

Those to Serve

June 15		June 22	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Claude Anderson	Opening Prayer	Neil Barnhill
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Kevin Odom
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Kevin Odom	Presiding:	Von Knight
Lynn Adams	Loyd Wilson	Rick Stone	Bobby Parker
David Blair, Jr.	Mike Turner	Chuck Huckabee	Claude Anderson
Pete Griffith	Anthony Sandoval	Gary Adams	Elijah Sandoval
Closing Prayer	Ben Lenamon	Closing Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Nursery		Nursery	
Donna Russell	Angela Parker	Laurie Maxcey	Laura Wilson
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Gheath Alatrash	Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Song Leader	Bob Williams	Song Leader	Mike Turner
Communion	B. Parker & Bill W.	Communion	E. Ray & B. Williams
Closing Prayer	Von Knight	Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams
Nursery	Teresa Turner	Nursery	Angela Parker
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
* Bobby Parker, Bill Westmoreland, Brent Lindelof, Eugene Priestley, Tim Godwin		* Eddie Ray, Bob Williams, Larry Roberson, Gheath Alatrash, Kyle Huckabee	
Announcements	Ryan Parsons	Announcements	Ryan Parsons
Video Camera	James Taylor	Video Camera	Taylor Griffith
Welcomers		Welcomers	
Tex & Pat Greene		Von & Rubye Jo Knight	
Larry & Deborah Roberson		Gary & Jean Adams	
Building Lock Up	D. C. Brown	Building Lock Up	Von Knight
Wednesday 6/11		Wednesday 6/18	
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Ross Genaro
Opening Prayer	Brian Pack	Opening Prayer	Tex Greene
Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams	Closing Prayer	Mike Turner
Devotional	Gary Adams	Devotional	Bill Westmoreland

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Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Class.....7 pm

Wednesday Bible Study...7 pm

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Ryan Parsons Youth & Family Minister

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THE SERMON THAT ALMOST WASN'T

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Back in the early 70's I recall a Sunday morning sermon that almost wasn't. The Westside congregation supported Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX (that was what Sunset International Bible Institute used to be known as) and that meant that from time to time a young preacher student would come down and preach for us. On this particular Sunday morning the young student (and I do mean young) wasn't just preaching his first sermon, he was also a newlywed and his new bride happened to be the daughter (or granddaughter) of one of our elders. In addition to wanting to make a good impression as a first year preaching student, he also had the added pressure of wanting to make a good impression on the in-laws; one of which happened to be an elder. This young man must have climbed into that pulpit feeling like a baby grand piano was tied to his shoulders.

I can still remember his nervous demeanor as he made his way to the pulpit when it came time to preach. He was a rail thin young man wearing a three piece suit (didn't we all back then?) and in one hand was a huge black Bible that seemed ridiculously large. In the other hand was an object you would not expect to be seen in the pulpit, or even in the auditorium of a church building. Instead of a set of notes, he carried a jello mold. It was one of those round aluminum jello molds that had a slight orange tint on the outside (some of you probably have one just like it in your kitchen cabinets).

I knew nothing of liberalism in those days, but carrying a jello mold into the pulpit didn't seem right to me. I shot my mother a glance and she was sitting up with her back ramrod straight and her chin up and eyes facing the preacher (which was body language for "sit up, shut up and pay attention"). I did, but I was pretty sure

Mom had her guard up and for once I wasn't the primary target.

Wisely, once in the pulpit the young man hid the jello mold from sight by placing it on a shelf inside the lectern. Slowly he situated himself. And even more slowly he opened his Bible and arranged his notes. Yet slower still (it seemed to take five minutes for all of this) he took several deep breaths as if struggling to work up the courage to begin. The pause was long enough that most of us wondered if he would say anything at all, or just bolt and run. Finally, with as firm a grip on the pulpit as I believe I have ever seen anyone have and in a voice artificially high at first, and trembling due to a severe case of nerves, he began making his introduction. He got through it and seemed to gain a little confidence (which for me, as a young boy, meant the excitement was over – except for that business with the jello mold). Eventually, he opened his Bible to a passage and asked us to do the same and then he read, **"But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you."** (Romans 6:17, KJV)

At some point in the sermon he began talking about what was meant by the word "form" and he explained that it was from the Greek TOPOUS. This word can also be translated as *pattern* or *mold*.

Mystery solved! And to confirm it, out came his jello mold. He then launched into a mini seminar on the properties of gelatin and how to make it (dangerous ground back in the 70's when every woman brought a full course meal to any pot luck which included her own favorite, top secret jello concoction). He spoke of how the doctrine of the NT was not only what saves us through our obedience, but that it also shapes or molds us so that we bear in our body, in our speech and in our conduct the distinguishing marks of a follower of Christ. By being obedient from the heart to the word of the gospel, our very lives are changed,



YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH



Bay Area Wide Devo will be HERE on Monday. Please arrive by 6:30.

Camp Brazos Valley applications need to be turned in ASAP.

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH

J.A.M will resume in the fall. Stay tuned for summer details.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old-6th Grade

This week your Sunday morning lesson will be Job's Friends Condemn Him; God Blesses Job (Job 3-42). Wednesday evening will be Review of Joseph.



molded, re-shaped and patterned after the Son of God.

I suspect that as far as homilies are concerned, it was probably below average – first sermons always are. No doubt, an experienced orator could have taken the same text and done a masterful job of exegeses and edification without even needing a jello mold. But he walked up those steps, preached that first sermon, made his point and then stood and face the audience during the singing of an invitation song, arms crossed, Bible in the one hand and jello mold in the other. I'm closer to 50 than I even imagined I would be and I've

forgotten a lot of things, but I still remember the sermon that almost wasn't, and an impressive –no pun intended- lesson from a jello mold.

Speaking of jello, how are you doing? Is the word shaping you? Are you thickening up and getting firm yet? Keep studying.

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June Birthdays

11	Charlyne Harper	16	Dallas Maxcey
18	Dwight Bateman	18	John Gartrell
20	Jeremy Brown	21	Carol Ann DeWeese
21	Chris Lindelof	23	Debbie Brown
23	Gheath Alatrash	26	Bill Kirby
28	Katie Barnes	28	Ben Lenamon
30	Crystal Pack		

VBS Registration Forms are available in the foyer. Everyone start inviting your friends to come with you.

KEPT IN PRAYER

Cooper Gartrell treatment went well. He will be nosed with a brain tumor and will undergo surgery rather sick for approximately three months. We pray that he handles this as well as possible and that perhaps his reaction will not be as severe as expected.

Becky Hopkins will undergo surgery on Wednesday, the 18th, at M.D. Anderson Hospital.

Joyce Howard underwent surgery this morning at Methodist Hospital.

Ben Lenamon underwent back surgery today at Texas Orthopedic Hospital.

Bill Westmoreland has been diagnosed with melanoma on his arm and an additional tumor has been found in his abdomen.

Wayne Dees, son of Daisy Dees, has been diag-

nosed with a brain tumor and will undergo surgery on Monday.

In Continuing Need: Our Members: Betty Bazy, LaRue Case, Cooper Gartrell, Dorothy Kirkland, Ed & Wilma Koob, Janice Lemoine, Claudia Martin, Dwight & Andra Ramsey, Elaine Rawlings, Chase Shelton, Rick Stone.

Shut-In: Varnell Allison, Katie Barnes, Leonard Dunford, Louise Farmer, Rossie Gilbert, Rebecca Morganthaler. **Others:** Timothy Anderson, Alexander & Elliott Barahona, Elton Bennett, Justin Britt, Delta Burner, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, Michael Dykes, Bob & Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, William Kay, Jeanette Leonard, Margaret McKinney, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Sue Pinch, Clairette Pool, Joan Pollock, Katy Ramsey, Betty Rosenberg, Bing Scherzer, Lance Smith, Brett Statham, Kay Taliaferro, Alan Walker, Adam Wilson, Elaine Wilson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Von Knight** is the contact elder for June. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Von.
- **Dominica Meeting** this Sunday at 4:00 PM.
- **Elders Deacons & Ministers Meeting** this Saturday at 8:00 AM at Kelley's Restaurant.
- **Ladies Prayer Breakfast** this Saturday at 8:00 AM at Kelley's Restaurant.
- We will hold a **prayer service** Sunday night.
- **Bay Area Wide Youth Devotional** will be here on Monday at 7:00 PM. We are in need of servers to help us that evening. There is a sign up sheet on the Youth bulletin board in the foyer.

