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# CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Faith and Endurance!

They were some of the most exciting words I have heard in my life, no not as exciting as Kim saying “Yes” or Kim telling me “We’re having a baby,” or even the doctor saying “Your having twins!” But nonetheless they were words that this lifelong Texas Ranger Fan longed to hear...The Texas Rangers are going to the World Series!

I grew up in Texas and went to hundreds of games with my dad and other friends. I have seen the Rangers at their peak and in their valley’s, but no matter what happened, we always cheered them on and always encouraged them to do better next time.

Finally, on October 22, 2010 our faith and their endurance found victory as the Rangers fought their way to the top and have found themselves going to the Big Show, The World Series.

To me it’s a lot like Christianity. We live for Christ, but Satan plays dirty and hard and sometimes we’re up and sometimes we’re down, but by our faith (Heb. 11:1) and the faith of those pulling for us (1 Thess. 3:10); and through our endurance (Titus 2:11-12) we can win and like in the game of baseball, one day end up going to the “Big Show!”

That’s the goal in baseball, to go to The World Series and that’s the goal of the Christian, to go to Heaven. And as great as the world series is, it’s got nothing on Heaven!

“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 3:12-14)

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:**.....Leroy Horn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**.....Eric Sharum

**RECORDS OF THE WEEK**

Bible School: .....61  
Morning Worship: .....101  
Evening Worship: .....68  
Wednesday Ladies' Class:.....16  
Mid-Week: .....68  
Contribution: .....\$3,573.00  
Weekly Budget: .....\$3,752.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Opening Prayer .....Brad McKinzie  
Closing Prayer: .....Jerry Doughty

Scripture: .....Kenneth Gregory

**Sunday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Leroy Horn  
Closing Prayer: .....Weldon Flanagan

Scripture: .....David Byrd

**Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Charlie Kelsey  
Closing Prayer: .....Ed Valdez

Scripture: .....Joshua Sharum

**PRAYERS:** Earline Gregory is still recuperating at home. Don Marcum will have lower back surgery on November 15th.

**RESPONSE:** Jeannie Montague came forward Sunday to be restored and asking for prayers.

**SYMPATHY:** We extend our deepest sympathy to Dana and Marcia Davis and their family in the death of Dana's mother on Friday, October 22nd. Her funeral was this week in Tennessee.

**ADDRESS:** The Temporary Address for Dana & Marcia Davis is 350 Quorum Dr. #701 B, Trophy Club, Tx. 76262

**SYMPATHY:** We extend our deepest sympathy to Randy and Kim on the death of Randy's Aunt, Lorine Smith, this week. Her funeral was on Friday in Ft. Worth, Texas.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** Dear Brothers & Sisters, Thank you for all the cards, food, phone calls, visits and especially your prayers. Randy, we really appreciated your coming by before my surgery. I'm doing good and plan to be back at services soon. In Christian love, Earline Gregory

**5TH SUNDAY AREA WIDE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be here at University this Sunday, October 31st. at 6:00 p.m.

**WESTVIEW CHRISTMAS:** Information lists and sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board for seven Westview Boys. Please sign up if you'd like to provide a gift for a boy.

**MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS FOR NOVEMBER  
MORNING TABLE**

Charlie Kelsey David Kelsey  
Weldon Flanagan David Byrd

**ALTERNATES FOR  
COMMUNION TABLE**

Ed Valdez  
Coy Watson  
**SCRIPTURE READING  
BEFORE COMMUNION**  
Tim Curtis

**NIGHT TABLE**

Charles Kelsey  
**SCRIPTURE READING  
BEFORE AM-SERMON**  
Don Marcum

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bryan Cain

**GREETERS**

Roy Don Bennett  
Donna Caldwell  
Klaus & Shirley Mueller

**ATTENDANCE CARDS**

Tyler Brandon  
Richard Squires

**USHERS & ATTENDANCE**

Jerry Doughty  
Kenneth Richardson

**COUNT CONTRIBUTION**

Terry Ball

**PREPARE COMMUNION**

Kay Fox & Amy Parrish

**NURSERY ATTENDANT**

Cae Sharum

**NURSERY & BAPTISMAL LINENS**

Aubrey Helton

**AUDIO/VIDEO OPERATOR**

Eric Sharum

**ELDER OF THE MONTH**

Charlie Kelsey

**Guard It!**

What we deposit in the bank is what we can draw from. That is what we have available for our use. When it is properly valued we tend to guard it. If it has been entrusted to us by another, then we should surely safeguard it closely. It if is counterfeit, we would neither guard it nor try to use it.

Paul urged Timothy, "(20) O Timothy, GUARD THE DEPOSIT ENTRUSTED TO YOU. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called 'knowledge,' (21) for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you." (1 Timothy 6:20-21 ESV)

As Paul noted false teachers earlier in this letter (1 Timothy 6:3-4), they were ones drawing from that which was not the truth. It was babble and ideologies that contradicted the truth and was falsely called "knowledge". Those who accepted it would only find themselves departing from the faith. Therefore, Timothy was urged to "guard the DEPOSIT ENTRUSTED" to him; which would have been the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was from the truth of the GOSPEL OF JESUS that Timothy's life was to be based and his teaching was to be drawn.

Are we also GUARDING that truth entrusted to us? Recognizing it is from the GOSPEL OF JESUS that life is drawn - since it is only through Christ that we now have access to the Father (John 14:6) - for our sake and the sake of others it is what we must steadfastly hold onto. Though others may be banking on other ideologies, let us continue to base our life choices on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ. It is in Jesus and the "Good News" relative to Him that we have God's grace with us.

Have a great day ACKNOWLEDGING HOW TRULY GOOD THE GOOD NEWS IS!

Carl Hanson - Via - TeenMail