

The Family

Prayer List

We express our sympathy to Jimmy Jurajda and family on the death of his cousin Dan Dubiel's wife, Candy, who was killed in an car wreck in Oklahoma last week.

Bobby Brazil, Jill McAllister's brother-in-law, is not doing well.

Bud Watson, the father of Lee Jurajda, is not expected to live much longer.

We express our sympathy to Edra Wilson, Noni Hartwell and Juanita Richardson on the death of Sadye Norris last week.

Prayer List for those with on-going health problems:

Charles Cathcart	Preston Cooper Henry
Edith Snell	Lexie Neeley
Charlotte Miller	Lerline Fewell
James Roberson	Mildred Smith
Edra Wilson	Jodie Phillips
James & Jean Harris	Virginia Minier
Ray Burlingame	Melma Chandler
Norma Fahnert	Dorothy Holcomb
A. W. Chism	George Kendall
Lance Stewart	Barbara Polk
Joe Henrickson	

Our Loved Ones in the Military

Logan Risley	Stephen Garner
Tommy Dean Barber	Jason Bilbrey
Mark Duncan	Steve Delapena
David Rose	Wesley Bradshaw
Isaiah Hardie	Shaun Morris
Jonathan Rickard	Lloyd Gerber
John M. Thomas	Sean Cox
Bill (Bubba) Warren	Kris Weaver
John Breeding	Ryan Love
	Stacy Gerber
	Kendra Smith

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday AM 7/27

Song Leader: Dewain Bilbrey
Prayer: Joe Hershey

Communion: James Pence
James Estes
Bill Warren
Jimmy Jurajda
Alt. John Dannelley

Scripture Reading: David Bast

Preach: Dale Dennis

Announcements: James Estes

Sunday PM 7/27

Song Leader: Dewain Bilbrey

Preach: Dale Dennis

Prayer: 1. Delbert Love
Prayer: 2. Roy Martindale

Communion: Darrel Garrison
Announcements: James Estes

Communion to Shut-Ins: James Pence

Coordinator : John Dannelley

Wednesday 7/30

Song Leader : Frank Bellizzi
Speaker: DVD, "Silencing of God"

Prayers: 1. Doyle Miller
2. Jack Hall

Announcements:

(These assignments can be seen on the Web-site)

Sunday AM 8/3

Dewain Bilbrey
Bill McAllister

H. D. Dyson
Tony Dennis
Roy Martindale
Mike Foster
James Estes

Kenneth Moore

Dale Dennis

James Estes

Sunday PM 8/3

Dewain Bilbrey

Dale Dennis

Carl Bean
David Jones

Darrel Garrison
James Estes

Mike Foster

James Estes

Wednesday 8/6

David Bast
Loran Harper

Vernon Carter
James Pence

James Estes

San Jacinto Family News

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Welcome!!

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guest. In order to acknowledge your visit, please fill out a registration card and pass it to either aisle. (Members: You need to sign your attendance card) The cards will be picked up from the aisles by two young men.

SHEPHERDS:

Jack Hall
Joe Hershey
Kenneth Moore
James Pence

Deacons:

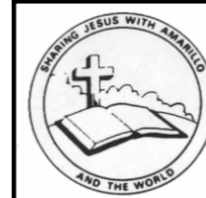
David Bast
Dewain Bilbrey
Jimmy Jurajda
Bill Warren

Minister:

Dale Dennis
**Amarillo College
Bible Chair**
Director:
Frank Bellizzi

*"In Search
of the Lord's Way"*
Sundays 7:30 am
KAMR Channel 4

*"Key to the
Kingdom"*
Sundays
8:00 am - UPN
Cable Channel 6
12:00 midnight -
KFDA - Ch 10



If we can be of help to you in any way, please let us know.

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WORSHIP OR ENTERTAINMENT?

There is no doubt that the man we know as Neil Postman described serious problems in modern culture in his insightful 1985 book *Amusing ourselves to Death*. His thesis was that public discourse has been reshaped to such an extent by television and entertainment that thoughtful discourse is missing. "Show business" hype has affected advertising, politics, and religion. Postman's conclusion is that none of these changes has made for improvement.

In our entertainment-oriented culture, many churches find themselves trying to "out do" themselves with more and more elaborate additions to worship. What began as special music by a choir becomes a full orchestra with professional soloists. A dramatic reading necessitates a full Broadway stage production. And as long as those who come to worship enjoy what is offered, anything goes. The expectation is that sermons will be shorter, wittier, and more uplifting. Anything in worship that cannot be "jazzed up" must be abandoned as boring—and there is nothing worse than being boring, we are led to believe.

The problem with this entertainment orientation is that the very object of worship is forgotten. God is the "audience" in worship. Jesus told the Samaritan woman that ignorant worship was unacceptable to God, even though it may have been sincere or enjoyable. *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth"* (John 4:24). To worship God in spirit and truth means that worship must be from the heart, not just outward acts, and that it must be done in exact obedience to God's commands. The worship must be directed to Him, not to the whims of the worshipers.

God's regulations for worship as set out in the New Testament are neither boring nor out of date. They are God-centered, while entertainment is man-centered.

Cultural relevance is important—thus many churches are implementing modern technology such as projection systems to enhance sermons. And there is nothing wrong with the worshiper enjoying worship. God intended worship to bless His children. But when worship is merely window dressing for an entertainment performance, it cannot please God. The apostle warned, *"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God"* (2 John 9). Paul condemned things that *"have indeed a show of wisdom in will worship"* (Col. 2:23).

"Will worship" is that worship fashioned after man's desires.

—Bob Prichard, Oxford AL

BULLETIN DIGEST

The divine institution of marriage has so deteriorated in the hands of non-Christians that there are about as many divorces as marriages. Today, when a child speaks of his "fore-fathers," he usually spells it "four-fathers." A "midwife" used to be an attendant at childbirth; now it's the wife between number one and number three. But Christianity could solve this as well as all other problems.

In speaking of divorce and the institution of marriage, Jesus said: *"Consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together let no man separate"* (Matt. 19:6); *"And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery"* (Matt. 19:9).

BULLETIN DIGEST

The reporter had been assigned to interview a widow who had successfully raised a large family. She had six children of her own, and had adopted twelve more. The last of the 18 was graduating from high school. Through it all the lady had been stable and calmly confident. "What is the secret?" asked the reporter. "I'm in a partnership," she said. "A partnership?" "Yes. Many years ago I said, 'Lord, I'll do the work and you do the worrying.'"
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The preacher was speaking on the relationship between "fact" and "faith."

"That you are sitting in front of me here in church is a fact," he said, "That I am speaking to you from the pulpit is fact. But it is only faith that makes me believe that any of you are listening."

A year or two ago, as I was teaching second grade at a Christian school in Detroit, the students were trying to learn the 12 sons of Jacob. Bobby recited, "Rueben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun..." then finished, "...Donner and Blitzen!"

Announcements

Don't forget to be filling your cans for the High Plains Children's Home Change for Children Campaign.

Some recipes have appeared in my folders that should have been in the cookbook. Please forgive me for not getting them in the book. I just hope these are the only ones that I have lost. There are copies of the recipes in the foyer for you to add to your cookbook. Sue Hershey

NORTH HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST Ladies Bible Class invites all our ladies to their 25th Annual Ladies Day Program. Date: August 9, 2008. Registration: 8:30 - 9:30 am. Program: 9:35 am. Lunch: 12:00 pm . Contact Mary Blair 383-4004

A man went to the doctor to see if there is a cure for snoring. The doctor asked, "Does it bother your wife?" to which the man replied, "No, it just embarrasses her—it's the rest of the congregation!"

CONTACT ELDER FOR JULY

Jack Hall

If you have any questions about our church family or any work we are involved with, or suggestions for improvement, give Jack Hall a call.

OUR WEEKLY RECORD

Last Week	July 20, 2008	June Average
80	Bible Class	72
111	Morning Assembly	111
83	Evening Assembly	78
80	Wednesday Night	63
Summer \$4143	Ladies Bible Class Offering	Summer \$4495
Weekly Budget \$4406	—	Yearly Budget \$229,102