

GENE NORTON MOVING TO TEXAS

Along with the thank you note that appears elsewhere in *The Gospel Guide*, **Gene Norton's** son, **Terry**, included this note: "**Sherry** and I are moving Gene to our hometown of Huntsville, Texas. We are excited to have Dad six minutes away instead of six hours away. He is moving into a brand new assisted living community. He deserves nothing but the best. This is a courageous move for Gene, one he is very excited about. Your continued support and prayers are appreciated during this transition. His last day in Shawnee is Saturday, February 15. His new address is:

Gene Norton
Crescent Assisted Living, Apt. #132
1433 Veterans Memorial Parkway
Huntsville, TX 77340."

Gene and Dorothy Norton were members at Central for more than sixty years. For the majority of those years, Gene served first as a deacon and then as an elder. This congregation is greatly indebted to those two for their many years of service to God and His children. We will miss Gene, but we also understand that this move is in his best interest. Our love and prayers go with him to Huntsville, and we look forward to hearing from him often.

D. Dennis

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

We were recently delighted to learn that **Colton Roberts** was baptized into Christ while visiting back home in Arkansas during the Christmas holidays. He has been considering this very important decision for a number of months and has genuinely appreciated all your expressions of encouragement. Colton and **Taylor** will be transferred to another location in the near future. We regret losing them so soon. Our prayers go with them for a life faithful to Christ in the years to come.



A MESSAGE FROM THE ELDERS

This Sunday, February 16th, we will be distributing membership involvement surveys. Each member is encouraged to prayerfully consider their talents and interests and complete the survey. The areas of work that you wish to be involved in will be passed on to the deacons who will be happy to get you involved using your talents in service to God. God has blessed our Central family with so many talents so please prayerfully consider the blessings that God has given you and be prepared to share those blessings with others here and in the community.

THANK YOU NOTES

On behalf of **Gene Norton** and family, we wanted to extend our heartfelt thank you for the prayers, flowers, visits, cards, phone calls and words of encouragement and support for Gene and family. A special thank you for **Dwyane Dennis, Dale Beard**, the **Elders** (pall bearers), and to all involved in preparing and serving the luncheon, the service and meal was fantastic and greatly appreciated.

Dear Central Family, Thank you for the wonderful shower and generous contributions to the group gift. We feel so blessed to have such a good Christian family and are so happy that Baby **Emmaline** will be loved by so many. **Austin and Alex Beard**

My thanks and appreciation for the prayers, calls and visits while in the hospital over the Christmas holidays. It's a comforting thought to know that there are those in God's family who are praying to God for one's recovery. **Chuck Carter**



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The **Central Men** (of all ages) will have breakfast together this Saturday the 15th at 9:00 AM in the fellowship room. Please join us for good food and fellowship. See **Dale Beard** if you have any questions.

YOUTH NEWS

By **Nathan Kelly**

LTC is in full swing now. After all the snow, we are able to continue practicing again. I ask that you keep updated on the schedules so the kids miss as little of practices as possible. Also, we have an AWTG at Seminole on Sunday (2/16). Kylee and I will be in Tulsa, so **Craig McKnight** will be driving you. The van will leave at 4:15.

This week my sister-in-law and brother-in-law leave for a 5 year missionary trip to Brazil. It's going to be tough to watch them leave, but it's going to be even worse for Kylee. I want you to think about what you would have to give up to be a missionary. Last Sunday we looked at **Malachi 3:10**, about challenging God by giving as much as you can and letting Him prove He will provide. We usually think about just giving money, which is what it says in the scripture, but its more than money. It's time. Say a little prayer for all those missionaries who have given up money and are devoting so much time to God's will.

THE GREAT DEBATE

We have rescheduled the showing of the debate between **Bill Nye the Science Guy** and creationist **Ken Ham**. Everyone is invited to come see this debate in our auditorium at 6 PM, Friday, February 21.

Carpenter Place
Germany
Haiti Children's Home
Hope Harbor Children's Home
Liflyfield Christian & Adoption
Nicaragua
Philippines
Search
Southern Africa Bible College
Tipton Home
Westview Boys Home



Helping Local People
Various Disaster Relief

HOUSE PARENTS NEEDED

Hope Harbor Children's Home is currently seeking a Christian couple to serve as house parents. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer or visit their website at www.hopeharborinc.org.

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Bob Allen, Kyrian Anderson (8 year old friend of the Hyde's, diagnosed with Leukemia) Ruth Autrey, Chad Beard, Bob Bivins, Nancy Burlison, Betty Caldwell (sister of Linda Carpenter), Harold Carothers, Blake Carter (great grandson of Sue Merritt), Sherri Collins, Norma Cowden, Thelma Divine, Robert Donaldson (Vivian Cross's brother), Babe Doyle, Norma Edgmon, Mary Jo Fleming, Fredith Hanifan, Norma Holt (Carl Holt's sister-in-law), Louise Honaker, Mariella Jacobs, John Johnston, Cindy Monday (friend of Rita Romberg), Patti Morgan (niece of Burl Vanlandingham), Thearlene Morris, Gene Norton, Rachel O'Neal, Addyson & Savannah Paine (twin great granddaughters of Wayne & Patti Spencer), Andy Peerson (brother to Royce Peerson), Alice Rice, Sue Riedel, Naomi Rutledge, Rhetta Smith, Sarah Smith, Dorothy Strickland, John Sullivan, Emma White, Iva Williams (mother of Cathy Rose) and Selene Williams (daughter of Craig & Michelle McKnight). All these members and friends have continuing health concerns or other special circumstances.

They appreciate your interest and prayers.



*God wants spiritual fruit
not religious nuts.*

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S WORKSHOP

The **48th Annual Christian Women's Workshop** will be held Tuesday, March 11th at the Southwest church of Christ, 3031 SW 104th ST. OKC from 9:00 AM to 11:45 AM with a free salad luncheon following. For more information please see the bulletin board in the foyer or call Southwest church of Christ at 405-378-3939.

LOOKING AHEAD

FEBRUARY 12—Ladies Class meets at 10:30 AM with luncheon to follow

FEBRUARY 13 - Valentine Dinner at **LaDonna's**—6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 14 - Youth Valentine Party

FEBRUARY 15—Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Room

FEBRUARY 16— AWTG at Seminole, leaving at 4:00 PM

FEBRUARY 16— LTC Practice

FEBRUARY 17 - Sonshine Sisters at **Debbie Taffe's** home

FEBRUARY 21—Showing of debate 6:00 PM

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CENTRAL'S ASSEMBLIES
BRING A FRIEND AND ATTEND

SUNDAY		9:30 A.M.	
BIBLE STUDY		10:30 A.M.	
WORSHIP		5:00 P.M.	
SUNDAY EVENING			
WEDNESDAY			
LADIES BIBLE CLASS		10:00 A.M.	
MID-WEEK CLASSES		7:00 P.M.	

The Lord shall guide thee continually and satisfy thy soul. Isaiah 58:11

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY
These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily... (Acts 17:11)

SEARCH PROGRAMS:

- FEB 2** "Accountable to God"
- FEB 9** "Freedom in Christ"
- FEB 16** "What Have You Done?"
- FEB 23** "Be Wise"

Sundays at 7:30 AM on KSBI

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Bible School	108
Worship Service	178
Sunday Evening	118
Wednesday Evening	92
Contribution	\$6125.25

SERVING THE CONGREGATION
February 16, 2014

Announcements: Bob Perry
Opening Prayer: Jim Pettyjohn
Song Director: Dwyane Dennis
Scripture Reading: Ron Taffe
Sermon: Jimmy Hyde
Closing Prayer: Brian Nipper

SERVING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

NORTH	SOUTH
Austin Beard	Jim Walling
Eric Park	Tracy Gettle

AT THE BACK OF AUDITORIUM

Jim Carpenter	Ron Dunavan
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USHERS

Bob Stephens	Craig McKnight
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GREETERS

Foyer: Bob & Janet Stephens
Elevator: Craig & Michelle McKnight

NURSERY ATTENDANT
Jennifer Lawrence

ASSISTING OUTSIDE ELEVATOR DOOR
Geoff Root

PROJECTION CONTROL

Scott Perry	Ken Whittington
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EVENING WORSHIP

Opening Prayer: Ron Taffe
Song Director: Dwyane Dennis
Scripture Reading: Ken Whittington
Sermon: Jimmy Hyde
Closing Prayer: Dale Beard

SERVING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

NORTH	SOUTH
Jon Merritt	Michael Michener

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE
Classes for All Ages

Song Director: Michael Michener
Devotional: Cary Leonard

VAN DRIVER
Tracy Gettle

If you are unable to serve this week, please notify
FRANK ROMBERG—273-1297



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Jim Pettyjohn
Bob Stephens

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Jim Cross
Tracy Gettle
Craig McKnight
Michael Michener
Scott Perry
Frank Romberg
Ron Taffe

SECRETARY:
Michelle McKnight

CUSTODIANS:
Jim & Vivian Cross

FAMILY NEWS

We have several of our church family with health issues right now. I want to encourage you to be in prayer, make calls, and write cards to encourage them and let them know we love them. We also have some great fellowship opportunities ahead. The annual trip to La Donna's is coming up Thursday the 13th. We also have our Men's Breakfast Saturday, the 15th here at the church building at 9 am.

God Given Gifts

This coming Sunday we will consider the gifts that God has given us and the calling to invest our gifts in His work. Our Shepherds will pass out a Servant Survey for everyone in our church family to fill out and return to them. This is an opportunity for you to consider what talents God has given you and where you can put those to work. Be in prayer this week about God's calling you to minister to people by using the talents He has given you.

May we never have to hear these words of Jesus spoken to us:
"For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 25:28-30

Join us this Sunday morning as we seek to gain a greater understanding of God's gifts and what He has called us to in using them.

We talked this past Sunday about the Coconut of Patience and how we can grow in patience when we seek to live by the Spirit and put our trust in God. Living life for our God frees us from anxiety and impatience because we are living according to His timing. Have a great week and be used by God to do great things.

Your brother
Jimmy Hyde

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