

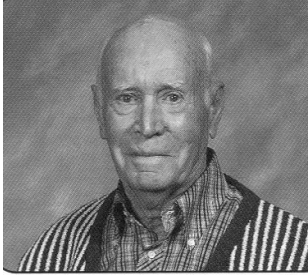
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It's Friday - But Sunday Is Coming !!!



90th Birthday Celebration for Noble Amen

Saturday August 27th
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Stafford Museum

** No Gifts Please **

Weatherford Public Schools Classes Have Begun

Reminder: No fundraising (individuals, schools, etc.)
is to be done on church property.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

The Church Office & Family Life Center



will be closed for Labor Day
Monday - September 5th

Rejoice

In his heart he remains a frisky puppy. In reality he has become an aged dog. For over fourteen years I have watched the accelerated aging process take place in our dog Streak. Our children selected him from a litter of puppies because, in their minds, he was the cutest. His mother was a rat terrier and his father was anyone's guess. A "mixed breed" by definition, Streak became a part of our family by adoption.

He overcame near death experiences when he wiggled out of the grasp of those who tried to hold him. He bounced but did not break on the sidewalk. He endeared himself to each of us by showing up, shutting up, and looking up when we went outside to play. He mastered the tennis ball retrieve. He never complained about his food. He always seemed pleased to be alive for one more day.

When I walked, he walked. By my best estimates he had put in about 14,000 miles when his pace slowed to the point that he could no longer participate in the daily treks. Today he makes a simple loop around the block with us before we continue the bulk of the walk without him. He waits by the gate for us to return and celebrates our arrival.

His behavior has been far from perfect. The time he jealously tore into our new Brittany puppy comes to mind. Nancy can tell you about multiple excavation projects he has performed in her flower beds. He has bothered us with his whining at the back door on multiple occasions. He has been and only will be a dog. Dogs don't have souls. Dogs do illustrate life truths.

Streak reminds me that we do not remain young forever. His graying face looks more like mine than I care to admit. Streak reminds me that adjustments can be made with joy. He can only walk a block - but he makes the most of the journey every day. Streak reminds me that diminished abilities do not mean diminished significance. He cannot hear. He can barely see. His tennis ball retrieving days are over. However, since he has a good master, he still has everything that he needs.

You will grow older. You will grow weaker. You will lose energy. You will lose strength. You will not lose significance. Your Master is the best Master of all. He will never leave you nor forsake you. He did not claim you as his own to desert you when your needs escalated and your abilities declined.

God does not love us less when we grow old. If anything, He helps us more. He has to.

I love you,
Earl



Excitement.....

Excitement is in the air...at least for some people. School started this past week for SWOSU and for the public schools on Monday. There are some students that just can't wait to get back. For others, their wish is that summer would last all year long. In just a couple of weeks, on September 4, we will start a new Sunday school year here at FBC. Our prayer is that the excitement of new opportunities to study God's word together would match the excitement of a little one starting school for the first time. Are you a part of a Sunday school class or department? If not, this would be a GREAT time to join a small group on Sunday morning for Bible study. If you are not sure where to go, there is information at both Welcome Centers that will help you find a class. If you are already a member of our Sunday school, try to invite someone to join you as you go to class this week. The blessings and benefits that come from that small group fellowship and study are too numerous to put in one short article. Give it a try. You might enjoy it so much you won't even mind that recess is only 30 minutes long!

See you in Sunday school,
Pete



New First Family



Aubrey & Nancy
Cowan



Casimiro
Rios



James, Vinita, &
Christina Dowell

Thank You!!

Thank You!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of my loving church family for all the birthday wishes for my 90th birthday. Thank you to all who sent cards, all the telephone calls, and your thoughtfulness and prayers. A special thank you to those who came to my reception at the church on July 24, and to Jana Hale, Virginia Flaming, and Laura Toczko for helping with the serving, setup, and cleanup.

May love and God's richest blessings to each of you,
Alta Rhea Robinson

94 Backpacks!!!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Mission Fair last Sunday evening. What a wonderful turnout of support for our missionary speakers and for our community schools. A special thank you to our speakers, the "barbeque masters," RAs and GAs, all who brought desserts, and everyone who helped setup, cleanup, and prepare the food. Here is a list of supplies donated to West Elementary School.

94 Backpacks, 108 packages of notebook paper, 111 scissors, 108 watercolors, 286 folders, 2,880 pencils, 73 pencil bags, 71 bottles of glue, 70 boxes of multiplication flash cards, 9 boxes colored pencils, 4 boxes markers, 25 boxes crayons, 9 spiral notebooks, 3 3-ring binders, 2 packages of erasers, 8 rulers, 20 pens, 26 highlighters, 21 glue sticks.

RAs, GAs, and Women on Mission

OUT WITH THE OLD / IN WITH THE NEW

The literature for the new Sunday school quarter is here.

There will be a plastic tub in the records room in the FLC and in the area outside Pete's office to gather the old literature for recycling. Please put your summer materials in one of these tubs. The 70's department will be taking it to the recycle bin as a mission project. Thank you.