

Drinking from the Source

I have greatly enjoyed preaching from Colossians for the last few weeks. It has been so good to be reminded that the source of our salvation is Jesus Christ. I pray that we can all make a strong effort to return to the source.

I would like to remind you of an illustration that I used in a sermon from Colossians. Remember the Mississippi river starts as a small stream up in Minnesota. The water is shallow and the stream narrow but clear. Near the end of its journey to the Gulf, the Mississippi river passes near New Orleans. At that point, it is wide and deep as well as muddy and polluted. My question was and is where would you choose to drink water out of the Mississippi river, in Minnesota or at New Orleans? Everyone in their right minds would choose the water at the source in Minnesota. It hasn't had the chance to collect so many dangerous and possibly deadly additions to its flow.

So in like manner, we need to get back to Jesus. Additions to him are pollution. They are not the life giving source that he is. Human ideas are not the source. Old Testament teaching is not the source. Even our own tradition is not the source. Most certainly our culture is not the source. These are all polluted streams in our spiritual walk. We need Jesus pure and simple.

However, we do not live in Minnesota. We do not live at or with the source. Where we live is separated from Jesus' earthly life by half a world and a couple of thousand years. Where we live is more like New Orleans. Our religion and our culture have had plenty of time to pick up pollution. So we really need to use good filters. Because if we are careful to closely examine what we take in, the flow from the source can still be found even in New Orleans.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the first-born from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. **Colossians 1:17-18**

Bo Shero

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. *A Returning Slave*
P.M. *Love the Lord and Teach Your Children*



Help During Meal: (6:00—7:00)
Jim & Dorey Gaither
Terry & Kathy Longbrake

Devotional Leader: (7:00—7:45)
Martin Hernandez

Song Leader: (7:00—7:45)
Various Men

Clean Up: (7:45)
TBA

Hosting Meal: (Hot Dogs)
Nancy Faught
Dennis & Phyllis McCutcheon

Set Up: (5:30—6:00)
Lynn & Frances Hansard

Door Greeter/Registration: (6:00—6:15)
R.D. Jones

Brownfield Church of Christ Teacher Appreciation Barbecue

**This Monday, March 8th
6:30 PM At The Family Life Center**

**Guest Speaker:
Sammy Flanary**

**Chef Of The Meat:
Bo Shero**

**There are a few sign up sheets on the
bulletin board in the Welcome Center for the
following that will be needed:**

(Large) Relish Dishes
(Large bowls) Cole Slaw
(Large bowls) Potato Salad
(Homemade) Desserts

**If you would like to sign up to bring one of the above dishes,
please call the church office today or sign up Sunday.**

**Also, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin
board for child care during the banquet.
The children will be supervised by the Holt girls!**



**We would love to have
EVERYONE there if possible.**

**Please join us for some delicious food
& an evening full of fun & fellowship!**

Bank Note

Principal Note Amount	\$ 1,224,000
Principal Paid	\$ 862,695
Principal Balance	\$ 361,305

Family News & Notes

OUR ILL

Please pray for **Anita Bissett** who found a lump on her breast & will undergo a biopsy soon.

Bill Edgar was taken to the ER at BRMC early Monday morning with low blood pressure. He was kept about six hours then released.

Billie Rowden is now in Cottage Village.

Beverly Edwards, of Ohio, (Pam Salinas' half sister) underwent surgery for cervical cancer yesterday (Thursday).

Brycen Wharton (a classmate of Kylee & Emma Jackson and Wes Woodard at Meadow) underwent major hip surgery Wednesday.

Billy Rannels (a friend of Bo & Johnna's), from Carlsbad, underwent a ten-hour facial reconstructive surgery Monday. He remains in critical condition at University Medical Center.

Robert Cross (family friend of Celsa Clayman) was diagnosed with cancer three months ago & is now in ICU at Covenant Lakeside with pneumonia.

Goldie Christesson & Gladys Bullard have been dismissed from BRMC & are now back in Brownfield Rehab & Care Center.

SYMPATHY

We are in sympathy with Mattie Tudor over the passing of her brother, Bill McCallister, Saturday night. He was a resident of Brownfield. A graveside service was conducted Tuesday in Lubbock.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST—Sonyo Harrell is requesting our special prayers concerning decisions she needs to make.

SUNDAY MORNING FLC BIBLE CLASS—"Why do we beat each other up? (i.e. The Fight for Unity 2)." Please be ready to discuss & answer the following questions in class: *How are Elders & Deacons supposed to be selected? How were they selected & by whom in the early church? Think about how our congregation selects Elders & Deacons, how does it compare to the examples in the bible?*

AREA HISPANIC FELLOWSHIP—The Broadway Iglesia de Cristo, in Lubbock, will be hosting the Area Hispanic Fellowship this Sunday. You are invited at noon to come & eat in the Fellowship Hall then as soon lunch concludes (about 1 p.m. or so) the Fellowship Service will begin. Following the service, will be more fellowship time with pastries! If you have any questions, please call Marcelino Banda at 535-0748.

LTC (Leadership Training for Christ)

LTC will meet for practice from 4:00—6:00 PM in the FLC on Sunday.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL—will have a mail-out Monday beginning at 9:30 AM.

LADIES WED. AM BIBLE CLASS—will not meet Wednesday, the 10th or the 17th. Bible class will resume on the 24th.

COLLECTING—We continue to collect cereal, soups, & napkins for the Tipton Home.

We also continue to collect sheets (twin & full size), towels, washcloths, shower curtains, bath mats & dish towels for the New Mexico Christian Children's Home.

LADIES SUPPER & GAME NIGHT—will be Thursday, beginning at 6:00 PM, at the FLC. Please bring your own sandwich while the chips, dips, drinks, & desserts will be provided! If you plan on attending, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Reynolds Rap

It was really good for Charlene and me having three of our grandchildren and two great-grandchildren (including our youngest one at 4 weeks old), from Carlsbad, Sunday!

Congratulations to Jerry Jones for being named the Citizen of the Year in Brownfield at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet! He well deserves it. Jerry was also the featured speaker at the banquet.

I read the note from the Hallelujah Chorus Sunday morning telling us how great a visit they had with us recently. They are disbanding and the last time we will have an opportunity to hear them will be April 16 at the Cactus Theater. Tickets will be \$25 each, but if we have a group of 20 or more they will be \$15 each. If you want to go, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

Our boys and young men did a great job, the best I've ever heard, Sunday night! Tell Greg Holt and those who presented the program how much you appreciate them! We were thankful for those related to the participants being here.

Our Annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet is scheduled for Monday at 6:30 p.m. Sammy Flanary, an instructor at the Sunset School of Preaching, will be our speaker. He is highly praised for his speaking. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come!

Attention "Senior Saints:" We had 19 at our "Senior Saints" meeting last Thursday. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 23. A nurse will be speaking about recognizing a stroke and Dr. Jennifer Smith will be talking about skin cancer at the "Seniors Are Special" program at the McInturff Center at UMC, from 3 until 5 p.m., next Wednesday, March 10. A snack will be served. If you want to go, let me know; we can arrange for transportation if you need it.

Dale Huff, preacher of the 37th Street Church of Christ in Snyder, just returned from a trip to Haiti. Here are some of the things he said while writing to the Snyder congregation: *"The physical needs in northern Haiti are almost as great as in Port-au-Prince. Floods of refugees are pouring into poor rural areas with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Churches of Christ report huge crowds at their congregations. One reported that two witch doctors came to church last Sunday. They are willing to study the Bible! Please continue to pray for Haiti that a huge physical disaster might be an opportunity for God's spiritual kingdom."* Now Chile has suffered a terrible earthquake! Please keep those people in your prayers.

Here are some "Words of Wisdom" to consider for A Better Week: *"The most damnable and pernicious heresy that ever plagues the mind of man was the idea that somehow he could make himself good enough to deserve to live with an all-holy God."*

The Weekly Record

Contributions:

Sunday's Offering	\$ 8307
Weekly Budget	\$ 8500

Attendance:

Bible Classes	155
Morning Assembly	243
Evening Assembly	138
Wednesday AM Ladies Class	21
Midweek Classes & Outreach	126
Thursday School	46

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From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:16

Meeting Times

Sunday:	Bible Class	9:30 am
	Morning Assembly	10:30 am
	Evening Assembly	5:00 pm
Wednesday:	Bible Class	7:00 pm