



Central

Church of Christ

April 26, 2009

Our deepest sympathy to *Lea Morgan* on the loss of her mother **Evelyn Keeney**. Services were Saturday, April 25th. **JOHN BROOKINS** has gone to stay with his daughter Barbara in Dallas for a few weeks. Please continue to pray for **LARRY & PENNY STURGESS'** grandson **Chase Mitchell**. **JERRIYLYN BLOCKER** is home.

Also keep these people in your hearts and prayers:

Bettie Smith, Clayton Williams, Myrtle Jennings, Paul Cox, Evelyn McCrary, John & Frankie Brookins, T.A. & Gene Hayhurst, Jay Weddel, David Tucker, Alvis Miller, Linda Hayhurst and Mabel Sadler.

2009 SENIOR BANQUET

We will be honoring: **WESLYN HAYHURST, JAKE MOUDY, JONATHAN AGUILERA & ERIKA COX**
this evening at **6:00 p.m.** Please make plans to join us and show our Seniors how much they mean to us.

FAMILY DAY PICNIC-Is next Sunday, May 3rd, following morning assembly. We will meet at Group Picnic Pavilion #1 at Caprock Canyon State Park near Quitaque for a potluck luncheon (sandwiches, chips, dips and deserts). Tea and water will be provided. If anyone wants soft drinks or juices you will be responsible for that. Later that evening hamburgers and hotdogs will be prepared for us. The cost to enter the park is \$3.00 per person 13 to 64 and \$2.00

per person 65 and older. Make plans to join us for a day of food, fun and fellowship.

Morning Service

Singing-Toby

Song

Song

Song

**REFLECTION & LORD'S SUPPER
WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION**

Song

Song

Prayer

Song

-BRUCE-

"Seventeen Again"

Song

Announcements-Joe Bob
Wes Hayhurst

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

27th-Bryan Tole
29th-Lupe Betancourt
David Leatherman
30th-Mary Olivarez



You are invited to a

Bridal Shower

Honoring

Shayla Dutton

Bride-elect of

Reece Hartman

Saturday, May 2, 2009

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

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Selections: Friends & Neighbors.

Jeannett's

Bed, Bath and Beyond, Target



A WORD FROM BRUCE

Have you ever stopped to consider why or how you came to be the person you are today? Who help mold you the most?

What experiences taught and brought you where you are today? At what ages were you the most pliable? Are we still pliable? I believe great catalysts of maturation are the struggles of life we all face. We tend to avoid struggles of life and look for the easy way out. We tend to search for a life of comfort, quick fixes, non-confrontational, look the other way, non-reconciliatory, ... Unfortunately this world view translates into allowing someone tell me what I ought to think, feel, experience, Christianity. It is unfortunate that it leads to a life of complacency, punch-card, non-meditation, non-thinking for yourself Christianity. Ponder, think, feel, experience the truth for yourself then you could become like the story below.

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared, he sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and it could go no farther. Then the man decided to help the butterfly, so he took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily, but it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of his life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It was never able to fly. What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening, were God's way making something beautiful from struggles.

Romans 5:1-5 - "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

James 1:2-4 - "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

This is an exciting time for the youth of all ages of our church and community. School is coming to an end. For some of our young people they will be taking a big step in their journey in life, graduation. There are so many decisions that have to be made for these young people in their lives. What do I do next, college, AIM, get a job, stay at home, what is the right decision for me? Wouldn't it be great if we had a GPS for life decisions? When I want to find where I want to go, I just punch in the address into my GPS in my vehicle and it tells me the correct route. I love my GPS! Life is not like a GPS but remember that you have someone that you can go to, that will help you make these important decisions in the next step of your life. Go to God, pray for wisdom and direction, he will help you make the right decision.

Youth Corner

by Matt

I am really excited about this Sunday night because, it is our Senior Banquet. We will be honoring 4 young people who are graduating this year. This is a great and exciting time in their lives. The banquet starts at 6:00, let's get behind these Seniors and show them that we love them and that we support them.

Anyone who would like to help decorate for the Senior banquet, we will meet at the building at 2:00.

Also remember that next Sunday morning May 3rd we will have our LTC presentation. Our LTC kids did really great this year, come and see all of the exciting things that they did to help glorify God at LTC.

Records for 4/19/2009

Bible Class: 73 Worship: 123 Contribution: \$2,577