



# Prime Times

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After last month's Primetime Newsletter, I have put myself on a "WORD DIET" as my column was way too long, but I did hear from many of you wanting to get organized and make arrangements to pick up the Last Wishes Booklet. Mary Pat has them available in the church office if you need one.

The other day I was listening to the radio and they were talking about spiritual gifts. I know that they have studies and tests to help us to determine our spiritual gifts. According to Wikipedia **"a spiritual gift is an endowment or extraordinary power given by the Holy Spirit. These are the supernatural graces which individual Christians need to fulfill the mission of the church."**

Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Corinthians 12 make it clear that **each Christian is given gifts according to the Lord's choice.** We may not think we have the gift of evangelism, but God commands ALL Christians to witness and disciple. We may never be as good as Pastor John, but if we are **a determined Christian who strives to learn the Word and develop our teaching ability we may become more gifted than a person with the gift who neglects it or is unwilling to serve.**

No matter how much we have been gifted with one gift or another, we are all called upon to **develop a number of areas** mentioned in the lists of spiritual gifts: **to be hospitable, show acts of mercy, to serve one another, to evangelize, etc.** As we seek to serve God out of love for the purpose of building up others for His glory, He will bring us closer to Him and we will have the satisfaction of knowing that **He will equip us for what He call us.** There are so many opportunities to serve, we must be on

guard not to miss an opportunity just because we are old or we have already served in the past.

I know that **Begging** is not a spiritual gift, but I think it falls under **Fortitude.** It seems that I am always offering opportunities for service with the Primetime Ministries. I am praying for a Bible Study group to adopt our Brookdale Ministry. We need someone who plays the piano and about 6 others to sing and do a devotional. We meet at 10:30 on the third Tuesday each month. The Pilgrims of Faith class adopted Hilltop at 10:30 also and then afterwards we all go to lunch. Ruth Spradling and her group have been serving Alpine for years. I have had people tell me that they don't want to think about Nursing homes. Believe me, they are not depressing and the residents are wonderful. We receive more of the blessings than our attendees.

Currently, I am in my sixth year as Director after agreeing to take it on for one year. I have enjoyed my role, but this will be my last year as Director. I believe God has someone else with fresh ideas that lives closer to the church. Join me in prayer that God will send the right person to replace me. I want to serve in other ways and find out if I have other spiritual gifts. I think you will agree that I have used the gift of Hospitality.



2018 Fall Festival



## Candy Donations

We will begin accepting candy  
on September 30th. Drop off to Children's  
Ministries in the Church Office.



**Flower Ministry**  
by Jean Ward

The Flower Ministry continues to deliver flowers to people in six care facilities, the VA Hospital and Peterson Hospital. Since our last report, we have visited with 31 people who have been blessed with the beautiful flowers that were in our Worship Center. We thank those who donated the flowers that bring much joy to others. Thanks to Pam Case, Joyce Doyle and Dell Bergeron for their faithful participation with the Flower Ministry.

## Women of the World

**Women of the Word Class - Room 208**  
by Jean Allgood

I have a favorite book that has beautiful stories about songs! It is *Then Sings My Soul* by Robert Morgan. This book has hundreds of Hymns with stories about how they came to be written or sometimes about the effect the song had on a person's life.

I don't know about you, but I usually have a song floating in my mind all the time. Even though I don't sing well and often can't carry a tune—I have a song in my head that is in perfect pitch and beautiful! So, no wonder these past weeks with the thunder rolling and rains soaking our parched Hill Country, that my head was full of *Showers of Blessings*.

The story in my "favorite book" was about an Air Force pilot being shot down over Vietnam and spending 7 years in a wretched POW concentration camp. Alone, cold, hungry and often tortured, he kept his sanity by recalling memories from his Sunday School days in Tulsa, Oklahoma. One dark night during the monsoon rains, he was suddenly humming, then singing, a long-forgotten song of his childhood. *"Showers of blessings, showers of blessing we need. Mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead"*.

Lt. Howard Rutledge survived those years of imprisonment and he said this song written by Major Daniel Whittle in 1883 and based on Ezekiel 34:26, "lifts us with the happy assurance of God's increasing blessing on our lives, even during our worst days".

Hopefully the showers of blessings we have had lifted you, refreshed you and helped you to feel God's loving-care over you through the good days and during the worst days.

Corrections to be noted: I misspelled Becky's last name 3 times in last month's newsletter. It is **DOYAL** - also her bio was misplaced, was put under the Jubilee Class not the WOW. **Ginny Walker's** cataract removal on her left eye appears to be a success. Ginny also shared Praise: Her husband rededicated his life to Christ and had a full immersion baptism in the Guadalupe River. **Loraine Couch** was busy at her Wednesday night dinner duties, looking and feeling great after recent heart procedures. Also noted she is celebrating her 19<sup>th</sup> year as a member of Trinity!! **Jody McCulley** is back doing what she loves, teaching ESL (English as a second language). Jody is fluent in Spanish and uses her skills and talents in so many ways! **Carol McRae** didn't just sit by the AC to cool off - she spent time in Colorado during August. Now to really cooler climes, she is going to Germany in October to visit her husband's family and friends. **Christy Bell** reports happily that she is moving to a new home in Ingram!! She also said what a privilege it was to be in the play "Scrooged Up". She said it was a first for her. (hard to believe seeing the excellent job she did.) The WOW class welcomed two visitors during September, sisters, **Bertha Templeton and Pauline Thomas**. Hope we will see them often. When **Florence Bergen** came upon a stray dog, she had no idea what to do with it, as she already had a dog. Then a lovely lady fell in love with the stray and asked if she could have it! End of story: *"Stray DOG finds happy home"*.

As the raindrops fall and the leaves begin to flutter to the ground, enjoy the new season of autumn!



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*Pilgrims of Faith - Room 121*  
*by Jo Hancock*

September started off with a marvelous season of much-needed rain and then a rush of activities available to Trinity folks such as Trinity University, Men's Bible Study, Women's Bible Study... reminding some of us of our back-to-school days of long ago! It was great to reconnect with friends from last year's classes, make new acquaintances in this year's classes and brush up on some scriptures we may need to apply to new situations in our lives. Some situations the POF class has faced lately include expressing gratitude for the joy of being grandparents or great-grandparents, taking the responsibility of caring for aging or ailing loved ones, recuperating from an accident or illness, and even mourning the loss of a beloved class member. Our condolences go to Jeannie Donald and her family following the homegoing of Clarence Donald. All of us will miss his ready smile and gentle spirit. Still another situation our class has experienced recently is the welcoming of visitors like Marti and Sam Jones. Hopefully they will share a bit of their life story with us soon so we can get to know them better.

Many in our class are experiencing heart or health issues and waiting for a correct diagnosis treatment can be challenging to our emotions as well as our faith. A devotional by Cheri Strange entitled "Waiting Well" offers a challenge to see such experiences from God's perspective: "Waiting...marking time in uncertainty is precisely when we must keep our eyes on Christ. It's here that taking every thought captive and making it obedient to Christ (II Corinthians 10:3-5) moves our theology into reality. When we don't know for sure how things will turn out, we can still know we can trust God's purpose for our lives (Jeremiah 29:11). We can rest assured that our God is not a quitter, that He finishes what He starts (Philippians 1:6) and that He will be with us through whatever we encounter in this life (Psalm 145:18). It is this knowing that enables us to get up and move forward while we wait."

I'd like to share a quote I read and recently sent my teenaged grandchildren: "Be kind...have fun...work hard...learn a lot!" Sounds like good advice for seniors, too! Blessings 'til next time, Jo

*Prime Time Singers*  
*by Ann Peay*



We were so pleased to see and welcome new singers at our first rehearsal in September. We have some new music to learn and some old favorites, as well. As a reminder, here are the officers continuing through 2019. If you are new, they will help you in any way possible.

**Officers for 2018-19**

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Sopranos – Linda Cullison and Jo Ann Silberisen  
Altos – Susan Lesser and Sandy MacFarlane  
Tenors – Bobby Walker  
Bass – James Ellis

Our Prayer Coordinator is Cynthia Coldwell. When making your prayer requests on Fridays, be sure to state your name and the name of the person for your request. Please be succinct and brief. God knows the details.

Larry is giving us a break for September about a singing engagement so that we may learn the new music. (Whew!) Our first performance will be on **October 19<sup>th</sup> at Hilltop**. The pink sheet you pick up each Friday at rehearsal gives you important information about upcoming events, what to wear, what time rehearsal is that day, etc., so be sure to pick these up each week so that you won't miss the bus's so to speak. Larry is planning an **overnight trip in March** so watch for details.

**Psalm 57:7**

**My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.**



*Healthful Hints*  
*by Ann Peay*

**Tip: Baking Soda For Urinary Tract Infections**  
**(Holistic Remedy)**

At the onset of a suspected urinary tract infection, have a baking soda cocktail. Mix 1/2 teaspoon of soda in an eight-ounce glass of water, stir and drink it. Baking soda raises the pH levels of irritating, acidic urine. (I can't personally vouch for this, but it is certainly worth a try.)



**Crossroads**  
by **Kathy McAlpin**

Welcome Back,

Crossroads Sunday School is open to anyone that wants to join us. Age is not an option even though we are 60+. Our teacher, Gary Anderson is teaching in the book of John. On board is also Keith Williams, who alternates with Gary.

Hope everyone enjoyed their summer vacation with traveling, being with family, or just relaxing. Prayers for those who, have had surgery, or loss of a loved one in the family. I know we were gone, a month and enjoyed the east coast, with family and friends

Thank You, Lord for this rain we have had. It shows that summer is behind us, and cooler weather is in front of us. Amen!

Being the reporter for our class, I am making some changes of our column each month by including a slice of life from those of you in our class. So that we can get to know, us a little better. This has to be a 100- word bio of something that meant a lot to you through your life. Hope I get some volunteers!

As I approached Linda Behan, she shared: In 2003 this homebody found herself in the Galápagos Islands. We spent five days and four nights aboard the Encantada. Our boat mates were from Australia, Holland, Japan, and Ireland. We visited the various islands enjoying the indigenous wildlife and snorkeling in the Artic current with sea lions and fish. This was a fun assignment! It brought back memories! Thanks, Linda

We had our summer potluck at Windmill Ridge, which is a retirement community

New Members: Frances Aleman, Jeff Banks, George and Susan Burnett, Matt and Echo

Caraway, Suzanne and Curry Harston, Jr., Royce and Cynthia Itschner, Kevin and Annette Kurz. Beatrice Leon, Phil and Louise Lesser, Debbie and Harry Mays, Philip and Remoh Meadow, Micheal and Liz Ross, Vickie Saamarripa, Ray and Claire Thornton, Steve Van Meter, Barbara Wagner.

October Birthdays: Carol Westfall 10/6 Becky Van Burkleo 10/9 Sandra Sparkman 10/13 Michelle Enzler 10/14 Paula Manning 10/17 Gary Anderson 10/19 TaWanna Rehfield 10/19 Douglas Smith 10/19 Carolyn Hollingsworth 10/23 Elizabeth Hughes 10/2

*Hello everyone from the Library Ladies!*  
by *Susan Lesser and Rebecca Hopkins*



Hello everyone from the Library Ladies! The library is open for business on Wednesday all day, Tuesday morning, and Sunday morning. In October, classes will be meeting at 9:45 and 10:45 on Sunday morning, so come by and visit us early (8:15-9:30). We're moving! Where? Around the corner to the Family Life Center, by the outside double doors. When? We don't have a specific date yet, but work is proceeding on the room. It will be beautiful! We'll extend the hours again once we get moved. We have some new books and DVDs in. For the teens, Phyllis Shirer has a series called **The Prince Warriors**. We have in book 4 now, titled **Winter War**. The 'new' book rack is located just inside the library door. Come visit YOUR library!



*The Agape Class*  
by Susan Lesser



Fall became official on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Fall Festival is fast approaching! Kellee and crew always appreciate the volunteers in the adult (and teens) departments who staff the booths, areas, bounce houses, cotton candy, popcorn, and everything else that make up this Community Event! Hope you have a chance to participate and see all those little faces light up with delight at the fun and fellowship. Y'all bring lots of candy! Remember that a lot of children have peanut allergies.

Our new teacher Mike Mullens and his wife Patsy are keeping the class on their toes with our discussion format. We've finished with a spiritual tune-up study (6 great verses!) and started a study on how God communicates with us. Our study is 100% Bible based, and we use all different translations to read the Word. Come join us!

Thank you, Lord, for the rain! This fall is going to be the greenest yet. Wild violets are blooming all over my yard, and the earth is soaking up every drop of the rain. This should be the greenest fall we've had in a while. Thank you, Lord!

Along with the rain come all the allergies. It's amazing what blows in and onward. This morning was definitely an Achoo! morning but that gentle breeze just swept out whatever it was.

We've had a few 'falls' in our class. I fell but landed in the dirt and nothing more than my pride was damaged. Karen Maddox fell and broke a rib. It's surprising how fast it happens!

Libby and Scott Tolman are cleaning out their house, hoping to put the house on the market soon. They plan to move to a retirement center in San Angelo. Maxine Burleson has sold her house and is moving to Belton in October to live with her older sister. JB & Rosemary Oswalt moved into Heart & Stone and love it! There are 3 bedrooms, one for a couple, and two singles. There's a live-in housekeeper who is just wonderful in helping all the tenants keep up with meals, and pills, and exercises.

Happy Fall Y'all!

*Jubilee Class*  
by Rae Logan

The Jubilee Class article is on hold this month. When Rae returns from New York the article will be in the November issue.



**HCBA Senior Adult Rally**  
**October 22, 2018**  
**10 a.m.**

**2018 Gospel Sing-A-Long**

**Tarpley Baptist Church**  
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*Stitchers for Jesus*  
by Cheryll Overla

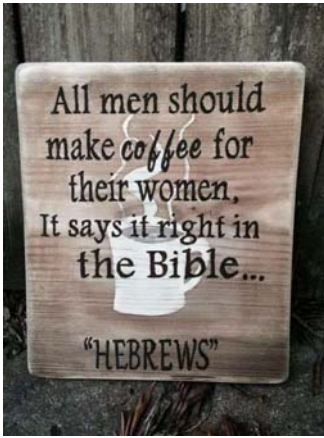
The Trinity sewing group had another busy month in September. Along with many dresses sewn and turned in, we hosted a first time old fashioned sewing bee. Nine ladies attended, and several projects were worked on- including shoe bags that will be used for the First Blessing Shoe Day on Nov 19. Also introduced was a new dress pattern which will be used to make dresses for a local ministry we have added this year. Much was accomplished, the fellowship was sweet, and we had a delicious pot luck lunch. All agreed to do this again. As always, we welcome new sewers to our group. We meet the first Thursday of the month in Rm 121 at 10:00 AM.



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