

Dellview Baptist Church News & Views



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Seeking a New Vision

Saving A Life

We all remember Louis Pasteur for perfecting the pasteurization process that keeps our milk supply safe, but did you know that he also discovered vaccines for many of the deadly diseases of his day.

Louis Pasteur lived at a time when thousands of people died each year of rabies. Pasteur had worked for many years trying to find a vaccine. Just as he was about to begin to experiment on himself, a 9 year old boy named Joseph Meister, was bitten by a rabid dog. The boy's mother begged Pasteur to experiment on her son. Pasteur injected the boy for ten days and the boy lived. Pasteur went on to do many great things in his life, but of all the things he could have had put on his tombstone, he asked for only three words...

Joseph Meister Lived.

Pasteur thought the saving of one life was his greatest achievement. Revelation 22:17 tells us, "The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life."

Who is the "bride"?

The church is the bride and we are the church.

Are we saying "Come?"

Circle those words, "Whoever is thirsty, let him come." Too many times, the church has taken the attitude that when people get thirsty enough, they will come to the church. Jesus tells us we must go and find those who are thirsty and we must include everyone.

It's easy to tell ourselves we're not good enough or that we don't know the Bible well enough, or we can't talk that well.

Paul says in Ephesians 3:8, "Though I am the least deserving of all God's people, he graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ."

Paul says God gave him the privilege to tell others about Jesus. Do you feel that way? Is it a privilege to share your faith with others?

Look at Ephesians 3:20. "Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."

Our greatest legacy will be those who live eternally because of our efforts. The biggest thing you will ever do in your life, next to deciding to make Jesus the Lord of your life, will be to go find someone who is lost and tell them the Good News about Jesus.

**Will you save someone's
life today?**

Pastor Phil

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ... FROM CYNDI SANCHEZ

Howdy Y'all! Hope you all enjoyed our Mom's Day Out performers on Rodeo Sunday. I would like to thank our performers, Ms. Lucy and her teachers for such a wonderful job.

I would also like to thank everyone for their support with our envelope fundraiser. Thanks to everyone we have raised \$640 so far.

For the month of March Ms. Lucy's MDO class will be learning about weather, health and St. Patrick's day. Our elementary kids will be learning to speak to God like their best friend, and the youth will be studying about faith using "Freedom Ride" literature.

My verse for the month is from Hosea 6:3--"Let us acknowledge the Lord, let us press on to know the Lord. As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; He will come to us like the winter rains, as the spring rains that water the earth."

Have a Blessed Day!



DELLVIEW STAFF

Phil Risley, Pastor
Billie Schneider, Music
Cyndi Sanchez, Youth, Children
Debra Trull, Office Manager
Betty Blanchard, Office Assistant
MDO, Lucy Herrera
Deacon Chm, Bill Schneider

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to check out all the announcements for the month on our new TV in the foyer. Take a minute before or after church to find out what's going on at DBC.

SCHOLARSHIP --- Deadline to apply for the Justus Selph Scholarship is March 11. Applications are available on our website or at the church office.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17 AT DELLVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

The Mary Martha Class is hosting a Multi-Family Yard Sale At The Church
The Church will provide the permit and space.

9:00-2:00

1. You sign up for a space (table & chairs)
 2. You bring your stuff and set up
 3. You donate 10% of proceeds to the church
- (Please note: MDO or the church is NOT accepting items to sell)



*First Wednesday Bible Study
March 7 at 7:00 p.m.*

BIBLE STUDY

See Martha Faz to sign up for a table or sign up in the foyer.

NOTES TO SING BY ... Billie Schneider



It's a cold winter day and my mind is filled with the many people I know who are struggling today with illness, disease, and heartache. I know that's a constant in our world – someone somewhere is always dealing with those issues; it just seems there is so much this winter. It reminded me of a particularly difficult time in my life when my Mother was in a nursing home suffering with end stage Alzheimer's.


After a stressful visit with Mother, I drove home across the hills from Camp Wood to Leakey to San Antonio noticing all the beautiful wild flowers that day and thanking God for them. I couldn't sleep that night and God reminded me of the wild flowers. In particular, I saw in my mind the tiny bouquets of pink flowers that grow right out of the cracks in the rocks. I thought about how even in the rocky places of our lives, if we keep our eyes open, God will show us the tiny spots of good things.

David says in Psalm 18:2, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust." (KJV)

Even if we are having problems, we can turn to God – our rock – to have that strong base to stand upon until we find the flowers among the stones. We can proudly sing, "On Christ the solid rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand."

I'm praying a tiny pink flower will appear in your rocky place today.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 40 ENVELOPES FOR CAMP 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM W/Team Practice 10:45 AM Worship	26 	27	28 7:00 PM Choir Practice	1	2	3 9:00 AM Deacon's Meeting
4 Kids Sunday-kids stay in church with parents 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM W/Team Practice 10:45 AM The Lord's Supper 10:45 AM Worship	5	6	7 7:00 PM First Wednesday Bible Study	8	9	10
11 9:00 AM Finance Team 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM W/Team Practice 10:45 AM Worship	12	13	14 7:00 PM Choir Practice	15	16	17 9:00 AM DBC Families Yard Sale 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast
18 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM W/Team Practice 10:45 AM Worship	19	20	21 7:00 PM Choir Practice	22	23	24 2:00 PM Baby Shower for Kemela and Daniel at the Schneider's 2:00 PM Gym Reserved Fernandez Family
25 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM W/Team Practice 10:45 AM Worship	26	27	28 7:00 PM Choir Practice	29	30 Office Closed - Good Friday	31

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Cindy Garcia
- 4 Sydney Preslar
- 5 Maggie Jimenez
- 9 Deneen Sanchez
- 11 Barry Huff
- 12 James Allen Onion
- 15 Opal Gobon
- 16 Dalia Trevino
- 17 Billie Blize
- 17 Timothy Huff
- 18 Kelly Sartain
- 19 Matt Schievelbein
- 23 Tony Vargas
- 24 Francine Holbrook
- 25 Anelisa Huff
- 26 Christopher Bansah



Meet the Members (and Friends) **JM & Ginger Preslar**

Imagine a teenage boy so shy that he wouldn't eat lunch in the cafeteria because he didn't want to eat in front of the other kids. Imagine a boy so shy that he had his sister ask a girl if she would go out with him. You see, she was not just any girl. She was the "popular girl." She was a star athlete and student in their high school in Early, Texas (near Brownwood). She was in drama, played tennis, basketball, baseball and was a cheerleader! And he, a shy, track athlete, wanted to date her!

His sister asked, and she said yes, but, she thought the girl's brother was actually a boy named Scooter! Fortunately, when she found out it was JM Preslar, she decided to go with him for a burger and movie anyway. That date began a lifelong romance between JM and Ginger Preslar that is going on 68 years strong. God blessed them along the way with two children, Rhonda and Gary, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



The Preslar's life started out with JM enlisting in the Navy. Ginger describes his stint in the Navy as a "pleasure cruise." His two years in the Navy took him across the world to places most of us will never see in our lifetime: Hawaii, China, Japan, Okinawa, the Philippines and beyond . . . what an adventure! On one trip to the Philippines, his ship went straight through a typhoon that lasted for 3 days. The ship went up and down like a whale swimming through the ocean! Doesn't it sound like Pastor Phil's story about Jonah being in the belly of a whale for 3 days!

Fortunately, JM made it safely back to Ginger and he got his first outside-the-Navy job selling sewing machines. He wasn't very good at sales and didn't sell even one machine. In 1954, Ginger's sister was working at the John Hancock Insurance Company and convinced JM to apply as an insurance salesman. Thirty-four years later JM retired from the company as the #3 Hancock agent IN THE NATION. Eventually, the company moved them to San Antonio... and this is



where Dellview enters the life of JM and Ginger. Both were raised in Baptist homes, baptized early in life, and stayed committed to their faith. When a co-worker told JM about her church, Dellview Baptist, they visited and in 1959 joined and became two of our most active members. JM was ordained a deacon in the 70's and has served on numerous committees. The ministry he has loved the most is being a "greeter."

Countless people have told us that the reason they joined Dellview was because of JM. He knows everyone by name and if he doesn't know your name, he will get it! He hugs, he laughs and he prays with anyone that needs prayer! While JM is front and center ... Ginger serves in the background... helping with funeral meals and other benevolent needs. JM was actually on the committee that hired Debbie in 1975, and the committee that hired Pastor Phil as the Building Manager (years before he was the pastor).

JM loves this passage from John (14:12-17) *"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever the Spirit of truth."*

And finally, just in case you didn't know, JM stands for James Martin and Ginger is short for Virginia - two of our favorite people at Dellview! (Continue to pray for JM and Ginger as recent health problems have prevented them from being at church. They miss everyone and hope to be back at church soon.)