

# The Gorman Progress

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## FIRE FIGHTERS (we) CARE PACKAGES

Following the wild fire and our evacuation on April 15 a few of the residents of Homestead Nursing and Rehab here in Gorman made the comment they wish they could do something for all the fire fighters who risk their lives. Shortly after that I received an e-mail listing some items that the fire fighters could use. We decided to make "Fire fighters (we) Care Packages" to be distributed to the fire fighters in Gorman, and surrounding areas. Staff members started bring in items and the residents have now fixed about 25 Care Packages to soon be delivered. This is a project that we want to do year round.

We would like to invite you to take part in this. Below is a list of suggested items, but feel free to donate what you feel would benefit a fire fighter.

Wet wipes, Small packages of Kleenex, Snacks that won't melt (granola bars, fruit bars, peanuts) Powder to put in their boots, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Aspirin, toothbrush, toothpaste, Foot spray or cream (such as tinactin) Socks, Lip balm, lotion for their face, eye drops or contact lens solution, and paper towel.

Boxes have been set up at City Gro. Bob's and Gorman Pharmacy.

Thank you, Ina Smith and the Residents and Staff of Homestead Nursing and Rehab of Gorman

## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We finally got together on the 27th of April with 14 in attendance. The week before the city had needed the center for the fireman's funeral get together. Henry Buchanan offered the blessing for all. I sure did hate not getting to say goodbye to Bill and Mary Barrentine. They were coming to eat with us the Wednesday we couldn't meet. From then on I was gone or sick. They were wonderful people the whole town will miss. They moved to a Town in North Florida.

We celebrated Wilburn Overstreet, a little late, 95th Birthday. That also had to be put off. Cecilia Hirst made him a good chocolate cake, also quite attractive. He also brought another cake which was white. He received several cakes for reaching this milestone. We enjoy seeing him every week, such a good, sweet man. We all sang Happy Birthday, plus had ice cream with all this cake. Thanks to the Buchanan's. Missed the Shirleys as Frank not feeling well.

Our meal was Brisket from Bob's, very good. Also green beans with potatoes, green peas, green salad, Jello with fruit, and a burger macaroni dish with cornbread. We enjoyed Three cakes. Bernice Henson made a good sugar free cake. Then Frnak Shirley wasn't here to enjoy.

I just found out Ima Brown in our Nursing Home. She had a spell of passing out, so I guess they thought she would do better there for awhile. She had been with us every week for over a month. I thought she was doing well. You never know what could happen in an instant.

On Wednesday the 4th of May I was too ill to attend. So I told Jerry Underwood to buy some wieners and sour kraut. Something easy for them to prepare. The usual peas and green beans, plus ckaes from last week. We put them in the freezer, keeps them fresh. Ailene Garrett made a good banana pudding and Beth Shirley some deveiled eggs. They did nmake cornbread. So I guess they had enough. So many are not coming that were our good cooks.

Tim Thomas our Nursing Home Administrator was here for dinner. Sorry Tim we didn't have more food. Our attendance has been down lately, so less food. Sorry I missed greeting you, come again.

The end of April was so cold I had to turn on the heater while ill. Now so hot air condition back on. HA! Mother's Day was terrible hot, the whole weekend! I couldn't get out to eat as not up to it. So they brought me a dish with my hints. My bunch went to Chilies. We sure do miss ZJ's, all these good Mother's Day buffets. My two sons and a grandson came and cleaned up my yard. That's what I told them, no gifts. My daughter did bring a bouquet of flowers, plus cleaned my house. The best gifts. Also Alaina helped in the cleaning. Thanks to all.

Hope to be there on May 11th, keep well - Carol.

## RIVER OF LIFE CELEBRATES ELEVEN YEARS!

On Sunday, May 15th, River of Life Church will celebrate the anniversary of ELEVEN GREAT YEARS of ministry in Eastland County. This will be a great and exciting day.

River of Life Church is committed to serving the people of Eastland County and beyond. For the past eleven years, many people have added value to the ministry of River of Life Church. This list includes visitors, volunteers, building contractors, friends who attend church somewhere else and those who attend here regularly. There are others in the area who have made a significant difference, as well.

River of Life will celebrate God's blessing in praise and worship during the morning service at 10:00am. Senior Pastor Jerry Maston will give a message of encouragement and vision concerning the hopes and plans for the future of River of Life. Then come join us that evening at 6:00pm for a Hamburger Hoe-Down in the south parking lot.

Everyone is invited to attend and worship on this day of celebration! Celebration times are Sunday, 10:00am and 6:00pm. For more information, contact our offices at 103 Pogue Ave in Eastland 254-629-1015 www.riveroflife.org.



## BENEFIT FOR RUTH NORRIS

We're "cookin up a storm" for our friends and neighbors to honor sweet Ruth Norris -- Kidney and pancreas recipient who continues to do well, but needs financial assistance.

Please come eat supper with us, enjoy visiting and participate in our live auction. Menu will include delicious barbecued brisket (cooked by Hardin's Barbecue of Eastland) and all the trimmings plus -- Wonderful home-baked desserts. If you can contribute a dessert please call Mittie Bledsoe at 254-639-2494 by May 7th.

The feed is on May 14th at the Carbon Community Center -- Fun starts at 5:00 p.m. -- Auction planned for 8:00 p.m. Or thereabouts -- Please come eat, enjoy fellowship and show your love and assistance for Ruth and the Norris Family.

Thank you so much for your support -- Not only for this event but all those sponsored by Carbon Community Center.

## GARAGE SALE TREASURE HUNT

The First United Methodist Church is having a garage sale Friday and Saturday May 13 and 14 to support our summer outreach projects. Doors open at 8:00. There will be something for everyone. Please come by and support these projects. A wide variety of items. [gormanumc.org](http://gormanumc.org)

## Robert (Matt) Clark Benefit Fund

C/O American State Bank  
P.O. Box 519  
Gorman, TX 76454

Matt was burned fighting a structure fire around Gorman on April 15, 2011. He underwent skin grafts on his hands at Parkland Burn Unit in Dallas. Matt is a member of the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department. A fund has been set up for Matt and family to help offset expenses during this time while he is unable to work.

## May 14th Date To Clean City Streets

Saturday, May 14, 2011, we are urging residents to help us get the streets of our fine City cleaned up. We will meet at the City Park Saturday morning at 9, pass out garbage bags that have been donated for this purpose and proceed to clean up the streets. If you would like to pick up litter in a certain area, just let us know that morning and we will designate it for you. This project is in conjunction with the Keep America Beautiful Great American Clean Up, the nation's largest community improvement program that takes place annually from March 1st thru May 31st. Check out [www.ktb.org](http://www.ktb.org) for more information.

## GORMAN ALL SPORT'S BANQUET

The annual athletic banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, beginning at 6:30 p.m., it will be held at the Gorman High School gymnasium. The meal for the banquet is being prepared by Cook's Fish Barn, tickets to the banquet will be sold in advance for \$12.00 for an adult meal. Please get your tickets in advance by contacting Gorman High School at 254-734-3171 or Becky Swanner at 254-734-2480. The price of the ticket on the night of the banquet will be \$15.

Please call Becky Swanner at one of the above numbers if there are any questions. Discs containing spring sport pictures will be sold at the banquet.

If you would like to purchase a photo disc, please call the high school at the above number and reserve a copy.

## Program Benefits Available to Producers Suffering Wildfire Losses

Recently drought and wildfires have greatly impacted many agricultural operations across the state. Agricultural producers who have experienced losses as a result of wildfire can apply for benefits through the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) or the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to wildfires.

A notice of loss must be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss of livestock is apparent. Livestock that die within 60 days of the date of the qualifying event, but prior to Oct. 1, 2011 will be considered eligible for loss benefits.

USDA has established normal mortality rates for each type and weight range of eligible livestock, i.e. Adult Beef Cow = 1.5% and Non-Adult Beef Cattle = 3%. These established percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typical under, "normal" conditions.

Producers will be required to provide verifiable documentation of death losses resulting from an eligible adverse weather event.

ELAP is another disaster program that can provide emergency assistance to eligible livestock producers who have losses due to wildfires.

ELAP assistance is for losses not covered under other disaster assistance programs established by the 2008 Farm Bill. Such losses include but are not limited to feed supply losses due to wildfire and additional feed costs resulting from the purchase of additional livestock feed, above normal quantities. Producers who have suffered feed losses must file a notice of loss with FSA within 30 days of the fire.

Producers who feel they have suffered a qualifying LIP or ELAP loss are encouraged to file a notice of loss and application for payment. For more information on LIP, ELAP or other FSA programs, please contact the Eastland county office at 254-629-1636 or visit FSA online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tx>.

## If It's Dr Pepper, Texas, It Must Be A Big Fun Birthday Party

When the Dublin city limits signs are officially changed to Dr Pepper, Texas on the morning on Monday, June 6, this North Central Texas community -- the home of the world's oldest Dr Pepper bottling company -- will begin its 120th birthday celebration with the theme of Big Fun Greek Birthday.

The official changing of the city limits sign, by proclamation of the Dublin City Council two decades ago, is just the beginning of the annual celebration which each year brings thousands of Dublin Dr Pepper aficionados to town to celebrate "all things Dr Pepper."

The Big Fun Greek birthday will be on Saturday, June 11 when the operative words are "free, family and fun." The bottling plant will be open for tours all day and there will be a steady flow of Dublin Dr Pepper from the giant soda can. Music will fill the air from performances on the Dr Pepper stage, located in Celebration Park adjacent to the bottling plant. And a traditional favorite activity will be the cutting of the huge Dublin Dr Pepper birthday cake.

Earlier in the week on Wednesday, June 8, some 25 tons of sand will arrive so that famed sand sculptor Jon Woodworth can begin his creative endeavors which will result in a giant Dr Pepper-themed sand sculpture on the corner of Celebration Park.

The birthday celebration has been an annual tradition since Dublin Dr Pepper turned 100 years old. The party was created as a means of thanking friends and family who continue to support the Dublin drink year after year.

For more information, check the website at [www.dublinrpepper.com](http://www.dublinrpepper.com), call Dublin Dr Pepper Special Events at 254-445-4210, or contact the plant at [drpeppertx@embarqmail.com](mailto:drpeppertx@embarqmail.com).

## Notes From City Office

The City of Gorman Mayor and City Commission would like to thank Shirley's Heating and Air Conditioning for graciously donating their labor for some needed up grades at the Charlie Garrett Memorial Library. This was a much appreciated act, due to economic times being so strained and budgets being so stretched to function. Please take the time to thank Shirley's for lending this manner of support to our locally volunteer ran library.

The Gorman Swimming Pool is tentatively set to open Memorial Day Weekend. This years admission price will be \$3.00 per person. The pool phone number, when it officially opens, will be 734-2053.

Please let this also serve as a reminder that Allied Trash Service will only pick up trash that is inside your poly cart. Please do not place items at the curb.

## NOTICE OF HEARING

### IN FRONT OF BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

- Name of Owner, occupant and other persons interested in the Property:  
Jason Pierce, owner of the Property; Colonnade at Polo Park Venture, Judgment lien holder American State Bank, Judgment lien holder
- The street address or legal description of the Property:  
Building located at 109 S. Kent Street, Gorman, Texas (N 16 2/3 of S/2, 2 Blk 8, SE Pt 1 & N/2 2 Blk 8, S 8 1/3 2 N/2 3 Blk 8)
- A general description of the improvements:  
Two story commercial building that has been extensively damaged by fire.
- A list of defects on the Property:  
The two story commercial building has been extensively damaged by fire and is a dangerous and uninhabitable building as defined by Ordinance No. 302.2 (the "Ordinance") and constitutes a danger to life, safety or the general health of the occupants of the building and/or the citizens of Gorman, Gorman, Texas.
- A brief statement of the action to be considered by the Commission:  
Consider whether the Property is in violation of the Ordinance, order abatement or removal of the buildings and debris located on the Property, determine the amount of civil penalties for the violation, and consider other lawful orders authorized by the Ordinance.
- Hearing Date and Place:  
May 23, 2011, 5:30 p.m., Gorman City Hall, City Council Chambers, 116 South Kent Street, Gorman, Texas

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

4-H -- The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome, Cecil Funderburgh, Master -- Kenneth Good, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

**Food Bank**  
New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m.  
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SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.



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3 - 1 1/2 - 2 Brick, 1348 sf, central A/C, some new carpet, metal roof, sunroom, large fenced backyard, near school, nice & Clean. \$41,500.

35 A, M/L - Erath Co. N. De Leon, paved frontage, good small acreage recreational place, heavy brush cover, deer, wild turkey and hogs! Over 1/2 mile of creek frontage. \$3,495 per acre.

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9+ Acres, n/w Gorman: Beautiful landscaping, remodeled 2-story ranch style 3 - 2 home, 1700 sq. ft. metal roof, carpet, 3000 sq. ft. metal shop, several wells, lots of trees. Nice! \$149,500.00.

ON CONTACT

S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.

Near Gorman, 60 A m/l, 2-1 frame farmhouse, new windows/front door, new metal roof, 2 ponds, fenced, some Coastal, partly wooded, small barn/corral, water well, 2 car carport/storage. \$215,000

S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.

100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.

179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00 acre.

**SELLERS SAYS MAKE OFFER!!**

322A. Oak & Elm Trees, 2 creeks, great water shed project! 40 A. Coastal, owner reports 300 round bales/year, 55 A. Cultivable soils, 6 ponds, water well, 1200' metal Bldg. with slab floor, elec. Deer, turkey, and other wildlife. \$2,300 A.

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20 ACRES, M/L, GORMAN - Good coastal & native grasses, 1 tank & partially fenced. Will be surveyed out of a larger tract. Could be very productive. A2

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11.917 ACRES, M/L - GORMAN - 1 tank, 1 old water well, mostly mesquite and some oak. Excellent place to build. A3

MOTIVATED SELLER - Brick Home on 3.7 ac. - REDUCED - 3 BR, 1 3/4 baths, LR, DR, office, DAG, stg. Bldg. & metal barn w/elec., outbuildings. Excellent location at the edge of Gorman. 03

"EDGE OF GORMAN" - 1.3 AC, m/l. Maintenance free Brick 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, open LR-DR, kitchen area w/bk. bar, Utility, CH/A fenced yard, SACP w/stg. & barn. 06

HUNTING & GRAZING - 257.53 AC. Mostly mesquite, food plots for deer, grazing or hay, tanks, good fences on 2 sides, Nash Creek, rolling terrain A18

CHARM, WARMTH, COMFORT - This 2 BR, 1 bath brick has all of this & more. Large inviting living room, kitchen/dining combo, CH/A, utility w/extras, DACP & cov. porch overlooking the oversized back yard with it's beautiful pecan trees. Call us to make your appointment today! 08

PRODUCTIVE - 160 AC, m/l, N. of Gorman. Coastal, good soil, 2 tanks, water well s & frontage on 2 county roads. A13

INVESTORS - INVESTORS - INVESTORS - Lots of possibilities - 2 story office building & old cafe. C19

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## Steven Jacob Singleton Graduates From Huston Academy/Erath Excels In Stephenville

We are Pleased to Announce the Upcoming Graduation of the Erath Excels Senior Class of 2011.  
 Friday, May 27, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.  
 Fine Arts Theatre - 1333 West Washington in Stephenville  
 We Hope To See You There!!!

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) recently announced that Huston Academy / Erath Excels student Steven J. Singleton from De Leon has been selected for membership. The Society recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved academic excellence. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities," stated NSHSS President James Lewis. "We aim to help students like Steven build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition items, and publicity honors.

Steven Jacob is the son of Steven Jaret and Shelley Singleton of De Leon. Grandson of Steven J. and Laura Singleton of De Leon and Eddie and Ruby King of Carbon.

## "On The Wilder Side"

Life... that's right, LIFE. Life has been the subject of much debate in the realm of science, philosophy, religion, and even politics. Life is crazy. Life is hard. Life is rewarding. Life is unpredictable. Life is... life.

I'm sure there was a point in Moses' life where he thought he was going to enjoy a life of living in the Egyptian palaces and enjoy all the pleasures it had to offer. But that's not what God had in mind for him. Instead he got to spend the bulk of his life aimlessly following a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night... in the desert... with millions of grumblers and complainers. I've wondered if there were ever a point where Moses had to cross a path where he could see that they had already been. Maybe set up camp twice in the same place, but twenty years later. And to top it all off with Moses... all that work and he never even got to go into the Promise Land. Well, that's life as we say. I also wonder about Abraham. God told Abraham to go. Pick it all up and leave. Leave your friends, leave your family, and leave the life you know behind. Go start a new life.

We are all humans and love to be in control. We like to control what we eat, where we sleep, who we befriend, our professions, our clothes, and every aspect of our being. But in all honesty we don't really control much because life is unpredictable. Life seems to always get in the way when we least expect it.

The Apostle Paul also had quite a life. He took life with a grain of salt because he had learned the secret to life. Consider his words: "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." (Phil 4:11-13).

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12)

Jason Wilder  
 Gorman Church of Christ

**IMMEDIATE OPENING:** Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman needs CNA's for 2-10 and 10 to 6 Shifts also All PRN. Shifts For additional information, contact the facility at 254-734-2202. EEOC FNC

## GARAGE SALE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Friday May 13 and  
 Sat. May 14 - 8:00 to ??

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**TAKING APPLICATIONS:** Now taking applications for Nurses and CNA's. Nurse Applications are for part time 10 p.m. To 6 a.m. And PRN. CNA applications are for 3 p.m. To 11 p.m. Shift. We are also hiring for PRN CNA's. Please come by De Leon Nursing and Rehab at 809 E. Navarro in De Leon. 2 - 5 - 19 C.

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## GORMAN CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2011

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners David Stanley, Joe Casey, Nathan Files, and Durward Webb. Others present were Barbara Fenley, Glenn Scitern, David Gray, Jimmy Stell, Tanner Bruce and associate from Utility Service Company.

Durward led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:32 p.m. David made the motion to approve the minutes as read with a second from Durward. Motion carried 4-0.

Durward made the motion to approve the bills for payment, excluding the bill to Brad Stephenson for the Quit Claim Deed to a Deed w/o Warranty. Present this bill to EDC. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Jimmy Stell was present to ask the commission if his application had been considered for employment..

No action was necessary for item 6. The Commission wants something done with all of the livestock that is harbored in too small of an area. Proper housing needs to be obtained to harbor or own livestock. The Commission wants the Keeping of Livestock ordinance to be enforced diligently.

Glenn Scitern was present to update the Commission on his injury status. He told them he will return to work as soon as he is released by the doctor.

Item 8 will be considered at another date. Bruce Tanner of Utility Service did a power point presentation of the city water tower. He left a quote and recommendations for the City Commission's consideration.

David Gray was present to inquire about running the pool, and noting the needed repairs. He also discussed with the Commission the price of admission. David Stanley made the motion to increase the admission price to \$3 per person. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0. Opening day is tentatively set for Memorial Day Weekend.

Durward made the motion to submit by ordinance the existing old elementary building, the home making cottage (rock house), the football stadium and wall - Brogdon Field, all of Gorman ISD for historical markers. David made a second. Motion carried 4-0. A sample ordinance will be obtained and put on the next agenda.

There being no further business for consideration David made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried 4-0, time was 7:00 p.m.

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## Happenings At FBC!!!

Influence! The unique impression that only you can make on others is either good, bad, positive, or negative. Will your influence bring others closer to God or cause them to stumble and fall away? Go to the Lord in prayer and rely on Him to make your unique influence beneficial.

Mark your calendars:

May 14th - 8am - Brotherhood Breakfast - Come & enjoy great friends & food!  
 May 13th thru 15th - "Youth Disciple Now Weekend"  
 June 6th thru 10th - VBS - Please pray for this Special Event & call Church Office to Volunteer.

\* \* Nikki Keith is leading the task to create a "Gorman Community Garden" - please call the Church Office to get Nikki's phone number if you are interested in helping or donating tools.

Wednesdays: TeamKids at 6pm, Mission Friends at 6pm, and Youth at 6:30pm. Bring your friends and have fun learning about Jesus!

Tribute to Mothers: In Celebration of Mother's Day the oldest mother, the youngest mother, the mother with the most children, & the mothers with the youngest babies were all recognized and pinned with pretty corsages.

Special Presentation: The Youth truly surprised me (Sharlene) and presented me with a Mother's Day gift for being like a mom to them. I'm incredibly honored and touched so deeply! I love all the kids and pray for them like my very own. Thank you for making this day so wonderfully special for me. Thank you to the Parents who allow Bro Barry & myself the privilege of being your children's Pastor & Pastor's Wife.

Children's Sermon: Traci showed the children pictures of her Grandma & Granny and told some of what they taught her: wear lipstick when you leave the house, treat a good husband right, appreciate good friends & family, and never be too busy to spend time with kids. Then a tearful Traci showed a beautiful picture of her mom and told how she taught her to take care of herself, keep a clean house, love reading, go to Church every time the doors are open, read the Bible, and the most valuable thing Traci's mom taught her was Who Jesus Is! Honor your mom, listen to what she says and obey.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Just Another Mother's Day" - Galatians 6:9 - How do we keep this from being "Just Another Mother's Day"? It is YOUR Mother's Day! Moms are always there, they stay the test, they are the reason children are fed, bathed, & dressed, and they don't give up.

RESOURCES for MOTHERS: (1) MOPS.com - Mother's of Preschoolers. (2) Parents.com (3) parentingteens.com (4) cpyu.org - Center for Parent/Youth Understanding. (5) The Bible - The Word of God.

HARVEST OF BLESSING: - At just the right time!

1. Babies.- It's a privilege & a gift from God to have a newborn baby. The miracle is in the birth!
2. Kid Babies.- They say & do without thinking and there's nothing you can do to stop them!
3. Teen Babies.- Everything changes when our babies grow into teenagers!
4. God Help Us Babies.- Admittedly kids get on your nerves when you've been out of nerves for a year! Teenagers to adulthood we say, "Jesus help me! Help me get this child thru graduation!" Mothers, you are the Harvest of Blessing! You are the moms to babies who need it so badly. You are the moms to our country. You are the mom of your home. May you not be made fun of or mistreated; May you be honoured and respected! Moms, when you look in the mirror may you see the beauty you possess, and may you know that you are too blessed to be stressed and too anointed to be disappointed! God bless Moms!

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420. Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday Morning - please come & join us! Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email: fbcgorman@hotmail.com



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### A Letter To The Editor

By Henry A. Buchanan

Run! George! Run! Osama bin Laden is dead, but the mission is not accomplished. We have only moved the hatred to a higher level. Now America will be hated by all the people in the Islamic world who believed that Osama bin Laden represented, embodied their hope of bringing down the power that America represents, embodies, and incarnates in the world that sees our armed forces running rough shod over the people of lesser stature.

We have seen Osama bin Laden as the hated terrorist responsible for the death of three thousand Americans ten years ago when the Twin Towers came down. They have seen him as the Messiah who would bring down the most terrible power on earth.

Yes, Messiah. The Jews who followed Jesus hoped he would be the Messiah who would bring down the power of Rome. He even considered it, but realized it wouldn't work. Instead, he became the Messiah who would bring justice, mercy and humility, the true fulfillment of the Messianic ideal.

For a brief moment the church, His Body on Earth, caught the vision; then lost it as the church gained power and came to embody that power in the militaristic state. America, the American Church, made up of loyal Christians, rejoices in the death of Osama bin Laden, embodies, incarnates the hatred that has festered for ten years and finally resulted in the killing of Osama bin Laden.

Now it is the turn for the Islamic world to hate us who have killed the Messiah. Run! George! Run! There is nowhere for Barack to run. He is trapped between the jaws of the Islamic terrorist hatred, and the Republican who wants his office and the power that goes with it.

We have not accomplished our mission because we did not understand what our mission is. America thought our mission was to hate and kill. The American Church sanctioned that belief. The American President, proclaiming himself Christian, declared that the men who brought back the head of Osama bin Laden are the best that America has to offer.

Henry A. Buchanan  
1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454  
254-734-4569 May 7, 2011



**First Baptist Church** of Desdemona had 40 in attendance on Sunday. Bro. Charlie Johnson brought a wonderful Mother's Day message. His wife, Jana led the song service with Gary Shirley at the piano. Lane Shirley rendered the Special Music singing and playing his guitar. Oldest mother present was Estelle Lindley and youngest mother present was Jordan Riggs. Members of the youth group gave a lovely pink rose to each mother present. Jana was so happy to have her father, Doug Corley to attend the Morning Service. Visitors attended from Lubbock, Ranger, Stephenville, Petrolia and Arlington.

Mother's Day visitors with Carol Sue Willis are her daughter, Cindy Heinz and family of Arlington. Other family members visited on Sunday.

Randall Wilcoxson is recovering from recent hip surgery and he was able to attend Church at First Baptist on Mother's Day.

Remember the Sick and Shut Ins of our Community with your Cards and Prayers. Just a Note to say "Hello" means so much to a shut-in.

Have a Great Day, Vonnie

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