

Emory Baptist Church

By Mary Massey

With Robert Burns out of town Sunday, Bro. Ronnie Witt opened our service with a welcome along with the announcements. Bro. Jeremy led the opening service music with the Celebration Choir presenting the special music. The children were then dismissed to Children's Church. A solo was presented by Mary Massey. Bro. Joe's sermon was from John titled "The Purpose of Your Life."

The evening service began with congregational singing. The evening music was presented by Hannah Williams who did a great job. Bro. Joe gave the message ending with an invitation.

The Wednesday Meal on May 4 at 5:30 p.m. will be fried chicken. Bring a dessert or side dish and enjoy an evening of teaching

and prayer.

One of the most important dates for the upcoming week is Thursday May 5 when we will meet on the square at noon honoring the National Day of Prayer. Hope we have a large attendance as this is a very important date for our nation. It will be from 12:00-1:00 and there will be pastors from many churches offering up prayers along with the singing of the National Anthem and the presentation of the Flag.

Women on Missions meeting will be May 9 at 11:00 a.m.

Hope everyone has a blessed week as I leave you with this thought: Most of life is learning and growing, falling and getting back up, forgiving and forgetting, accepting and going on.

Prairie Grove Baptist Church

By Mildred Garrett

I spent the weekend in Arlington with my son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Glenda Garrett. My granddaughter, Pam Ruiz, flew in from Corpus Christi to be with us. I really enjoyed being with the great-granddaughter.

One of my great-grandsons will go to the regional track meet this week in Abilene.

My son David Garrett of

Bedford brought me home. We arrived in time for the morning church services.

Rev. Byrd preached a wonderful message. His topic was "After Easter." Rev. Byrd was in Austin for a few days last week to be with his mother who had a light heart attack.

LaTonna Lane broke her ankle last week.

Have a blessed week.

Shady Grove Baptist Church

By Margaret Molitor

After a wonderful song service and a great special by the men, Brother Chris Harris brought a message on anger. We were reminded that as Christians we should be in control of our anger at all times. Brother Wayne was giving a memorial message at Dougherty Cemetery Sunday morning, then on Sunday night his message was "Redeeming Your Time." We should all use our time telling others about our mighty God.

Those who are still blessed to have their mothers, we encourage you to celebrate Mother's Day with them. We always have something special for them on

Mother's Day, as most churches do, and invite you to come and worship.

Sunday night we will have our business meeting, and May 14 will be work day. May 22 will be our fourth Sunday night singing and fellowship.

Brother Chris meets with the youth on Friday nights and Sunday nights. They have several things planned for the month of May. We appreciate all the time and effort that Chris and Lisa are spending with our youth.

We wish you a blessed week and hope you will share the love of Jesus with those whom you might meet.

First Baptist Church of Point

By Lynda Rose

(April 24 - Delayed)

A grand Easter celebration was enjoyed by all at FBC Point. We began with a beautiful sunrise service, followed by a delicious pancake breakfast.

In the morning service we enjoyed visitors, family and friends. Many tiny fourth-generation members were present and several had on their Easter bonnets!

Billy Gaston, accompanied by Patricia Plain, led the choir in two awesome medleys praising our risen Lord.

There were loads of kids on the steps for the children's sermon on "Hand Cams" which focused on Jesus. All were anxious to receive Easter goodie bags.

Brother Keith brought his message from Luke, bringing to mind the thief on the cross beside

Jesus.

Have a blessed and happy week in the Lord.

(May 1)

What a wonderful Sunday, filled with music from our choir, accompanied by Patricia Plain and led by Billy Gaston. Lisa is still recovering from an eye injury. Rob and Lynda Rose sang a special. Brother Keith's message from Luke, "What If I Stumble," taught us that God still loves us, even when we stumble and fall.

We shared the Lord's Supper and listened to more of Patricia's beautiful piano music.

Our evening message was about God's complete plan for us and how we will all be resurrected one day just as Jesus was.

Have a blessed week. Bring a friend to church, it will bless you both!

CHURCH BRIEFS

Emory UMC Fundraiser

A garage and bake sale benefiting Women in Mission will be held Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Please bring donations for the sale to the church Fellowship Hall during office hours.

Emory Baptist Youth Plant Sale

The Emory Baptist Church youth will hold a plant sale fundraiser on the church parking lot at the corner of North and Planters Streets on Founder's Day Saturday, May 7, from 7:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Proceeds will help the youth pay for church camp and other summer activities.

Emory UMC VBS

Emory United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School will be held July 18-21 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The Theme will be "Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid." For more information please contact Nancy Krantz.

Point Church of Christ VBS

The Point Church of Christ Vacation Bible School for children Pre-K to sixth grade is June 6-8 from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. The theme will be "Upside 'Down Under,'" a Life Transforming Outback Adventure!

Power of Prayer

"Lord Hear Our Prayers"

Fran Sparks, Kenny Gowin, Jimmy and Sherry Haney, Gip and Ruth Whitehead, Orval Childers, James and Ann Kirkpatrick, Suzanne Edwards, J.N. and Shirley Kirkpatrick, Pearl Jones, Bro. Royce and June Campbell, Charlie and Pat Cooper, R.J. and Mary Winkle, William and Melba Childers, Stephen and Marianne Goode, Gayla Wallace, Billy and Doris Buckmeyer, Doris Gowin, Evalena Otts, Mrs. Gilbreath, Diane Pearson, Don Floyd, Peggy Bednar, Carl Spence, the Payne family, David, Leiza, Mason, James, Jerry Morrow, Jane, Terri, Jane Smith,

Eva, Taylor, Niki, Jennifer, Jessie, Nixons, Richard Johnson, Judy Sorsby, Kay Wilson, Mary Wilson, Henry Downing, Thomas, Matthew, Nancy Bowyer, Raymond and Barbara Clifton, Elaine Jenkins, Mable and Roger Pletcher, James Luckett, Ernest and Mary Bailey, Dee Fleming, Nolan and Cay, Pastor Krone and family, Geneva Stanley, Carl Kelly, Beverly Newton,

Elizabeth Binder, David Kelly, Lisa Oler, Bishop Charles Smith and Bro. Travis Boyce,

the Harrison, Floyd, Bates and Felton families in their time of sorrow, storm victims, people in war-ravaged areas, teachers looking for jobs, fire departments and fire victims, teachers, students, school employees, our nation and leaders, military men and women and veterans and their families, nursing home residents and staff, and the unspoken prayer.

Obituaries

Annie Laurie Bates

1920 - 2011

Funeral services for Annie Laurie Bates, 90, of Rowlett were held April 22 in the Williams Memorial Chapel in Garland with Jim Upchurch officiating.



Interment services were conducted in the Emory City Cemetery.

Mrs. Bates died April 19,

2011. She was born May 12, 1920, in Emory to John and Annie Felton, and passed away April 19, 2011.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, A. D. "Shang" Bates; daughters, Sandra Lee and husband Rudy, Julie Self and husband Billy; son, Mark Bates and wife Sherry; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, brothers Jim Felton of Emory, Buddy Felton; and one sister.

Services Pending

William James "Bill" Harrison

1921 - 2011

Services are pending for William James "Bill" Harrison at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home

of Emory. Mr. Harrison of Point died Sunday, May 1, 2011.

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National Day of Prayer
COME AND JOIN US AS WE
GATHER TO PRAY

THURSDAY MAY 5
12:00—1:00pm
COURTHOUSE SQUARE
EMORY, TEXAS

Sonbeam Day School



A Christian-based pre-school program for children who are 3 or 4 by Sept. 1, 2011

School hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00-3:00

Currently pre-registering for the 2011-12 school year

Applications are available at Emory Baptist Church office Monday thru Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A completed application and registration fee of \$35 per child is required for pre-registration

First month's tuition of \$150 is due on the first day of school.

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Gospel Meeting Emory Church of Christ

Theme: "The Parables of Jesus"

Sunday, May 8
Speaker: Richard Rutledge

9:00 a.m. - "The Unmerciful Servant"

10:00 a.m. - "The Talents"

6:00 p.m. - "The Ten Virgins"

Tuesday, May 10
Speaker: Bob Patterson

7:00 p.m. - "The Good Samaritan"

Wednesday, May 11
Speaker: Kerry Clark

7:00 p.m. - "The Pharisee and the Publican"

Monday, May 9
Speaker: Carl McCann

7:00 p.m. - "The Prodigal Son"

For more information please call

903-473-2658

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**5th Annual
East Texas Spring Sing**

Saturday, May 7, at 4:00 p.m.
Point Church of Christ
Hwy. 69 & FM 47 in Point.

Please come and join us for a great evening of gospel music with a special appearance by:

His Harmony from Dallas
& **Family Reunion** from Greenville

Join us for some great Gospel Singing and a special supper after the singing in honor of our great nation.
"All American Supper"
Hot dogs, apple pie, & homemade ice cream.

**EVERYONE IS
WELCOME!**