

**Elders**

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Steve Cothron  
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 John Foster  
 Brian Hodnett  
 Jonathan Lytle  
 Josh Webb  
 Brad West

**Minister**

Philip Sims

**WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS**

**Sunday, May 5**  
 To Serve at the Lord's Table

Terry Blanks	Lonnie Meredith
Bob Earles	Jackie Wilcox
Brad West (A)	Luke Griffin (A)

**Prayers:** Justin Cox  
 Robbie Peiser

**Communion Talk:** Woody Turnbow

**Song Leader:** Brian Hodnett

**Sound Booth:** Tom Long

**Young Men to pass out Visitor Cards:**  
 Jaxon Allen  
 Kason Hodnett

**Greeters for May:** The Bitner's

**Deacon for May:** Josh Webb  
 940-256-0371

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE**

**May 8**

**Invitation:** John Foster  
**Song:** Robbie Peiser  
**Prayer:** Sam Bitner

**OUR RECORDS**

Wednesday PM (Apr. 24)	54
Sunday Bible Class (Apr. 28)	68
AM Worship (Apr. 28)	91
Contribution (Apr. 28)	\$3,614.27
Budget	\$3,451.00

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## Sunday, May 5

### FELLOWSHIP

# MEAL

Plan to bring a dish or two to  
 share at the potluck lunch!

## Phil Us Up

### Huh?

Reading God's word is easy, understanding it, well, is another thing. When my son Paul was a freshman in college, one of his Bible teachers required each member of class to memorize the Sermon on the Mount. If my math is correct, it is 2,360 words in the NIV. Now that would be hard for me to do, but memorizing is sometimes easier than understanding.

At the end of Matthew 5, Jesus teaches some of those easy to memorize words, but hard to understand, and even harder to do. *"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."* **Do what?** Well, I do pray for them, I ask God to do whatever is needed to bring my enemies around to my way of thinking! In fact, I really don't find that too hard to do! Maybe I'm not praying the right prayer, (that's another article), but then He says, *"Love your enemies."* **Do what?** What do you think He means by that? Jesus says it's easy to love those who are like us, and love us! He uses the example of God the Father blessing all people, even evil people, with sunshine and rain. Then it gets hard, *"follow God's example."* It's hard to treat people we just know are enemies of God with respect and grace. Jesus calls on us, not only to pray for them, but to pour blessings out just like God does with the sunshine and rain. The thought is for us to wish our enemies the very best!

The Apostle Paul would write in Romans 12, *"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."* I think Paul is helping us understand what Jesus really meant. When Jesus says *"Love your enemies"* He doesn't mean tolerate them, or

condemn them, He says pray for them and bless them! Why? Well, maybe we will win a few over for the cause of Christ! That is exactly what God does for us in Christ Jesus! God overcomes OUR EVIL with the goodness of Jesus Christ!

We will never overcome evil with condemnation and persecution. We will only overcome evil with good. Maybe we should do what Jesus says. **Do what?**

Philip



Sunday, May 5

(immediately following the fellowship meal)



Love. Grow. Serve.

No Service Groups  
Sunday, May 5



A teacher is needed for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade group on Sunday mornings during the summer and fall. Talk to Bergen if you would like to teach these students.

## Family News & Concerns

**Roy Martindale** will be on an 8 week radiation program for prostate cancer.

**Billy Middlebrook** saw the plastic surgeon April 26, concerning the melanoma spot. He is waiting for the surgery date.

**Dorothy Hartsfield** will have more scans May 3.

**Steve Alsbrook** will see the cardiologist for his heart racing situation.

**Crystal Griffin**, daughter-in-law of Luke and Sheila Griffin, had a cardiac ablation procedure on May 1, in Wichita Falls. She did great.

**Martha Randolph**, mother of Carla Long, has a slowly growing kind of cancer. The oncologist said no radiation treatment is needed at this time.

**Glenn & Hazel Hale**, parents of Tammy Money, will move to the Haskell Healthcare Center on Thursday, May 2.

**Continue to remember...** Geneva Cox, Cynthia Culpepper, Michael Gonzalez, Craig Harrison, Selina McGuire, Noah Osei, Pat Sammons, John Turner, Lucas Winter

**New Address:** Linda Brown 1516 West Harris Ave. San Angelo, TX 76901

### Thank You Note

Dear Haskell Church of Christ,  
I would like to thank each of you for the many prayers offered on my behalf. I am doing much better. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Ollie Johnson



On Sunday afternoons, there is a need for Bible study teachers for the women incarcerated at the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center in Haskell. If interested in this program, talk to Fran Martindale. (There are a couple of pages you will need to fill out before going.)

## One Mule?

### Are you as smart as a mule?

Across the street from my office in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, nearly fifty years ago, there was a gas station. They did not call them "service stations" back then. It was run by an old German. He was one of the most efficient men I have ever known, but some days even he would get behind. You could tell that it really bothered him. He was not used to leaving anything undone at the close of the day.



One day, when things were particularly out of order, I stopped in to get gas and to my surprise he called from the little shop attached to the station, "You vill haft to pump it you self?" (This was in the day when self-service was unheard of.)

After I had finished pumping my gas, I walked back to where Herman was and found him hanging half in and half out of the engine compartment of an old auto. He spoke apologetically, "This old car and me are juust alike, vorn out, but don't know ven to qvit." Then with the wisdom of more than eighty years of hard labor he said, "Do you know how much verk vone mule can do?" "No, I confessed, "How much work can one mule do?" "All he can do," he smiled, "Juust all he can do, no more."

Some days we all need to hear Herman again. We begin to think that we must do more than is possible and then feel guilty that we have not finished everything that seemed to be set before us. Just once in a while we may need to just shout from the work shop, "You vill haft to pump it you self?"

Bill Sherrill