



Senior Connection



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Articles, News, and Activities Calendar
for Senior Members at Netherwood Park Church of Christ

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Holy people serving a holy God

This Friday

September 20, 2013

Hosts: Peggy Conard, Sheryl Arvey, and Inez Chambliss
Decorations: Nancy Clements

Catered Mexican Food Senior Luncheon

- 11:30 am **Catered** dinner by Monroes
- 12:25 pm Announcements: David Nester
- 12:35 pm Devotional: Lloyd Seagraves
- 12:50 pm Entertainment: Randy Dupuy and his
LOST HOWLING COYOTES band



\$7.00

Cookies & Ice Cream Dessert



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What is Going On?

Jim Guthrie

Friday's Luncheon and Entertainment

This month's luncheon is a catered meal from Monroe's Mexican Food. No need to bring a dish. There will be cookies and ice cream for dessert.

The "main attraction" is from our own. Randy Dupuy's band group, The Lost Howling Coyotes will, as usual, be a welcomed entertainment for all to enjoy.



Joining us 😊

We wish to welcome "newcomers" to the senior group of "Sharing Our Love". They are: Steven and Pam Beach, Sarafin and Lisa Padilla, Kathy Pardue-Buller, Jerry and Teresa Scott, and John and Judy Walker. Presently, we now number 126 families totaling 185 members at Netherwood Park. We are encouraged knowing that their service and love will be to the glory of God in our sharing our love for each other.

Leaving Us 😞

We will be missing from our fellowship two families moving to be closer to their children:

Paul and Betty Martinez have already moved to Texas.

15795 Flow RD
Krum, TX 76249
Cell: 505-321-2974



Larry and Louise Pitts are moving in early October to Arkansas.



Louise has been very active in our Senior group, serving as Luncheon Leader and arranging many worthwhile service opportunities for us.

1802 Surrey
Mountain Home, AR 72653
Louise's cell: 505-803-5777

We will miss these wonderful Christian brothers and sisters as we have been blessed dearly in their love and service at Netherwood Park. We wish them the very best in their new homes and service in the Lord in their respective congregations.

Luncheon and Movie Attendance

We are **encouraged** by the 62 who attended our August Potluck. **You are appreciated** with your efforts and desire to be with us in fellowship.

Our September movie attracted eighteen movie goers. Read Laura's Review for our October Senior Matinee, Ice Princess on page 9.

Favorites ♥

Virginia Gonzales and Mary March, from Avalon Church of Christ and Rose Hartranft, a friend, regularly attend our Senior Matinee each month. They often attend our luncheons. They have been our welcomed guests for five to six years. We have been blessed by their fellowship. They are "favorites!"



Walt and Gwen Berry are "favorites" from Edgewood Church of Christ who have fellowshiped with us at our luncheons, each month, for several years. They are instrumental in bringing guests, Bob and Stephanie Lunsford and others to share with us in fellowship.

WE ARE FAMILY



Very special people, Bill and Bea Rogers are to celebrate their 73rd wedding anniversary September 28th. We wish them the very best!

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September Happenings

September 19 9:30 am Thursday Ladies Class-Trusting God: A Life Without Worry
September 19 6:30 pm Singles Bible Study (Jesus, the Way) taught by Lloyd Seagraves @ Nancy Clements' house

September 20 11:30 am Senior Catered Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
September 23 5:30 pm Ladies Bible Study–Library–Beth Moore’s book “A Woman’s Heart God’s Dwelling Place”

September 23 7:00 pm Ladies Coffee @ Flying Star on Paseo and Wyoming
September 27-28 Ladies Retreat @ the Embassy Suites

October Happenings

October 4 1:15 pm Senior Cinema
October 5 8:30 am Men’s Ministry Breakfast- Fellowship Hall
October 5 8:30 am Ladies Day-Gallup Church of Christ
October 6 Aluminum Recycling
October 7 5:30 pm Ladies Bible Study-Library
October 10 6:30 pm Ladies Game Night-Library-playing Tripoley
October 13 Singles Lunch Out
October 14 5:30 pm Ladies Bible Study-Library
October 14 7:00 pm Ladies Coffee @ Flying Star on Paseo and Wyoming
October 17-20 Men’s Higher Ground-Mountain View Camp, Ruidoso, NM

October 18 11:30 am Senior Luncheon
October 21 5:30 pm Ladies Bible Study-Library
October 25-27 Women’s Higher Ground-Mountain View Camp, Ruidoso, NM

October 28 7:00 pm Ladies Coffee @ Flying Star on Paseo and Wyoming

Milestones

Birthdays



September

Charlotte Moen	09/01	Dixie Cantrall	09/17
Kay Short	09/04	Robert Hoyt	09/20
David Nestor	09/05	Kay Proctor	09/22
Bea Rogers	09/07 (91 years of age)	Kathy Duck	09/29
Marie Rogers	09/09	Roy Miller	09/28
Mary Stanphill	09/15	Lela Skutevik	09/30
Wanda Colclough	09/15	Richard Cantrall	09/30

October

Eluid Alcon	10/03	Joe Mosley	10/16
Jim Guthrie, Sr	10/06	Sheryl Arvey	10/18
Rogers Mitchell	10/07	Carolyn Jacobs	10/20
Mylli Zdunek	10/07	Nida Clark	10/22
Robert Duck	10/08	Kay Alexander	10/27
Bettye Barker	10/08	Arthur Conard	10/27
John Meeks	10/16		



Anniversaries

September

Sam and Sue Martin	09/02/1961	52 years
Orval and Shirley Talley	09/04/2010	3 years
Larry and Louise Pitts	09/06/1968	45 years
Morris and Sue Day	09/07/1956	57 years
Dale & Jean Sims	09/11/1993	20 years
Greg and Darlene Wentz	09/13/1968	45 years
Bill and Anna Lewis	09/16/1960	53 years
Dennis and Mylli Zdunek	09/28/1974	39 years
Bill and Bea Rogers	09/28/1940	73 years
Roger and Dorothy Jones	09/29/1961	52 years

October

Charlie and Nida Clark	10/03/1959	54 years
Richard and Judy Wilson	10/04/1975	38 years
Margarito and Maria Montoya	10/18/1966	47 years
Robert and Charlotte Moen	10/30/1954	59 years

Ask David...

David Nestor

"What exactly is the balm of Gilead?"

A balm is an aromatic, medicinal substance derived from plants. Gilead was an area east of the Jordan River, and it was well known for its spices and ointments. The "balm of Gilead" was valued as being a high-quality ointment with healing properties. The "balm" was made from resin taken from a flowering plant in the Middle East, although the exact species is unknown. It was also called the "balsam of Mecca." Myrrh is taken from a similar plant. The Bible uses the term "balm of Gilead" metaphorically as an example of something with healing or soothing powers, whether it was something or someone viewed as being the "balm".



The phrase "Balm of Gilead" has three references in the Bible. The first is found in Genesis 37:25. In the context, Joseph's brothers had contemplated how to kill him, and a caravan of Ishmaelites passed by on their way to Egypt from Gilead. In their cargo were "spices, balm, and myrrh."

The next passage is in Jeremiah 8 that records God's warning to Judah of what Babylon would do to them. Upon hearing the news, Jeremiah offers up a lament and asks, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" in verse 22. His question in the Hebrew language is a poetic search for hope—a plea for healing.

The third passage is in Jeremiah 46:11 where God describes an impending judgment on Egypt. He taunts them through the prophet and says, "Go up to Gilead and obtain balm, O virgin daughter of Egypt! In vain have you multiplied remedies; there is no healing for you!" The dire conditions of the people that caused them to need balm was given in the verse previous. "For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken; I mourn, dismay has taken hold of me." Jeremiah was dismayed, and maybe even disgusted, that the spiritual condition of the people had gotten so bad.

The people were wounded from their sins and idolatries and needed to be restored. This brokenness is compared to physical maladies and physical cures to illustrate how unnecessarily tragic it all was. Jeremiah's question is, "How can a people who traded in balm be so sick?" Of course it's even worse than that; this is the physical illustration of a spiritual point. The real question is, "How can the people of God, with the Law in their midst, be so sinful?!"

These scriptural references to the balm of Gilead have inspired many literary and cultural allusions, including references in the poem "The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe, and even in movies such as *The Spitfire Grill*.

Most notably, "There Is a Balm in Gilead" is an African-American spiritual that compares the healing balm to the saving power of Jesus—the one true treatment that never fails to heal our spiritual wounds. That should cause us to ask, "Why would anyone not want to have the saving power of Jesus in their lives when it is so near and so powerful to heal?"

On the Front Porch

Leta Bassham



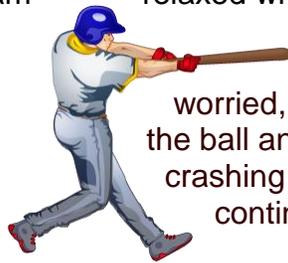
I know it is the beginning of football season and baseball is almost over for the year, but I just read an account of a special baseball game that I would like to share with all of you. It brought out some points we all need to think about. The story is:



"The Lord's Baseball Game."

Freddy and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team. The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs. They continued to watch as a batter named **Love** stepped up to the plate. **Love** swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because '**Love** never fails.' The next batter was **Faith**, who also got a single because '**Faith** works with **Love**'. The next batter was named **Godly Wisdom**. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch. **Godly Wisdom** looked it over and let it pass. Ball one. Three more pitches and **Godly Wisdom** walked because he never swings at what Satan throws.

The bases were now loaded. The Lord turned to Freddy and told him He was going to bring in his STAR player. Up to the plate stepped **Grace**. Freddy said, 'He sure doesn't look like much!' Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw **Grace**. Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, **Grace** hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen! But Satan was not worried, his center fielder let very few get by. The center fielder went up for the ball and it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing to the ground. The roaring crowds went wild as the ball continued over the fence...for a home run!



The Lord then asked Freddy if he knew why **Love**, **Faith** and **Godly Wisdom** could get on base but couldn't win the game. Freddy answered that he didn't know why. The Lord explained, 'If your **love**, **faith** and **wisdom** had won the game, you would think you had done it by yourself. **Love**, **Faith** and **Wisdom** will get you on base but ONLY MY GRACE CAN GET YOU HOME.

'For by Grace are you saved, it is a gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast.'
Ephesians 2:8-9

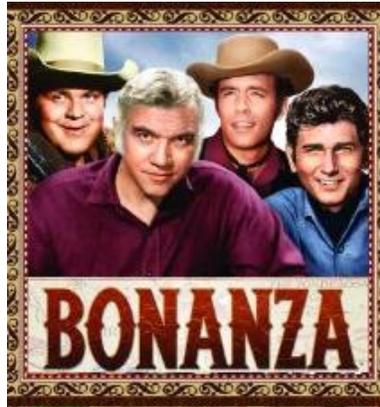
'Til next time, Leta Bassham

An Elder's View

Larry Cochran



A few years back I was watching a rerun of an old Bonanza episode. I don't remember much about the storyline Joe I think, went off on his evidently bit off more than thing I remember clearly used to emphasize the on others for strength and important goals in life--he to break it--no problem. four sticks and had him try couldn't. Old Ben sure got



except one of the boys, Little own to do something and he could chew. The only was the object lesson Ben point that we all need to rely success in accomplishing picked up a stick and told him Next, he picked up a total of to break them in two. He his point across.

Both the Old and New Testaments are filled with examples of the results of unity as well as the consequences of disunity when it comes to fulfilling God's desires and plans for His people. Let's consider a few--Tower of Babel (wrong motives), the division of Israel into two kingdoms for failure to adhere to God's desire and focus for them--even after God gave them chances over and over again, they failed to figure it out and had to learn the hard way as many today still do. God's patience and love is very much in evidence here as they had many opportunities to refocus on His desires but neglected to do so. On the positive side, consider Nehemiah and his role in accomplishing rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem which was the result of working together and focusing on God's true desires, not on what one thinks those desires are.

The New Testament likewise gives us many insights into the issue of unity vs. lack of unity. Here are a few--consider the establishment of the church on the day of Pentecost in the second chapter of Acts and following few chapters. They were unified and much good was accomplished through their desire to be the kind of people God wanted them to be. As we continue reading through the book, we soon learn the "honeymoon was over" and things didn't stay that way. Paul addressed the problems of unity and offered steps to resolution in many of his epistles. Sometime read through 1 Corinthians and pay attention the issues they had which were brought on by lack of unity, then follow up by reading 2 Corinthians and notice how some of these issues had been resolved by the time of this writing.

Netherwood has been (and still is) a strong, productive congregation for over 60 years. This hasn't happened by accident. Focus on God's plan for us, constant prayer for guidance and direction to fulfill those desires, as well as a commitment to be unified as a congregation, all help to make this a reality. Let us continue to look forward and "preserve the unity of spirit in the bond of peace". --Ephesians 4:3.

October 4, 1:15 pm

Presents:

ICE PRINCESS

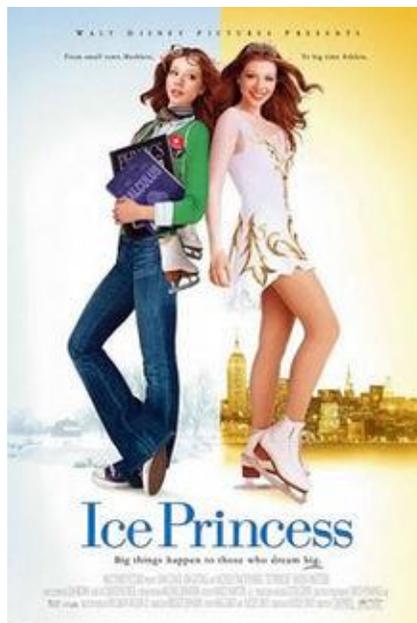
Ice Princess is a 2005 American figure-skating film starring Michelle Trachtenberg, Joan Cusack, Kim Cattrall, Hayden Panettiere, Trevor Blumas, and Kirsten Olson



Movie Review

by Laura Riehl

Casey is just trying to please her hard-working mom, who's got her daughter on the fast track to Harvard, when the physics of figure her backyard pond champion since she was and nervous, to finally elite skaters at her local is that her existence is spin when it turns out helped her become a gets the chance to train Gen Harwood and and mother, Tina, comedic and life-takes her into a world experience. Not only in the glamour, sweat competitions, she also as she falls for Gen's hunky Zamboni driver, Teddy. As she trains with gritty determination, Casey's confidence begins to soar--but with the big championship looming, she is about to find out if she really has what it takes to leave her old life behind and truly become an ice princess.



she decides to do a report on skating. Having fantasized on about becoming an Olympic a little girl, Casey is ecstatic, have a chance to meet the rink. What she doesn't know about to be sent for a wild that Casey's smarts have skating prodigy. Now, as she with champion-in-the-making Gen's famously tough coach Casey sets off on a fun, changing adventure that she never expected to does she get a crash course and tears of skating gets her first taste of romance teenage brother, the rink's

Catered Mexican Dinner

This Friday at 11:30 am
Please come and join us

Schedule:

Lunch and Fellowship

Devo: Lloyd Seagraves

Entertainment: Randy Dupuy and his LOST HOWLING COYOTES band

**Deadline for information for the
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September

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