mona, she is the boss!

"Give God your worries and He will give you His Peace."

On October 12 our luncheon will be hosted by **John and Maxine Brantley**. We understand John will be cooking and serving "brisket". Looking forward to a great meal and good company.

October brought several birthdays: **Eloise Miller** on the 6th, **Maxine Brantley, Karen Maddox and Bobbie Lesser** on the 7th, **Sheila Reed** on the 13th, **Howard Hager** on the 15th, **Betty Williams**, and **Marjorie Wilson** on the 27th. "HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL".

Sam and Sheila Reed and Don and Peggy Clark will celebrate anniversaries on the 19th!

**May you have a wonderful October
and will see you again in the next report!**



THINGS YOU DON'T HEAR ANYMORE

Why can't you remember to roll up your pants legs? Getting them caught in the bicycle chain so many times is tearing them up.

You boys stay close by, the car may not start and I will need you to help push it off.

It is "Yes Sir" and "No Sir" to me and your elders young man, and don't you forget it!

When you take your driving test don't forget your hand signals at each turn. Left arm straight out the window for a left turn, and left arm bent up to the sky at the elbow for a right turn and straight down to the side of the door when you are going to stop.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Lord, help me watch the words I say
And keep them few and sweet,
For I don't know from day to day
Which ones I will have to eat!

Jim Gentil



As reported by **Judy** in my absence: “The Sing-a-long” rally on October 10th began with **Pastor Wheat** welcoming all who attended. Several out of town churches were represented including a large group from First Baptist Church, Boerne. Our Prime Time Choir opened the singing with “Sweeter As The Days Go By” followed by the timely message of “God Will Bless America Again”.

We enjoyed so many of the old time songs as the attendees requested their favorites. **Sam Ligon** was never stumped. He played them all with great ease.

A trio of **John Wheat, J.D. Templeton and Larry Danks** sang a rousing rendition of “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”. Several soloists sang, as did our own **Trinity Grace Notes**. A wonderful lunch of spaghetti, broccoli, salad and cake was served to all who stayed after the singing.

(Because the newsletter deadline came before the actual tour, my report is presented as the anticipated event might unfold.) The October Tour was hoped to have many opportunities to further bond with each other in very close quarters, in some instances, but mostly just the right amount of closeness - spiritually speaking. There were over 45 singers on this trip. Wearing their new, elegant, royal blue shirts for the women and black for the men, they presented themselves as a sea of blue and black each time they performed. The challenge was always to sing as good as they looked! (“Mush” was certainly at a minimum.) Larry beamed with pride! He was a steady and guiding light the whole trip.

The hope was that those who attended the “concerts” would have a wonderful time. Smiles and applause are always the reward for putting in such long hours preparing and presenting our best. There were planned opportunities to be of help at the River Ministries Respite Center in McAllen. Help was offered in whatever ways were needed.

Since good food and plenty of opportunities to eat were a part of this tour and exercise was not on the schedule, so to speak, some may have returned with a little more, uh, baggage than at the beginning of the trip.

I'm sure the Prime Time Singers anticipation of a good time was realized.

(If the actual tour events unfolded vastly differently than this rendition, I will report on those “corrections” in the next newsletter or...we can just let it go at this.)

November activities for the singers has us performing at Morningside Ministries at Menger Springs Cibola House on November 18th at 10:00 AM.

NO REHEARSAL NOVEMBER 25TH

“THE LONG, LONG ROAD WITH JESUS”
1922 HYMN by HARRY DIXON LOES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGING

PRIME TIME SINGERS
FRIDAY MORNINGS 10:00 A.M.
CHAPEL

RUTH SPRADLING'S GROUP
ALPINE VILLAGE 10:00 A.M.
SECOND WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH

BILLIE CAVITT'S GROUP
BROOKDALE 10:00 A.M.
THE THIRD TUESDAY
OF EACH MONTH

PILGRIMS OF FAITH GROUP
HILLTOP NURSING HOME
10:00 A.M.
THE FOURTH THURSDAY
OF EACH MONTH

Pilgrims of Faith - Room 121
Sandra West
Jo Hancock

Dear members, I want to introduce to you **Jo Hancock** who will be replacing me as reporter for the Pilgrims of Faith class. She is an excellent writer and you will enjoy her reports.

Here is her report:

Pilgrims of Faith members sure do know how to make new members feel welcome and part of the group...they make you write a lifetime of information in just a few short paragraphs so they can get to know you better! If they want to know more about you than you can share in those few paragraphs, then they throw a fun party and ask you questions about the things you may have left out, like if you love chocolate as much as they do or if the church you came from had potluck dinners as good as the ones at Trinity?? Seriously, our class has had several new members lately, and it is a joy to get to know them.

Alice Kneip is our newest member, and she was gracious enough to share her background without too much arm twisting. **Glori Ball** joined before Alice, and we look forward to hearing from her next month.

Speaking of fun parties, everyone who attended the potluck at **Don and Evelyn Rossow's** home in Fredericksburg had a double treat...eating outdoors and enjoying the amazing landscaping and garden they tend. Don's brisket was a nice compliment to Evelyn's horticultural skills! Then in September the class celebrated the birthday of all POF members with another wonderful potluck/white elephant gift exchange, and laughter was in abundant supply. In case you might think all we do is eat and play, please know this class has a heart for service and missions, too, singing at Hilltop Care Center and collecting diapers for the Mexico mission trip. Next month we'll report on how our class serves popcorn and dill pickles at HarvestFest.

And now, here's Alice's bio:

In 1982, after living in the Dallas area for twelve years, my husband **Jerre** and I decided we wanted to live in a smaller, less congested area. Having grown up in San Antonio we knew

the Kerrville area well, so that is where we started our search. We spent several days in Kerrville, and with its beauty, less traffic and milder temperature, we decided this was the place where we wanted to live.

In April 1983 we bought our home. Jerre related our home address of 316 to John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." During the past 30 years Jerre and I enjoyed meeting new friends and taking part in Kerrville's many activities.

Then on October 31, 2015, Jerre died suddenly. We held his memorial at Grace Chapel and afterward some of our friends came over to our house to visit. When everyone had gone, the telephone rang. A male voice on the phone said, "This is **Johnny Thornton**." I replied, "Is this Johnny Thornton with whom I attended Horace Mann Junior High?" and he said, "That's me." Soon after that Johnny introduced me to his sweet wife, **Kay**. They invited me to dinner and then to attend Sunday services at Trinity, as well as bible studies. After attending Trinity for several months, I decided I wanted to become a member, so I called **Pastor John** and had a conference with him. I was baptized on July 8 at Trinity, and afterward my family and I joined other church members at the church picnic at Singing Wind Park. I feel blessed to have become friends with so many believers at Trinity. I especially appreciate my very good friends, **Kay and Johnny Thornton**, and believe they were sent to me to help me through difficult times after Jerre's death. We continue to go together to church and bible studies.

Thank you Alice for sharing about yourself. And we will be looking forward to seeing future reports from you, Jo.

Words to live by

Live simply, Love generously,
Care deeply, Speak kindly and
Leave the rest to God.

GENESIS 1 FELLOWSHIP

November Trip



WHEN: Thursday November 3rd at 8:30 a.m.
(from TBC parking lot)

WHERE: *Lost Maples State Park

**Lost Maples State Natural Area* covers 2,174 scenic acres in Bandera and Real counties, north of Vanderpool on the Sabinal River. The park is an outstanding example of Edwards Plateau flora and fauna. It is a combination of steep, rugged limestone canyons; springs; plateau grasslands; wooded slopes; and clear streams. It features a large, isolated stand of uncommon Uvalde Big Tooth Maple, whose fall foliage can be spectacular. Generally, the foliage changes the last two weeks of October through the first two weeks of November.

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US !!!!!



September Flower Report:
26 Individual vases were delivered to
the hospital and care facilities.



**PLEASE RE-CYCLE VASES
TO THE CHURCH OR GIVE
THEM TO THE FLOWER
MINISTRY LADIES WHO BRING
THE FLOWERS TO YOU.**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY AT TBC

November 6th - Napkin Evangelism - 5:15 PM
3 Week Study Lead by JD Templeton
Starts Sunday, November 6 - Chapel

November 19 - First Blessings 8:00 a.m.
November 24, 25 - Thanksgiving Holidays
December 2 - Night in Bethlehem 6-8 p.m.
December 10, 11 - Christmas Program 6:00 p.m.

SENIOR ADULT PRIDE

Senior Adults are easy to spot at sporting events during the playing of the National Anthem. They remove their caps and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.



Trinity U New Class Starting!

Join us Sunday nights beginning

November 6th for

Napkin Evangelism

(3 weeks)

5:15 in the Chapel

Taught by JD Templeton

Call the office to sign up!

830.895.0100

The Perfect Answer

When an atheist called him a “moron” for believing in God, Dr. Ben Carson responded with one brilliant line that put the atheist in his place.

“I believe I came from God, and you believe you came from a monkey,” he told the individual, “and you’ve convinced me you’re right.”

Jubilee Class - Chapel *Rae Logan*

The Jubilee Class enjoyed a very nice function by Brookdale Retirement Facility this past Tuesday evening. We had a nice turnout and they treated us to dinner. Entertainment followed by fellow class members. **Billie Cavitt** did her classic routine "Mention my name in "Cheboygan" and it was priceless. Then we went on to some "Who do you think they are?" bits by our own **Donna Hill**. The members who guessed correctly received nice prizes. Latecomers to the party were **Patricia Miller and Rae Logan** who said they had been out hiking with Genesis I. We did notice they arrived in time to eat!

Prime Time Choir with our Director **Larry Danks** will be leaving after Church on Sunday the 16th for our Choir Trip to South Texas. I will write more about that next month. We are all very excited about this upcoming trip. Our Choir has been learning all new music for the concerts. Keep us in your prayers.

News is a little light this month, so I thought I would reprint an article written by **Gene Blanton** and first published in the newsletter in March 2009. I thought it might be of interest to new class members and maybe even some older members.

Church and Jubilee Class History

Written by GENE BLANTON, March 2009.

Trinity was chartered on September 24th, 1950 with 97 people present at the first organizational meeting. Within 6 months it had grown to 266 members. More and more Sunday School Classes were created as the church grew, and more teachers were brought on board. New classes were started with 6-8 members and when membership reached 14-18 the classes were divided into two new classes. Early classes were segregated into Ladies' and Men's classes. Later, according to the wishes of the members, the classes became Couples' classes. Often these classes were identified by the teachers' names. In 1995 it was decided to give each class its own name. It is said that **LOU WALKER** was responsible for giving our class its present name, JUBILEE CLASS.

The group asked **GENE BLANTON** to be their teacher. For a time, the class was held in the room adjacent to the present Library. This SS Department had a joint assembly composed of two co-ed classes: **JOHN VALE'S** and **GENE BLANTON'S**. These classes were then moved upstairs, above the Family Life Center. For a number of years, the only teacher for Jubilee was Gene Blanton. As our class continued its growth, it was evident that

among its members were several who had a gift for teaching. **HULL YOUNGBLOOD** shared the teaching with Gene until failing health forced him to resign. Other teachers who taught with Gene during this time were **ROBERT MOLDER** and **DOCK RAWLINS**. About this time the class was moved to the Chapel, where it still meets today.

In 2002 **BILL BYRD** was asked to share in teaching the class. He had previously served effectively with the Sr. Adult Class. **Kay and Leon Miller** joined the class. **KAY MILLER** is another gifted teacher and it was felt that a woman's point of view of the scriptures would be a growing and enlightening experience for all. Kay became the third member of the team in 2003. Gene Blanton felt that he had contributed what God had led him to do and a new personality with a different background and ideas would best serve the needs of the class. **GENE AYERS** was welcomed to the existing duo. This gave the Jubilee Class three dedicated teachers who prayerfully study and prepare to bring inspired quality lessons from God's word.

The following is a list of Jubilee Class teachers from the time the class name was selected:

Gene Blanton (95-03)

Hull Youngblood, (95-98)

Robert Molder (98-99)

Doc Rollins (98-00)

Bill Byrd (01-10)

Kay Miller (03-present)

Gene Blanton (05-06)

Gene Ayers (06-present)

Bob Schmeltkopf (2010, until called to full time ministry by London, Texas)

Gene Blanton (2010-11)

Chris Christopherson (2011 to present)

Rae Logan compiled this list from past class directories. You can see that Gene Blanton could always be counted on to fill in where he was needed. **Chris Christopherson** would eventually join the duo of Gene Ayers and Kay Miller. So once again Jubilee has three dedicated teachers. Thanks to each of you from all the members of Jubilee Class, we want you to know how much we appreciate each of you.



*Those who love deeply never grow old;
they may die of old age, but they die young!*



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