

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH** - TBS (SLC; 7:00p)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW:** The Area Wide Congregational Gospel Meeting will be on October 10-13, 2010. Hosted by Northwest Church of Christ. Theme: "You Shall Know The Truth" Randy will be speaking on Wednesday night, October 13th.

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There is a longing  
In every heart  
That only Jesus can satisfy.



# CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Distraction May Destroy!

“A 47-year-old woman accidentally drove off a boat ramp in Sacramento County, Calif., in August and drowned, as she had become distracted on a cell phone call with her daughter.” [San Francisco Chronicle, 8-17-10]

While my first instinct was to laugh when I read this story, I realized very quickly how sad and true to everyday life this really is. How many of us get distracted by the little things that we fail to pay attention to the big things going on around us? Like this woman we talk on our cell phones while driving, never realizing the danger we might be putting ourselves or others in and before we know it, we've driven off a boat ramp. And yet it's not just talking on the phone that distracts us!

How many in the world are distracted by the devils charms that they fail to see God's bigger picture? The devil entices us with sporting events and movies and it's not that those things are wrong, but when we get distracted by them what happens to our walk with God? We get tied up with friends and family even, who vie for our attention and yet God wants us to focus on Him. We get distracted by work and success and we fail to realize that true success is in Christ and our relationship with Him and the Father.

And the sad thing, most people will become so distracted by these little things that in the end, when life's final breath is taken, they find themselves lost for eternity, separated from God, all because they got "distracted!"

“Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12).

Randy

### Worship And Study Opportunities

**Sunday:**

Bible School.....9:30 A.M  
Worship.....10:30 A.M  
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

**Wednesday:**

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.  
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:**.....Eric Sharum

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**.....David Byrd

**RECORDS OF THE WEEK**

Bible School: .....99  
Morning Worship: .....134  
Evening Worship: .....73  
Wednesday Ladies' Class:.....22  
Mid-Week: .....65  
Contribution: .....\$4,112.00  
Weekly Budget: .....\$3,752.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Opening Prayer .....Brad McKinzie  
Closing Prayer: .....Ed Valdez  
  
Scripture: .....James Brennan

**Sunday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Klaus Mueller  
Closing Prayer: .....Jerry Doughty  
  
Scripture: .....Charlie Kelsey

**Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Eric Sharum  
Closing Prayer: .....Joshua Sharum  
  
Scripture: .....Caleb Sharum

**PRAYERS:** Letha Owens had a pacemaker put in on Tuesday. John Mathis will have his surgery Friday, Sept. 17th. Brad will have his surgery next week. Chuck Ray had a colonoscopy last week and received a good report from the doctors. Virginia Parham is at home. We also need to keep praying for Bill & Marvenia Harrington, Leroy & Pat Horn, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie and Jean Parrish.

**SYMPATHY:** We extend our deepest sympathy to Kimberly Taylor and her family in the death of her sister last week. Her funeral was on Monday.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** Thank you for the cards and prayers while I was in the hospital. It really means a lot to me. Tim Doughty

**MOVING:** Jared, Brandi and Mason McCollum moved to Midwest City this week. We hated to see them go but we wish them all the best.

**MOVED:** Tim Doughty was moved back to the Stonegate Nursing Center last week. His address is Stonegate Nursing Center, PO Box 277, Stone-wall, Okla. 74871, room 208.

**THE LADIES CLASS** started Wednesday morn- ing, September 15th. The teacher is Claudine Bol- ton. They will begin a series on "What If I....." They meet every Wednesday at 10:30 AM at the Student Learning Center. All ladies are invited.

**GOSPEL MEETING** - Cache Church of Christ - **October 3 - 6, 2010** - Speaker: Toney Smith from Burluson, Texas. 7:00 pm Sunday thru Wednesday. Schedule is posted on the bulle- tin board in the foyer.

**WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME** grocery truck will be back in **December**.

**Shopping List:**

Cheez Its  
Fruit Snacks  
Chili No Beans  
Candy Bars/Gum  
Capri Sun/100% Juice  
Tropical Fruit/Pineapple  
Potato/Tortilla/Frito Chips  
Honey Buns/Debbie Cakes  
Tub Margarine/Stick/Squeeze Parkay  
Hidden Valley/Catalina/Italian Dressing  
Grated Cheddar/American Sliced Cheese

**NON-FOOD:**

Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Styrofoam 16 oz. Cups  
Styrofoam Divided Plates

**PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATES ON THE FOOD ITEMS.** At first just bring items (non- food) or items that will not expire before next February

**CONTINUED PRAYER LIST:** Roy Bennett, James Bolton, Joslyn Burch, Tim Doughty, Donna Fletcher, Bill & Marvenia Harrington, Leroy & Pat Horn, Peggy Leverett, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Chesley & Jeannie Montague, Letha Owens, Virginia Parham, Jean Parrish, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Kimberly Taylor, Juanita Turner, Dwaine Zacharias, Erin Bryan, Lauren Caldwell, Johnny Fitzsimmons, Donna Flower, Jason Hamlin, Sally Hayes, Dortha Adler, Marvin McCathern, Keith McIntyre, Paige Mitchener, Geraldine Net- tles, Adam Ray, Chuck Ray, Martha Smith, Shirley Mueller's aunt, Wanda & niece, Emily.

Not Lost in Translation!  
Part II

As we read the Scriptures, the message is to be taken personally. The message of God is deep theo- logically regarding Himself, redemption, and mat- ters of eternal significance. However, the message is also to be seen as very practical for daily living. As we read the Word of God, may we not let it go "in one ear and out the other", but rather in one ear (or both) and OUT THE MOUTH!

Peter exhorted "(15) but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ALWAYS BEING PREPARED TO MAKE A DEFENSE [give answer (ASV) to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; (16) YET DO IT WITH GENTLENESS AND RESPECT, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame." (1 Peter 3:15-16 ESV)

The message of God; the words of Jesus - in one ear and OUT THE MOUTH. Do we talk about Je- sus? Are we helping people understand what our hope and faith are based upon? The message we have been blessed to receive is not to be kept to our- selves. As we have freely received, we are to freely give. It is our commission. (Matthew 28:19-20) May we recognize the daily opportunities to be sow- ing the Word of God to those among whom we live and work and play.

Have a great day SPEAKING WORDS OF HOPE AND LIFE!

Carl Hanson - Via - TeenMail