



# THE BUILDER

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## Storyline... Thirty-Five Years!

Where did the time go? It seems like only yesterday that Paula, Shelley, Grant and I were unloading furniture at the old parsonage on Meadow Road. Grant was only four months old, so he didn't do much unloading. Shelley was three years old and her job was to watch Grant. That was thirty-five years ago and just a week before I took the pulpit for the first time on August 15, 1976. A lot of water has passed under the bridge and a lot of changes have taken place in our lives — yours, mine and ours.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve this church and to do all I could to make it, with your help, into a family. In times that I have failed, I beg your forgiveness. In times that I might have succeeded, I ask that you celebrate with me the occasions of God's blessings that make us who we are. No one knows what tomorrow holds, but we do know who holds tomorrow.

Meet me around the Lord's Table this week, won't you?

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## A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR - LINDA TUSA

I thought this was worth sharing. "It was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold. The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions. After a while, they decided to distance themselves from one another and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the earth. Wisely they decided to go back together; they learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship in order to receive the warmth that came from others. This way they were able to survive."

Moral: The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but rather when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities.

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## Serving In September

**Elders:** Linda Tusa, Kayla Rosas

**Worship Leader:** Charles Jefferson

**Deaconess:** Shirley Fuller

**Deacons:** Pete Almanza, Rhonda Clay, J.T.Copeland, Angie Goette

**Greeters:** Barbara Wilson, Jake Blankinship

**Acolyte:** Venus Almanza

**Building Closing:** Jerry Murphy, Carole Anne Murphy

## 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: **Al Dewlen**

From: Clint & Inez Montgomery

Jack & Nancy Munson

Jerry & Carole Anne Murphy

From: Tom & Vivian Stidvent

Minor & Vivian Helm

## CUB SCOUT NEWS

Our cub scouts will begin their weekly meetings in the fellowship hall on Thursday, September 1, at 6:00 p.m. We had a great summer and will now be focused on moving the boys up to their next rank requirement.

We invite any boy attending 1st grade through 5th grade to come and visit us on Thursdays to see if they would like to join cub scouts. We will hold recruitment rallies throughout the month of September at various elementary schools.

Our first awards ceremony will be Thursday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m., and we invite all Richfield members to attend.

Kayla Rosas, Committee Chair - Pack 403

## Boy Scout News

Troop meetings will resume on Thursday, September 8, at 6:00. Troop 403 will be selling popcorn for their yearly fundraiser. They will begin taking orders on September 10, and they will also have their Show 'N' Sell tables set up on Saturdays at the following locations:

Office Depot, 5524 Bosque - 9/3, 9/10, 9/17 - from 8-5

Walgreens, 4100 Bosque - 9/24, 10/1, 10/8 - from 8-5

Our scouts will be attending Baylor Merit Badge College on October 29 and November 19. This is their opportunity to earn required merit badges while working towards their Eagle Scout Rank.

Angela Vargas, Committee Chair

## Address and Phone Corrections

New Address: Tom & Vivian Stidvent, 107 Eagle Mountain Cove, Georgetown, TX 78633  
- phone: 512.591.7436

New Address: Ann Woodard, 5400 Laurel Lake Dr. #207N, Waco - 76710

New Phone # - Laura Hack, 716.5452

Corrected Address: Christa and Mark Dancer, 2737 Live Oak, Waco - 76708

## For Your Care and Concern

Adams, Carol	Knowles, Kenneth
Anderson, Bob	Laird, Peggy
Anderson, Brynn	Long, Dewayne
Basquez, Lupe	Lothlen, Glenn
Benson, Christian	Lothlen, Patsy
Bigham, Travis	Martinez, Anselmo
Boatright, Jaiden	Maxon, Eric
Bratten, Don	Maynard, Ginna
Burge, Susan	McCance, Richard
Burns, Marian	McFarling, Kristi
Cargile, Melvin	McMahan, David
Castro, Dolores	McGee, Lynda
Catchings, Nial	McKim, Carol
Christian, Jerre	McLellan, Kendall
Church, Inga	Moffatt, Rachel
Clay, James	Moix, Zachary
Clouatre, Gary	Montgomery, George
Cook, Beverly	Moore, Tommy
Davis, Don	Moses, John
Davis, Josh	Munson, Kathy
Dawson, Karen	O'Conner, Mary
Derrick, Charlie	Organ, Marshall
Devault, Danielle	Painter, Todd
Dickson, Wendal	Patterson, Peggy
Duncan, Mark	Pearson, Brandy
Eason, Larry	Picard, Jana
Evans, Debbie	Pilla, Steve
Nicholas Flowers	Pryor, June
Foster, Brie	Quinlan, Dan
Fredrich, Karen	Quinn, Michael
Fuller, Hester	Richardson, Steve
Gleissner, Nicholas	Robertson, Janet
Hack, Laura	Saucedo, Nelda
Hancock, Patricia	Shreeve, Judy
Harper, Lindsey	Skinner, Jim
Helm, Bea	Smith, Glenn
Herholtz, Bill	Snyder, Shawna
Hill, Sandra	Stidvent, Vivian
Horner, Davis	Story, Grant
Houston, Peggy	Story, Joleta
Ibarra, Samantha	Tooker, Cindy
Jones, Brandie	Urbel, David
Jones, Patsy	Vernon, Robert
Jordan, Marie	Wallace, Mary
Judd, Marsha	Whalia, Teresa
Kattness, Michael	Wilson, Bob
Keck, Don	Wogg, Gina
Kelley, Caleb	Woodard, Ann
Kelley, Linda	Yates, Phillip

## AMONG OUR PEOPLE

### To Remember in Prayer

**Bob Wilson** continues to receive therapy at Regent Care in Waco. **Patsy Lothlen** is receiving therapy at St. Catherine's but is due to be released this week. **David McMahan** is now home and has been in church the last two Sundays. At this writing, **Doris Surface** is a patient at Providence Hospital. **James Clay** is still fighting with respiratory issues. **Jana Picard**, a frequent visitor to Richfield, had a major surgical procedure in San Antonio. She is recovering at home. **Marshall Organ** is a patient at Regent Care for therapy.

*Serving in Kuwait:* Sgt. Joseph Thorn

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**.

## Thank-You Notes

Dear Richfield Family,

Thank you so much for your love and support in the loss of my granny — I love this church family. She left quite a legacy, and I hope to make a difference in someone's life as she did mine. Much love.

Angie Goette

To all my friends at Richfield Christian Church: One never knows just how many friends they really have. If the overwhelming volume of visits, cards and calls that I received during my recent hospital stay is any indication, I have a bunch. I am truly humbled and wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. I love you all.

David McMahan

## Sympathy Extended

*We extend our sympathy to Lucille Dewlen in the loss of her husband, Al Dewlen. His memorial service was held in Waco.*

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

My first month as Youth Director has been a very busy and fruitful month! I have had great attendance in Sunday School, Wednesday evening Bible study, and our swimming outing to Belton. My heart smiles each time I get the opportunity to be with these young people, and I would like to offer this church family my thanksgiving for your support.

Congratulations to the youth on the "Build A Sandwich" fundraiser, which was held on August 14! We raised \$582.00 for the youth fund! Thank you, kids and parents, for all your hard work. A special thanks goes to our church family for attending and contributing. Also, we want to express our thanks to Jake Blankinship for his matching donation.

Also congratulations to Venus Almanza in her promotion on August 28 into the CYF. I am very pleased and excited to have her join our "older" youth Sunday School class and Wednesday evening Bible study meetings.

Once again here is my contact information: Angie Goette

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My official church office hours will be Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from 12:00 noon - 2:00

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

\*Sunday, September 18 - JYF (all kiddos up through 5th grade) - 1-5p.m. Cameron Park Zoo

\*Sunday, September 25, CYF (all kiddos 6th—12th grade) - 1-5p.m. Cameron Park Zoo

\*For both days, we will bring a sack lunch to eat at the church right after worship and leave from the church at 12:45.

Watch for the sign-up sheet with more information.

See ya Sunday... *Angie*

## CWF - CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

*"COME TOGETHER FOR CHRIST"*

Salad Supper Meeting - Tuesday, September 20 - Fellowship Hall

CWF invites all women of Richfield to join us for our first meeting. Bring a salad to be shared. This will be a time to meet our officers for this year and learn about our goals as we have fellowship with one another.

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Heb. 10:25

Blessing Boxes will be given out after the morning service on September 25. They represent an offering given in recognition of our abundance, a spiritual discipline of giving out of gratitude for God's blessings. Fifty percent of the offering supports International Disciples Women's Ministries. We invite all members to participate.

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## FACTS AND FIGURES

<b>Attendance:</b>	Aug 7 -	111
	Aug 14 -	120
	Aug 21 -	109
	Aug 24 -	104

### **Giving 8/7/11**

General Fund	\$ 4,901.76
Building Fund	\$ 3.00

### **Giving 8/14/11**

General Fund	\$ 3,848.23
Building Fund	\$ 50.00

### **Giving 8/21/11**

General Fund	\$ 2,752.00
Building Fund	\$ 40.00

### **Giving 8/28/11**

General Fund	\$ 1,816.75
Building Fund	35.00

## 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."*

## First Sunday Fellowship

The first Sunday fellowship will be held this Sunday, September 4, following worship and is hosted by the Outreach Ministry. Please bring enough food for your family and one other person and join us for this time of fellowship.

David McMahan, Outreach Ministry Chair