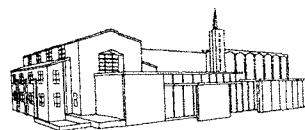




16th & Pile CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Knowing God

I know the country-western singer, George Strait. No joke. I even have a picture taken with him sitting on the bookshelf at my parent's house. I was 12 when I won a contest at Gerardo's, a hometown Mexican food restaurant. I was supposed to eat dinner with him there but that part never came to fruition. I did get an autographed copy of his "Something Special" album released in 1985, though, as well as to spend some time with him in his tour bus prior to a show at our county fairgrounds. When I was younger I used to brag to everyone about how privileged I was to know George Strait.

How many of you think I really KNOW him? I might have met him on one occasion but you and I both know that if that is all the contact I've ever had with him then I really can't say I know him. It's not like we are friends. He doesn't call me up and inquire about life in New Mexico. In fact, I am fairly confident he doesn't even remember the occasion. So while I might say: "I know...George Strait." I don't really KNOW him.

So it can be with God. Knowing God isn't about crossing paths with him every so often. Neither does knowing facts about God mean we know Him. Knowing God involves closeness with the person of God.

Knowing God is the result of a fire derived from Psalm 63: 1-8. The characteristics of one who truly knows God are:

1. An earnest seeker after Him, v. 1.
2. A thirsting soul for Him, v. 1
3. Flesh that faints for Him, v. 1
4. A yearning His love that is "better than life" itself, v. 3
5. Lips that praise and bless Him, vv. 3-4
6. A soul that reflects and meditates on Him, vv. 5-6
7. A soul that clings to Him, v. 8

Does this describe you? It sure challenges me in ways I need to be challenged!

Eternal Father...Help us to yearn to know you. Help us to hunger and thirst for you. Help us to crave a love that is "better than life."

Let us not see you as a subject, a proposition, or an ideology, but rather help us to see you as our God, Father, and Friend. May our covenant with you ground us to you!

Thank you for sending us Jesus who was the embodiment of you in the flesh. He helps us to see who you really are. Through him we know you (John 17:3). Through him and because of him we have unique communion with the Godhead. Amen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Pew Packers - 5:40 pm - each Sunday

Ladies Bible Study - 2:00 pm - each Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class - 9:30 am - each Wednesday in Room 4

May 1 - 2:00-4:00 pm - 80th Birthday Party for *Billie Tabor* (see back page for details)

May 6 - 9:00 am - Ladies working on Lap Robes

May 7 - 8:45-11:45 am - Friday School

May 7 - 6:00 pm - Young at Heart

May 13 - 10:00 am - Devo at Senior Citizen Resident Center (2210 Mabry Dr.)

May 13 - 10:45 am - Devo at Clovis Health Care & Rehab (1201 Norris St.)

May 14 - 8:45-11:45 am - Friday School (Last day then dismissed for summer)

May 16 - 3:30 pm - Devo at St. Anthony's Health Care & Rehab (1400 W. 21st)

May 16 - 7:15 pm - Business Meeting - All men of the congregation welcome

May 20 - 9:00 am - Ladies working on Lap Robes

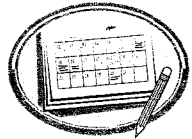
May 21 - 6:00 pm - Singles - Meeting at the home of Jerry & Carol Hailey

May 25 - Last day of School

May 28 - 10:30 am - Devo at Retirement Ranch (2221 Dillon)

May 31 - Memorial Day Holiday (office will be closed)

June 14-18 Vacation Bible School!



May Birthdays

3 Geraldine Burford
 6 Bonnie Cook
 7 Tanner Phillips
 8 Terry Potter
 9 Jo Jones
 9 Roxie Burgess
 10 Nell Crouch
 10 Glenn Kirksey
 10 Melissa Lewallen
 11 Ryan McKinney
 14 Shabry Boone
 14 Allissa May
 14 Zayleigh Wheeler
 15 Jeremy Turner



16 Bonnie Johnson
 17 Cecil Samora
 18 Chris Dudley
 19 Johnny Gomez
 19 James Martin
 21 Lucille Crim
 21 Lee Evans
 22 Aby Young
 23 Colby Evans
 26 Mozelle Floyd (91 years)
 27 Thelma Taylor
 29 Victor Armijo
 30 Bob Norris
 31 Mary Romo

May Anniversaries

11 Condly & Lorene Billingsley (63 years)
 13 Michael & Tanya Roberts (10 years)
 17 Don & JeTonne McCasland (52 years)
 23 F.E. & Chris Dudley (30 years)
 24 Doug & Tisha Young (13 years)
 25 Gene & Nita Phillips (9 years)



If your name or date is wrong or has been left off, please notify the office.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kathryn Beardain - 1608 Jonquil - chemo treatments

Sherry Gomez - scheduled C-section April 23

Jody Jones - 2009 Colonial Pkwy

Kenneth Jones - 2720 E. 21st

Joyce Lough - PRMC/Room 610

Debbie Old - 1917 Janeway - chemo treatments

Those with continuing health problems:

Cora Henson, Essie Judah, Marleah Kirkpatrick, John & Kay Prater, Fern Stewart,

Jack Weaver, Jerry Wicker, Ruby Wright

Family & Friends:

Pam Brumfield (daughter of Melburn & Caruth Johnston) - chemo

Jim Delashaw (husband of Billie Tabor's sister, Verbenia) - heart surgery

Ryleigh Grace Cox (great granddaughter of Melburn & Caruth Johnston)

Pam Jones (sister-in-law of Kenneth Jones) - cancer

Cecil McCain (husband of Jean) - 43214-E-US 70, Portales - radiation treatments

Faye McKinney (mother of Allen McKinney) - radiation treatments

Ella Miller (3 year old great niece of Darra, Kathy & Marleah Kirkpatrick) - leukemia

Velma Norris (sister-in-law of Bob & Barbara Norris) - cancer

Jim Reyna (son of Pete Reyna)

Dr. Charles Siburt (friend of Doug Young) - multiple myeloma

Tina Vassar (secretary at Clovis High School) - chemo treatments

Charles Williams (friend of Jack Weaver) - radiation treatments

Those in Care Centers:

Foy Bailey, Cathryn Bogard, Mozelle Floyd, Donna Forsee, Stacie Glover, Bobbie Gulley,

Leona Helm, Wayne Johnson, Velda Jolley, Eva Lee Raulston, Lula Sims



GRADUATION 2010 - The time for graduation is quickly approaching. If you have a high school or college graduate in your family, we would like to have information about their activities, any honors, their future plans and a photo if you have one. Please have your information in the office by Monday morning, May 10, so that we can publish it in the bulletin that week.

For the Record

Sunday - 04/25/10	
AM Bible Classes	127
AM Worship	214
PM Worship	81
Contribution	\$6,699.10
Wednesday AM Ladies Class - 04/21	
	14
Wednesday PM - 04/21/10	
	81



16TH & PILE PANTRY NEEDS

Individual packets of
Mashed Potatoes
& Crackers



The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Curtis and Billie Tabor would like to invite you to attend an Eightieth Birthday Reception honoring Billie on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at 16th & Pile Church of Christ in Clovis, New Mexico. It will be a come-and-go affair, so please join us between 2:00-4:00 pm.

We'd like to compile a book of memories for Billie, so please come with a card, a note or letter written to her about a special memory, or how she has influenced your life in some way. If you have photos from the "old days", it would be wonderful if you could make a copy for Billie and Curtis and attach it to your note. If you don't have an old picture, feel free to just take a picture of yourself and enclose it.

Please join us for a time of fun and reflection. If you aren't able to attend, please send your cards or letters to Billie and Curtis at 104 West Yucca, Clovis, New Mexico, 88101. They are excited to see or hear from you.



Thank you so much for your role in Mom's life. May God bless you.

If you have questions, please e-mail Angela at alegnarelwof@yahoo.com or call 940-859-4493.

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:00 AM
Worship 10:00 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Class . 9:30 AM
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

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