

# LIFE ADULTS



## Still Drawing Pictures *by Rocky Hails*

**Help dropped by unexpectedly.** A lady, Julie Grubbs, dropped by the church and left some information with Traci. I called Julie back and I asked Marvin Starkey and Jerry Bural, leadership with our Life Adults and our Deacons, to join me in listening to the explanation of her organization's help, Senior Care Referral Service of Oklahoma. They did. I didn't. I got sick and couldn't go. Following their affirmation, I contacted Julie about sharing at our luncheon. Then the unexpected happened.

My sweet little 94 year old mom who lives with my sister was suddenly struggling to navigate her 3 wheel walker back and forth in the house due to sudden intense hip pain. In addition to visits to an orthopedics doc and an MRI, we were faced with real questions of her care. We have a lady coming in 4 days a week, while my sister is at work, but she had a family illness. Where Fridays had been a potpourri of short visits and phone calls to check on mom by all of us, this was no longer sufficient. Add to that the effort for my sister to get mom ready for bed was compounding her own exhaustion. We needed help fast. Who do you go to? Who do you trust to be in your home? Where do you start?

The lady we were inviting to share at our Life Adult Luncheon on May 19, Julie, was now more than a recommendation from Marvin and Jerry, she became a blessing to our family. Julie met at my office with my sister zooming in. She listened to our story, asked questions, and pointed us to organizations and individuals that their organization had already vetted (info that was at no cost to our family). Over the last week, four different people have been with mom and she's enjoyed them all! What a relief!

Following a word about "being pressed from both sides," we have asked Julie to share a bit of her own story and the services offered to families. I think you will find the information she shares will not only be helpful for your family, but also those folks with whom you are in contact. She delightfully views her help as a part of her ministry, not just an occupation.



## Waco... Cookout to Cowboy Church

*Below are some of the highlights from the Life Adult Waco Trip.*

**Spending time with people** on the road opens more vistas than just beautiful scenery. Spending time with people lets you begin to know folks in a relaxed, unhurried way. It affords asking questions followed by questions. I heard stories of sled rides in an Iowa farm community that led to matrimony years later. Stories of businesses bought and sold, of lives enriched by the simple things, were shared over Buc-ees chocolate cashews and an assortment of other goodies. An offer of purchasing Ghost Jerkey if they would eat it, was summarily rejected. Bottom line, this was an opportunity to enjoy what Paul

**1** Some were braving the cool rainy morning, the rest of us were exalting in it! Lined up for the morning tour is a delightful group. **2** Shawn and Billy are not old enough to be in the Life Adult group, but they took care of us at every turn, driving us through torrential rain and Texas drivers (Don't tell my wife I said that).



The Senior Adult Ministry at Heritage is dedicated to being a path for the next generation to follow in delighting in God and declaring His glory! Our aim is to 1. continue to invest our lives in deepening our intimacy with Christ Jesus, our Savior and 2. enhance our ability to minister to others through Gospel-centered lives that embrace God's Word. We pray our lifetime of experiences and gifting blesses our families, our church and the world around us.

### Upcoming Events

Mother's Day May 12  
 Stamp-Out-Starvation May 18  
 L.A. Luncheon, May 19  
 Lord's Supper May 26  
 Church Picnic May 26  
 Memorial Day May 27  
 Prayer Meeting June 2  
 Father's Day June 16  
 VBS June 24-27  
 Hymns & Hamburgers July 21



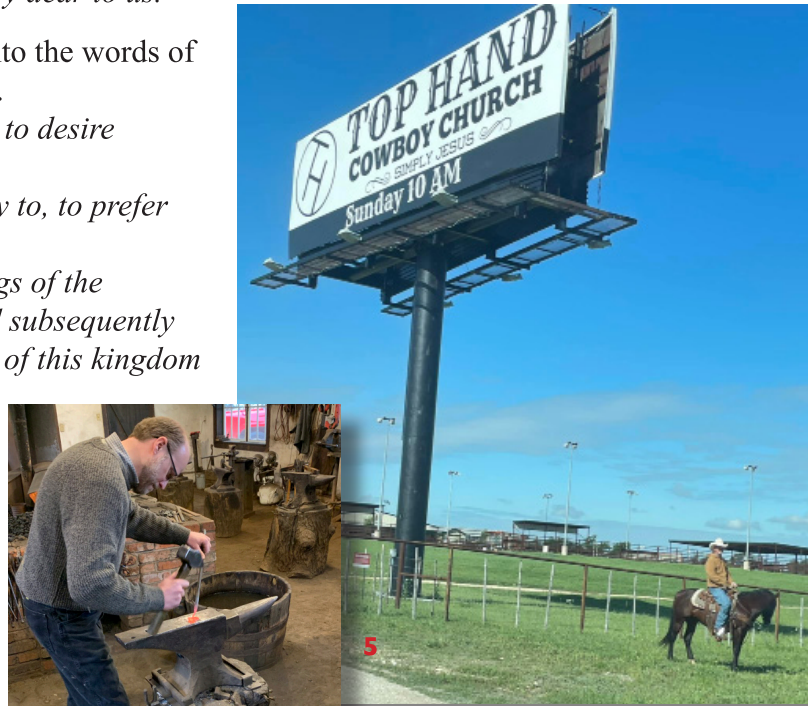
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writing in I Thessalonians 2:8 gives as to what their example to the church was saying, “Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.”

In our HBC Membership Matters we dig into the words of this passage and it helps add greater clarity.

- “so fond an affection” - [homeiromai] - to desire earnestly
- “well-pleased” - [eudokeo] - to be ready to, to prefer
- “impart” - [metaddiomi] - to share
- “gospel” - [euaggelion] - the glad tidings of the kingdom of God soon to be set up, and subsequently also of Jesus, the Messiah, the founder of this kingdom
- “become very dear to us” - [agapetos] - beloved, esteemed, favorite

Pastor John MacArthur explains that [metadidomi] (impart) “means to share, or give someone something of which one retains a part. That is exactly what happens when Christians impart to other people divine truth. They give someone else the good news of salvation, yet



1 Touring the agriculture land of Homestead Heritage on a horse -drawn wagon gave opportunity for offers of help with the rainfall. 2 Mayborn Museum on the Baylor University campus is filled with natural history and while we were there, an exhibit on living in space. Seeing demonstrations of 3 throwing pottery, 4 blacksmithing, grinding flour at a working grist mill, seeing beautiful items being woven on hand-operated looms. In addition, there were shops for blown glass, stained glass, leather and wood working, and even beautiful handmade baskets and quilts. We managed a delicious meal at the new Cafe Homestead in between. 5 We were welcomed at the entry with a cowboy on horseback at Top Hand Cowboy Church. We drove past the corrals and arena and met some mighty friendly folks. It was a blessing to worship with our brothers and sisters, surrounded by cowboy hats and western vests.



without losing possession of it themselves.” So opportunities to hear someone’s story opens the doors to praying for them; for sharing interests, priorities and passions; for sharing Scripture that has ministered to you and resources that God has used to strengthen, encourage, and equip you.

Next time a van is pulling out for one of the Life Adult activities, remind yourself it is really about “imparting our own lives,” not just about where we’re going or what we’re doing. As one who’s hair is gray (and thinning at break neck speed) and beard is white, I want to be sure that as much as I can, I am imparting and investing in others. The Lord returns that blessing on all who follow His example and His love for others. Are you packed yet?

6 Don't you wish you knew what was said at the Trail Ride Ranch? Our host Elliot Johnson and his wife Judy provided a cookout, devotional, campfire singing, and copies of Trail Ride Magazine. 7 No trip is complete without a stop at Buc-ees, clean restrooms and snack food on “steroids.”

## Love Letter of a Different Kind

by Marvin Starkey

I would love to share a story that might benefit some of you. Several years ago, a friend of mine suggested that I write my wife a “love letter.” In the letter I should include the place or places where our “important papers” were kept. These would include: the deed to our home, my life insurance policy, our prior tax returns, our trust papers, the name of our stockbroker, and any other assets that were producing income. I wrote the letter, and every two or three years, I updated any information that had changed. In a Sunday School class at Heritage, we were discussing the husband’s role, and the area of finances came up in the conversation. As we discussed this role, I told them about my “love letter.” One of the members mentioned that he needed to write to his wife, and let her know where their important papers were, but before he did, he died of a heart attack. It took his wife months to settle his estate. I was sharing this story with a couple recently, and the husband said, “My wife knows where all of our important papers are located.” But as I looked at his wife, she said, “no, I don’t.”

Therefore, please take the time to list your assets either on paper, or on the computer, and share with your spouse where this information is filed or stored. It could save your loved ones some anxiety, and definitely will save them time. Also, the church has workbooks that might help you in this area called, “Survivor’s Guide.” If you have any questions, or need more information, please let me know.

In His service,  
Marvin