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Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy

conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

to this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



Where is your "place at Faith?"

One great joy in life is to be a part of something that matters. The blessing of a child or grandchild, employment that provides a good or service, a civic club that reaches

those in need, but the greatest is an opportunity to make an eternal difference, investing in something that will outlive us.

Working in God's service does just that. When we invest our time, effort, or support, to the work of the Lord, He multiplies our efforts and moves in the hearts and lives of people providing help and encouragement for now, and hope of eternal life. So where is your place here at Faith Free Will Baptist Church? If you don't know exactly where you "fit in," come talk to me, I'll show you a world of places for service...make a difference, find your "place of Faith." Thanks, Bro. DAN

FAITH IN THE KITCHEN:

By Cindy Cox

WOW! Is God great or v/hat? I was asking for a wagon to help carry things from the car to the kitchen & the Lord sent us a shopping cart, (thanks to the downtown Homeland Store.) God is so AWESOME!!!! The cart will be kept in the kitchen closet if you need to use it to carry in flowers, food or supplies. Please feel free to use the cart when ever you need to.

There has been a few things going on in the kitchen, Br. Rex did a breakfast to raise funds for the Canyon Tx. trip I heard there was over \$400.00 collected. Way to go Bro. Rex.

Sunrise breakfast on April 12, we always have a great turn out for this. Easter is one of my favorite things to cook for. A wedding rehearsal dinner on May 1st for the Mumma family.

If you need a wedding, anniversary, birthday, retirement, ect. Breakfast, lunch or dinner cooked; please feel free to call me(Gndy Cox) I would love to help you anyway I can. Either at the church or at a place of your choice. If you are a member of the church all I ask is you not pay me for the service I ask you donate to Mrs. Fox children & youth fund. Thank you & God bless you all.

I love left overs but most people don't. I have been told I can make a meal out of anything. Well here is a great way to use left over ham, chicken, or beef. This is a fast dinner with very few dishes. I call this my-**Poor Man Dinner**

Potatoes

Left over meat diced in small pieces

Cream corn

Shredded cheese (Mexican style or any flavor will do)

Onions, bell peppers, jalapenos. mushrooms . black olives, bacon (Optional)

Fry up some potatoes (may add Onions, bell peppers, jalapenos. mushrooms. black olives)

Add diced meat when potatoes are half done add cream corn

cook until all are hot & done

Remove from heat & put all in a baking dish be sure to spray dish with nonstick spray.

Top the mixture with shredded cheese . If you have left over bacon crumble this on top of cheese.

Put in preheated oven on 350° cook for 20 min. or until cheese is melted.

Take from oven after dishing up top with sour cream or salsa.

Makes a great fast dinner.

Tip for the day: When cooking, corn on the cob do not use salt in the water but instead use sugar. It will make the corn come off the cob easier & will also bring out the sweetness in the corn. This can also work on can corn.



K. P. DUTY:

From the kitchen of **Virginia Sprague..**

Lemon pie filling:

1 1/2 C Water

1 C Sugar

1/4 C Corn Starch

3 Egg yolks, lightly beaten

1/4 C Lemon Juice

2 T Oleo

Combine in pan; water-sugar-cornstarch Stir until smooth, add egg yolks, bring to a boil. Cook one minute. Take off burner and add Lemon Juice and oleo, stir until smooth add to cooked crust.

VISABLE LOVE: The garage sale for Steve and Melissa Campbell, was a huge seccess and they want to THANK EVERYONE who donated to or supported it in any way. This young family has been through a life changing incident and the consequences aren't over with yet, but through the prayers and love of their church family and work families they are seeing answers to prayers that concern their very future. Melissa's employer, (Voice of the Martyrs) gave a chilli super and many of the FFW members helped cook, serve and support this project. Thank all of you and know that you are truely doing Gods work!!

How Well Do You Know Our FFWBC Youth?

We have some of the GREATEST KIDS right here at our church.

Let's get to know more about them, see what makes them tick, what they do when they aren't here at church.

Let me give you a little more information about one of them now.

Derek Vaughn Ford

Derek was born in Guymon, Oklahoma on April 17, 1993. He is the son of Martin and Susan Ford and the 'Big Brother' to Collin. Derek is a 10th grader at Bartlesville Mid-High School. He is one active young man!

Derek is involved in Boy Scouts, Fencing, Soccer and the Church! Derek is very active with the Teen Group and puts a lot of his time in volunteering with them and attending events. He has a MAJOR passion for soccer and his goal is to play professionally. Derek said he got involved in soccer when Collin started playing. He said, "It looked fun, so I tried it!" The rest is history. He has won several awards in soccer playing in the recreational leagues plus 1st place medal for Blitz Tournament in 1993 and 2nd place medal for W.S.A tournament in 1992.

He is not only an athlete but he plays the violin in the orchestra too! He has been playing for 5 years.

Derek said he is now going to learn to play the viola. (If you don't know what it is...ask him!) He has received several school awards for his participation in the orchestra.

Derek has been busy traveling this summer. He has been to St. Louis and just recently returned from a Spring Break trip to Germany and Austria. He said the most exciting part of the trip to Germany and Austria was the flight back when they hit turbulence! I guess you will need to talk to him to get more details about that! It must have been some flight.

Derek has been a member of FFWBC for 10 years. He said he got involved here because of his parents. Derek says the most significant things that have happened to him here at the church are the Teens Mission trip to Mexico and the Acquire the Fire weekends.

Maybe you knew this about Derek, maybe you didn't? I hope you enjoyed the facts and hopefully it will interest you in getting to know more about him. Derek is an awesome young man and his Christian values show in his daily life! I sure have enjoyed getting to know him over the past several years. Next time you see him strike up a conversation and see if we can find out exactly what happened on the airplane! Maybe we can get him to bring some of his pictures from his trip to share with us or for you soccer fans; maybe he can give you a few pointers.

Thanks for sharing with us Derek! God Bless.

Acquire the Fire 2009

by: Janet Denise Hardy

"Trouble" was the theme for the weekend and while a sudden snow storm tried to cause trouble with Saturday's events, God was still able to warm the hearts of the Faith FWBC youth at **Acquire the Fire 2009**. Over March 27-28, eighteen youth group members had the opportunity to hear God speak on topics from trouble with parents to trouble with the opposite sex.

It all began at the Mabee Center in Tulsa with awesome worship led by Unhindered and then an intriguing drama performance. It was called **"Here Comes Trouble"** and was a modernized version of Jesus' life on earth. It followed a crime scene investigator who was assigned to the case of Jesus and his "gang." As we all know though, it had a happy ending with his resurrection after the crucifixion and many of his doubters coming to know his love. Chad, Johnathon, Wahlea, Devin, Kaydee, Alyssa, Ashley, Latisha, Derek, Randy, Collin, Charlie, Starley, Brittney, Lauren, Shane, Venessa, Austin; Jessica, Zack, Janet, Jason, Lori and Jamie. 24 attendees from FFW church. This is great.

KJV | TIMOTHY 4: 11-16 11. These things I command and teach 12. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 13. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 14. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. 15. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. 16. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.



A WRITER'S PRAYER:
B.C.M

**Oh God, give me the drama of Shakespeare,
Give me the prose and guts of James Joyce,
Give me the eyes and sense of Jane Austen,
And mostly, give me your pen of creation,
That I may paint my work of passion
Through the drops of my blood and tears,
To build a perfect world on this blank page.
To make it to sing and dance,
To bring joys and to draw tears,
To rip off the covers for truth,
To born anew of an undying faith,
To shake my enemies hand with love,
To cleanse heart and to baptize mind,
To company the lonely soul with hope
Before your morning light breaks the dark sky.**

The Forever Kind
B.C.M

**Lord, grant us the forever kind,
That sees the faults, but doesn't mind;
The kind that says, "I love you still"
If not by feelings, then by *will*.**

**The kind that's like Your *own* love, Lord,
That seeks to serve, not earn reward;
The kind that sees the best in each,
That seeks to pray for, not to "preach".**

**And when old age should take its toll,
Love, look beyond and love the soul;
Be it our anchor and our joy,
A steadfast love time can't destroy.**

**A love-made choice to always stay,
To be there till our dying day;
And when death comes to break earth's spell,
Lord, may You tell us, "You loved well!"**

*"Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
Love never ends..."
(I Corinthians 13:7-8 RSV)*

NEW TALENT DISCOVERED ! !

FFW is blessed with an abundance of gifted singers and musicians and we will learn more about them, but this young lady let it slip she liked and composed poetry. She consented to let us print some and you will read them on this page. Even with the man-made power that exists in today's world there is still nothing as powerful as the written or spoken word. It can be used to create beauty like the words of Jesus or they can be used to destroy, like the words of Hitler. This young woman has chosen to represent her faith and write words that should inspire us all and we thank you for sharing with us.

Remember!! you first read her work here in the FLASH and when she is on the New York Times best seller list and you ask for her autograph.

P.S. She is also a photographer, as the Rose will attest. Oh, yes! The name is Brooke C. Murphy.

(Brookelyn Cheshwalla Murphy)

The presentation below was a spontaneous creation, when I asked Brooke if she had another poem I could present since there was a little space left on the page. She commented that she "needed to hear from God" and this was the result. Read it carefully so you can understand the depth of the message.

**Broken vessels, fit for service
Once, when whole, what could they do?
Only hold within themselves
That which they poured out by choice
But, once broken, looking useless
What can that vessel hold within?
Nothing - for what pours inside
Flows out, as it is meant to do.**

**Through the cracked and broken places
In our lives, His Love flows out,
Reaching those we would not pour to
What we cannot hold within
Needing daily His refilling
First for us, and then to them
Yielded vessels, now made worthy
By forgiveness of our sins.**

**Thank you, God, for broken places
Of great value in Your hands
Whole myself, I might not serve You,
Broken, You may have control
pouring in as You desire
Sometimes more and some times less
Always that to reach to others
Through my yielded brokenness..**

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER:

March 25, 2009

By Louise Fox

A LITTLE BOY'S FAITH:

Young children are not at all shy about sharing their faith with others. They give Jesus their open, unaffected love.

Our grandson Joshua shows us all the time how wonderful his faith is towards his God. Many times we will see him on his knees talking to Jesus. When he was so sick he was talking to him about his health.

Last week, he decided it was time to learn to ride his bike without his training wheels, we watched as he kept getting on and falling off. He was getting more and more frustrated finally he said, "I just can't do it!" His aunt Keli told him, "why don't you just talk to Jesus?" He jumped in the back of his grandpas' truck, got on his knees and started talking to his friend, when he was finished he got back on his bike and in ten minutes he started riding it. I asked him "how did you figure it out so soon?" Joshua said, "when you ask for help and courage, Jesus will be there," "That is faith!" No doubts, no what if's, Jesus will always be there for Joshua. His faith is a loving precious gift to Jesus.

Isn't it sad that many adults have become skeptics, in this day and time, wouldn't it be wonderful if adults have that same simple faith, as a child.

Here's the good news; the Bible is true, always. God keeps his promises, always. God loves us, always. God can do anything, period. Joshua's faith knows that Jesus is Lord, forever. The label "child of God" carries with it incredible benefits. Let us all have faith like a little child. Joshua knows that through faith, you can do anything. I hope as adults we know it too!

Thought for the month:

*Faith does not demand we win;
It does demand that we keep trying.*

Church Camp is coming up in June.

A teacher is still needed for Pre. K & Kindergarten during worship.

Birthdays:

Darryen Wright-----April 19th.

James Goff-age 13----- May 5th.

Donald Cox-----May 24th.

How can kids understand the Bible?**God can help kids understand His truth in the Bible.****Bible study isn't just for adults - it's for kids too!**

Studying the Bible is exciting because it helps us know God and His plan for us! The Bible is the way God speaks to us.

Here is a good way to study the Bible.

1. Read: The Bible is made up of 66 books. These books are divided into chapters, and the chapters are divided into verses. Try reading one chapter every day. You may want to ask your parents or an older sibling to read the Bible to you. You can enjoy any part of the Bible, but it is good to start with the story of creation (in Genesis, the first book in the Bible) and the story of Jesus (the book of Luke). The Bible is full of amazing, true stories, as well as other types of writing like poetry

2. Ask: After reading a part of the Bible, think about what you've read. Ask who, what, when, where, why, and how questions, and try to find the answers in the Bible. Pray for God to help you understand what He wants to teach you from the Bible. If you don't understand any words or ideas, ask your parents, pastor, or even people on this website to get help. You can get a Bible dictionary (to learn what words mean), a concordance (to search for words in the Bible) or an atlas (maps from Bible times).

3. Do: After you understand a part of the Bible, ask God to show you how to learn from and obey it. If you memorize a Bible verse each week, you can remember what God says to do.

<http://www.gqkidz.org/index.html> If you don't already have it try this website for kid study...



NIV- 2 CHRONICLES 23: 13...

and all the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets, and singers with musical instruments were leading the praises.

Hey.. Its Bro Chris, I am so excited about the news letter and being able to keep you informed with upcoming music services and events at Faith Church.

Sunday morning July 19th, 2009. This will be an event of a lifetime you will not want to miss!

Johnathan Bond, group leader of Young Harmony Ministries was tragically killed in an automobile accident and had an experience he shares in his testimony that is life changing. You will not want to miss this incredible worship time with Young Harmony as they sing and share their testimonies. For more information, log onto www.youngharmony.com See you there...
Bro Chris



Rev. 19: 17--And I saw an angel standing in the sun:
KJV

ANGEL ARCH-A natural formation over 200` tall, located in south central Utah, accessible only by 4wd vehicle or foot. Photograph by Lee & Gretchen Sharpton

The Hatfield`s and the McCoy`s

Ever wonder why we sit in the same pew every week? This holds true for meetings or other group gatherings where several are seated. Once you first sit in a certain seat you will continue to go back to that same spot! Even people who come to bible class will put articles in their pews in case someone gets there before they get out of class. Of course I don't do that because I think it annoys other people for me to come into class with all that stuff I carry so it is easier to put it in my chair, er I mean someplace handy. As I set out to contemplate the Deep Mystery of Life which is The Pecking Order of the Pews, I discovered it isn't an easy subject to research even though some large studies have been done. There is a little-known field called "sociometry" which is the study of group relationships. All groups develop hierarchies over time and a pecking order, so to speak, This relates to where we sit, who we share coffee with and a host of other connections. Here a few things I found interesting:

1. The person with the most power determines how everyone else positions themselves. Leaders like to sit at the head of the table and face the exit so no one can sneak up on them. Hummm. Could Danny be facing our exit to make sure no one sneaks OUT?!?
2. Degree of eye contact is important. You got that right. If I don't have to look Danny in the eye then that means none of his sermons pertain to me! It is also uncomfortable to have him see me dozing. I mean with my head bowed in quiet prayer.
3. People who sit to the speaker's right, for example Ginny Lynn's group or the west side, tend to be happy people or "yes" men. Those sitting on the left, or east tend to be argumentative and know-it alls. Go on, sneak a peek. Do you honestly see anyone like that over here?
4. If people worry too much about where they sit then they tend to be dysfunctional. I am not touching THAT one with a ten foot pole!!!!

So I am thinking; Danny can turn and face the west group because they are smiley people and agreeable but not make any eye contact or direct points to the east group or we will argue. And please speak quietly and not interrupt any of the back rows so we can keep our heads bowed and eyes shut in reverent meditation. But no matter what else happens don't even THINK about asking us to change places!!! (author; not admitted)

NIV- MATT. 23; 6.

they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues;

HERE IS A SYNOPSIS OF THE PANTRY: By Hollie Alexander

Our Food Pantry is a great success! To date we have helped numerous families affiliated with our church and community. Due to income and resource guidelines, there are those in need that do not qualify for Government food programs.

Unexpected expenses can be hard to recover from in today's economy and the assistance of food/hygiene products can greatly benefit those that need a helping hand

The Faith Food Pantry is designed to assist those individuals and families in need of genuine assistance. There are no income restrictions. A short questionnaire is required to obtain general information. To be able to provide for multiple families, the recipient will receive assistance based on the need and number of individuals in the household.

We currently have a need for paper and hygiene products. State food programs are beneficial for those in need of nutrition. However, there are some items that are considered a luxury. I don't know about you; but I do not consider toilet paper a luxury, but a necessity. As many of you realize, a person's hygiene can greatly affect the health of the family.

Please also consider donating: Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes, Dental Floss, Toilet paper, paper towels, feminine products, laundry detergent, and liquid dish soap. Many products can be obtained through donation from national and local businesses.

There are websites to obtain "Freebies". If you want to donate or need assistance please contact: Terry Lesch at (918) 335-3693 or Hollie Alexander at (918) 914-2080

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GIVING

There is a wonderful mystical law of nature which tells us that the three things we desire most in life, Happiness, Freedom and Peace of Mind, Are always attained by giving them to someone else.

A well-known philanthropist was asked, "How are you able to give so much and still have so much?"

He replied, "Well, as I shovel out, God shovels in. HE has a bigger shovel than I have!"

[Lori Hogue](#)

REMEMEBER WHEN?????

For entertainment we took a "Sunday drive"? Or dad took the family sedan out to "dust her out"? Well, times change, people change, lots of things change but we found a great place to take an evening drive to or a breakfast get-a-way. A few of you might have visited or heard about the Kings Coffee House in Dearing, Kans. We rode over there the other evening and had a very pleasant surprise by the wonderful, ALL homemade food, clean environment, lots of room and Christian witnessing. Their hours are: Monday thru Friday 7:00 to 10:00 and Sat. 7:30 to 11:00. On most Fridays and always Saturday they have live Gospel music to pep your visit up! It would be a great place for a leisurely drive, a meeting place to take the youth or for Rex to take his gypsies. Don't forget you asphalt angels that like to roar into town and terrorize before you sip your Latte. They have several biker groups that come in and they love to see you! While we were there we saw their generosity and Christian love by trying to help a recent divorcé, out of work and living in his truck and looking for work all over Kansas. They offered him a meal and we offered to buy but he only took a cup of coffee and some information from us on a job possibility. They told him that no matter what time of the day or night if he needed anything, especially a meal then he was to come see them and they would see to it he had food. All in the restaurant at the time promised to pray for him and I have no doubt he has employment by now! Isn't that neat? Some of the items they serve as "specials" are Wed. Chicken and Noodles, Thurs. Chicken Pot Pie (homemade by the way) and Fri. Loaded Baked Potatoes. They also have a large array of homemade desserts and surely by now they have my finger prints cleaned off the case. These summer days are great for short drives and the gas is reasonable (for the times anyway) so get out and get some fresh air. Route: North on 75 thru Caney. right, or East on 166 thru Tyro and aprox. 3-4 miles East of Tyro you will turn left where the sign says "Dearing". It is only a short distance north so not a complicated drive at all. In case you might want to call ahead about anything the number is: 1-620-948-3383. See ya there!

LETS GET TO KNOW BETTER:

This is an interview I wished you all could have heard. I would like to interface some of the quiet pillars of the church and decided to start with JR. Mosier. He is an attendee, along with his wife Patty, in Gene Brooks bible class and has been such an example to all of us I decided to start with him. He and Parry were very candid and honest and I appreciate their graciousness is letting me come into their home. Patty was pretty quiet know how she is, but I finally got her to open up and talk a little!

JR was born and raised in Bartlesville and "J. R." is not the initials to his real name. He told me what it was and said he never liked it so rather than be called "Junior" he adapted to J.R. He is employed at Spears Manufacturing in Caney Kansas and has four children one of whom is deceased. He married Patty in 1982 she has three children. JR. was 9 years old when his older brother was taking lessons from Dale Smith (some of you long time residents will remember him as the principal of College High) and gave JR. an old acoustic guitar. The brother removed the two bottom strings and told him that a bass guitar doesn't use those two strings and to learn how to play it. The only thing was...JR's brother was in the lower part of the house taking lessons and JR. was sent to the second story to learn what he could on his own! JR. is self-taught and by the time he was 13 years old he was playing in a band with his brother, going up into Kansas and wherever they were invited to play. JR's life was "the wrong side of the tracks" and lived a life that only a few of us are familiar with.

Don't believe in the power of prayer? While JR was playing in the band and not living a life to be proud of, his older sister was continually praying for him and one night, about 3:00 in morning JR was directed to give his life to God. He went to his older brother, a good Christian man and from that moment on strived to know God better. It was through the invitation from Cherrie Lynn that JR and Patty became involved with FFW and she is an example of what a simple gesture can lead to. She had invited us to special services and therefore many years ago we became members too. See What influence one person has? And who knows how many others she has encouraged? Since that time Patty and JR have become the tremendous blessing they are to all who know them.

For over ten years they traveled as a Christian musical group with Jenny Engle, Chris Hester and Larry Tate as the emcee and Patty made the remark it was some of the happiest years of their lives. No monetary fees were ever charged (donation only) so that any church could have the privilege of experiencing God through their music. Each of us has special talents but when it is the ability to create beauty through music then it is truly a gift from God. Beauty through music, like a smile, is a universal language of love and peace. We thank JR for his loyalty to our services every Sunday and helping bring beauty into our lives of only for a short while. I personally don't think they realize the example they have been to all of us. Without intruding or going into private details I will tell you that both of them has literally faced life-threatening illnesses, together faced the death on one of the children and then lived with the nightmare of dealing with government agencies in getting custody back to two grandchildren's parents. It was during this trying time that JR and Patty's son and daughter-in-law were led to Christ and this newly reunited family all attend church together. You don't know how happy this makes me, I have wanted that back pew for a long time and now I can have it since the Mosiers' had to move to a larger pew! In this mental, physical and spiritual journey of new beginnings JR and Patty have grown in their steadfast witness for God and shown us they live what they believe.

I have tried to condense down as much as possible the interview with JR and Patty and had you been there you would have come away a better person. There are three remarks that JR made and they

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were responses to questions I asked. In one question where I asked "what would your message to other people be?" his answer was "always, ALWAYS keep God first in your life and everything else will fall into place as it should "God will send the right people into your life for the right answers". Another question was "how do you see God in your life?" His answer startled me. It was; "the same as I met Him the first time....strong". How many of us have a strong enough relationship with God that we have learned this truth? When I asked him about his faith growing he told me that: Through long and difficult times I have learned what hate can feel like and know what true fear is. Being led back to love was not easy but I kept reminding myself what trials Christ went through".

This has been a long interview but I feel like the people who suffer hardships are the true leaders and examples to those of us who "mosey" into faith and JR and Patty's story should be told. I know there are many of you reading this that have difficulties of your own and our prayers and thoughts go out to you. Thank you again JR and Patty for your time and willingness to share a small part of your life with us!

BRO. REX AND HIS ROADIES;

The trip is long over but the memories last forever! Thanks to Rex and Ruby Hester and their constant planning our church is blessed with activities that might be unavailable to some of us under other circumstances. They keep the van going to local and out of town activities and this spring ventured to Canyon, Texas to help support one of our missionary churches there. For those who have not seen this area you need to make a trip down there (and visit the church while you are at it) and see some amazing country. It is the home of Palo Duro Canyon and it is unique in the United States. Going with Rex and Ruby were: Kenneth and Carolyn Stephens, Lora Tow, Donna Sutton, Janice Starkey, Charlie and Howard Blunk, Don and Violet lockwood, Jerry and Shirley Troxell and Virginia Sprague. The church was well represented by this group and from what I understand, unless they are keeping quiet about it, they kept Virginia out of the card parlors and gambling casinos so she didn't make any scenes and behaved herself! Keep watch through the Sunday bulletin about up-coming trips and activities by this group and other groups that many of our folks put a lot of time and effort into.

FMO. (For Men Only)!!

Many of you are aware of J.R. Mosier's new group FMO (for men only until I can come up with something better) and it is the neatest thing! They have met for breakfast a few times and have planned on some fishing trips. As this newsletter is being written the group attended the Drillers baseball game on April 30th and welcome any men who are interested in coming to future activities and want your ideas for casual get-togethers. These are not mandatory-expected-to-be-there meetings but rather casual gatherings of Christian men who enjoy the comraderie of one another and share their interests with those who want to join in.

NIV ROMANS 1: 15,17:

15. That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome.

16. I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

17. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

AMF- PSALM 84: 10;

A day in your courts is better than a thousand (anywhere else); I would rather be a doorkeeper and stand at the threshhold in the house of my God than to dwell (at ease) in the tents of wickedness.

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FACTS FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Written in 1787, ratified in 1788, and in operation since 1789, the United States Constitution is the world's longest surviving written charter of government. Its first three words - "We The People" - affirm that the government of the United States exists to serve its citizens. The supremacy of the people through their elected representatives is recognized in Article I, which creates a Congress consisting of a Senate and a House of Representatives. The positioning of Congress at the beginning of the Constitution reaffirms its status as the "First Branch" of the federal government.

The Constitution assigned to Congress responsibility for organizing the executive and judicial branches, raising revenue, declaring war, and making all laws necessary for executing these powers. The president is permitted to veto specific legislative acts, but Congress has the authority to override presidential vetoes by two-thirds majorities of both houses. The Constitution also provides that the Senate advise and consent on key executive and judicial appointments and on the ratification of treaties.

For over two centuries the Constitution has remained in force because its framers successfully separated and balanced governmental powers to safeguard the interests of majority rule and minority rights, of liberty and equality, and of the central and state governments. More a concise statement of national principles than a detailed plan of governmental operation, the Constitution has evolved to meet the changing needs of a modern society profoundly different from the eighteenth-century world in which its creators lived

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