



# TEEN BEAT

You just never know, do you. Often times, we think we have things figured out...and we do from our own perspective...and then we find out that there is another side, another angle, or more going on than what we ever realized. I had this epiphany during this past week.

On Friday evening, I was on my way to call a football game at one of the less glorious locations that our chapter covers. Now, I am NOT saying this was not an important game, I assure you it was the most important game in the state to the kids involved; what I am saying is that it was for a couple of small schools and was within the sight of "the stadium" which is the coveted top spot to call in this area.

Now, to give a little more insight, we have an assignment secretary, Keith, that assigns every official to every varsity game and he has to keep in mind the amount of experience the guys have, which officials don't work and play well together, which schools don't want which officials (for example an official from a town in the same district), etc., and you can begin to imagine the complexities of his job. Add to that the fact that he gets all the phone calls from coaches complaining about officials, from officials complaining about coaches, and more and it is not a job that I would want.

So, back to Friday. I don't know why, I did it. I just called up Keith and said, "I don't need anything. I just wanted to tell you thanks for all you do and all you put up with."

The next thing I heard was, with a cracking, emotion choked voice a simple, "Thank you. Sometimes you just need to hear that and I appreciate it more than you know." End of conversation. "A bit odd," I thought, "but who knows?"

Now I ask you to fast forward to tonight, Monday night. Toward the end of our chapter meeting, Keith got up and told us that on Friday, his wife, who has already been battling cancer, had been told that she has some new tumors and they have spread to her brain. The tests had not come back yet, but please keep them in our prayers.

Wow! That's tough. But it got me thinking back to Friday and that crackle of emotion. I did not know the impact of a simple "thank you, you are appreciated" and I never would have imagined the circumstances. But isn't that true for so much of life. We think we know. We think we have the answers. And we sometimes never have a chance to see or hear the rest of the story.

Romans 12:4-8 says, "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is ... encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

My challenge for the week; use your gifts. Make a difference. Don't wait. You may never know the impact you leave behind.

In Him, Todd

# PRAYER LIST

**Billie Bird**, Lisa Farmer's mother, is in the hospital in Wichita Falls.

**Doug Gray** of Jacksboro is battling lung cancer.

**James Sanders**, Ray & Dorothy Sanders' son, was in a car wreck two weeks ago and is paralyzed on the left side.

Please keep **Jane Robertson** in your prayers.

**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**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm at the Gainesville Hillcrest Church of Christ fellowship hall.

We are updating our mailing list for the bulletin. If you are not a member of the congregation and would like to continue receiving the bulletin, please cut and mail your address label to the office, send us an email at [henriettacofc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:henriettacofc@sbcglobal.net) or call the office at 940-538-4564. Thank you!

**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	11 Jonathon & Sarah Holman
3 Ryan Coker	12 Ella Stewart
3 Gerald & Tera Holland	18 Cindy Sheldon
4 Jay & Melissa Poling	20 Brad & Vicki Yurcho
5 Judy (H) Webb	22 Cheryl Jackson
5 Lanelle Freeze	22 Katrina Ford
5 Jessica Skinner	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

**Small Groups will meet this Sunday evening. Please check the group list on the foyer table.**

**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

10/14  
Elders' & Deacons' Meeting

10/18  
Elder Recognition Sunday  
Fellowship Meal  
Playground Meeting - 5pm  
Youth Crash a Church in Nocona

10/19  
New Mexico Home Truck

10/23  
Fifth Quarter

### Wednesday Night Menu

6pm

Oct. 14 - Pancakes  
Oct. 21 - Hamburgers  
Oct. 28 - Hobo stew

### 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