

TEEN BEAT

September 23rd was national "See you at the Pole" day. That is a time where school people who identify themselves as Christians gather around the flag pole at their school for a time of prayer and devotion to God. I am not sure about the high school (I know there were several), but there was a fairly large crowd at the junior high that I was apart of and it was a good thing. But two things struck me as we were gathered around that flag pole.

First, how much things have changed since I was in school. When I was there, everyone knew what you stood for and knew who went to what church with very little question as to whether you went or not. Second was the willingness of our youth to stand up and be counted as being on God's side. By contrast, there was almost no one at the courthouse for the national day of prayer a few months back.

The passage we read was from II Kings 22 where we read the story of Josiah who at 8 years old took over the kingdom...a kingdom that had wandered far away from god. In fact, it says in chapter 21 about his dad (the former king), "He did what was evil in the Lord's sight...". But with Josiah it was different, it says in verse 2, "He did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight and followed the example of his ancestor David. He did not turn away from doing what was right."

So why the difference? Well, as the story unfolds, Josiah had the priests read from the scroll publicly. He had the word of God proclaimed publicly, he funded the work of God, and, vs 13 says, he instructed the court secretary and his personal advisor to "Go to the Temple and speak to the Lord for me and for the people and for all Judah. Inquire about the words written in this scroll..." In other words, he involved and engaged people in prayer on behalf of himself and his kingdom. A boy did that.

Don't ever let someone tell you that prayer doesn't change things. Don't let them tell you one person can't make a difference. And don't ever listen to the Devil who says it doesn't matter. In our country, in our lives, in our Church, we must be a people of prayer and a people who seek God's will for our lives. Perhaps then we, too, will be known as doing "what was pleasing in the Lord's sight." Walk for Him.

Todd

PRAYER LIST

Lilian Wines is in room 226 at the local hospital. Visitors are welcome!

Those in the nursing home: **H J Matthews, Linda Sims, Alene Wood & Grace Estridge**

Continue to Remember: **Vinnie Sheppard, Janice Beeler, Ilene Beyer (Gerald Holland's aunt), Drew Arndt, Tyler Tate, and Johnny Castro (U.S. Soldiers), Amanda Maxwell (the Webbs' niece), Lori McGrew, Lori Cotton & Linda Ferrie**

**Friends and Family Day is on Sunday!
Ryan Fraser will be preaching, and there will be a free brisket lunch at the Holman Center following worship. We need help setting up at the Holman Center on Sunday morning at 7am.**

Ladies Fall Breakfast at the Edgemere Church of Christ Fellowship Hall on October 10th at 9am. Please RSVP by calling 766-0107.

You are invited to a reception honoring Jerry and Darlene Gee's 50th Anniversary on October 17th from 2-4 pm at the Gainesville Hillcrest Church of Christ fellowship hall.

The New Mexico Home truck is coming!



They have asked for **flour** and **sugar**. Please bring them to the church by Sunday, October 18th.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2 Logan Harper	12 Ella Stewart
3 Ryan Coker	18 Cindy Sheldon
3 Gerald & Tera Holland	20 Brad & Vicki Yurcho
4 Jay & Melissa Poling	22 Cheryl Jackson
5 Judy (H) Webb	22 Katrina Ford
5 Lanelle Freeze	24 LaQuita Jackson
6 B.J. Lowery	25 Daniel Wilson
6 J.O. & Vinnie Lue	26 Richard Westbrook
7 Craig & Lori Cotton	26 Justin Barnes
11 Brice Webb	30 Vinnie Lue Sheppard
11 Jonathon & Sarah Holman	Please let us know if someone is missing.

Sympathy is extended to Crystal, Mahala, and Renae in the passing of their cousin, Rogelio Escabedo. His services were on Thursday.

Box Tops for Education
Each one is worth 10 cents! Please clip and turn them in at the office. We will divide them up between the local schools.

CALENDAR

10/4
Friends and Family Day

10/7
Elders' Meeting
Tipton Home Truck

10/14
Elders' & Deacons' Meeting

10/18
Fellowship Meal

10/19
New Mexico Home Truck

10/23
Fifth Quarter



Wednesday Night Menu
6pm

Oct. 7 - Baked Potatoes
Oct. 14 - Pancakes
Oct. 21 - Hamburgers

Service Group Assignments October

FELLOWSHIP MEAL
#2 - Gerald, BJ, Rob

VISITATION
#3 - Wan, Britt, Randal

COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS
#4 - David W, Paul, Craig

DOOR GREETERS
#5 - Hollis, Tommy