News Briefs

Military families - Please call Josie at 637-4535 to update addresses for your local heroes in our Letters from Home section.

City Council - Brownfield City Council will meet at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, April 1 at City Hall.

Retired Teachers - The Terry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 2 at Platinum Steakhouse, 1316 Tahoka Rd., with a guest presentation by Chief of Police Tony Serbantez. Potential new members are invited to attend.

Boys and Girls Club - The board of directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Brownfield will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, April 1 at the Alamo building.

Commissioners - Terry County Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, March 25 at City Hall.

Quilt Show - The Terry County Quilt Show will be held April 12-13. For more information call 637-4060.

Peanut workshop - A workshop for peanut producers will be held at 8:30 a.m. Friday, March 29 in the Coleman Park Party House.

Donations sought - Brownfield Rehab and Care Center, 510 S. First St., is seeking donations of soil for use in a craft project. Bring pots or bags of soil to the facility of call 637-4307.

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

FedEx Dropoff - A FedEx drop box is now located at Larry's Fryer's investments at 406 W Main St.

Marketing workshop - "Advertising: The Who, What, Where, When, Why of Advertising," the second in a new series of marketing workshops, will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 5 at City Hall. Admission is free and lunch will be provided. RSVP to 637-4060 by April 3.

Obituaries

FRIEDA LONETTE LINDSEY
July 15, 1924 - March 23, 2013

Services for Lonette Lindsey, 88, of Brownfield were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 23, 2013 in the Brownfield Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Rev. Don McWhorter officiating. Burial followed at Terry County Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation was from 6-7 p.m. Friday, March 22, 2013 at Brownfield Funeral Home.

Lonette was born July 15, 1924 in Lake City, Ark., to John Edward and Frieda Stovall. She attended Draughn's Business College. She married Woodson W. Lindsey November 6, 1947 in Brownfield. They were partners with Rogers and Melba Lindsey in the ownership of Lindsey Hardware in Brownfield and Denver City. Lonette was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Edward and Frieda Stovall, and husband, Woodson W. Lindsey.

Lonette is survived by her son, Woody Lindsey and wife, Patti, of Denver City; three daughters, Ann Bell and husband, David, of Abilene, Beth Brian and husband, Randy, of Lubbock, Jane Cook and husband, Farley, of Levelland; 10 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; sister, Arnatta Stovall; cousin, Joe Dorothy Jons; nephew, Phillip Lindsey; and niece, Robin King.

Senior Menus

Brownfield Senior Citizens Center Menus, March 25-29

Monday - Turkey tetrazzini, whole-wheat roll, margarine, carrots and zucchini with dressing, fruit parfait, low-fat milk

Tuesday - Glazed meatloaf, red bliss potatoes, breadsticks, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp, low-fat milk

Wednesday - Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, whole-wheat roll, margarine, emerald pears, low-fat milk

Thursday - Breaded chicken tenders, baked potatoes with sour cream, peas and carrots, strawberries with whipped topping, low-fat milk

Friday - Closed for Good Friday

The Sanchez Family would like to thank everyone for the prayers, love, support and meals brought to us in our time of sorrow.

We would especially like to thank Mr. Joe G Martinez and Mr. Larry Molina and Mr. Randy Anthony.

THANKS,
Michael Sanchez & Family

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201 West Patton
Meadow, Texas

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Main Street & B
Brownfield, Texas

Fuente del Cielo
614 W Tate
Brownfield, Texas

BAPTIST

Bethel Baptist
806 E Hill St
Pastor - Tony Bishop

First Baptist Church
301 West Moorhead
Meadow, Texas

First Baptist Church
Wellman, Texas

Friendship Primitive
Corner of Hill & C
Brownfield, Texas
Pastor - 637-3793

Greater New Hope
1406 North 6th St
Brownfield, Texas

New Life House of Praise
703 North 6th Street
Brownfield, Texas

Nueva Jerusalem *(Bilingual)*
1002 E Broadway
Brownfield, Texas

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

BAPTIST - SOUTHERN

Calvary Baptist Church
402 West Broadway
Brownfield, Texas

Challis Baptist Church
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

Templo Bautista Betel
905 South 5th St
Brownfield, Texas

CATHOLIC

St Anthony's
1902 Levelland Hwy.
Brownfield, Texas

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Brownfield Church of Christ
502 Lubbock Road
Brownfield, Texas

Church of Christ
1600 East Hester
Brownfield, Texas

West Tate Church of Christ
220 West Tate St
Brownfield, Texas

First United Methodist Church

1004 E Broadway • Brownfield

Lead me to the Cross

by Daphne Delay

Lead me to the cross. Hillsong United has a beautiful song by this title. The cross has become a universal symbol, but I wonder how many see it as a place where God's love was poured out? And those of us that do view it as such, do we see it only as the cross of Jesus? Or do we view it as a place we must also be led to... daily.

Paul said, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18). It is obvious that many do not understand the symbolism of the cross. The world wears it as jewelry and hangs it on their walls as home decor. Even cults pervert the cross for their own use. Why? Because its true meaning is foolishness to them. They don't believe it. If they did see it as something sacred, they wouldn't touch it. But the message of the cross itself has become watered down. So much so, that I believe even true Christians have forgotten its power.

We view the cross as something beautiful because it represents that which paid the price to cover our sins. But did you know Paul called the cross an offense? He said, "As for the rumor that I continue to preach the ways of circumcision (as I did in those pre-Damascus Road days), that is absurd. Why would I still be persecuted, then? If I were preaching that old message, no one would be offended if I mentioned the Cross now and then—it would be so watered-down it wouldn't matter one way or the other" (Galatians 5:11, MSG). Watered down. Sound familiar?

God knew its message would get watered down in the centuries to come. But to you and I, it is the power of God. Its message is salvation. It truly is the place where God's love poured out on our behalf. We know the message: "God was pleased to bring everything on earth and in heaven back to Himself through Christ. He did this by making peace through Christ's blood sacrificed on the cross" (Colossians 1:20, God's Word Translation). Jesus paid a great price on the cross. He had first come in the likeness of man, in every way human. And then He did the unthinkable. He shut His mouth and willingly went to the cross.

Is He not our example? If He did it, shouldn't we? I'm not talking about bearing the sins of the human race upon ourselves. I'm talking about shutting our mouth and willingly going to the cross. I'm talking about making ourselves vulnerable at the place where love accepted us. "You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for He forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, He disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by His victory over them on the cross" (Colossians 2:13-15, NLT). When did we begin to look back at the cross instead of always looking forward to it?

Jesus nailed our sins to the cross with His death. This was a past, present, and future act on our behalf. He will never have to go to the cross again—but that is not true for us. If I already possessed a lifetime income, I would still have to go to the utility company on a regular basis to pay for my usage. In the same way, eternal provision has been made for me by Jesus Christ, but day in and day out, I use that provision through grace as a covering for my sin. Therefore, it is imperative that I regularly go to the cross to acknowledge my usage.

We've made a mistake if we think that the cross was a place we "once" visited but never have to visit again. It is not a place in our past, but it is an integral part of our present. Jesus said, "He who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me" (Matthew 10:38). That's not a picture of passing by; that is a picture of carrying it with us. Luke says we must take up our cross DAILY in order to follow Him. Does this mean we are burdened everyday? No, not at all. Paul said, "God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" (Galatians 6:14). Paul understood that taking up his cross daily simply meant to deny the world daily. This would include ways of doing things that are acceptable in the world. It shouldn't be acceptable to the man or woman bearing their cross to also bear bitterness or ugliness. The two shouldn't be found together. And honestly, I don't think we can spiritually carry both. We can't be led to the foot of the cross in humble repentance to receive forgiveness of our sins, only to leave the cross there and pick our ugliness back up to carry with us!

"For there are many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, who walk (and live) as enemies of the cross of Christ (the Anointed One)" (Philippians 3:18, AMP). God, forgive us. Forgive us for forgetting to take up our cross daily. Forgive us for not taking the time to stop and be led to the cross which saved us and is still there to help us work out our salvation. God, forgive us for thinking "I'll do it later... in my pre-arranged quiet time." Forgive us Lord, for knowingly or unknowingly taking it for granted.

I know the Lord does not want us to live at the foot of the cross as if Jesus had not risen from the grave. No, on the contrary, we have a great victory in Christ because He has defeated death and risen again.

I pray we'd cherish the cross. As another song says, "I will cherish the old rugged cross, til my trophies at last I lay down... I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown..."

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Brownfield, Texas

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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

United Pentecostal Church
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