



# Prime Times

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After weeks of being inside because of the dew and darkness, finally, last Friday we had sunshine. I got out my blower and rake and went to work for several hours. I love living in the beautiful Hill Country and since I live on 20 acres I can crank up my Praise and worship music and sing "In The Garden" at the top of my lungs and no one complains. Unfortunately, I was the complainer when I was so sore I couldn't get out of the chair and that soreness continued for several days.

Spring is a time for growth. In nature, that comes from the right combination of sunlight and water. When I lifted those oak leaves from my grass and plants, within a couple of days I noticed the new growth. For our spiritual lives, it comes from the right combination of time with God in His Word and time with other Christians in fellowship. The alternative is to be chaff that blows away and comes to nothing.

**As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth. Hosea 6:3**

Our Christian life is a balancing act between working like everything depends on us and trusting like everything depends on God. He will send the rains we need but we also have to do our part by working the harvest.

If your yard is like mine and is full of weeds and bare spots, it needs attention and probably some compost. God is also in the renovation business. He takes what is old and broken down and transforms it into something incredible. If you have an area of

your life that needs some renewal He's more than ready to meet you where you are.

**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalms 51:10**

Take a look at the flowers and plants that are working their way out of dormancy. They are not worrying their way to awesomeness. And we can't either. **God cares about you, so let Him carry your worries and fears 1 Peter 5:7**

**Why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. Matthew 6:28-29**

Whether it's raking your leaves on a sunny day or sitting on your porch watching a shower, soak up the blessings of spring. Let the sights, sounds and smells of a new season bring something new to life in you. Thank you Jesus for giving us hope for eternal life!

It seems that I am always ending my column with a help wanted sign: Praise God, He sent Sherry Rhoten to be our Editor and now we need a Chairman for our "Folding Committee".

Many of our Primetime Newsletters are delivered by Email, but we have over 300 that go by mail. We have a group who come to fold, tape and put mailing labels on them and then they are taken to the post office to be bulk mailed. It is really fun as we visit and fold and it only takes a couple of hours. The **chairman's job is to call or email the group to remind them of the time (usually 9:30am. on Mondays)**. It is not a specific Monday (we are not that organized) If you have had any experience with Bulk Mail or folding and we could use a couple of experienced scotch tapers, please let Sherry Rhoten or me know. She can be reached at [sherry.rhoten@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.rhoten@gmail.com) or Jane at 830-896-2362

**God proved his love on the cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, "I love you".**

*Billy Graham*

## Women of the Word Class

Room 208

by Jean Allgood

Well, finally spring is here! The flowering pear tree outside my patio is full of delicate white blossoms, joining the Redbuds bursting with their red beauty everywhere. Isn't God's plan for our Hill Country awesome? The first trees to bloom in spring are the Redbuds and pear trees, Red to remind us of Jesus' shed blood and white to reflect purity and love. His message is everywhere. Thank you, Lord, for being so obvious.



The passing of Billy Graham on February 21<sup>st</sup>, had most of us in a sad/joyful mood. Yes, we will miss him but the vision of him being met at heavens door by the millions of saints there due to his preaching the message of Christ brought many emotional tears. His sister Jean Ford said in her eulogy "everyone has a Billy Graham story", and I am no exception...

### My Billy Graham Story

It was May 1952, the end of my first year at the University of Houston that I attended my first Billy Graham crusade. I immediately became a supporter, receiving his books and the Decision Magazine and listening, every chance I had, to the Hour of Decision on the radio. How thrilling it was to see the throngs of people respond to his message of salvation.

Later as a Pan American stewardess, the day of February 12, 1958 began as a routine flight from Panama to Mexico City, with stops in Costa Rica, Honduras and Guatemala. When we landed in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, the station manager came on board to tell us Billy Graham and his team would be flying with us to Guatemala. I was beyond excited! As I stood at the top of the stairs and watched Billy Graham, Cliff Barrows, George Bev Shea, Ted Smith, Grady Wilson and six other team members walk across the tarmac with the other passengers to board the plane, I knew this was no routine flight or ordinary day. When our plane landed in Guatemala and I opened the door of the plane, I saw hundreds of people there singing hymns in Spanish, eagerly waiting for Billy Graham and his team. Yes, it was not just a special day for me but a very blessed and memorable one!—But that's not the end of my story. The following year in March of 1959, I again had all of the Billy Graham team on a flight from Honolulu to Sydney, Australia. This long night flight gave me a chance to visit, ask questions and pray with these dedicated, humble and extraordinary servants of the Lord. How grateful I have felt all these years to have this wonderful experience, and I do thank the Lord for putting me at those places at those times.

Our WOW ladies had a busy March and are now looking forward to April (and hopefully some showers). Easter is always a bright and happy time to reflect on Christ's resurrection and the glorious hope He gives us as believers. — **Carol McRae** was able to spend some special time in Dallas with her Aunt Betty White, who is now in hospice. **Carolyn Hopper** reports her eye surgeries were successful and she is going to Bullard, Texas to be her brother's partner in a 42 tournament. Then she is off to visit her son Eric and family and cousin in Columbus, Texas—maybe with a 42 trophy in hand! **Jackie Clark** is looking forward to her 60<sup>th</sup>

High School reunion in Beaumont on April 20<sup>th</sup>. With mixed emotions we will bid farewell to **Mary Markham**. She is moving to Waco to be close to family, and that is a good thing. She has been a faithful WOW member and we will miss her and her delicious Angel Food cakes. March 8<sup>th</sup>, we finalized **Helen Puccini's** celebration of 40 years of teaching Sunday School. Eighteen class members were there to join her for lunch at Billy Gene's. It was a special time of fellowship and sharing. Our sincere thanks to **Olive Truitt and Mary Kalbfleisch** for planning and executing all the surprise activities for this special celebration! Speaking of **Helen**, she hosts a support group for widows at her home on the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 am. If interested, give her a call, 895-2384.

Happy Easter to everyone!!!



### Relentless Love

Give me a heart, oh God, that surrenders.  
Give me a heart of praise.  
Forgive me for my sinful journey.  
Rescue me from my lost darkness,  
Lift me from this hopeless maze.

I choose this day to seek your face  
Loving, Holy, Kind.  
Ever forgiving, never impatient, and in your mercy  
Helping me - in You - to abide.  
I'll need nothing else in my life to find.

Give me, Jesus, your perfect love to extend to others in my life,  
on my way.  
Forgiving, encouraging, lifting others' needs as I pray.  
Fill me with your Holy Spirit.  
In my weakness, perfect your strength.  
Your love for me knows no boundaries, not height, nor depth,  
nor length.

Unclean, unrighteous, undeserving  
Your grace I could not earn.  
Repeatedly choosing my way over yours,  
Your lessons I would not learn.

With your *relentless love*, however, my heart you continued to pursue -  
Refusing to count me a loss.  
You chose to bear my every dark sin,  
Paid the price, endured the pain,  
And died for me on the Cross.

By Toni Carter 6/1/2015





**Prime Time Singers**  
*by Ann Peay*

The first Friday in March had us in 2 buses to Bandera at a nursing home. Since they were celebrating March birthdays, we had an audience of 20 or more. Of course we sang "Happy Birthday" to them and then sang our program. They all seemed delighted and some even sang along with us. Afterwards we went to "Bricks" for lunch - the original Billy Jeans, I was told. It was a delightful day for all of us.

On March 16th we went to Edgewater nursing facility to, again, spread a little joy to the residents singing 'off book' as Larry said. With the heavy schedule for "The Victor" and Good Friday there were no rehearsals on March 23rd and 30th. There WILL be a rehearsal April 6th.

Upcoming events include singing "Jesus Paid It All" in 'Big Church' on April 8th. Then a 'gig' at the State Hospital on April 13th.

SPRING TOUR 2018 is coming up fast! If you are going, all payments were due end of March. There are 53 signed up so two hotels have been booked: Hampton Inn and Hilton Garden Inn. One of the events on the first day is participation in "Everlasting Choir Festival" at Woodlands First Baptist Church, Woodlands. This is a two-day event. This will be such a great time with other choirs and to "strut our stuff". Look sharp, guys and gals! (I'm so sorry to have to miss this tour.)

As a part of this tour, there is a service project that will be hands on activities for hurricane relief with a variety of projects to suit every ability. (Remember "Whistle While You Work" ? Well, you can modify that to 'Sing While You Work'.)

A BIG reminder - the bus leaves Thursday, April 26th PROMPTLY at 6 AM!!!  
Do not be left on the curb waving goodbye as they pull down the road.



**Healthful Hints**  
*by Ann Peay*

Correct Time To Drink Water

The effectiveness of water on the body will be maximized if you do the following:

- Drink 2 glasses of water after waking up. This activates internal organs.
- One glass of water 30 minutes before a meal helps digestion.
- One glass of water before taking a bath helps lower blood pressure.
- One glass of water before going to bed can help avoid a stroke or heart attack.
- Drinking water at bedtime will also help prevent nighttime leg cramps.



**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.  
Third Tuesday of each month

**Pilgrims of Faith group**  
Hilltop Nursing Home - 10:00 a.m.  
Fourth Thursday of each month



*Pilgrims of Faith - Room 121*  
*by Jo Hancock*

Spring has sprung! The cold and sometimes dreary days of winter may have kept us indoors more than usual, but on a positive note maybe that gave us extra time for reading the Bible, praying, finishing that partially read book, cleaning out file cabinets and tossing mounds of magazines, organizing the dreaded catch-all closet or drawer, polishing the silver, gathering and filing income tax papers, etc. Now that those winter day activities are either avoided or accomplished, we can look forward to the activities that spring invites us to participate in---like celebrating Easter by attending "The Victor", walking the River Trail, planning a cookout with friends or family, or even cleaning out that weed-infested flower garden and finding new ways to win the war against ants! (I recently heard about an organic weapon of used coffee grounds...will report later on how it works!) As I mention gardening, I remember recently receiving a Guideposts greeting card which included the following poem by June Masters Bacher.

"I'm going to plant a garden this year. First, I'll plant three rows of PEAS: **Perseverance, Politeness and Prayer.** Next to them I'll plant three rows of SQUASH: **Squash gossip, Squash selfishness, and Squash indifference.** Then three rows of LETTUCE: **Let us be loyal, Let us be truthful, and Let us love one another.** No garden is complete without TURNIPS: **Turn up for work, Turn up for church, and Turn up with a smile!"**

Trinity's presentation of "The Victor" once again will have brought the story of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection into sharp focus through drama and music. It is a powerful reminder of how much God loves us and it is one of many ways to help us share the message of salvation. Through the ages many hymns have been written about the cross. A favorite of many is "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" written in 1707 by Isaac Watts, who wrote over 600 hymns. All four verses inspire genuine love and devotion for our Lord as we serve Him and share His message:

"When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most—I sacrifice them to

His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

Blessings 'til next time, Jo Hancock



*Stitchers for Jesus*  
*by Marvene Wallace*

The ladies working with "Sewing for Jesus" really did a great job making dresses for the girls in Africa. One hundred and six dresses! We thank Sue Stewart for telling us about this new home for homeless girls who are mostly coming to this refuge from a life on the street. Just imagine what a new dress would mean to each of them and hearing the teaching about Jesus who loves them also.

When J.D.s' group travels to Taft/Rockport on May 7, they will be bringing 54 little dresses+shorts from us to the South Texas Children's Home in Beeville. Nothing for the teenage girls because they get an allowance to go shopping with an adult and pay for their own choice. (good opportunity to teach here also).

After a brief March meeting, we were treated to a tour of Lyda Green's home in Ingram. (new member) Talk about lots of sewing room space, machines and cloth everywhere (still on bolts or flat fold according to color and fabric) plus every sewing article to help make sewing easier. It was really a great place. Add to that a remarkable home. Lyda said we could take from any of her fabric we wanted-- if we used it to make clothes for the children. Then we went to lunch at ChiCho's in Ingram.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 5, 10:00a.m.

Until then - happy sewing!



**Best Ever Senior Citizen Joke**

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?" The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then... he said with a deep sigh.....

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

**Flower Ministry  
by Jean Ward**

Since our last report, the Flower Ministry has delivered 28 vases of flowers to 8 different nursing home facilities and to Peterson Hospital. Joyce Doyle, Dell Bergeron and Jean Ward have made these deliveries. Pam Case takes the arrangements apart and makes the smaller arrangements. Thank you to those who have donated the flowers for the enjoyment of others. If anyone would like to join our team, please contact Jean.




**Ladies, join the  
TBC Women's Ministry  
for a stroll and picnic in the  
San Antonio Botanical Gardens!!  
April 21st, 8:30 AM - 3 PM, \$12**

Bring a picnic lunch, wear walking shoes & comfortable clothing, bring plenty of water & sunscreen.....you may also want to bring a blanket for your picnic lunch

**RSVP to Gina by April 7th  
830.895.0100**



**Men's Bible Study  
February 8 - April 26  
Thursdays 10 a.m. - Noon  
In the Chapel  
Bill Parr will teach  
Galatians & Ephesians**



**Don't even think about not coming!**

**Jubilee Class**  
**by Rae Logan**

In my last article, I wrote about my grandmother and her friends talking about the flu epidemic. Since I wrote that piece I came across an article in the National Geographic about the Flu Epidemic of 1918. These ladies were of an age that they would have remembered that time. The time I was writing about would have been in the early 1940s. In the N G they quoted that 195,000 people in the US died in that epidemic of 1918, they compared that the US lost 160, 000 soldiers in World War I. This was just to make a comparison about the severity of the epidemic of 1918. No wonder these older ladies were concerned. Remember there were NO flu shots in those days. I go every year and get my shot. I hope you do also. We know that this past year that the shot did not protect everyone 100% but it does lessen the severity. I promise no more FLU stories.

Jubilee Class News has been all over the place. It was Spring Break time in the local schools. We Mentors also get a break. I along with Patricia Miller, joined. eight other hardy souls and took the Genesis I trip to Pedernales Falls. I had been several times to the River, but Mark Ross took us to the FALLS. It was worth the extra miles. Where the River has been tumbling over rock for EONS it has carved out a sight that words are hard to describe. You don't have to hike from the entrance like we did, there is an actual parking lot close to the site. If you are on the way to Austin and have extra time on your hands, you can access Pedernales Falls State Park off of 290 towards Austin, before you get to Dripping Springs. Mark took us on road that is right outside Johnson City and goes the back way. Then Mark took us over to Blanco to a great eating place. If you are out that way check out this place. It is on the north side of the square. Ask Mark for the name. You have never seen such a "Menu" and the food is good too.

The week end before Spring Break, Peggy Morrow and Linda Cullison took in the Cowboy Poetry gathering at Alpine, Texas. Alpine is out in Big Bend Country. I know Alpine as the home of Sul Ross University. Sul Ross is a "cowboy" school. They have college rodeo majors. Now that is a real "Texas" school. Peggy and Linda always come back with a smile on their faces. You two deserve a good time.

Speaking of a good time. Kittz Zietz has

wonderful news to report. She has won a trip to Washington D.C. for her and her son to take in the Cherry Blossom Festival. It was one of those "Make a Wish" offerings and Kitty won. We can hardly wait for Randall and Kitty to get back to tell us all about it. We wish you two an extra special time. Randall takes super pictures. I can hardly wait.

To catch you up on some of the happenings in Jubilee Class. We had several requests for prayers for travelers. Ruth Spradling went to Longview, Delba and Gene Ayers went to Phoenix, AZ Shirley Pugh to Las Cruces, N.M. There may have been others I have missed.

Kal Nyitrai was back in class and thanked everyone for their prayers, phone calls, cards, and food. Glad you are back Kal. Also back were Durwin and Donna Hill. Glad to see you two back.

We have news from Jerry Cobb that his surgery went well. They took out a third of Jerry's stomach. He will be facing recovery for some time.

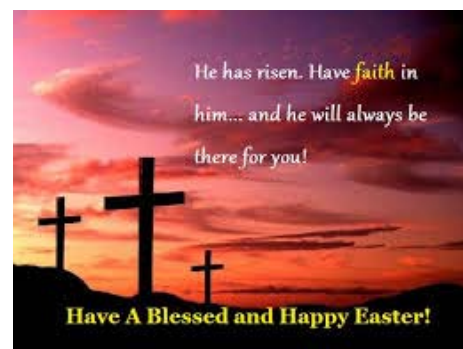
Beth Marshall had eye surgery. Keep Beth on your prayers list as she has ongoing eye problems.

Gene Ayers and Janice Smith have finished their chemo treatments.

Bill Byrd, a former Jubilee teacher, is reported making some improvement at Brookdale.

While I was finishing this, I had a "birthday" phone call from Yvonne Messer. Yvonne is a former Jubilee Class Member. We had a nice long chat. Yvonne shared with me that she is having eye problems. Her sight is nearly gone. She still has her same sense of humor. We had such a nice visit. She loves hearing about the Jubilee Class members that were here when she was here.

Thank you, Stan Cullison, for subbing for Peggy while she was out.







***Hello everyone from  
the Library Ladies!  
by Susan Lesser***

Spring officially arrived on March 20<sup>th</sup> – yea! Just waiting for the weather to catch up to the calendar. We have in several new or

new-to-us books. For murder mystery fans, we have in books 1-13 by Debbie Viguie in the Psalm 23 Mystery series. Rebecca has been busy updating the Lori Wick books so you can easily see what book belongs in what place in which series, by the label on the spine. (ex: EG-1 is English Garden series, book 1) For Western fans, we have in a 3-book series by Mary Connealy. Connealy & Viguie books are in the ‘new book’ rack by the check-out desk. Wick books are in the Fiction room.

If anyone is interested in Daniel (and who isn’t??), we have ‘Agents of Babylon’ by Dr. David Jeremiah. There is a book, and a sermon series as well. You don’t need the book to view the sermons. Each is a stand-alone. The book is in the ‘new book’ rack. We also have a few books by Mitch Albom, such as ‘Tuesdays with Morrie’. We also have Max Lucado’s ‘Outlive Your Life’.

Easter DVDs are on the check-out counter, for easy access. Happy Easter, everyone!

***The Agape Class  
by Susan Lesser***

Our beloved teacher, Ken Brown, has retired or is just about to. Easter will bring about new opportunities for Ken and his lovely wife Susan. You’re never truly retired until you move on to Glory. Wonder what wonderful reassignments this couple will be finding?

We’ve folks ailing that will never ever complain. Please keep these families in your prayers: Scott & Libby Tolman, Anne & Howard Hagar, Mona Rieck and her sister Laverna, Jewell Thompson, Florence McDaniel, Betty & Clayton Williams. Our dear Mae Haymaker has been placed on hospice and is residing with her daughter Suzie Allen.

Our luncheons are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. This past month was a salad & sandwich lunch, with the dessert table practically groaning under the weight of all the goodies. We have some wonderful and creative cooks in our class. Isn’t that true of all Baptists?

Did you have a chance to see The Victor this year? What an awesome experience to participate in this production, our gift to the community of Kerrville, and beyond. If you missed it, check out streaming on [tbck.org](http://tbck.org) or the library for copies of this year and previous years. Susan Brown and I (Susan Lesser) were blessed to be able to sing this year, and our class supported us in their prayers.

Have a blessed Easter!



The TBC Women's Ministry is hosting a fun night of painting!

Friday, April 13, 6:30 - 8 PM,

Room 121, \$10 per person

RSVP with Gina by April 6  
830.895.0100

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Building a Marriage that Lasts**

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**Featuring Byron & Carla Weathersbee  
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