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Western Christian College
invites you to a celebration and fundraising dinner.

Join Vice Chancellor John McMillan at
Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler
33 East Thirty-Third Street
Edmond, OK

Monday, March 18, 2007
6:30 PM
RSVP to Dale Hartman

Got Fruit?

Every few years a commercial comes along that is priceless. Soon, its jingle or slogan is heard not only on television, but from the lips of all ages. You might say it becomes a part of the culture's personality.

One such commercial several years ago was Wendy's Hamburgers, "Where's the Beef?" commercial. Who hasn't entered a fast food place, ordered a hamburger, sat down to eat and, in the words of Wendy's commercial wondered: "Where's the beef?

Many will chuckle as they dig through their hamburger bun in an attempt to find "the beef" in their 98 cent hamburger. Yet, how many will go through their lives looking for the insignificant beef in their hamburger and fail to ever search for the more weightier spiritual fruit in their lives? Instead of asking "Where's the beef?" a person needs to examine himself and ask "Where's the fruit?"

Just as a good hamburger contains plenty of beef, a person acceptable to God bears much fruit. To be fruitful means to be productive. A fruitful garden produces much fruit; a fruitful worker is a worker productive in his work. To produce fruit for God means one is working and serving God in the works God would have him do. Paul wrote that we must *"walk in a manner worthy of the Lord to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work…"* (Colossians 1:10). The fruit that God expects of men *"consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth"* (Ephesians 5:9).

In John 15 Jesus spoke of the vine and the branches to illustrate the Christian life as a relationship with Christ and a service in Christ, which also corresponds with bearing fruit. Jesus explains it this way: *"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples"* (John 15:8).

Christians who would walk out of a restaurant that cheats its customers out of the meat in their hamburger will short change the Lord's service. If you set out tomato plants in the spring, you expect to see tomatoes come summer. If all you received was sucker vines, it's not likely that you would leave those plants taking up space in your garden for the rest of the year.

Jesus cursed a fruitless fig tree. *"And seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it, and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He said to it 'No longer shall there ever be any fruit from you' and at once the fig tree withered"* (Matthew 21:19). If Jesus would not tolerate a fruitless fig tree, will He tolerate a fruitless Christian?

Be a blessing!
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Mel asked me to read the following statement to the congregation last Sunday. I felt that it would be good to place this in the bulletin because some who were here may have missed some of the points and there were several who were out of town and were not able to hear what was said.

I expressed to the congregation that the first priority in this matter is, Lord willing, for Mel to be able to be restored to his health. I also expressed the consensus of the elders is that if he sufficiently recovers we would like for him to consider serving as an elder at a later time.

This is one of those matters that is deserving of our constant prayer. We need to pray that the infection is stopped and that he will be able to regain mobility as his knee heals. Please continue to remember Mel, Francis, and their family during this time. James tells us, "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective (James 5:16b). May we be diligent in approaching the throne of grace in this matter as we keep pressing on!

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A Statement From Mel Stinnett:

First let me say I have missed worshipping with you and working with you for the last couple of months. As you know, I had a knee replacement in January and have been on the mend since then. For the last couple of weeks, I had been experiencing more pain. Unfortunately, my doctor called Wednesday evening and said I had some infection in that knee and that I would need another surgery Thursday morning to clean it out. Essentially, I am having to pretty much start my recovery all over again and so I expect to be another couple of months trying to get back to where I am now. I am very conscious of how important the duties of an elder are to a congregation and I am also very conscious of being able to fulfill those duties and do the things I need to do for Eastside. Because I have to keep missing out on things I should be doing as a leader, I feel that for right now I need to step aside as an elder. I feel very blessed to have served you for almost 16 years and I love and appreciate all the men I have served with. I also appreciate the support of all of you as a congregation and of my wife as a loving helper. The other men we now have serving as elders are good, Christian men who continue to bless the Lord's church here. I want to continue working along side all of you with these men as our leaders. Because our numbers of elders has dwindled, I hope and pray a number of other men will step up and take a leadership role in the very near future. God bless all of you.
Mel

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Randy Bullock

PRAYER PETITIONS:

Bennie Ballard will have shoulder surgery next Tuesday. **Glenda Moore** is have difficulty with the healing of a root canal. **Juanita Durnell** is having a problem with swelling of her leg. **Audrey Williams** had knee surgery**. Mel Stinnett** is recouperating at home after having additional knee surgery due to an infection.

MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS:

Sarah Wells, Mary Solenberg, Mary Ila Elkins, Hershel Watson, Billie Lovinggood, Chuck & Connie Bryant, Pat Bowers, Katherine Wilson, Naomi Rutledge, Lucille Laws, Betty Carter, Charlie Lewis, Mel Stinnett, Inez Willson, Dallas & Betty Bell, Carol Gorrell, Cindy Bell Peters, Leland Laws, Billie Tinsley, Dorothy Davis, Dan and Sue Ziegler, Ethylene & Fred Hunholz, and Esther Turner.

OTHERS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Eva Gonzalez; David Roberts; Bob & Deanna Weaver and family: their son **Jeff Weaver, Deanna's** brother, **James Callison's** wife**,** daughter and grandson; **Phyllis Herren's** cousins: **Clay Campbell, Cleva Jane Catia** and **Bill Campbell; Clara Wheat,** great grandmother of **Chaz** & **Cheyenne Smith,** who has cancer.

GIVING THANKS:

Baby **Cooper Mark Whitehead** is improving and **Austin Heath Martindale's** jaundice is much improved.

Don't be like a wheel barrow…

... It has to be pushed all the time and is very easily upset.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Linda Hill.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Jason & Kim Longenbaugh and their family as they deal with the damage on their house caused by lightening. Also for safety of the teens and adults as they travel to Colorado this week.

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Bible Study	190
AM Worship	312
PM Worship	212
Wednesday (Mar. 7th)	249
Contribution	$8,251

PANTRY INFORMATION: The Pantry is well stocked at this time. **Connie Barney**, the deacon in charge of the pantry, would like to thank all those who helped in bringing supplies.

NEW ADDRESS: For **Deen Waller** is: 7175 Dick Price Rd., Mansfield, TX 76063. She would really appreciate hearing from us. The phone number is the same.

NEXT CLOTHING WORK DAYS: March 26th and 27th.

CORRECT PHONE Number: Reed Martindale: 473-4410.

My influence

My life shall touch a dozen lives
Before this day is done;
Leave countless marks for good or ill
Ere sets the evening sun.

Author unknown

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

March 19 - **Cathy Smith**

March 20 - **Amanda Breen**
Vanessa Bryant
Mary Steele

March 21 - **Dustin England**
Drake Warner
Elaine Graham

March 23 - **Chad Bentley**

March 24 - **James Davis**
Jeanne Pickett
Jeanice Morgan

The Teacher Sees A Boy

His trousers are torn, rolled up to the knee,
a hole in his shirt that he caught on a tree;

But I see a soul for whom Jesus died,
Clothed in His righteousness, pressed to His side.

I see not labor and hours of prayer
spent for that freckled-faced naughty boy there.

But I see a Savior with arms open wide
waiting in Heaven to take him inside.

I see not freckles, but man fully grown
A heart filled with God's Word I've each day sown;

O Lord for this boy I most earnestly pray
I see no mischief, but energy bent,

put to the task where the Lord wants it spent;
O God, Make this lively, mischievous boy

A Power for thee, to Thy heart a joy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 18-24 Spring Break– Teen's Colorado Ski Trip

Mar. 26-27 Clothing Workdays 9:00 AM-12:00PM

Mar. 31 **Charles Bizzell's** Wedding– Mayfair Church of Christ at 100 PM

Apr. 1 - 2:00PM, Day Family egg hunt at **Wes and Sandy Day's.**

Apr. 5 - 6:30 PM, Mentor Meeting in Fellowship Hall

April 6 - 6:30 PM, **Lewis & Ruth Hale** 50th year of service to Southwest Church of Christ

Apr. 15 - **Britney Pickett** Bridal Shower, 3:00 PM Fellowship Hall (Registered @ Target, Linen'n things & J.C. Penney's)

Apr. 27-28 - Teacher Training at SW Church of Christ

PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYING FOR ALL OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY, AND EXPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE OVERSEAS.

Andrew Willson (grandson of Inez Willson and Stephanie Brewer's brother) Willie O'neal (Wes Day's nephew), Mark Lawrence, Jeremy Saylor, Josh Wells, (Rita Sandlin's son-in-law) Stacy Soutter (Pat Tremain's great nephew), Michael Bentley, Julie & Eric Gaulin, Nathan Hartsburg, Kenneth Jones, Colt Sawyer, Karl Wornock, Kendall Bailey, Chris Gonzales (James & Pat Bowers' nephew), Harley Meiki, (Hunter Moore's son) and Jared Olmstead, Lowell Cormier.

WATCH **"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"**
With Mac Lyon, Sunday Mornings

Local channel 52 and
Cox Channel 9 at 7:30A.M.

"OLD LANDMARKS" Radio Program
With Kermit Webb
Monday-Friday, 11:30 A.M.
On Station 890 AM

Ministers

Dale Hartman, Clay Bryant, Luke Hartman

Elders

Randy Bullock, Dale Hartman, Mel Stinnett, Chuck White

Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Classes - 9:00 A.M.
Worship - 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 P.M.

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