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## Children's reading programs come back to Howard County Library

By **ERIN STEPHENS**  
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Library has brought back their reading programs that focus on the children of the community. According to Donna Downing, head of the Howard County Children's Library, there is no age limit for the programs they offer, but they're mostly for elementary school-aged children and younger.

"We're in the process of trying to build and expand our children's programs. I was thinking of maybe doing an after school program, but no plans have been made for that just yet," she said. "Every year, we do a summer read-

ing program. We usually have entertainment, arts and crafts, puppet shows, and kids logging how many minutes they read; the top boy and top girl get a prize. The summer reading program welcomes any child below sixth grade. This year, I may go ahead and do a second summer reading program, but there are no dates for that at this time."

Their new "Lap Sit" program is for children 18 months old and younger.

"The only requirement to take part in the Lap Sit program is that a child be accompanied by an adult. A child's

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Pictured above are different areas in the children's library. Children sit in a circle and read stories, sing songs, and do plenty of other activities led by head of the Children's Library, Donna Downing.

HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

## Dr. Patel recognized for 27 years of caring for Big Spring



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Dr. Nandlal Patel (left) of Big Spring was recognized Thursday by Kindred Hospice for his 27 years of medical practice in service to the Howard County community. Patel, an internist, obtained his medical degree at Government Medical College Gujarat in India in 1982, before performing his residency in Johnson City, N.Y., and his internship at the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

The word "service" can mean different things to different people, but there's little doubt that Dr. N.M. Patel, who has provided medical care to Big Spring and Howard County for 27 years, knows the meaning of the word.

Dr. Patel was recognized for his service Thursday by Kindred Hospice of Big Spring.

"Dr. Patel, on behalf of Kindred, we wanted to thank you for your 27 years," said Hospice Specialist Sheila Crockett of Kindred as she presented him with a clear lucite plaque to

commemorate the milestone. "We really think a lot of you, sir, and you've done a lot for the community, and we just wanted to let you know how much we do appreciate you."

The plaque read: "Kindred At Home, Dr. N.M. Patel, 27 Years Serving Big Spring, Texas, and Surrounding Communities."

Patel said his experience in Big Spring has been a good one.

"Pretty good. All the population here is nice, the people are friendly and nice, and all," he said. "I haven't had any problems. It was pretty good. It's been a pleasure to take care of the people here."

The doctor had some kind words for Kindred as well.

"They're pretty nice. They take care of the patients very well," he said. "They're very dedicated. That's all I can tell you."

Patel graduated from Government Medical College Gujarat in India

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## Mark your calendars for this year's Funtastic Fourth



File photos

In the top photo, Quiet Riot performs at the 2017 Funtastic Fourth. In the bottom photo, Ronnie Milsap puts on a show for all of the attendees of the 2017 Funtastic Fourth.

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

Downtown Big Spring will be filled with people, tasty food and live music at 2018's Funtastic Fourth, an annual block party put on and coordinated by the Big Spring Downtown Revitalization Association (DRA).

The shindig is scheduled to kick off June 29 and 30, so be sure to save the dates if you want to join in on the food, fun, shopping, music and tons more.

Celebrating Independence Day has been a long-standing tradition in not only just the US, but particularly in Big Spring, with Pops In The Park and the Fun-

tastic Fourth in downtown Big Spring.

The Big Spring DRA is already planning for big names to perform in this year's lineup, along with Eric Paslay and Skid Row, to entertain and get all of the attendees moving their feet.

"It will be just an entire day of family fun," said Funtastic Fourth organizer Christy Brorman. "We'll have a little bit of something for everybody. There's no need for anyone to go anywhere else that weekend, we'll have it all here."

Vendor booths are now available for those who wish to set up

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## Obituaries

### David Orlando Yanez, Jr.



David Orlando Yanez, Jr., 50, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

David was born April 3, 1967, in San Antonio, Texas, to Eva and David Yanez, Sr., and later moved to Big Spring. He married Michelle Castillo on March 25, 1989. David had many life experiences throughout his employment which left him with many close friends who were like family. He worked at Howard College and SWCID, GEO Corrections and his most current and most memorable employment with GE Wind Energy as a Wind Field Technician. Through this job, he had many travel experiences and gained many friendships that turned into life long family members.

David lived life to the fullest and made his wife Michelle, children, and grandchildren his priority. He loved his grandbabies and they brought sun-

shine into his life.

David is survived by his wife, Michelle; daughters, Natasha Yanez and boyfriend Timothy and Kori Yanez and boyfriend Manuel; two special adopted girls, Stacey Gomez and Kim Torres; granddaughters, Jennifer Partlow, Selena Guadalupe and Jessica Marie Sosa; his father, David Yanez and his wife Isabel; sisters, Cindy Rodriguez and husband Frank, Connie Yanez, Christina Yanez, and Sonya Gonzales and boyfriend Alex; brothers, Joseph Yanez and his wife Irma and Mario Yanez and his girlfriend Sarah. David also left behind many aunts, uncles and cousins who were very dear to his heart. He also left behind many friends and had three special turbine brothers, Jamie Carrasco, Wade Forrest, and Brian Braseth. And also, all of his Uptower Team.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eva Carrasco Yanez.

Pallbearers will be Timothy Rodriguez, Manuel Sosa, Joseph Yanez, Mario Yanez, Jaime Carrasco, and Brian Braseth. Honorary pallbearers will be GE Uptown Gear Box Employees.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid Obituary*

### Mike Ortega

Mike Ortega, 60, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Linda Winterbauer



Linda Winterbauer, 75, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Joel Miller, officiating.

Linda was born on June 23, 1942, in Big Spring, Texas to Ruby H Neill and Raymond E. Neill. She had been a lifetime resident of

Big Spring and Howard County. She married her soul mate, Cecil Winterbauer, on April 27, 1978. He preceded her in death on Aug. 20, 2006. They had been married for 28 years. Linda had been a seamstress for Walls Industries from 1973-1982 and from 1991-2002. She had a garden for many years and enjoyed her flower garden but most of all she loved going to her cotton farm in Knott. Linda was a Christian.

Linda is survived by her daughter, Cindy Torres and husband Larry of Big Spring, and one step-daughter Carol Grantham of Big Spring; her grandchildren, Christy Thurman and husband Richard II; her step-grandchildren, Nick Denton, Amanda Denton; her great grandchildren, Richard Thurman III, Christopher Thurman and Zachary James Thurman, all of Big Spring. Linda is also survived by two sisters, Barbara Kennedy and husband Charlie and Lela Thompson and husband Ronnie, of Big Spring, several nieces and nephews and she leaves behind her special little dog companion, Cleo.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother Ronnie Neill and one sister Marilyn Meridith.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [## Police blotter](http://www.myer-</a></p>
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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **HENRY RODRIGUEZ**, 50, of 1608 Bluebird St., was arrested on a warrant of criminal mischief in between \$100 to \$750.

• **GABRIEL ANTONIO LOPEZ**, 24, of 500 NW 8th St., was arrested on a warrant of evading arrest detention with vehicle.

• **HUMBERTO BARRETO JR.**, 18, of 708 Ohio St., was arrested on charges of interfere

with emergency for assistance, and assault family violence.

• **JAMES BART MOORE**, 42, of 500 W Pecan, was arrested on charges of accident involving damage to vehicle less than \$200 and driving while intoxicated.

• **ANDREW GARZA**, 43, of 1505 S Johnson St., was arrested on three warrants of other agencies.

• **SHARON COURTNEY MOORE**, 45, of 500 W Pecan, was arrested on charge of public in-

toxication.

• **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild Dr.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of Ohio St., and in the 4200 block of W Hwy 80.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 5900 block of the N Service Rd.

• **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the 2600 block of S Gregg St.

## Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.

• **MARK ANTHONY LOPEZ**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of parole violation, and charges of unlawful possession of firearm by felon, evading arrest detention with previous conviction, assault public servant, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, two counts of man-

delivery controlled substance 4 to 200 grams, and escape while arrested confined felony, and resist arrest search or transport.

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• **CHARMIN JOHNSON**, 44, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of forgery financial instrument and forgery financial instrument.

• **SHARON COURTNEY MOORE**, 45, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

## Take Note

• Scholarship packets for Coahoma High School seniors are now available at the counselor's office. Thousands of dollars worth scholarships opportunities are available to Coahoma High School students. The deadline to turn in applications for some of the scholarships is fast approaching. If students or parents have any questions or need help filling out any forms, please contact Chandra Brooks at 395-5000 or come by the high school office. Extra scholarship packets are available at front office. Please see Brooks at the high school office for a packet.

• Are you interested in Duplicate Bridge? Big Spring Duplicate will offer lessons to both men and woman. The lessons will be offered at the Big Spring Country Club. The lessons started Jan. 31 and run through Feb. 28. There will be five lessons at \$25 per person. Bridge is a wonderful, stimulating, and pleasant way to spend an afternoon or evening.

If you have any questions call 267-5615 or 263-2753.

• Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." Anyone

able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is hold-

ing a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time

and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

## Fire, Ems Reorts

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Fenn St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Creighton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Dow Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of E FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N HWY 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 3200 block of Drexell. No transport.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Goliad. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2600 block of S Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Support Groups

### FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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# Florida executes inmate; Texas, Alabama executions halted

(AP) - If executions set for Alabama, Texas and Florida were carried out as scheduled, it would have marked the first time in more than eight years that three convicted killers were put to death in the U.S. on the same day.

But Texas Gov. Greg Abbott on Thursday accepted the recommendation of the state's parole board and granted clemency for Thomas "Bart" Whitaker. And late Thursday, the execution of Doyle Lee Hamm, 61, was postponed in Alabama after medical staff had difficulty connecting an intravenous line, prompting officials to determine that there was not enough time to prepare the inmate before a death warrant expired at midnight.

Hamm was scheduled to die by lethal injection at 6 p.m. Thursday, but the U.S. Supreme Court delayed the execution while it considered Hamm's request to block it. The court ruled about 9 p.m. that officials could proceed with the execution. But Alabama Corrections Commissioner Jeff Dunn said staff did not think they could get the intravenous line connected before the death warrant expired at midnight Thursday. Dunn said it was a "time issue."



This photo combo shows death row inmates, from left, Thomas Whitaker from Texas, Doyle Lee Hamm from Alabama, and Eric Scott Branch from Florida. Executions are set for Alabama, Texas and Florida for the same night. If they are carried out as scheduled Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, it would mark the first time in more than eight years that three convicted killers were put to death in the U.S. on the same day.

AP photo

Whitaker, 38, faced lethal injection for masterminding the fatal shootings of his mother and brother at their suburban Houston home in 2003. His father, Kent, also was shot at the home but survived and led the effort to spare his son from execution.

According to statistics kept by the Washington, D.C.-based Death Penalty Information Center, it is not uncommon for multiple executions to be scheduled in one day, but it is unusual for them all to be carried out.

That's because punishments often are halted by courts and execution dates often are withdrawn or rescheduled.

States have carried out three or more executions 13 times since capital punishment was reinstated in the U.S. in 1977. The most recent time was on Jan. 7, 2010, when executions took place in Louisiana, Ohio and Texas.

Four prisoners were put to death Dec. 9, 1999, in Oklahoma, Indiana, Texas and Virginia.

In Florida, Eric Scott Branch was

given a lethal injection Thursday evening. Branch, 47, was condemned for the 1993 rape and fatal beating of a college student.

The number of executions in the U.S. peaked at 98 in 1999 and has trended downward since. So far in 2018, three prisoners have been executed in the U.S., all in Texas. Last year, 23 prisoners were executed in the nation, three more than the previous year.

## Shelters open amid Midwest flooding as rivers keep rising

ELKHART, Ind. (AP) — Shelters were open to assist people forced from their homes by flooding in Indiana and Michigan on Thursday, as rivers swollen by heavy rain and melting snow continue to rise in the Midwest.

Flood warnings were in effect across a wide swath of the central and southern U.S., from Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio to Texas and Louisiana. The American Red Cross said it has opened eight shelters in northern Indiana, where crews used boats to help residents evacuate their homes.

Local officials declared a state of emergency in three local cities and asked that traffic be limited to first responders and emergency personnel. Indiana University-South Bend canceled Thursday classes, and residents of a student apartment complex surrounded by water were encouraged to leave.

"I ended up grabbing my favorite blanket and stuffed animals," 15-year-old Madison Schmidt, who was evacuated from her home in Elkhart to a shelter at a church, told The Elkhart Truth newspaper. "I got into the boat. Seeing what happened, just almost made me cry."

Record-high flooding along the St. Joseph River closed down a wastewater treatment

plant for several hours in South Bend, a city of about 100,000 residents. It later restarted at limited capacity. The National Weather Service reported the river was expected to stay above its major flood stage until Tuesday.

"This remains major flooding and it's going to be that for a while as water from the whole county continues draining into the river, even though the rains are mostly behind us," South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg said.

Officials haven't yet estimated the extent of building damage, which is concentrated in low-lying areas.

Other parts of the Midwest were under winter weather advisories on Thursday, with Kansas school districts and universities canceling classes and many state employees being told to stay home.

In Michigan, states of emergency were declared in the Lansing area as officials recommended the evacuations of several neighborhoods. City officials said anyone living in the pos-

sible flood areas should temporarily leave their home by midday Thursday.

"While the rain has stopped, we are expecting significant flooding," Lansing Mayor Andy Schor said.

Flooding also hit nearby Michigan State University, where some roads, parking lots and athletic fields were covered by water from the Red Cedar River that runs through its East Lansing campus. Classes in several buildings have been relocated and the school put up sand-filled barriers in an attempt to curb flooding.

"Be careful if you're trying to come to campus," Schor said Wednesday, noting the river was at its highest levels since 1975. "Changing conditions are affecting not only the roads but sidewalks and walkways."

The storm system started pushing heavy rain, snow and ice into the region earlier this week, affecting roads and other low-lying areas. The weather was been blamed for hundreds of car crashes and several deaths, includ-

ing a crash that killed four people along a slippery interstate in Nebraska.

In central Michigan's Fairplain Township, a 1-year-old girl was found dead Wednesday in standing water from rains and snowmelt in her backyard. In Oklahoma, authorities said a 53-year-old man drowned when he drove onto a flooded bridge near Stilwell and was swept off the roadway.

In Illinois, authorities issued an evacuation order Wednesday for residents in Marseilles who

live near the Illinois River. Fear of the rising river also prompted the evacuation of a nursing home in Ottawa. Two days of rain in southern Wisconsin also swelled waterways, leading to a handful of high-water rescues.

And flooding continued in parts of North Texas. Authorities said about two dozen homes were evacuated Thursday in the Dallas suburb of Rockwall when runoff from a creek overflowed a lake in the neighborhood. No injuries were reported.

### PATEL

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in 1982, before performing his residency in Johnson City, N.Y., and his internship at the VA Medical Center in Big Spring. His practice is located at 1510 Scurry Street in Big Spring.

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guardian such as their mom, dad, grandparent or other caregiver should be with the child at all times," said Downing. "We read stories, do finger rhymes, nursery rhymes, ABCs, and 123s. If older children (above 18 months) are interested in coming, we prefer they come on Wednesdays."

Downing says she'd like to encourage everyone in the community to join her with their kids and read read read!

Both programs are held in the Children's Library, which is located in the basement of the Howard County Library. Lap Sit is at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, and Story Time for children older than 18 months is at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Contact Staff Writer Erin Stephens at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com).



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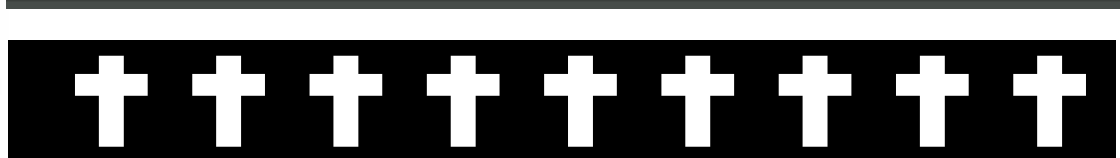
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# HOW BIG IS YOUR NET?

How do you feel about sharing the gospel with others? When Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations," (Matthew 28:19) was he only referring to the eleven men to whom he was directly speaking, or does that apply to all disciples until the end of the age?



GREG SURLES

Is it only the "job" of certain people among Jesus' disciples to fulfill this command? Have we really considered these matters, or do we just operate based on assumptions and/or traditions?

For the sake of this article, I am going to assume that we, as followers of Jesus, consider the task to be the responsibility of each and every one of us. Based upon this, we ask the question in the title – how big is your net?

The first individuals in which Jesus called fishermen were Peter and his brother, Andrew, and James and his

brother, John. While they were engaged in their occupation of catching fish, Jesus invited them to follow him and become "fishers of men." (Mark 1:16-20)

In Matthew 13:47-50, Jesus tells another parable concerning the kingdom of heaven. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad.

So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (ESV).

Notice some principles from this parable. First, a net is being used. Nets were for catching many fish at one time. Second, there were every kind of fish caught in the net. Finally, the catching continued until the net was full, then there was a sorting of the fish.

The first two principles are similar, at least in their application, so we will address them together.

Are we fishing with a net when it comes to trying to make disciples? Do I pick and choose with whom I share the gospel? Am I more likely fishing with a spear or single hook only trying to catch the best and the biggest fish? Do I ask myself whether an individual would be an asset to the church (in other words – add to our resources), or do I wonder if someone would more likely be a drain on our resources? Do the answers to these questions determine whether or not I choose to talk to someone about the Bible or God?

The third principle, when properly understood, will help us correct the others if needed.

It is not my (or your) responsibility to separate the fish! I don't get to decide who will receive eternal glory or who will be thrown into the furnace. We need to make sure we are not trying to help God do his job.

Our job is to cast the net. My job

(your job) is to share the gospel because it has the power to save people (Romans 1:16). We are to sow the seed of God's word. We shouldn't be trying to "weed out" individuals whom we feel aren't good candidates. (Yes, that is a pun about the parable of the wheat and the weeds).

The final lesson we can see from this parable is this; at some point in time, Jesus will return with his angels and a great separation will occur.

I (and you) should live in obedience to Jesus and his word. We should also trust that Jesus will do what is right when it comes to the judgment, because he will!

Let's go fishing for people, and let's use as big of a net as possible in order to bring in as many as we can. Let's work at sharing God's word with all kinds of people, not just the ones that seem okay to us. Let's do everything for God's glory!

Greg Surles  
Preacher

Birdwell Lane church of Christ

## Church News

### Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, Feb. 25th- Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service as we continue with our series entitled, "Elephant In The Room."

During this series, we will journey through weeks of sensitive but relevant subjects that are often unspoken or untouched on, particularly in the Church community. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship.

We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

Tuesday, February 27th- Join us each Tuesday from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. in the ARC as we study and learn with Natasha Bailey on the book 'Made to Crave' by Lysa Terkeurst. For this class, you will need to purchase your book. The journal & study guide are NOT needed for this class.

Covenant Life New Believers Course: are you a New Believer? Were you recently baptized? We have a course just for you. Our CLNB course will be held each Sunday in February from 10 a.m.-10:50 a.m. in the Academic Resource Center. Members of our pastoral care team will be sharing this four-week course designed to walk you through the steps of salvation, faith and assurance, power of the Holy Spirit, and overcoming trials.

On Monday, March 12th, join Far Above Rubies Women's Ministry in the ARC from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. as we encourage and equip each other in God's word. Bring your favorite dish to share food, fun and fellowship. For more information contact Debbie Reiger @432-935-1257

Tuesday, March 20th- Join us at 7 p.m. as 50 & over small group will be gathering for a potluck and game night. Bring your game face and we will see you at the Flower's Residence 2405 E. 25th St. For more information please contact Faye Flowers @ 432-213-3883.

Three-Day Extravaganza: March 30th, 31st and April 1st. Join us as we gather!

Day 1: our Good Friday communion worship service on Friday, March 30th at 7 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

Day 2: Come out on Saturday, March 31st at 10 a.m.-1 p.m. for CCC's Spring Fellowship Chili Cook-off in the Academic Resource Center /A.R.C.

Day3: To close out this amazing weekend, join us Sunday, April 1st at our 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Annual Resurrection Sunday Worship Service.

Van transportation: We have an active van ministry that picks up on Sundays for our 11 a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride, please contact the church offices.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., and Wednesday at 7pm for worship services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions, please contact our administrative office at 432.264.0015, or email info@cccbigspring.org.

You can also find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.



### Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The people of BHDC invite you to worship with them Sunday at 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse will bring a message from God's Word, as the congregation comes together in thanks and praise of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ.

Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For more information about BHDC, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

### First Baptist Church

"Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, Your justice like the great deep." Psalm 36:5-6

FBC welcomes you to gather with them Sunday morning at 10:50 as they join together in adoration of The King of Kings, and LORD of Lords, Jesus Christ. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a selection of songs which will include: "You're Worthy of My Praise," "Love the Lord," and "At the Cross-Love Ran Red."

Anointed musician Joe Whitten will honor God with the special music "The King is Coming." Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "Fruit of The Spirit" based on Galatians 5:22-23. Titled "Faithfulness: A Person Others Can Rely On", believers will ponder God's unwavering devotion to us, and be reminded that through the Holy Spirit's power we are to allow His example to inspire our commitment to stand firm in believing both in, and on, God and all He promised in His Word.

Also, it is this commitment to Him that inspires believers to act on these truths with confidence regardless of any outward circumstances that seem contrary to God's eternal loyalty to each believer.

If you have mobility issues use the west circle drive, and someone will be happy to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with chil-

dren gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship and hot coffee.

At 5:30, Discipleship Classes for all age groups meet. The classes are designed so you can join them at any time, even if you were unable to attend previously. These classes present the opportunity to grow in and apply your faith; the selection is:

"Turning Everyday Conversations Into Opportunities to Naturally Share Your Faith." Facilitated by John Long, participants will explore and learn creative, conversational, and natural ways to share the Gospel with those you already know; meets in Room 238(close to chapel and parlor).

"The Simplest Way to Change the World: Biblical Hospitality as a Way of Life." Facilitated by Mark and Sherry Lindsey, participants will focus on making a difference in the world simply by opening their front door, and offering a sincere warmth and friendliness to others, as a way to build relationships for Christ. This group meets in the Chapel.

"Authentic Love: Christ, Culture, and The Pursuit of Purity"-Especially for Grades 7-12. There will be separate groups for guys and gals, and topics to be discussed are: holiness, purity, and living Godly lives that reflect the character of Christ in each area of one's life, including sexual purity.

Each session will include a video followed by Scripture study and plenty of discussion led by adults who have walked through this in life. Gals' location is Room 212; facilitated by Rebekah Raffini, Morgan Metcalf, and special guests. Guys' location is Room 217; facilitated by Charles Diaz, Bryan Samsel, and special guests.

"Ready to Launch: Jesus-centered Parenting in a Child-centered World." Facilitated by Jonathan Raffini and parents of former youth, this group will empower participants to parent with Jesus as the focus, and teach parents to develop and implement a Gospel centered approach to parenting. There will be video teaching by J.D. and Veronica Greer, with moderated discussion time.

Additionally, there will be testimonies that will encourage and challenge participants how to best prepare their kids to enter the world with Jesus continuing to lead them. This group meets in Room 214(youth room).

Also at 5:30, the 'Worship Arts for Kids' program invites all area children to participate in this exciting time of learning about worship through music, drama, and instruments. Contact Children's Minister Justin Green at 267-8223 for additional details.

FBC Mother's Day Out program is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 for information about





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available openings for your little ones, or go to [fcbigspring.com](http://fcbigspring.com) to download a registration form.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m. and include: Adult Bible Study and prayer time, Adult choir practice, 'Saturate' youth group for teens, and Real LYF for children. Upward Basketball games will conclude the season Saturday February 24. The 'Kidz Blitz' closing celebration will be held in the FBC sanctuary at 4:30. This will be an action-packed time of amazing games, light-hearted fun, and exciting activities. Call 432-267-8223 or go to [fcbigspring.org](http://fcbigspring.org) for additional details.

The Lenten Lunch series continues Wednesday February 28 at noon. Host church will be First United Methodist Church, and FBC's Pastor Mark Lindsey will be preaching.

Also on Wednesday February 28, the community is invited to the special area-wide 'Youth-Awakening' worship service which will be held in the FBC sanctuary at 7 p.m. For students, a free pizza supper will be served from 6-6:45. All ages are invited to join area teens in this time of worship and prayer; adults are encouraged to come worship with these young people and support them in praising God and seeking after Him as the foundation of their lives.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

### Spring Creek Fellowship

New Connection Groups are meeting now and include "What Does the Bible Say?", "Discovering Who You Are In Christ," "Malachi" starting January 30th, "Love and War" for married couples, "Chasing the Lion," "Men's 33 Series," and "A Walk Through The Gospel." All start at 9:15 on Sunday mornings!

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11a.m. If you are in need of food, please come see us! We are in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located and we are in the first spot on the left!

You may also visit our Blessing Box just outside the front doors of the church entrance to get food. Donations are needed to keep us stocked for those in need. Please consider donating on a regular basis if you are able! Everyone is welcome to take what they need and donations are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in participating with the "Blessing Box" ministry or the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

We have a new "App" for your use this year. It should be easier to work with have more applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download, and then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas". That should take you to our Home Page.

KID CONNECTION: 1/28 Paul's first Journey, Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-28, check the Bible lesson under the Kid Connect tab, Winter 2017-18, at [springcreekfellowship.org](http://springcreekfellowship.org). Better yet, join us in the "yellow room" at Spring Creek this Sunday.

Keep an eye out for information about our "Winds of Change" Conference coming in February!

As Kids On A Mission, we have learned that our 126 shoeboxes sent for Operation Christmas Child are headed to Panama and Ecuador to bless children with the message of Jesus' and His love!

We are updating our files and need your help to make sure we have the correct information for you and your family. Please contact the church office.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

The Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps is meeting Monday through Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Adult Connect area. Spring of Siloam provides job skills training for women in a Christian environment. For more information about serving or participating in this ministry, contact Nancy Escalante at 268-3992.

The Taylor School of Ministry is meeting in the room across from Evita's Restaurant in Spring Town Plaza. A two-year Associates Degree is offered through TSM. For more information, contact the church office.

# Reflections: Battling Cancer

Cancer is not new to our family. My wife is a breast cancer survivor, as is her sister, who has been battling stage four cancer for the past four years. My father died of multiple myeloma, cancer of the bone marrow, when he was 53. He bestowed on me a life-long memory of courage, faith and grace. I took him to visit his friends the week before he died. He was too week to stand. He greeted each with a cheerful smile and his natural good humor. But I could see the sadness written in their faces when they witnessed the seriousness of his condition.

My daughter-in-law was diagnosed with breast cancer two weeks before Christmas. She and my son still have three children at home, our grandchildren, ages 17, 16 and 15. Life becomes precious when we are faced with our mortality and the mortality of those we love. My son and daughter-in-law are giving it their best, and hoping for the best with chemotherapy and radiation. But they know they are not in control. They are trusting God and celebrating each day. Knowing that thousands are traveling a similar journey, I wanted to share a couple of her posts on Facebook that have inspired me. She recently wrote, "Today was a great day. I woke up with no pain and I was able to spend the day with my kids. My husband was able to go to work. I ate more food with no sickness than I've had in over

a week. I had enough energy to attend a hilarious community play with the beautiful high school drama/English students and laughed until my chest hurt. I stayed up late talking with my best friend about how blessed we are and how God answers prayers in ways we don't even realize. My children laughed and teased each other in ways that made us feel normal. And I still have my hair. Today was a great day!"

A few days later she wrote, "As I mourn the loss of my hair, an outward symbol of my health and femininity, I am reminded of my true identity in Christ." Psalm 139:125 "You are more than beautiful. You are more than enough. You are fearfully and wonderfully made."

I am proud of my daughter-in-law. And I am grateful to be surrounded by men and

women who inspire me. Every day in thousands of homes mothers and fathers, sons and daughters fight quiet and little-known battles of life and love.

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ... Therefore do not worry about tomorrow." (Matthew 6:25-34)

*Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit [www.tinsleycenter.com](http://www.tinsleycenter.com). Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com).*



BILL TINSLEY



Community Groups meet during the week in various homes and locations. These groups promote fellowship, discipleship, and service. Contact the church office for times and locations.

Our Nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children and would like to give some of your time loving on our smallest members, please contact Donna Wennik.

Our Worship Team is fundraising for 8 wireless/in-ear monitors. If you would be interested in donating to this fundraiser, please contact Clint Bratcher.

"Let the Morning Bring," a downloadable song as well as a few other songs written and performed by our own Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now on iTunes. We hope and pray these songs will speak to you and draw you into His presence. We are so very proud of our Spring Creek worship team for stepping out and using their gifts for God and to witness to others! If you would like to get these songs, go to iTunes and look for the download at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429>

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9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups.  
10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship. 10:45 a.m.-noon-Worship Service. 5 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Tuesday-noon-Narcotics Anonymous. 7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study. Wednesday- Community Groups-various

times and places. Thursday at 7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study. Friday-7 p.m.-8 p.m.-Narcotics Anonymous. If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at [springcreekfellowship.org](http://springcreekfellowship.org)

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org)

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

### Forsan Baptist Church

The message this week continues in the series called Big Sandals: Retracing the Footsteps of Kings. Sunday's message comes from 1 Kings 16:29-33 and is called Sovereign.

Wednesday youth and children's activities have resumed for the spring. Students from pre-k to 6th grade are provided a light snack right after school, with age-appropriate classes beginning at 4 p.m. Van rides are available at 5 p.m. IMPACT youth begins with a meal at 5:30, followed by class at 6 p.m. Van rides are available at 7 p.m.

Wednesday adult Bible study class begins at 6 p.m.

If anyone needs a ride to or from Wednesday evening activities, please call Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

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## Hawks fall short by 2 against NMMI



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Above, Jeremy Hayes shoots for two points during the Howard College Jersey 76-74 loss to New Mexico Institute of Roswell on Thursday, February 22, 2018. Top left, Hawks Derrick Green (5) and Jeremy Hayes (2) go up for a rebound during the game; and bottom left, Howard's Amari McCray shoots for two points.

## Thornton, Rivers lead Memphis past No. 23 Houston



AP photo

Houston forward Breanon Brady (24) shoots against Memphis forward Karim Sameh Azab (23) in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, in Memphis, Tenn.

By CLAY BAILEY

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Houston struggled offensively, and its usual tough defense was missing in the second half.

It looks as if it might be a short stay in the Top 25 for the Cougars.

No. 23 Houston, which entered the AP poll this week for the first time this season, gave up a season high in points and suffered through a dismal second-half shooting performance in a 91-85 loss to Memphis on Thursday

night, ending a five-game winning streak.

Jimario Rivers and Raynere Thornton each scored 21 points as Memphis (17-11, 8-7 American Athletic Conference) earned its third straight victory. Rivers also grabbed nine rebounds and Thornton made four 3-pointers.

Rob Gray had 30 points and seven assists for Houston. Armoni Brooks and Corey Davis Jr. each scored 15

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## Seguin snaps scoreless tie in 3rd, Stars beat Kings 2-0



AP photo

Los Angeles Kings goaltender Jonathan Quick, right, stops a shot by Dallas Stars center Radek Faksa, left, of the Czech Republic, as defenseman Christian Folin, of Sweden, helps Quick during the second period of an NHL hockey game Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock could see the improved play in his Stars, but positive results had been elusive.

The Stars had lost consecutive games, been shut out in two of their last four and late Thursday night against the Kings were stuck in a scoreless game.

But then Tyler Seguin finally broke through with a goal with 8:27 remaining and Dallas beat Los Angeles 2-0 in a match-up of teams fighting for a Western Conference playoff spot.

Hitchcock's belief had been rewarded.

"It's tough to get the players to believe if you don't win," Hitchcock said. "After a while, they start wondering. That's why tonight's

win is really important." Seguin tipped in Greg Pateryn's slap shot for his 30th goal, reaching the mark for the fourth time in five years.

The Stars had their three-game winning streak snapped. Despite facing a Dallas team that lost 2-0 the previous night in Anaheim, the Kings were outshot 28-18.

"We've got to score some goals," Jake Muzzin said. "We created some chances. I think we got a little cute in the second. Our puck management wasn't that

great." Los Angeles dominated the first period, holding the Stars to two shots on goal.

But the second period brought a quick reversal, with Dallas putting constant pressure on goalie Jonathan Quick as Los Angeles' offense all but disappeared.

Still, the game was scoreless as Seguin prepared to take a faceoff in the Kings end a little more than midway through the third.

"Right before the faceoff, Seguin came back to me and said, 'Look for my stick if I get it to you,'" Pateryn said. "He got it back to me and I basically looked him right in the eyes and shot it right for his

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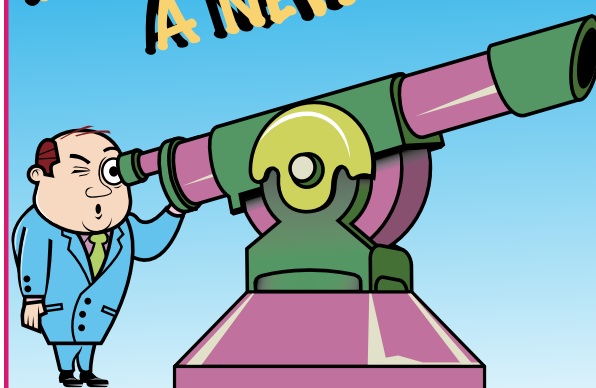
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**LEGAL AUTHORITY:**  
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Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Technical Permitting Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

#9716 February 23, 2018

**COLLEEN BARTON, DISTRICT CLERK**  
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**NOTICE OF DEFENDANT:**  
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**To: Unknown Trustee of the Brown Family Trust,**

Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiffs Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday April 2, 2018, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiffs Petition was filed in said court on the 24th day of January, 2018, cause number 52459 in the entitled cause styled

**Rebecca Tonner & John**

**Legals**

**Tonner vs Unknown Trustee of the Brown Family Trust**

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Real Property - Other as is more fully shown by the Plaintiffs Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office on this the 16th day of February, 2018.

**COLLEEN BARTON**  
District Clerk of Howard County, Texas  
By: Jury Padron, Deputy

#9712 February 23, March 2, 9, & 16, 2018

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

**DISTRICT 08**  
**DATE OF ISSUANCE:**  
Jan 30, 2018  
**NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE:** 5:00 PM, Mar 6, 2018  
**Address:** Railroad Commission of Texas  
**ATTN:** Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
**Fax:** (512) 463-6780  
**Email:** [SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV](mailto:SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV)  
Rule 37  
Case No. 0308890  
Status/Permit No. 834219

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 20, Bk. 32 T1S, T&P RR CO / FROST, J A Survey, A-1280, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 4.54 miles SE direction from

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BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6751.

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**THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION**

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

**Legals**

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WILLIE SCOTT A  
**Lease/Unit Well No. :**  
0844WA  
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**Nearest Lease Line (ft) :** 1.0  
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**Survey Lines :** 275.0 F SE L, 2620.0 F SW L  
**Wellbore Profile(s) :**  
Horizontal

**Lateral:** TH1  
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**Terminus Location**  
BH County: HOWARD  
**Section:** 8 Block: 32 T1S  
**Abstract:** 1421  
**Survey:** T&P RR CO / PRICE, W  
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jill Hamilton, at (432) 848-4855.

#9696 February 9, 16, 23, & March 2, 2018

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**The Fish Sun and Fleeting Feelings**  
**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**



Hunger is a strange thing. One would think that the longer one goes without food, the hungrier one would get, but this is not the case. The body has an efficient way of managing appetite, and a million other things, too. In these early stages of the Pisces solar journey, feelings will be fleeting. Let the wisdom of the body and heart process it all.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** For the versatile singer who is great at doing impressions, the most challenging song is the one sung in his own voice. Today you'll be challenged to deliver like only you can -- to sing (SET ITAL) your (END ITAL) song in (SET ITAL) your (END ITAL) voice.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Why not just believe that you're lucky? Someone's going to find that money on the ground. It may as well be you. You're looking out for it ... and for all the metaphorical representations in which money on the ground can come.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You're not a daredevil exactly, but you're still a risk taker, especially in nonphysical areas of life. The bold move you're considering is pretty audacious, even for you. Position yourself well first.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** First impressions will be important today. All future interactions will be colored by someone's initial response to you -- but, hey, no pressure! As long as you dress the part and put away your phone, you'll be ahead of the game.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** To learn about the world, babies observe the design, behavior, purpose and effect that things have. Then they make an association and record it as fact ... but that doesn't make it true. It's a case study. Most of life is just a case study.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Boredom is a fun killer. Yes, there's always something more interesting about the situation if you can break free from the old frame. But life is much simpler if you're already something that fascinated by your subject.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** A friend who knows you well enough to sense when you're hiding something ... now that's a treasure! There are cons to it, of course, but

they are not as important as being truly seen and understood.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Eventually, you'll have the experience and wisdom to run things, but for now you're better off coming up with ideas from the naive position in which you happen to be. Strikingly bold insights come to you because you're free of influence.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** That feeling of familiarity upon meeting someone for the first time takes many forms. Instant love: (SET ITAL) Where

have you been all my life? (END ITAL) Instant kinship: (SET ITAL) It's like you've been here all my life. (END ITAL) Instant boredom: (SET ITAL) Oh. You again. (END ITAL)

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You're usually so ambitious, but right now you may not want to commit to business, or even to a hobby. Why should you? Isn't it enough to just have interests? You can have so many at once. And interests are totally free.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** It's a pain to

have to pretend or fake a story to spare someone's feelings. You'll do it if you have to, because it's kind (though you'll avoid the dynamic completely by being around people with whom you can be honest).

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You'll be met with resistance, but don't let this deter you. All you have to do is raise your energy a few points -- the resistance will back down, and the road will be clear.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEB. 23).** Your

life brightens in this new solar cycle, and you'll be tempted to credit this to a special person or lucky event. It's really you, functioning at a higher capacity and letting more into your world. March will be characterized by a helper's high. The distant horizon of June is a place you'll return to again and again. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 13, 49, 8 and 16.

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

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5	7	9	2	3	4	7	1	6	8
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7	8	6	1	2	9	7	5	4	3
2	6	5	6	4	3	4	7	8	1
4	3	1	4	3	1	5	8	5	6

**ANSWER:**

**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker  
**South has a problem to solve**

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A K 7 6  
♥ A 3  
♦ J 8 3 2  
♣ 10 9 5

**WEST**  
♠ 10 4 3  
♥ Q J 10 9 7 6 4  
♦ A 10  
♣ 7

**EAST**  
♠ Q J 9 8  
♥ 8  
♦ Q 9 7 6 5  
♣ K 8 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ 5 2  
♥ K 5 2  
♦ K 4  
♣ A Q J 6 4 3

The bidding:  
West 3♥ North Pass East Pass South 4♣  
Pass 5♣

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

One of the chief purposes of a pre-emptive bid is to deprive the opponents of the ability to exchange information at a low level. It is therefore not surprising that a partnership will often fail to arrive at its best contract after a pre-emptive bid by the opposition.

Take this case where North-South would have been much better off at three notrump than the inferior contract of five clubs they reached after

West's opening three-heart bid. Declarer had a lot of work to do to make five clubs. He took the opening heart lead in dummy and returned the club ten, winning the finesse. Another trump finesse disclosed that East had started with three to the king, which in turn meant that South's third heart could not be safely ruffed in dummy. Two diamond losers also appeared certain since West was very likely to have the ace for his vulnerable three-bid.

The outlook was bleak, but declarer found the answer. After drawing East's last trump, he cashed the A-K of spades and ruffed a spade. He then played his last two trumps, reducing himself to the K-x of both red suits. On the last trump, West had to choose a discard from the J-10-9 of hearts and A-10 of diamonds.

If West discarded a heart, South would then play the king and another heart, compelling West to lead a diamond. And if West discarded the ten of diamonds instead, a low diamond play would convert declarer's king into a trick. Either way, the jig was up.

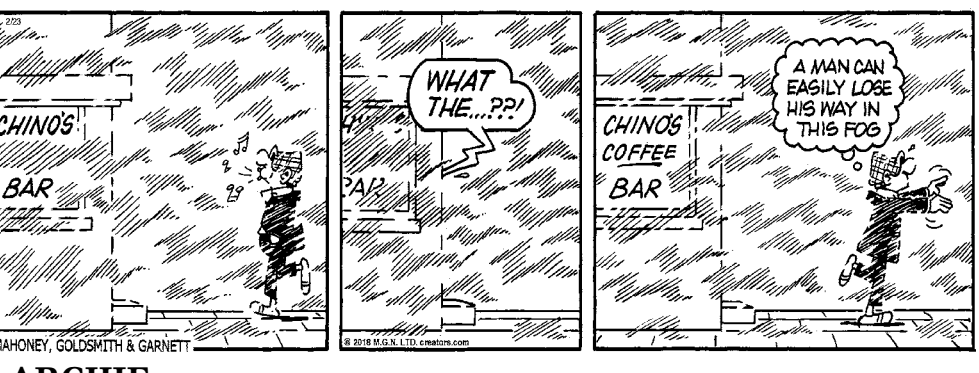
South certainly gets full credit for his excellent play, but West has to get an assist for having made it possible to test declarer's mettle.

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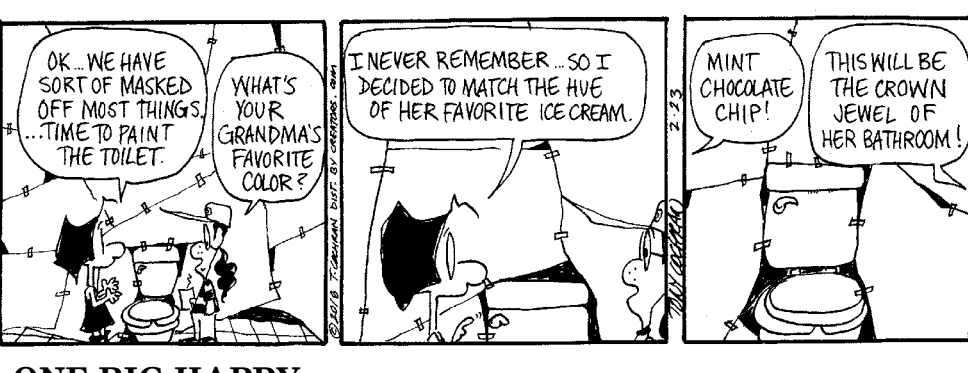


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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 23, the 54th day of 2018. There are 311 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 23, 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised two American flags (the second flag-raising was captured in the iconic Associated Press photograph.)

On this date:

- In 1685, composer George Frideric Handel was born in present-day Germany.
- In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.
- In 1848, the sixth president of the United States, John Quincy Adams, died in Washington D.C., at age 80.
- In 1870, Mississippi was readmitted to the Union.
- In 1927, President Calvin Coolidge signed a bill creating the Federal Radio Commission, forerunner of the Federal Communications Commission.
- In 1934, Leopold III succeeded his late father, Albert I, as King of the Belgians.
- In 1942, the first shelling of the U.S. mainland during World War II occurred as a Japanese submarine fired on an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing little damage.
- In 1954, the first mass inoculation of schoolchildren against polio using the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh as some 5,000 students were vaccinated.
- In 1965, film comedian Stan Laurel, 74, died in Santa Monica, California.
- In 1970, Guyana became a republic within the Commonwealth of Nations.
- In 1981, an attempted coup began in Spain as 200 members of the Civil Guard invaded Parliament, taking lawmakers hostage. (However, the attempt collapsed 18 hours later.)
- In 1992, the XVI Winter Olympic Games ended in Albertville, France.
- Ten years ago: Defense Secretary Robert Gates and other U.S. officials held day-long meetings with Australian

leaders in Canberra. Former United Auto Workers president Douglas A. Fraser died in Southfield, Michigan, at age 91.

Five years ago: Some 30 NASCAR fans were injured when rookie Kyle Larson's car was propelled by a crash into the fence at Daytona International Speedway, and large chunks of debris flew into the grandstands. The Ultimate Fighting Championship held

its first women's bout as Ronda Rousey beat Liz Carmouche on an armbar, her signature move, with 11 seconds left in the first round of their bantamweight title fight at UFC 157 in Anaheim, California.

One year ago: Seeking to tamp down growing unease in Latin America, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly pledged during a visit to Mexico City that the United States

would not enlist its military to enforce immigration laws and that there would be "no mass deportations." Lottery officials said the sole winning ticket for an estimated \$435 million Powerball jackpot was sold at a Lafayette, Indiana, convenience store.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Fonda is 78. Author John Sandford is 74. Country-rock musician Rusty Young is 72.

Actress Patricia Richardson is 67. Former NFL player Ed "Too Tall" Jones is 67. Rock musician Brad Whitford (Aerosmith) is 66. Rock musician Michael Wilton (Queensryche) is 56. Country singer Dusty Drake is 54. Actor Marc Price is 50. TV personality/businessman Daymond John (TV: "Shark Tank") is 49. Country singer Steve Holy is 46.

Thought for Today: "If you wish to avoid seeing a fool you must first break your mirror."

Francois Rabelais (ra-beh-LAY)  
French satirist (1494-1553).

Newsday Crossword

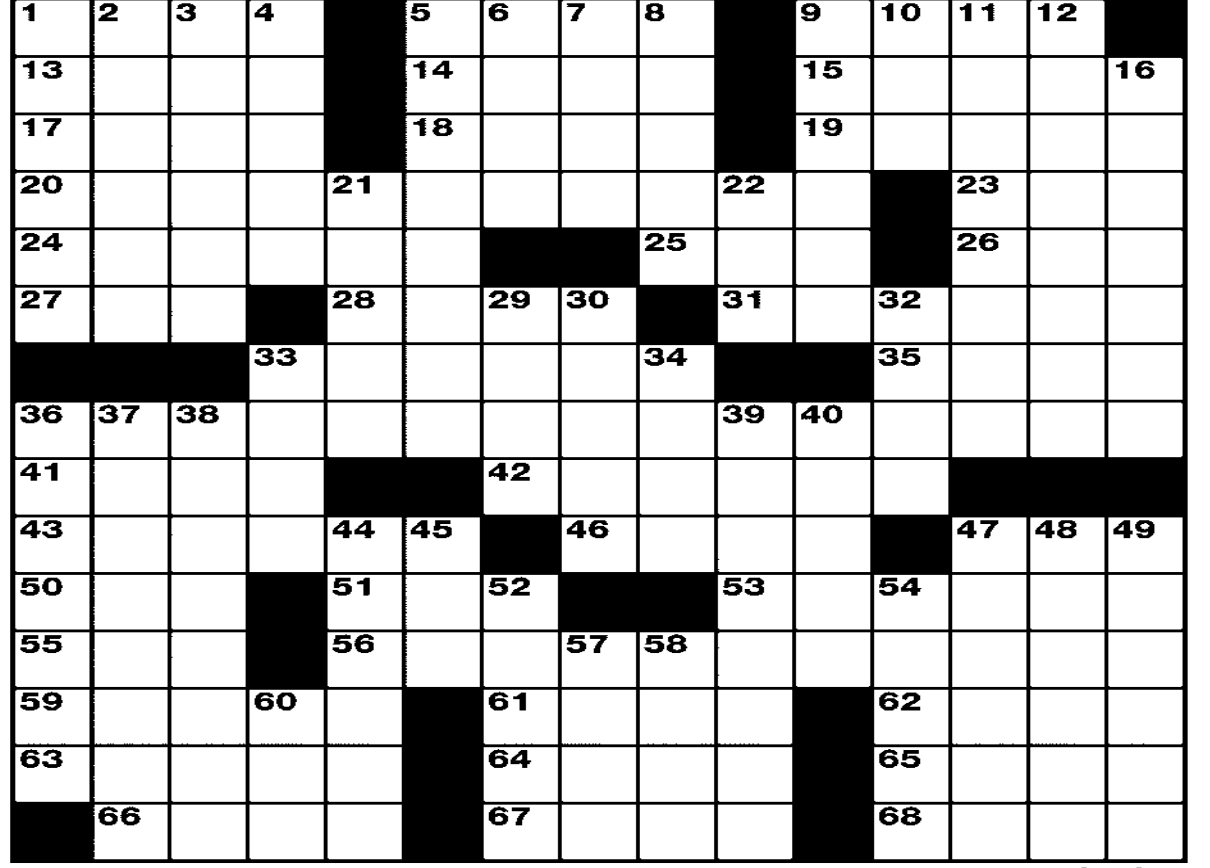
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- ACROSS
- 1 Adheres (to)
- 5 Workout venues
- 9 The USA's Peacekeeper, e.g.
- 13 Team on a farm
- 14 Paper piece
- 15 Paper bundle
- 17 Film evaluation org.
- 18 Confess
- 19 Handle adequately
- 20 Source of cheap-flight advice
- 23 A lot (more)
- 24 Aggregations
- 25 Metaphor for profit
- 26 Address for a tanker
- 27 Literary twilight
- 28 Paper piece
- 31 Exhausting
- 33 Canberran or Adelaidean
- 35 Swank's spouse in *Amelia*
- 36 Orchestra leader
- 41 Section of columns
- 42 Many Stonehenge celebrants
- 43 Literary works
- 46 Guitar ancestor
- 47 Mock by mimicry
- 50 Prearranged
- 51 2011's Super Bowl
- 53 Tense times
- 55 Beach-sandal gunk
- 56 Champ at chuckers
- 59 Best people
- 61 Allowed

- 62 Body of knowledge
- 63 Internist's adjective
- 64 Exultation
- 65 Source for Niagara Falls
- 66 Some sled-race participants
- 67 Undermines
- 68 Line of clothing
- DOWN
- 1 Display of reverence
- 2 Run out, as offers
- 3 Begin to irritate
- 4 Major mess
- 5 Least crowded
- 6 Cover for vehicles
- 7 Enthralled

- 8 Settle the details of
- 9 Source of stocks or bonds
- 10 *Evita* narrator
- 11 Slow-cooker creation
- 12 Infamous dancer portrayed by Garbo
- 16 Limb of a llama
- 21 Superlative score
- 22 Umbrella spoke
- 29 Urgent directive
- 30 Conclusive
- 32 Sheepskin boots
- 33 Includes, with "in"
- 34 Envelope-pushing
- 36 Enthusiastic fan
- 37 Was enjoyable

- 38 Chargeless particle
- 39 Lines at a register
- 40 Nonreactive
- 44 Boots out
- 45 Poky, in product names
- 47 How some shells are washed
- 48 Phoenix suburb
- 49 Reverence
- 52 Ongoing postings to YouTube
- 54 Keys, for instance
- 57 St. since 1907
- 58 *David Copperfield* antagonist
- 60 A day in Düsseldorf



Answer to previous puzzle

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# CHURCH

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## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS Second Sunday in Lent Feb. 25, 2018, "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office, please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at [aliveinchristtx@gmail.com](mailto:aliveinchristtx@gmail.com).

This Sunday, February 25, 2018, we are blessed and honored to be installing Rev. Richard Lamb as our Pastor. His installation service will begin at 4 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is back. We serve a meal from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Bible Study begins at 6:30 p.m. Our adult class is studying Lutheranism 101. The adult class will be led by Pastor Lamb. The youth will have a class led by Doline Budke.

Our Lenten Services are every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. We will resume our Bible Study on April 4th, but we are still serving an evening meals prior to the Lenten Services.

Doline Budke will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts." Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

## Crestview Baptist Church

We at Crestview Baptist Church want to extend a warm invitation for you and your family to come and join us for worship, discipleship, and loving fellowship. At Crestview, we are all about the gospel of Jesus Christ and serving Him as we learn His Word together. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., where we are studying the Book of Hebrews. Our Sunday Worship service begins at 11 a.m., and

Pastor Tom Lassiter has just recently started preaching through the Book of Jonah.

On Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., our pastor is teaching through Proverbs. If you are looking for a church home where there is lots of love and care, and a strong emphasis on the Word of God, we hope you will come and visit us! We are at 2305 Gatesville Rd. in Big Spring. Come and be a part of what the Lord is doing here!

## First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 6 p.m.

The Children's Choir meets at 5:30 Sunday afternoon, and the Youth Group meets for dinner at 6 p.m., followed by Handbells at 6:30, and Youth Group meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The Service Committee asks everyone to help with the yearly Hygiene Products Drive. Travel or individual size soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and other hygiene products will be collected for distribution to those who need them continuing through Sunday, February 24.

This congregation is once again participating in a series of Lenten Luncheons with other churches in Big Spring, although First Presbyterian is not hosting any of the meetings. The first of the luncheons is set for noon, February 21, at Holy Trinity Church. First Presbyterian pastor, Rev. Craig Holstedt, will deliver the message. The following meeting is February 28 at First United Methodist Church, First Baptist pastor, Rev. Mark Lindsey speaking. Please join in these meaningful ecumenical opportunities and bring a friend.

The meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, February 22 and 23, at First Presbyterian Church, El Paso. Susan Holstedt was named as representative from Big Spring.

The next Prayer Breakfast is set for Saturday, Feb. 24, at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Monday, Feb. 26, the Big Spring High School Choirs will present a Concert in First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary (8th and Runnels) at 7:00 p.m.

This month's meeting of Presby-

terian Women is set for Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m. in the church library.

Deborah Jones is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Lector for February is Buddy Cochran. Ushers are Danny Kennemur, Jim Little, Rip Lynn Glass, and Susan Wilson or Dave Wilson.

The lectionary passages for the Second Sunday in Lent are Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; and Mark 8:31-35. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Noisy Offering will be collected during the Children's Moment. The Chancel Choir will begin the service with the introit "Jesus, We Are Here," by Patrick Matsikenyiri. The choir will present "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said," by Freeman Lewis as the anthem. Laura Holleman will offer Pachelbel's "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" on the organ as the offertory.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org). On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

## First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The usual Sunday Morning Schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service, featuring the pipe organ, Choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday School, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m. which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday, February 25, Pastor Derrell continues the "Apostles of Jesus" series, looking at the Apostle



James the Younger from Matthew 10:1-4. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the services live streamed on our Facebook page, at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page, including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior".

Scheduled activities coming up include Community Lenten Lunches; Confirmation Classes; Maundy Thursday Service on March 29; and Easter Services on Sunday, April 1.

The second Community Lenten Lunch will be held at noon on Wednesday, February 28, at First United Methodist Church Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry Street. Rev. Mark Lindsey will speak. Everyone is welcome to come for the lunch and the message.

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study will not be held again until March 28, when the regular schedule resumes. Community Lenten Lunches will be held in other churches on Wednesdays, March 7, 14, and 21.

The Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. You may contact Dan Kiley for more information at 214-883-1868.

Evening Adult Bible Study, Real Life, meets Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7 p.m. A meal is served from 5:30 to 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall. Besides children and youth programs, an adult Bible study is also offered. The adult Bible study is led by Pastor Derrell, and is entitled "Sunday Sermon 2.0." Questions and group discussion help those who attend dig deeper into the scripture and sermon from the previous Sunday.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at [www.fumcbs.com](http://www.fumcbs.com) or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

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HOUSTON

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points.

The Cougars (21-6, 11-4) shot 32.3 percent from the field in the second half.

"We just missed a lot of open shots," Houston coach Kelvin Sampson said. "The same shots we've been making almost all year, didn't go in. But give Memphis credit for making theirs. They made a lot of shots tonight."

Memphis claimed its biggest victory of the season, holding on after leading scorer Jeremiah Martin left in the first half with a lower-body injury.

"I'm really proud of how our guys competed, especially without Jere-

miah," Memphis coach Tubby Smith said. "But it just raised up everyone else's level of play and their intensity. We had good balance throughout the lineup."

The Tigers shot 61 percent from the field in the second half, including 4 for 8 from 3-point range.

Houston led 43-37 at the break, but fell apart in the second half. Eventually, a 16-4 Memphis rally erased the Cougars' advantage.

"I have a mantra that I always live by," Sampson said. "In games like this, the toughest team usually wins and the toughest team won."

TECHNICALS

Both coaches were whistled for technical fouls near the game's mid-

way point. Sampson ripped off his tie as the half closed and then complained enough to draw the technical. Memphis made both free throws to open the second half.

Then Smith got a technical in the early stages of the second half, his first since becoming the Memphis coach last season.

"That was the first in a long time," Smith said. "I can't remember the last (one)."

LAST WORD

Asked if his team was overconfident after finally reaching the Top 25, Sampson replied: "I don't know. That would be conjecture and speculation. Our practices didn't change. Our preparations didn't change."

BIG PICTURE

Houston: The Cougars, one of the best 3-point shooting teams in the conference, finished 11 of 29 from beyond the arc.

Memphis: With Martin back in the locker room with the injury, Thornton picked up the scoring after the break, scoring 19 points in the second half.

UP NEXT

Houston: Entertains East Carolina on Sunday.

Memphis: Travels to UConn on Sunday

Silent Shani: Davis finishes 7th in 1,000 at 5th Olympics



AP photo  
Shani Davis of the U.S. competes during the men's 1,000 meters speedskating race at the Gangneung Oval at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea, Friday, Feb. 23, 2018

GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — Shani Davis let his skating do his talking in his last event at the Pyeongchang Olympics.

The four-time Olympic medalist finished seventh in the 1,000 meters on Friday, waved to the fans inside Gangneung Oval and disappeared below the ice.

Whether Davis had just skated in his fifth and final Olympics at age 35 remains to be seen.

He declined to speak to media when asked to by a U.S. Speedskating spokesman and instructed his sometime-coach Tom Cushman of the American staff not to talk to reporters either.

Davis' time in Pyeongchang involved a mix of controversy and public silence.

He declined to attend the opening ceremony after losing a coin toss to decide the U.S. flag bearer in a process he said was handled "dishonorably." His tweet about it implied race might have been an issue, but he chose not to ex-

plain further.

Davis was assailed online in what became one of the few controversies of the games.

He finished 19th in the 1,500, his only other event in South Korea.

He briefly talked to reporters after that race, saying, "The ice is super-fast. Unfortunately, I wasn't."

However, when questions turned to his tweet about the tie-breaking procedure used to choose the flag bearer, Davis said he only wanted to focus on skating queries.

Davis skated his signature distance in 1 minute, 8.78 seconds. He still holds the 1,000 world record of 1:06.42 set nine years ago in Salt Lake City, Utah.

After coming off the ice Friday, Davis dodged waiting reporters and took another route to the locker room. Athletes are required to walk through the media mixed zone after their events whether they talk or not, and

those who don't can be subject to sanction by the International Olympic Committee.

Davis was one of three Americans to finish in the top 10 in the 1,000. Joey Mantia was fourth and Mitch Whitmore was 10th.

"It's incredible," U.S. coach Matt Kooreman said of Davis' result. "I think Shani is a skating genius and he's a legend of our sport."

Davis was the first black athlete to win an individual gold medal in a Winter Games when he won the 1,000 in 2006 in Torino, a feat he repeated four years later in Vancouver. He owns a pair of silvers from the 1,500, too.

"The way that he's been able to consistently be an elite skater is one of the most impressive things," Kooreman said.

STARS

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stick."

Pateryn's drive whistled by, nicking Seguin and going high into the net.

The Kings were unable to get rolling, and Lehtonen thwarted their late attempts to tie it.

"In the second period, we took the game over," Lehtonen said. "We were the team that seemed to have more legs and more will at the end there."

Quick made several outstanding stops and finished with 26 saves. But with Dallas controlling the puck after the first period, Los Angeles could never find any offensive rhythm.

"Not only did we spend a little too much time in our zone, we couldn't generate enough offensively," coach John Stevens said.

The day began with five teams all within three points of each other in the Western Conference playoff race, including the Stars

and Kings.

"We played so well the last two nights, we needed to get rewarded," Hitchcock said. "As well as we played tonight, we probably played better (Wednesday) night."

"At this time of the year, with so many teams involved in the West in the playoff race, every shift matters, every period matters, every game matters."

NOTES: Tobias Rieder, making his first appearance with the Kings after arriving from Arizona in a trade Wednesday, played on Los Angeles' third line. . After three power plays in the first period, there were none in the final two periods. . Lehtonen said it felt like a playoff game: "It's going to be like this the next 20 games. It's exciting for the players and the fans."

UP NEXT

Stars: Return home to play Winnipeg on Saturday.

Kings: Remain home Saturday to face Edmonton.

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