Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is really addressed to the people in Brownfield that received a city bill that was higher than normal.

My bill was a hundred dollars more than it's ever been. I was sure that they had made a mistake. That was not the case. It seems that one meter reader was out sick and we had some bad weather so they got behind two weeks.

I understand that things like this happen, but we are not responsible for an extra two weeks on our city bill. The city has a policy that keeps anyone from making a partial payment. I understand that also. The bad thing is, people on a fixed income are really facing a disaster. They will have to do without food or paying other bills.

This bill has to be paid by the due date or your service will be cut off, you'll have to pay a huge deposit and re-connect fee. The two resources that we have for help with the bill will be out of funds in no time.

I think the city needs to give a little leeway this month so people can pay their bills. After all, the city is at fault, not the customers.

Thanks, Linda Moore

Senior Menus

Brownfield Senior Citizens Center, Feb. 18-22

Monday - Closed for Presidents Day

Tuesday - Homestyle lasagne, garlic bread, brussel sprouts, pears, low-fat milk

Wednesday - Baked chicken and dumplings, whole wheat roll, tossed salad, winter fruit cup, dessert, low-fat milk, margarine

Thursday - Spaghetti with meatballs, wheat roll, spinach, honeydew melon, low-fat milk, margarine

Friday - Tuna patty, parsley noodles, spinach, whole wheat roll, mandarin oranges with whipped topping, low-fat milk, margarine

Obituaries

BEBE JO TURRENTINE (1930-2013)

Bebe Jo Turrentine, 82 of Levelland passed away on February 13, 2013.

Funeral services for Bebe Turrentine, will be held at 10 am, Saturday, February 16, 2013,in George Price Funeral Chapel with Rev. Ruby Moultrie, pastor, First United Methodist Church, Brownfield, officiating. Burial will follow in City of Levelland Cemetery. The family received visitors from 5-7 pm on Friday, February 15, 2013 at George Price Funeral Home.

Bebe was born on March 14, 1930, in Coleman, Texas to Clarence and Alvera Law. She married Billy Turrentine, her lifelong sweetheart, on September 15, 1946 in Levelland Texas. She dedicated her life to her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and loved spending every moment she could with them. She was known as the family photographer. She was also a member of The Western Company Wives Club, bridge club and Seagraves Ladies Booster Club.

She was survived by two sons: David Turrentine of Midland, Texas; and Tony Turrentine and his wife , Rexann of Brownfield; one daughter; Judy Cathey and her husband Billy Joe of Carlsbad, New Mexico; one brother Clarence Law, of Lubbock, Texas; ten grandchildren: Brian Turrentine of Horseshoe Bay, Texas; Barbee Condit of Austin, Jodi Lofton of Carlsbad, NM; Jennifer Shulse of Cypress, TX, Jerrike Cathey and Jordan Cathey, both of Carlsbad, NM Toni Ann Turrentine of Lubbock, TX; Whitney Turrentine of Ft. Worth, Texas; Kim George and Mika Law , both of Lubbock, TX and twelve great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Billy Turrentine in 2010.

To share with the family in celebrating Bebe's life, go to www.georgepricefunerals.com.

THOMAS HENRY SMITH
1927-2013

Thomas Henry Smith, 85, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013.

Funeral: 1 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church of Burleson, 317 W. Ellison St. Burial: Laurel Land Memorial Park of Fort Worth. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Laurel Land Funeral Home.

Thomas was born Oct. 13, 1927, in Brownfield to Thomas A. and Floy Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Tommy Dale Smith; his second wife, Hazel Smith; and a sister, Dorothy Kelley.

Survivors: Wife, Maureen D. Smith; daughter, Pam Standly and husband, James; son, Ricky Lynn Smith; former wife and mother of his children, Evelyn Rash; stepchildren, Diana Best and Waynette Davis; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and sisters, Lorene Evans and Janis McNeil.

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Redeem Your Gift

by Daphne Delay

As I was praying this morning, I was thanking the Lord for my salvation, for forgiving my sins, and redeeming me. And then I paused and considered the word redeemed.

I know what it means, but I wondered if an unbeliever would know if they heard the word.

Sometimes we forget the world doesn't understand our lingo. The church is guilty of "christianese," which is the language within our Christian culture of words and phrases using biblical texts. It makes no sense to anyone outside the church. Examples might include: old man/new man, fruit of the spirit, washed in the blood, and born again. These words and phrases make perfect sense to the believer, but the unsaved masses are unlikely to understand (and in some cases, are turned off by it).

So I pondered the word redeemed wondering if the concept could be understood by the unsaved.

Curious, I googled the word to see what would pop up. Of course, Dictionary.com and Wikipedia were at the top of the list, but then right below these two was iTunes. What unsaved person doesn't recognize Apple or iTunes? The Google link read: Redeem iTunes Gift Cards - Apple.

To redeem a gift card means a person has in their possession something of value which has no use until activated. This is true of people and salvation.

The Bible says, "God has dealt to each one a measure of faith" (Romans 12:3b). In other words, God has given every person the ability to believe, or we could say (for example's sake) God has given every person something redeemable.

My oldest son is a technology nut like his mom and so every Christmas and birthday, relatives would get him iTunes gift cards. This past year, he said, "Mom, please tell everyone I do NOT want anything from iTunes. I have redeemed all that I need." We had a good laugh over this. But concerning salvation, God hopes every person will redeem (activate) their faith in Him. In fact, it will only expire at death. It is good as long as a person is alive.

On the other hand, the Bible says, "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, ...but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19). Heaven held the most expensive "gift card" ever and God used it for humanity. Jesus was the gift and at the precise moment when all things were aligned, He used Himself to purchase the lost.

Remember, to redeem means a person has something of value which has no use until activated. This must be how Heaven viewed mankind. God saw us as valuable, but until we've been redeemed by Jesus, we are of no use to Heaven.

We can almost envision the exchange. Jesus paid the price with His own life in order for God to place in every man's hand, a "gift card." It is redeemed at salvation. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). "And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of [Adam's] sin. Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins" (Romans 5:16, NLT).

Jesus redeemed us by paying for the gift (card). Then by faith, we redeem the gift by accepting Him at salvation. What a great exchange! It's Christmas all over again, except this time the gift (card) has immeasurable value!

So mark the word redeemed off your list of "christianese" --I think the unsaved can understand this analogy.

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