

PRIME-TIMERS

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The August Prime-Timers luncheon was held after morning worship on Sunday, August 24. There will be no September luncheon.

HIGH GAS PRICES

Comedians weigh in on the rising cost of gas:

There was a sign at the station near my house that read, "We take Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express." After I filled up, they took my Visa, Mastercard, my Discover Card and my American Express.

Gas prices continue to rise. At the gas station near my house they have a slot for your credit card and one right next to it for your 401K.

President Bush spoke with the Amish. He didn't want to, but it was the only group he could find that wasn't upset about the high price of gas.

The average National price of a gallon of gas hit an all-time record high of \$4.15 this week, meaning that wherever you're going this summer, it might be cheaper to mail your car.

HOLLAND DAYS

This month our Prime-Timers newsletter features our beloved Barbara Holland.

Barbara was born at her grandmother's house in Corsicana. She attended first and second grade in Navosota. It was there the family began attending a Church of Christ. She grew up in the community of Wellborn outside College Station and spent third grade in a one-room, three-grades school. Fourth grade through mid-term of her senior year she spent in the A & M Consolidated School System.

In 1948 she enrolled in Abilene Christian College, where she met Thomas Holland in the summer between her Sophomore and Junior year. Romance blossomed, and in April 1951, they were married. The following year a little daughter, Cherie, was born. In 1955, a second daughter, Lila, was born. Lila lives in Dallas with her son, Aaron; and Cherie lives in Ohio with her family.

Barbara spent decades teaching young children in Bible classes. Now she teaches Ladies' Bible Study classes and is much appreciated by her group. Her knowledge and insights into scripture keep her students coming back every year for more.

In September of this year, the Ladies Bible Study classes will be using Barbara's long-awaited workbook, "PROFILES OF OLD TESTAMENT WOMEN." In 2002, she presented this material in four lectures at the SMU Continuing Studies plant in Plano. In 2003, she returned to present four lectures on America's First Ladies. She has given book reviews also in Collin County Community College.

Barbara has had one poem published and three essays in Virgil Bentley's book, 'GLORY DAYS ii.' When she was in the eighth grade, she had a short story published in the newspaper in Bryan, Texas. She has belonged to a book club since 1985 and is now the only charter member. She has served as President and Treasurer.

Barbara loves to read and watch old movies, and she was thrilled to find a copy of "Anna and the King of Siam" at the library.

She takes life's difficulties with great faith, patience and bravery. She is recently widowed. Before Tom's death, they endured much family concern. Her grandson, Aaron, was afflicted with leukemia in his early college years and is still struggling with the damage from chemo, radiation and bone-marrow transplant. Her great granddaughter, Isabella, has suffered two bouts with pneumonia which weakened her lungs. Barbara is a real comfort to her daughter, Lila, in all these crises. Her many friends keep them in their prayers.

Waterview is blessed to have one so generous with her great talents.

--Gloria Black

WHO GETS THE DOG?

Three little boys were sitting on the grass with a little dog in front of them. A minister came by, stopped and said, "What are you doing?" "Telling lies," remarked one boy. Another boy said, "The one that can tell the biggest lie gets the dog."

The minister said, "You know, boys, when I was a boy, I never tried to tell a lie."

A moment of silence—and one of the boys said, "The minister gets the dog."

FOOTBALL FANS BEWARE

A guy decided to take his girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats behind the bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience. "Oh, I really liked it, especially the tight pants and all the big muscles. But I just can't understand why they were fighting over 25 cents," she said. Dumbfounded, her boyfriend asked, "What do you mean?" "Well," she replied, "I saw them flip a coin and one team got it. For the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was, "Get the quarter back! Get the quarter back!"

--Lion's Pride, July 2008

PRAISE SOMEBODY DAY

Let's make this a Praise Somebody Day. I know that it will make you feel great. Praise is a lifter of spirits approved by God, and it can never be given too late.

Start with the ministers of the Church—their praise is certainly due. For the purpose in their sermons is to bring God's love and salvation to you. They put in many hours of the day to teach us God's Word for our benefit we must learn So for their dedication to teach that Word, God's praise they certainly earn.

Now we must truly praise our song leader, who inspires us to praise God in song. He shows up to raise our voice in praise to God that rises from our hearts true and strong.

Last but not least, the loved ones you worship with that share God's love day to day. Love is a link in the chain of life that binds each of us together each step of our way. The Waterview Church Smile Greeters truly need our praise and love, too. For they stand at the door every Sunday morn and give God's love in a smile to you.

Our love and a smile,
Hattie D. & Nina

I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU

A man left for work one Friday afternoon and instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend partying with the boys and spending his entire week's wages. When he finally came home Sunday night, he was confronted by a very angry wife and was barraged for nearly two hours with a tirade befitting his actions. Finally his wife stopped nagging and simply said, "How would like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?" He replied, "That would be fine with me."

Monday went by and he didn't see his wife. Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results. Thursday the swelling went down just enough where he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.

--Submitted by Peggy Bohenek, San Antonio, TX

RECKONING

From so much guilt builds rue and derision.
Tears over milk spilt and sins of omission.

We can't take back things that have been,
Or try to retract the damage of sin.

So thank God that the Cross did already atone,
Lest we'd bow with remorse abandoned—alone.

---Gloria Black

AT DAY'S END

Is anybody happier because you passed this way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to them today?
The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through,
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's dipping fast
That you helped a single person of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?
Does the person whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it? Was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say,
"You have earned one more tomorrow by what you did today?"

--Author unknown

"...we spend our years as a tale that is told...So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

--- Psalm 90:10-12