

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Groundbreaking for new facility



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HOUSE OF PRAYER NEW FACILITY GROUNDBREAKING - (l-r) Janis Ishmael, Tony Murray, Bill McGahee, Pastor Kenneth Ishmael, Charles McClanahan, Robert Shadowen, Rose Rideout, Harold Rideout, Wayne Wilson, Associate Pastor Matt Miller, Naomi Holley and Rev. Billy Holly.

When God told Charles McClanahan to build a church, there were some uncertainties. Who would come, who would be the pastor, what kind of future would this church have and the list goes on and on. There have been the naysayers, the negative minds and even opposition. Yet, he knew his call was to build a church. Using his own money, he built a beautiful sanctuary that seats approximately 250 people.

Charles knew there were many people in his own immediate community who did not attend church regularly. He really didn't have any idea of what was about to happen. When he opened the doors, he obviously hoped someone would come. And come they have.

The House of Prayer is today a church on the move. Ground has just broken for an all-purpose building of approximately 12,000 square feet that will

house a full court gym, game room, multi-purpose rooms, a balcony and double as a concert hall for large events.

One of the things that is foremost in their minds is the close proximity to Emory - only two miles away on FM 515. The church believes there are not many activities for young people and children outside school. So at least one night a week will be set aside as open night for the young people and children in the community to come for a good time under the direction of the church. The House of Prayer family wants them to have fun but at the same time present the gospel in devotions and programs that will be designed to reach those who have needs.

For more information, call Robert Shadowen, 972-898-0708, Bill McGahee, 903-474-1368, Charles McClanahan, 817-480-5818, or Pastor Ishmael, 214-499-6972.

Willow Springs/Turner Cemetery Memorial Day Services May 29

The Willow Springs/Turner Cemeteries Memorial Day service was held Sunday, May 29, at the Willow Springs Church. The event was well attended.

Brad Potts lead the singing accompanied by Lannette Beaver on piano and Russell Armstrong on banjo. Bro. Leo Trimble brought the Memorial Day message.

A short business meeting followed the service with lunch spread on the table under the large oak trees.

U.S. flags were placed at all Veterans' graves at both cemeteries by the Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post 156. Their efforts to honor the cemeteries and Veterans is appreciated.

Those giving memorial gifts for the upkeep of the cemeteries and church building were Windell and Jay Hogue, Kenneth and Judy Lair, Emma Jo Boyd, Eva Mae Winn, Mary Jo Fatheree, Doyle and Linda Franklin, Travis and Audrey Shipp, Russell Armstrong, Brad and Becky Potts, Leo and Joan Trimble, Steve and Lannette Beaver, Finnis and Vertis Gordon, Nelba Armstrong, Dolores Alton, Teresa and John Sowell, Greg and Tamela Moss, Lori Wilson, Derek Childers, Ivan Alexander Jr., Nellie O'Rear, Norman and Betty O'Rear, Louise Graham, Margaret Lair, Joyce Carrell, Elizabeth Williams, Betty O'Rear Hearn, Robert and Margaret Parrish, Ara Brown, John and Patricia O'Rear, Floyd Greene, Howard O'Rear, Bill

and Betty Potts, Sybil Johnson and Martha Burns in memory of Robert Burns.

All donations are appreciated. To make a donation in memory of a loved one buried in either cemetery, send it to Willow Springs/Turner Cemetery Association, 10439 FM 514, Emory, TX 75440.

Submitted by
Betty Potts, Sec./Tres.

The Country Baptist Church

By Donna Boughton

The "Greatness of God" was the theme for our services. We rejoiced in knowing that we serve a God who cannot fail.

Bro. Bobby's devotional, taken from Matthew, called on us to praise God for who He is. Bro. Mike's special music and his message from Isaiah expounded the greatness of our Father. He chooses us to love and provide for all our needs.

God's greatness was acknowledged in the youth's Sunday School class as they explored the meaning of keeping the Sabbath

day Holy. The title for the adult class was "What To Do, When You Don't Know What To Do." We studied what God desires for us to do in order for us to be good friends to those around us.

Next week, Father's Day, will be a special service of all-singing, praise and testimony. Come lift your voices, share a poem, or share your testimony, then plan on eating lunch with us.

Take a few minutes this week to recognize the goodness of our God. Be in church next week ready to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

First Baptist Church of Point

Lynda Rose

What a wonderful Sunday, filled with music from our choir, accompanied by Patricia Plain and led by Billy Gaston. Lisa Oler was away Sunday with family.

Our morning devotional was very moving. It was given by Rodney Smith titled "Be The Person God Wants You To Be." For our special music, Stephanie Davis sang and played the guitar.

Brother Keith's message was from Romans titled "His Love is Complete For Us." His message reminded us God does not hold our past against us and we

are completely forgiven and fully pleasing to Him.

We are so proud of our youth. They are involved in helping and volunteering wherever needed. This week, they are teaching the entire VBS for a church near Sulphur Springs, so please lift them up as they are boldly working for the Lord. We appreciate all of our VBS workers and teachers for the terrific job done and the seeds planted.

Have a blessed week. Bring a friend to church and it will bless you both. A week without worship makes us weak.

Obituaries

Tony Lee Clem

1963 - 2011

Funeral services for Tony Lee Clem, 47, of Cumby were held at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel on June 8 with Brother Jerry Clements officiating.

Interment was at Greenview Cemetery with Weldon Marshall, David Townsend, Jason Wayne Hudson, Roland Crockrum, Kenneth Dewitt and Jacob Libery serving as pallbearers.

Tony Lee Clem died on Thursday, June 2, 2011, in Edgewood. He was born in Greenville, on August 17, 1963, the son of Tommie Lynn Clem and Peggy Briggs Clem. He was a heavy machine operator in the construction business and he was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include three daughters, Krystal Jones, Christina Clem, both of Mt. Vernon and Zoe Clem of Mesquite; son, Dakota Clem of Portland, Oregon; his parents; two brothers, Tim Clem and Melanie of Miller Grove and Tracy Clem and Sharon of Keller; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Tommy and Vera Clem and Thurman and Leona Briggs; and one brother, Tommy Clem Jr.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Miller Grove.

Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Elwanda McAlpin

1931 - 2011

Funeral services for Elwanda McAlpin, 80, of Emory were held Tuesday, June 14, at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Tommy Gaston officiating.

Burial was in Smyrna Cemetery. Pallbearers were Anthony Gibson, Bubba Brady, Randy Johnson, Bobby Russell, Michael Johnson, Keith Johnson, Craig Teague, Kenny Johnson and David Renis.

Mrs. McAlpin died Friday, June 10, 2011, at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital. She was born on March 21, 1931, in Emory, the daughter of Johnny C. and Clara E. Harrell Johnson. She and Roy McAlpin were married on April 20, 1957, in Durant, Oklahoma. Mrs. McAlpin was a homemaker and a member of Murphy Road Baptist Church in

Murphy.

Survivors include daughter, Juanelle Brady and husband James of Hughes Springs; granddaughter/daughter, Amy Gibson and husband Anthony of Port Orchard, Washington; niece/daughter, Terri Afdahl and husband Mike of Pecan Gap; grandchildren, Bubba Brady, Jesse Brady and Michael McAlpin; great-grandchildren, Ayden Gibson, Wylie Brady, Candy McAlpin and Adam McAlpin; brothers, T. C. Johnson and wife Peggy, Willie Johnson and wife Peggy and Frank Johnson and wife Beth; sisters, Joyce Russell, Janelle Cantrell and husband Veldon and Hazel Dildine; sister-in-law, Pat Johnson; and numerous other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Charles Johnson; step-son, Hubert McAlpin; sister-in-law, Pauline Johnson; brother-in-law, Bill Russell; and nephew, Richard Johnson.

Monteen Lewis

1928 - 2011

Services for Monteen Lewis, 83, of Grand Saline were held Saturday, June 11, at Bartley Funeral Home with Carl McCann officiating, under the direction of Bartley Funeral Home, Grand Saline.

Burial was in Creagleville Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dustin Duke, Chris Duke, Wesley Mayne, Jeremy Harrell, Jason Harrell and Lance Simmons.

Mrs. Lewis died on June 8, 2011, in Grand Saline. She was born May 3, 1928, in Alba to Scott and Maggie Parker Strebeck.

Prior to retirement, she was co-owner/operator of The Smart Shop in Grand Saline. She grew up in Alba and lived the last 68 years in Grand Saline where she was a member of Fruitvale Church of Christ.

Survivors include her son, Randy Joslin of St. Louis, Mo.; daughter, Vickie Dunlap of Grand



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What time?

AWANA Camp will be Monday
June 27 - Friday July 1.

Camp is for all Children 3 years old to 6th Grade (Grade just completed)

Each day we will begin with a 10 minute registration time starting at 1:00 and will be ending at 4:00.

In our time together your child will be involved in a variety of activities including:

- Singing
- Lesson Time
- Crafts
- Games
- Refreshments
- Scripture memory time

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