

*The church of Christ at Luverne*

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*Assembly Assignments for March 2011*

**The Lord's Supper**

Steven Frost / John Frost / Joshua McCartha / Zach Wilson

**Announcements**

Dale Sanders

**Building Duties**

Larry Wyrosdick

**Greeters**

Bobby Owens  
Charles Compton

**Nursing Home Duties**

Russ Kilcrease  
Jace Sanders

**Lord's Supper Preparation**

Paulette West

**Scripture Reading**

Jonathon Welch

*Privileged to Serve on March 20, 2011*

**Morning Prayer**

Andrew Moorer (opening)  
Rodney McCartha (closing)

**Evening Prayer**

Steve Sanders (opening)  
Robb Sanders (closing)

**Song Leader**

Dale Sanders

**A/V Equipment**

Jace Sanders

If you are unable to serve, please contact John Frost - 429-0948  
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

# *The Messenger*



**Minister  
Keith Dixon**

**Services**

**Every Sunday**

Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship 5:00 PM

**Every Wednesday**

Bible Study 7:00 PM

*From*

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## WHAT KIND OF SOIL ARE YOU?

In Matthew 13 and Luke 8 the parable of the soils is found. There is the soil of the wayside. There is the soil in the stony places. There is the soil among the thorns and there is the good kind of soil. Most of us would like to be the good kind of soil but are we? Most of us would like to think that our friends are good soil, but that does not make it so. We need to take a good hard look at what kind of soil we are. Within the Future Farmers of America there is a division that judges soil. It might be judged for different things: to plant trees, to grow crops and even to raise cattle. They know and judge the different kinds of soil, but do we know that this can apply to people as well?

Ivan Stewart in his book, "Go ye means Go me," states this: "It behooves personal workers to learn to identify the good soil for it is possible to spend a lifetime of personal work with the majority who will be lost (Matthew 7:14) and never win a soul to Christ. It may be thought that Christians become judges in determining who will be saved or not saved. It may be thought that Christians should present the gospel everywhere and perhaps that seed will grow after while. Each viewpoint has merit but it is not plausible to reason that a 'hit and miss method' would be as effective as a definite proven method even though the 'hit and miss method' may produce some results now and then. A good farmer does not purchase just any farm. He strives to find the farm with the right kind of soil for the kind of farming he wishes to follow." (page 96).

But what about us within the church; what kind of soil are we? You see, to keep the good soil good, we must work at keeping ourselves as good soil. If we are a different kind of soil, such as the wayside, stony, or the thorny soil, work must be done to get us into the kind of soil we need to be. We may need to pull a few weeds. We might need to remove some rocks. Some might need to get the subsoiler out and plow up the hard spots to get crops to grow! We might need to fertilize the land to get crops to produce different amounts. We can be any kind of soil in our lives and we can change soil types within our life time.

When the preacher preaches that sermon on Sunday morning or evening, what is our response? Do we think that it applies to someone else? If so, then, we are not good soil at that moment. We ought to be thinking of how any given sermon applies to ourselves. This would be good soil and the kind of soil that the Lord wants us to be.

We could be any one of the other three kinds of soil. If we attend the services of the church and we do not even listen to the sermon, think about what Luke 8 says: "These by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts..." (Luke 8:12). People can be playing games or texting on their telephone and never once pay attention to the sermon of the day. We can be like the stony soil; we can "...receive the word with joy... and in the time of temptation fall away" (Luke 8:13). You see, we can hear, believe what is being said, and even start putting those things into practice in our lives, but when things start getting tough, we go back into our old ways. Notice also the thorny soils and see if they don't apply to some within the church today - maybe even you! "...they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection" (Luke 8:14). Do we let the cares of life get in our way of worshipping our God? Do we think about what we are going to do on Sunday afternoon while the preacher is preaching? Are we going to play basketball, softball, or tennis? When we do any of these things we have changed soil types!

Let us be good soil and keep ourselves good soil.

Love, Keith



## In Our Prayers

- Mike Bagents – improved
- Shanna Bethea - almost finished with chemo
- Benny Beasley - battling a cold for a couple of weeks
- Ruby Bowen – kidney dialysis
- Larry Brady – lupus
- Ruby Bush – cancer
- Curtis Cates – leukemia; good reports from treatment
- Glenn Daniel- physical therapy
- Georgia Frazier – health problems
- Leonard Green – throat cancer (Patricia Wyrosdick's uncle)
- Ken Helms – health problems
- Cecil Kelley – health problems
- Lucy Kilpatrick – health problems; improved
- Mary Jewel Lowe – heart problems
- Maggie Marshall – for successful treatment
- Barbara Jean Mitchell – lung and heart problems
- Lela Moseley – able to be as services Sunday!
- Judd Flint – improving
- Sarah Parker – throat cancer
- Danny Rolling – back problems
- Lyndsay Turner – continues to improve
- Bradley Mason Williams – baby with a serious heart condition

### In Luverne Nursing Facility:

- Allene Mount                      Edwina Rolling
- *Pray for all those who have lost loved ones.*  
*Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Frances Hughes whose funeral was on Monday. Mrs. Hughes was the grandmother of Chris Helms.*

- *Pray for soldiers overseas.*

**Jason Cartwright – Afghanistan**  
**Keva Potts - Afghanistan**

- Gracious note of thanks from Keva expressing her gratitude for the care package
- Chance Styron – Camp Lejeune, NC**
- *Pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God's will.*

## GOSPEL MEETING

**Grady church of Christ**

March 20-23, 2011

Congregational Singing at 2:30

Sunday

7:30 p.m. nightly

Speaker: Ricky Bagents

## PANAMA MISSIONS "Friends of Panama" Dinner

Saturday, April 9, 2011

Fellowship Hall ~ University church of Christ

\$15 Per Person ~ Reservations Required

## Gospel Meeting

**Luverne church of Christ**

**April 10-13, 2011**

**Speaker: Kenneth Randolph**  
**Invite your family, friends and neighbors.**

### Topics for the Meeting:

Sunday Bible Class:

*"His Grief Was Very Great"*

Sunday A.M. Worship:

*"The Preeminence of Christ"*

Sunday P.M. Worship:

*"Undenominational Christianity"*

Monday:

*"All Have Sinned and Fall Short of the Glory of God"*

Tuesday:

*"Buried in Baptism"*

Wednesday:

*"Will There Be A Rapture?"*

## Bowling Fellowship

**March 27<sup>th</sup> following evening**  
**worship**

**Sign up for your family!**