Obituaries

LILLIAN CRUTCHER
April 13, 1926 - February 27, 2013

Services for Lillian Lain Crutcher, 85, of Brownfield will be at 10am, Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. James Robertson and Rev. Steve Carter officiating. Burial will be in Terry County Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Lillian passed away Wednesday, February 27, 2013 in Brownfield. She was born April 13, 1927 in Borden County to William Thomas and Callie Josephine (Dumas) Jackson. She attended school in Draw, Texas. Lillian married Raymond Crutcher on February 9, 1946 in O'Donnell. He preceded her in death in 1987. They moved to Terry County in 1960. She was a member of the United Pentecostal Church in Brownfield. She is also preceded in death by a grandson, Loyd Crutcher in 1994.

Lillian is survived by her sons, Larry Crutcher and wife Susan of Justin, Marvin Crutcher and wife Connie of Wellman, Greg Crutcher and wife Delane of Brownfield and Terry Crutcher and wife Debra of Brownfield; grandchildren, Amy Davis and husband Chad of Justin, Ryan Crutcher and wife Holly of Levelland, Brandy Tidwell and husband Billy of Crosbyton, Crystal Rackley and husband Joey of Alvord, Kelli Wall and husband Brad of Amarillo, Mandy Pruner and husband Matt of Canyon and Ashlee Hook and husband Clayton of Plains; great grandchildren, Brennen and Baylee Davis, Cash and Reed Crutcher, Hunter and Jaxen Tidwell, Lilly, Kynlee, Jayci Rackley, Gavin, Avery and Hannah Wall, Levi Hook; great-great grandson, Quinn Wall; a sister, Lavonia Morris of Huntsville.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of one's choice.

LESTER M. DUNCAN (1935-2013)

Lester M. Duncan left this world a better place February 23, 2013. He was born to Earmon Davis & Sallie Duncan May 22, 1935 in Terry County Texas.

Lester was a jack of all trades, but found his true calling in serving the Lord as a minister and missionary for over 40 years in Arkansas, South Africa, Missouri, Kansas, Texas, England, Czechoslovakia, and Siberia.

He touched more lives than we will ever know and we have been blessed to have had him as a husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle.

Lester was preceded in death by his parents and his In-laws David Lee & Ruby Crabtree, and two brothers E.D. & Marvin Duncan. He is survived by his wife of 59 years Wanda Crabtree Duncan, son Les Duncan, wife Shawna, and three daughters Pam Hendrikz, husband Mike, Lanell Graebner, husband Steve, and Kelly Timms, husband Timothy; one granddaughter Lee Graebner, two grandsons Blake Timms & Kei Hendrikz, and two sisters Nellie Mae Smyth and Helen Anglin.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday March 9, 2013 1 pm at A&M Church of Christ in College Station, TX.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations go to one of the following organizations:

1.) Zimbabwe Orphans Program East Point Church of Christ 747 N. 127th St. East. Wichita, KS. 67206,

2.) Hospice Brazos Valley 502 W 26th St Bryan, TX 77803

3.) Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org/donate.

News Briefs

Cub, Bronco and Wildcat fans - Like what you see in the *Brownfield News*' sports pages? Call Brian or Josie at 637-4535 to order color photos in any size.

Softball Coaches Needed - Sign up to coach Terry County Girls Softball by calling Ben Carreon at 891-0956 or JoAnna Dawson at 448-8954.

School board - Wellman-Union ISD's board of trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 5 in the administration room to hear presentations from an architectural firm about a proposed building project and a legal firm about their upcoming bond election.

Energy assistance - The South Plains Community Action Association has received additional funding this year for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program. To apply for help paying for your energy costs, call Monica Warren at 637-3712 or visit the local branch of SPCAA at 111 Ave. D between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Retired Teachers - The Terry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March. 5 at Platinum H Steakhouse, 1316 Tahoka Rd. Guest speaker Linda Billings will offer a presentation about art and healthcare. New and potential members are invited to attend.

Commissioners - Terry County Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, March 11 in the City Hall board room.

City Council - Brownfield City Council will meet at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, March 7 at City Hall council chambers.

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806 E Hill St
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1002 E Broadway
Brownfield, Texas

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5th & Hill Streets
Brownfield, Texas
Pastor - Plutarco Garcia

BAPTIST - SOUTHERN

Calvary Baptist Church
402 West Broadway
Brownfield, Texas

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5 Miles North on Lubbock Hwy
Brownfield, Texas

Faith Chapel Baptist
1120 W Powell Street
Brownfield, Texas

First Baptist Church
219 West Main
Brownfield, Texas

Immanuel Baptist Church
North B & Felt Street
Brownfield, Texas

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905 South 5th St
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1902 Levelland Hwy.
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502 Lubbock Road
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1600 East Hester
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West Tate Church of Christ
220 West Tate St
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Forgiveness isn't a feeling

By Daphne Delay

Last week, I said, "Forgiveness is not a feeling. It's an act of faith."

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5), in response to His instruction to forgive often. And this gets to where we live. Most Christians are like the apostles in the sense that they desire to increase their faith (in every arena), but especially in the area of forgiving those who have wounded or offended you.

Mark Hankins once said, "Those who choose to not forgive burn the bridge over which they themselves must pass."

When I heard that, I immediately had a mental image of what he meant. God and man were once separated by sin. There was a great gulf between them until God sent His Son Jesus to be the bridge between the two. How did He do that? By forgiving man of his sins.

But then after the bridge has been laid and man has access and relationship with God, what if man stands on his side of the bridge and says to God, "I can't forgive" ...? In that case, God isn't being hard when He says, "But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mark 11:26).

I used to be bothered by this scripture. I thought God was being a little harsh to expect us to forgive like Him. He's God--we are not. I figured His ability to forgive came from the fact that He's God. How could He expect us (human as we are) to forgive like Him?

But then I realized: "Those who choose to not forgive burn the bridge over which they themselves must pass." In other words, it's a choice (not a feeling or an ability).

Think about this: When God made Jesus the bridge to reconcile mankind to Himself, what all did we receive? For starters, we received forgiveness of sins, love, peace, hope, soundness of mind, blessings, and much, much more. So when I stand across from God and say, "I can't forgive" then I am essentially blocking everything I need from God to help me forgive.

But on the other hand, when I (as an act of obedience) grit my teeth and do it anyway (because I love God and want to obey and trust His commands), then across that bridge comes love for my enemies, peace for my situation, hope for restoration, freedom from mental attacks, and much, much more.

But only if I first obey.

Forgiveness isn't a feeling. It's a choice. But when I forgive, I am guaranteed God will forgive me also.

CHURCH OF GOD

The Crossing
110 West Hill Street
Brownfield, Texas

Church of God of Prophecy
902 Old Lamesa Rd
Brownfield, Texas

Maranatha
402 South 3rd & Cardwell
Brownfield, Texas

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church
1501 Tahoka Rd
Brownfield, Texas

Asamblea Apostolica de la Fe en Christo Jesus
404 East Lanny Ave.
Brownfield, Texas

EPISCOPAL

Church of the Good Shepherd
304 Lanny Ave
Brownfield, Texas

FOURSQUARE

Living Water
601 Lubbock Rd
Brownfield, Texas

METHODIST

First United Methodist
1004 E Broadway St
Brownfield, Texas

First United Methodist
604 3rd St
Meadow, Texas

NAZARENE

Nazarene Mission
221 South 2nd
Brownfield, Texas

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Abundant Harvest
410 West Broadway
Brownfield, Texas

Alpha & Omega Church
201 East Hill St
Brownfield, Texas

Faith 2 Faith
408 W Main St
Brownfield, Texas
Pastors - Pete & Christy Lucio

Greater Vision Church
905 South 8th Street
Brownfield, Texas

Ministerio Luz y Verdad
104 E Reppto St
Brownfield, Texas

PENTECOSTAL

Light House For The Lost
1614 Levelland Hwy
Brownfield, Texas

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1501 E Tate Street
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