



# The Builder

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## "Storyline... I'm Not The Rich One!"

My friend, **Jody Sykora**, died last night (2/22/10). He was my friend long before he became a faithful church member. When the hospice representative came to the hospital yesterday I was there. And she asked a question that I have heard asked of Jody over a dozen times in the last twenty years: "Are you any kin to the Sykora family in West that have the Ford dealership?" Jody's response was always about the same, "No, they are the rich ones!" It was a running joke!

The truth of the matter, however, is that Jody was the rich one! No, I don't mean that he was wealthy — but he was rich in things that really matter. He was rich in friends, rich in loving relationships, rich in life. He worked hard all of his life and set the example to those who worked with him and those who worked for him; and through the years he has trained many young men, not simply in the field of mechanics or service station work, but in the field of life.

Jody's wife, Linda, has not only been his faithful companion, but for the last several years his primary caregiver. She was a blessing to him and him to her — like two peas in a pod. Their love for each other was easily visible, and once again the example is set for us all to see.

Yes, indeed, he was the rich one. And I am rich because I knew him. I shall miss him greatly.

### **A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR - PETE MOFFATT**

#### **Making ready - Giving our Best**

While watching the Vancouver Winter Olympics, I keep thinking about the amount of dedication required by these world-class athletes so they will be their best. Years of studying the proper techniques and hours of training each day are needed for them to reach their ultimate goal, the gold medal.

As we enter the Lenten season, now is a good time to examine our dedication to the Lord and the advancement of His kingdom. Are we consistently studying His word and applying the lessons taught there to our lives? As Jesus heads for Jerusalem, knowing that a gruesome death awaits, he completes his mission, dying for the forgiveness of our sins. Remembering His sacrifice on our behalf, how can we possibly give Him less than our best?

### **Serving In March**

**Elders:** Pete Moffatt, Linda Tusa

**Worship Leader:** Charles Jefferson

**Deaconess:** Shirley Fuller

**Deacons:** Rhonda Clay, Bruce Leggett, Pete Almanza, Linda Sykora

**Greeters:** Carolyn Wilson, Vivian Helm

**Acolyte:** Venus Almanza

**Building Closing:** John & Sandra Westmoreland

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS (CWF)

Spring Retreat: March 5 - 7 ~ Shelia Leggett will attend. Our annual Valentine Dinner was held February 14 at El Tapatio's Mexican Restaurant with 29 Richfield members attending.

ATTENTION, ALL Richfield ladies: We need your help. NOW is the time to decide what dish you will prepare or which position of help you will hold for our annual tasting luncheon. Sign-up sheets will be available soon. The date is Tuesday, May 4, and the theme is: "Once Upon an Apron; Parsley, Sage, Rosemary...It's Thyme for Lunch!" Blessing Boxes: Daily remembering God's blessings. Our offerings will be turned in Mother's Day. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good." Ps 107:1 Our next meeting will be March 23 (note date change). Please join us.

### Memorials Received

We have received the following memorial gifts to be used to the glory of God and the ministry of Richfield Christian Church.

In Memory of: **Dr. Lee Helm, Jr.**

From: Mary Gresham

In Memory of: **Virginia Taylor**

From: Linda Smith

In Memory of: **Louise Graves**

From: Jerry & Carole Anne Murphy

In Memory of: **Jerry Montgomery**

From: Jerry & Carole Anne Murphy

Price & Barbara Brock

James & Frances Clay

David & Paula Story

Joyce Vanya

Patsy Swatek

Clint & Inez Montgomery

Jack & Nancy Munson

Margaret Latimer

Valera Labit

Bill & Shirley Fuller

Minor & Vivian Helm

Pete & Deena Moffatt

Rachel Moffatt

John & Sandra Westmoreland

Charles & Connie Jefferson

Chick & Lloyd Lewis

In Memory of: **Jody Sykora**

From: Clint & Inez Montgomery

David & Paula Story

In Memory of: **Ruby Beene**

From: Jerry & Carole Anne Murphy

In Memory of: **Wanda Moran**

From: Jerry & Carole Anne Murphy

In Memory of: **Evelyn Koch**

From: David & Paula Story

In Memory of: **Don Montgomery**

From: Jerry & Carole Anne Murphy

Price & Barbara Brock

James & Frances Clay

David & Paula Story

Joyce Vanya

Patsy Swatek

Clint & Inez Montgomery

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Pete & Deena Moffatt

Rachel Moffatt

Charles & Connie Jefferson

Chick & Lloyd Lewis

In Memory of: **Evelyn Koch**

From: Clint & Inez Montgomery

David & Paula Story

## For Your Care and Concern

Adams, Carol	Labit, Valera
Anderson, Bob	Laird, Peggy
Beaver, Norma	Long, Dewayne
Basquez, Lupe	Lothlen, Glenn
Benson, Christian	Lothlen, Patsy
Boatright, Jaiden	Maxon, Eric
Boyd, Mildred	Maynard, Ginna
Bratten, Don	McGee, Lynda
Brock, Barbara	Moffatt, Rachel
Burge, Susan	Moix, Zachary
Burns, Marian	Moore, Tommy
Cargile, Melvin	Moran, Wanda
Catchings, Art	Munson, Jim
Catchings, Nial	Painter, Todd
Christian, Jere	Parker, Mildred
Church, Inga	Patterson, Peggy
Clay, James	Pearson, Brandy
Copeland, Teresa	Phillips, Jimmy
Davis, Carol	Pryor, June
Davis, Don	Quinlan, Dan
Davis, Josh	Quinn, Michael
Dewlen, Al	Richardson, Steve
Dewlen, Lucille	Riddle, Imogene
Duncan, Mark	Rivera, Candace
Easterling, Maurine	Robertson, Janet
Foster, Brie	Salsiccia, Connie
Fuller, Hester	Sancillo, Wanda
Evans, Debbie	Shreeve, Judy
Garvin, Charlotte	Skinner, Jim
Glasscock, Mike	Smith, Glenn
Gleissner, Nicholas	Smithson, Randy
Hancock, Patricia	Snyder, Shawna
Helm, Bea	Spears, Betty
Hill, Sandra	Stidvent, Vivian
Holcomb, Marvin	Story, Grant
Horner, Davis	Story, Joleta
Houston, Peggy	Thompson, Gypsy
Howze, Frank	Urbel, David
Hurd, Sarah	Vernon, Robert
Johnson, Randie	Wallace, Anita
Jones, Patsy	Wallace, Mary
Jordan, Marie	Wingard, John
Kattness, Michael	Woodard, Ann
Keck, Don	Yates, Phillip
Kellley, Caleb	
Kelley, Linda	
Kerey, Glynnis	
Knowles, Kenneth	

## AMONG OUR PEOPLE

### To Remember in Prayer

**Teresa Copeland** is waiting on a doctor's report for her heart condition. **Max Vargas** is home recuperating. **James Clay** continues to suffer from respiratory distress. **Marie Jordan** is doing a little better but still having blood pressure issues. **Grant Story** continues his rehab at home. **Art Catchings** (Joyce Vanya's brother-in-law) diagnosed with acute leukemia, continues treatment. **Connie Salsiccia** (a friend of the McCord family) receiving radiation and chemo. **Rachel Moffatt** is responding to the medication and is doing better. **Michelle Holle** celebrated her 4-year-cancer-free anniversary. **Norma Beaver** is recuperating at home following her knee joint replacement. **Tommy Moore** (Laura Hack's son-in-law) diagnosed with prostate cancer and is receiving treatment. **Mike Glasscock** (Frances Clay's cousin) diagnosed with cancer. **Catherine Crane** is in California caring for her daughter who recently had surgery. **Barbara Brock** had successful knee-joint replacement and will be going for rehab this week.

Congratulations to grandparents, Tom and Vivian Stidvent on the birth of their granddaughter, **Ava Louise Stidvent**. She weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. and was 20" long. All are well.

Serving in Iraq: **Tony Ramirez** (James McCord's nephew), **Josh Denton** (Martha Corley's grandson)

Serving in Afghanistan: Curtis Clark (friend of Joyce Vanya), Tyler Webb (friend of Debbie Webb), Kyle Ward (Norma Beaver's grandson)

Pray for all of these and pray for the **parents** of our congregation and parents around the world as they lead their families in **building Christian homes**.

## "Let's Go Green" First Sunday Fellowship! - March 7

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the Baylor Bears, the Membership Ministry will host the first Sunday Fellowship in March. Please bring your favorite salad, entrée or dessert to serve your family plus one more person. The youth will be having a Bake Sale fundraiser. You can purchase baked goods for the upcoming weeks before Easter or to enjoy now.

## EDUCATION MINISTRY NEWS

Mark your calendars now for Richfield's annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 3. More details will follow in the church bulletin.

### Monthly Bible Verse

2 Corinthians 1:5 - "For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ."

### *"AREA ASSEMBLY COMING TO FCC - GRANBURY"*

The Trinity-Brazos Area Assembly is scheduled for **Sunday, April 25**, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Granbury, Texas. It provides an opportunity for us to connect with other Disciple Churches in the Area for worship, fellowship and study. **Dr. Joey Jeter** is the keynote speaker, and the **cost is \$12 per person**. Watch for more information in the church bulletin.

## SYMPATHY EXTENDED

We extend our deep sympathy to: Elaine Taylor Murphy and family in the death of her mother, **Virginia Taylor**, whose memorial service was held in Waco; to Clint & Inez Montgomery and family in the death of his son, **Jerry Montgomery** and his brother, **Don Montgomery** (Jerry's service was held in Austin and Don's service was held in Waco); to Max Bunting and family in the death of Max's sister, **Evelyn Koch** (her service was held in Illinois); and to Linda Sykora and family in the death of her husband, **Jody Sykora**, whose service was held in Waco.

## PERSONAL THANKSGIVINGS

To my Richfield Family,

Thank you so much for all your cards. You are a very special and caring family. I will treasure your cards throughout the years to come. Love, Bea Helm

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To the Richfield Church Family: Losing a second son, **Jerry**, and a brother, **Don**, within the same week is heartbreaking to say the least...but the sweet words of comfort in your cards, notes, phone calls; and your attendance and hugs at visitation and Don's funeral service helped make it bearable. Inez and I know that a mere "Thank You" is not adequate to express our love and appreciation to each of you; but perhaps someday someone will coin just the right words for times like these. Probably not when HUGS do it so well.

Clint and Inez

## CUB SCOUT PACK 403 - ACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Pack 403 celebrated the Boy Scouts of America's 100th birthday on Saturday, February 20. There were approximately 75 people in attendance. Congratulations to Anthony Pena who completed all of his requirements for Cub Scouts. At the banquet he crossed over to Boy Scouts and will now be a part of our Boy Scout troop with Max Vargas. We also want to thank all of the Richfield members who joined us at the banquet.

Steve Rosas was inducted as Pack 403 Cub Master. Our previous Cub Master, Mr. Salazar, has moved to another unit.

In March our younger boys will be going to Baylor to go bowling and the older boys will get a special visit by the KWTX weatherman, Brady Taylor.

We are looking forward to warmer weather so that we can plan our outdoor activities.

Kayla Rosas, Committee Chair, Pack 403

## ***THANKSGIVING RECEIVED***

Our Mission and Outreach Ministry has received "thank you" notes from the following organizations that are posted on the bulletin board in the Information Hallway for you to read at your leisure:

From: *Disciples Crossing (church camp in Athens), The Salvation Army, The Gideons and the Advocacy Center*

## ALL ABOUT THE YOUTH

**Special Dates:** **March 7** - Bake Sale; **April** - Lock In - Easter Egg Hunt; **May** - Potato Luncheon; **June** VBS; **July 10 - 17** Mission Trip

I will be doing surprise attack events, so if you don't want to miss out then you need to start being present. (I know, parents, that it is difficult to plan, but these events and fun things will be scheduled during youth time). Please watch carefully in the newsletters, bulletins, emails and Sunday morning announcements so you will know if times have changed.

My contact information: Cell Phone: 214-335-6281 / email: amy\_sutton@baylor.edu

Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 - 1:00

If we need to meet, please let me know so we can arrange a time fitting for both of us. THE PARENT COUNCIL — Rhonda Clay, Kayla Rosas, Staci Jay, Teresa Copeland and Melissa Almanza — will be good contacts to have as they will be calling people to remind parents and kids of upcoming meetings.

Amy

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## FACTS AND FIGURES

<b>Attendance:</b>	Jan. 31 - 95
	Feb. 7 - 129
	Feb. 14 - 109
	Feb. 21 - 94
<b>Giving 1/31</b>	
General Fund	\$ 3,084.02
Building Fund	\$ 30.00
<b>Giving 2/7</b>	
General Fund	\$ 3,595.14
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
<b>Giving 2/14</b>	
General Fund	\$ 3,284.50
Building Fund	\$ 60.00
<b>Giving 2/21</b>	
General Fund	\$ 2,030.36
Building Fund	20.00

## MISSION STATEMENT

*"As members of the body of Christ known as Richfield Christian Church, we believe that we are called to share the Good News that leads people to Jesus Christ; called to provide a place of worship, spiritual support and nurture to all who come; called to support the growth and development of outreach and mission at home and abroad; and called to help train and educate those persons chosen by God to service in ministry, both lay and ordained - so help us God."*

## GIDEON OFFERING UPDATE

We celebrated Gideon Sunday on February 21 and collected **\$281.00** as a special offering to support the distribution of Gideon Bibles and New Testaments. Thank you for your generosity.

David McMahan, Outreach Chair