

THE PRIME TIMES

FIRST WOODWAY SENIOR ADULT NEWSLETTER

Beyond Getting Even!

Bro. Roy Marshall

"Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it!" - Romans 12:19 (MSG)

Sometimes people hurt us with the words they say or the actions they take. When this happens, the spiritual sickness of bitterness can overwhelm your spirit. Bitterness will consume your soul; it is dangerous to your emotional health. It can destroy you if you let it - so don't let it. Get beyond getting even and bitterness.

If you are caught up in intense feelings of anger or resentment, you know all too well the destructive power of these emotions. How can you rid yourself of these feelings? First, you must prayerfully ask God to cleanse your heart. Then you must learn to catch yourself whenever thoughts of bitterness or hatred begin to attack you. Your challenge is this: You must learn to resist negative thoughts before they hijack your emotions.

Matthew 5:22 teaches us that if we judge our brothers and sisters, we, too, will be subject to judgment. Instead, let's forgive them and love them, while leaving their judgment to a far more capable authority: the One who sits on His throne in heaven.

Tip for the Day: Blaming others is easy and usually wrong. Fixing mistakes is harder, but it's usually right! Fix some mistakes today and get beyond bitterness or getting even!
You'll be much happier.

"Give me such love for God and men as will blot out all hatred and bitterness!" - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

GoodTimers

"Cowboy Up" Roundup!

Tuesday, October 11

Worship Center

6:00 pm



In the spirit of the Heart of Texas Fair & Rodeo week, we are going to celebrate "cowboy" style! Put on your jeans & western clothes, your cowboy boots & hat & be a part of our "Cowboy Up" Roundup! The chuckwagon menu for the night is Uncle Dan's Barbecue Brisket/Sausage, Beans, Potato Salad & all the fixings, followed by delicious desserts prepared by your fellow GoodTimers. The cost is only \$10 per person, paid by cash or check at the door.

Our entertainment will be a very special "cowboy" program presented by Gary Penney, The Cowboy Poet! Since 2008, Gary has performed his cowboy poetry & harmonica playing all over Texas & the US. He even performed at the National Cowboy Poetry Rodeo in Abilene, Kansas where he took home the golden belt buckle for best performance. Turn in your reservation when your group leader calls, fill out the online form, OR call the church office & give your reservations to the receptionist (772-9696).

First Woodway Senior Adult Thanksgiving & PraiseFest



Tuesday, November 15th
Worship Center
6:00 pm

Ticket sales for our Senior Adult Thanksgiving & Praisefest begin on October 1! This year's Senior Adult Banquet will focus on giving thanks for how God has blessed us with such great talent. We will enjoy an evening of praise featuring Gary Rhodes & the worship team: Casey Sadler, Heather Scott, & the Tuckers, just to name a few. Our pastor, Dr. Sands, will be sharing a word of devotion as we focus on giving glory to God for His wonderful blessings! You won't want to miss this special evening of thanksgiving.

Our meal (catered by Secret Chef) will be Turkey & Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, rolls & a variety of pies. The cost for the tickets will be \$15.00 each with ticket sales closing on November 9th. You may buy & pick up your tickets at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings OR in the church office during office hours.

Heaven's Front Porch Waxahachie Day Trip

Saturday, November 5th
2:00 pm

So many enjoyed last years' performance of Heaven's Front Porch that they requested we go again! Join your friends as you are ushered back in time to the early 20th century & we relive great gospel songs & hymns that you enjoyed in those nostalgic, white-framed churches years ago. A 15-member cast will present this time through solos, duets, & group numbers in fun stories & church life memories. A cost of only \$15 per ticket will include your transportation to Waxahachie and this wonderful program. If interested, call the church office to get on the reservation list (seating limited). Payment is due by October 31.

Opportunities for Growth & Fellowship

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

- Tuesdays
- Coffee Shop, McGregor
- 8:00 am

GSS Men's Bible Study

- Fridays
- The Venue
- 7:30 am

Anna's Friends (Widows + Single Women's Lunch)

- Tuesdays
- George's - Hewitt
- 11:30 am

Chair Pilates (Senior Adult Exercise)

- Mondays & Fridays
- MAC
- 10:15 am

Save the date:

Dec 13 : GoodTimers: Feliz Navidad
Worship Center 6:00 pm

Dec 8: Christmas Lights 5:00 pm



Stay Updated!

- Weekly **Woodway News** email
- **The Memo** – printed & published quarterly
- **Prime Times Newsletter** – published monthly, online & printed at the Welcome Desk, church office, & Life Groups
- The Senior Adult **Website**

For more information, you may call the church office at 254-772-9696

GoodTimers Booklet Information

We are in the process of updating the information for our GoodTimer's booklets. Because of the wonderful growth we had last year, we will be adding new groups as well as correcting any information that has changed or needs to be updated. If you have any change of information or corrections, please call the church office so we can make those changes. New books will be printed & available at the January 2023 GoodTimer's meeting.

Wednesday Night Saints

Volunteers deliver meals to our homebound on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm & have a word of prayer with them. There is absolutely no cost to the recipients - it is just our way to communicate that we love & care for them. If you know any homebound person who could benefit from this ministry, or if you would like to volunteer to deliver, please call Wanda Glaze at (254) 537-2380.

Prime Time Sunday Life Groups

8:15 am

Choir Room: Stewart, Lindsey & Purdy
Room 210-211: Rogers, Hoeffner, & Wolfe
Room 217-218: Norris & Moseman
Room 317-318: Eichelberger

11:00 am

Rooms 116: Cotton
Room 203: Saul
Rooms 210-211: Miller & Williams
Rooms 217-218: Childs & Bailey
Rooms 301-302: Pausky

5:00 pm

Sunday Evening Worship: Choir Suite

Award-Winning Recipe

Each month, we will be publishing an award-winning recipe from one of our GoodTimers for you to enjoy! You may never know when our judge may walk up to you & say that your recipe will be featured in our next Prime Times edition. For our 2nd feature, these delicious cookies (anonymous donor) were a hit at our September GoodTimers meeting!

Best Big Fat Chewy Chocolate Chip Cookies

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease cookie sheet or line with parchment paper.

Sift together:

- 2 cups flour
- ½ Teaspoon of baking soda
- ½ Teaspoon of salt

Set aside.

Cream together until blended:

- ¾ cup of unsalted butter, melted
- 1 cup of brown sugar
- ½ cup white sugar

Beat in until light and creamy:

- 1 Tablespoon of Vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 egg yolk

ACROSS

2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
5. Blessed are the ____, for they will see God.
6. Blessed are those who ___ after righteousness.
7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the ___, for they will inherit the earth.
9. Blessed are those who ____, for they will be filled.

Directions:

Mix in the dry ingredients until blended.

Stir in 2 cups of chocolate chips by hand using a wooden spoon.

Drop ¼ cup at a time onto prepared cookie sheet. Cookies should be 3" apart.

Bake 15-17 minutes in preheated oven, or until edges are lightly toasted.

Cool on baking sheet for a few minutes before transferring them to a wire rack to cool.

Yield: 20-22 large cookies

Puzzle Corner

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword.

Answers are based on **Matthew 5:1-13 (NIV)**.

DOWN

1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.

