

The Light

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EASTERTIDE



“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” Peter 5: 6-7

message of Light

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**Reverend
Paul
Carpenter**
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Grace and peace to you from God! During these days we've seen the strength of the church by God's grace. We also are ever aware of our home lives. As I mentioned on Sunday, the Christian household is one of God's great cares. The health of any church is what is happening in our homes. Whether you live alone (with Jesus) or in a full house, the Spirit of Christ desires to bless our homes.

meeting us as we are and, from there, He shapes, orders, and grows Christian homes.

Imagine the day has come and you've not made up your mind about whether or not to let in the counselor. You hear three firm knocks on the door. You look through the peep hole and there stands someone great and holy. He is prepared and you are not.

"If I open this door," you think, "then I am not in charge - He is." You look back at your home, your heart, your family, then muster up the courage to open the door. "Thank you for coming to my home" you say, possibly conflicted. The counselor surprises you by setting down His suitcase - "I thought He was only coming for dinner!" - and giving you the best hug you've had in years.

He guides you back inside as if this is His home and you are the guest. He asks new questions that touch your soul and He listens intently. With love He is more like friend than an analytical professional. To your surprise the hours have passed! A steady thought passes through your heart - "I have no idea what's going to happen next, but I am so glad I opened that door."

During this time, I've been praying and asking God for wisdom and energy. He has placed "home life" on my heart. Marriages, children, routines, culture, and also the ministry of living alone with Jesus. He is faithful and has given me an idea for a book. After writing, I've decided to share it as an audio book.

Over the next weeks FCC will release portions and chapters. This is to bless our members and friends first. It is also to share and help others beyond our own community. Join me in praying for the Father's blessing, Christ's peace, and the Holy Spirit's creative power to preserve and transform our home lives. Pray for yourself and for you neighbors - may the church shine at home!

Here is an excerpt from the book:

Imagine your family has the opportunity to host a world renown family counselor for dinner. The counselor has had an extensive career assisting innumerable households. Among people of the same field, this counselor's expertise is unmatched.

If you were to decline, what would be your reasons? Pride - "I don't need a professional to show me how to live my life." Fear - "I don't want to be exposed." Discouragement - "I know we could improve, but no one in my home is motivated."

The Holy Spirit of God is often called, The Counselor. He is the Spirit of Christ. The Counselor comes to all who open the door,

God's love be yours,
Pastor Paul



Noon Parking Lot Bible Study
Wednesday, April 22

“And so we came to Rome.” . . . Marilyn Wragg

I just read the last chapter of Acts and was vividly reminded how alive and active God’s word is when I came to Acts 28:14b: “And so we came to Rome.” This verse, which I have skimmed over many times before, this time leapt straight into my heart.

“And so we came to Rome.” Instantly I saw two meanings for “And so”: (1) “In this manner,” and (2) “As we knew inevitably would happen.” Luke’s matter-of-fact statement alluded not only to the unique circumstances through which God brought Paul to his promised destination, but also to the foregone certainty that God would bring him there.

“And so we came to Rome.” The words strike me as a perfect intro to the last chapter of each Christian’s earthly life.

“And so...” At that point, through whatever our unique adventures may have been, we will have reached the destination. We may have questioned—even doubted—some of the paths along the way, but we will eventually discover that the final destination, per God’s promises and through God’s sovereignty, was never in doubt.

Please join me in praying that we take to heart Luke’s words through these difficult times. Pray for faith to rest assuredly in the certainty that whatever happens in the weeks and months ahead, every follower of Jesus will one day testify, “And so we came to Rome.” And finally, pray for the Spirit to fill us with the joy and hope of knowing that Rome will be just the beginning of our eternal adventures.

“For the word of God is alive and active.
Hebrews 4:12a

Noah’s Nook

A huge thank you goes to Sarah Cypert for donating a dozen books to Noah’s Nook in March! In our children’s ministry, the word of the month for March was Forgiveness. One Sunday I told the 2nd and 3rd graders that I couldn’t find any books for them to check out on Forgiveness. Christian Carpenter said, “it’s kinda important!” The next Sunday there were 12 new books in our library thanks to her google search! Thank you so much Sarah!

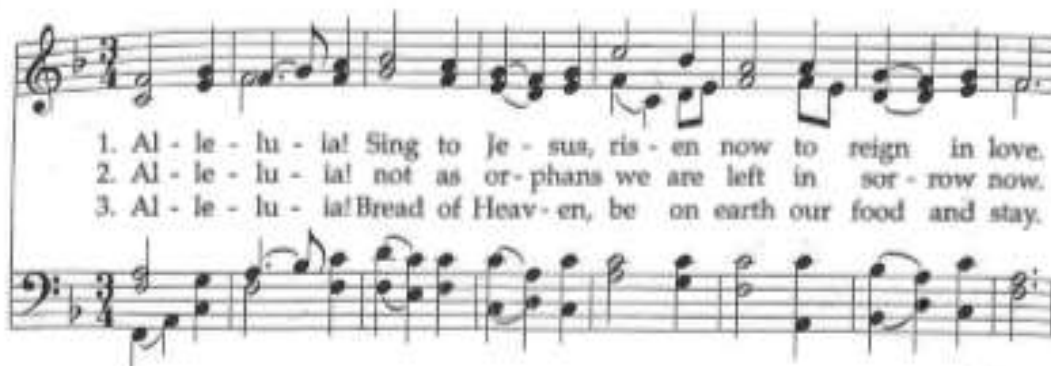
APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS				
	April 5 th	April 12 th	April 19 th	April 26 th
General	\$29,175.07	\$22,571.04	\$24,041.89	\$12,450.00
Designated	\$857.00	\$475.00	\$65.00	\$225.00

Great hymns to sing during Eastertide

JESUS CHRIST

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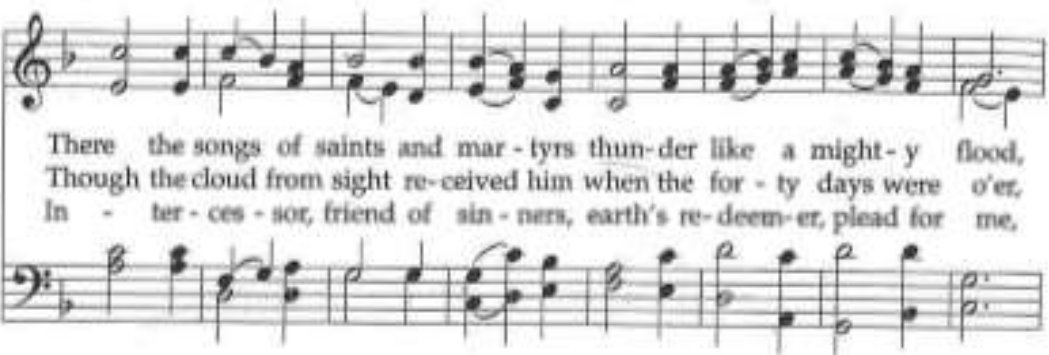
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus, ris - en now to reign in love.
2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans we are left in sor - row now.
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Heav - en, be on earth our food and stay.



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Sav - ior; with the mul - ti - tudes a - bove.
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from day to day.



There the songs of saints and mar - tyrs thun - der like a might - y flood,
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er,
In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, plead for me,



"Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
shall our hearts for - get the prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.



Brittney
Hardin
Director
of Music

Great hymns to sing during Eastertide

JESUS CHRIST *Philippians 2:9-11*

91 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
3. O sin - ners, who can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the
4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial
5. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may

1. fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2. fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
3. fall, go spread your tro - phies at his feet, and
4. fall, to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and
5. fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and

1. crown him Lord of all; bring forth the roy - al
2. crown him Lord of all; hail him who saves you
3. crown him Lord of all; go spread your tro - phies
4. crown him Lord of all; to him all maj - es -
5. crown him Lord of all; we'll join the ev - er -

1. di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.
2. by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
3. at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
4. ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all.
5. last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all.

This little Light

Mother's Day is May 10th.

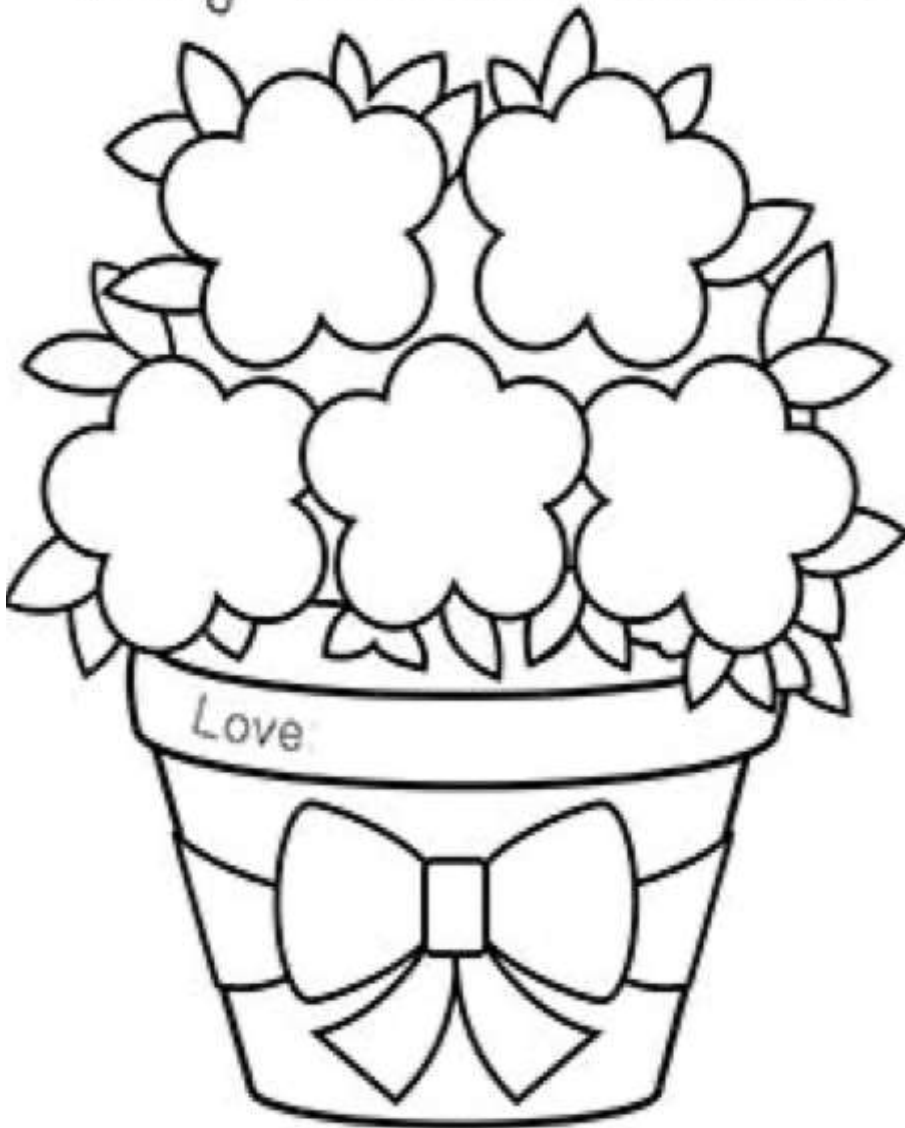
Don't forget your mom and all the things she does for your family. Complete and color the picture below or make your mom some delicious Morning Glory Muffins for Mother's Day!

"Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice." - Proverbs 23:22-25



Children's Bible Lesson
Wednesday, April 22nd

My Mom is.....



Morning Glory Muffins

2½ c. all purpose flour
1½ c. sugar
3 tsp. ground cinnamon
2 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
3 eggs
½ c. applesauce
½ c. vegetable oil
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 c. carrots, peeled and grated
1 med. tart apple, peeled and grated
1 (8oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained
½ c. flaked coconut
½ c. raisins
½ c. chopped pecans

Directions

In a large bowl, combine the first five ingredients. In another bowl, combine the eggs, applesauce, oil and vanilla. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened (batter will be thick). Stir in carrots, apple, pineapple, coconut, raisins, and nuts. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups $\frac{2}{3}$ full. Bake at 350 for 20-40 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing to wire rack. Yield: 2 dozen.

Recipe Submitted by Brandy Meyn from the
2012 FCC Children's Ministries Cookbook *Bon
Appetit*

Light reading

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Certainty in Uncertain Times

I remember my grandparents telling me of their experience of the Great Depression with mass unemployment and people waiting in long lines for a bowl of soup. The world had turned upside down and the times were uncertain.

I remember my father telling me about his memories of World War II. He said that our country was rationing fuel and other products to support the war effort and women were working in factories taking the place of men that had gone to war. Most of Europe was under the control of the Nazis. It was a scary time when the world turned upside down and the times were very uncertain.



Arlano Funderburk
Pastoral Care

Now in our day, COVID-19. We have social distancing, face masks, mass unemployment, and in our country alone, thousands of deaths. The world is turned upside down and the times are very uncertain.

But in these uncertain times, there is something that remains certain— God’s Word. Jesus said, “Heaven and Earth shall pass away but my words will never pass away.” (Matt. 24:35) His Word will be our anchor in the storm we are experiencing just now. I don’t understand why we are experiencing the storm, but I am counting on the One who does understand and is bigger than the storm. “God’s way is perfect. All the Lord’s promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.” (Psalm 18:30) I am praying His Word will be our anchor, that we will be able to keep our eyes on Jesus, that He will be more real to us than the storm. Our times are uncertain, but our God is faithful. His ways are perfect. All His promises prove true!

In the Life of the Church

by Deborah Bigness

On the evening of May 11, 1970, two tornados struck the city of Lubbock. Both were deadly, but later studies indicated that the second funnel, that touched down at 19th and University Avenue moving northeast, grew to a width of 2 miles with winds over 260 mph – the first official F5 tornado. Fifty years ago this month, our church family and our community experienced one of the most serious events in our history. Within an hour of the storm, 45 refugees were sheltered in the church’s basement while ministers Dudley Strain, Claude Weingand, Neil Guy, and Johnnie Davis were offering their assistance at stricken apartment complexes and at hospitals. Beginning the next day, the congregation’s efforts were concentrated at the Municipal Coliseum, the primary shelter and distribution center helping with coordination, child care, transportation, and food preparation. The church suffered wind and water damage but it was not severe. The tornados of May 11, 1970, injured nearly 2,000 residents, and took the lives of 26. The Lubbock Memorial Civic Center is dedicated to their memory.



Photo:
Aerial photograph, taken May 13, 1970, (showing First Christian Church on the left, and First Baptist Church on the right) is courtesy of the City of Lubbock.

MAY 2020 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.” <i>Philippians 1:9-11</i></p>						
3 Pray for a revival through the Holy Spirit as people worship around the world today in many ways and places.	4 Pray regularly for those listed in The Light, as well as others you know who are in special need of prayer.	5 For FCC leaders to discern creative ways to guide and serve FCC members and friends through unprecedented times.	6 For the Spirit's blessing upon FCC Children's Ministry. For Lou as she creatively conducts Children's Church.	7 Per 2 Peter 3:18, that members and friends of all ages grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior in mighty ways.	8 For healthcare personnel who make many sacrifices to care for those ill and dying. May God bless and protect them.	9 For the Holy Spirit to teach us to pray continually and persistently. For God to grow our faith as we pray and trust.
10 MOTHER'S DAY Praise God for Christian mothers and mother figures in our lives; may we pass along their love and lessons.	11 Pray Ephesians 6:10-18. Ask the Holy Spirit to remind you daily to put on God's armor and pray on all occasions for others.	12 For FCC visitors, many of whom are lonely and enduring various trials. For Donna as she ministers to them.	13 May God draw us to desire and equip us to wield the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17).	14 Give thanks for technology enabling parking lot services as well as staff who discern how to utilize.	15 Pray for all who have the coronavirus. Pray for their comfort and healing, for their families, and most of all, for their salvation.	16 Give thanks for the many who have recovered from the coronavirus. Praise God for all the ways He is working.
17 Pray for Pastor Paul. For God's guidance and protection, and for the Spirit's anointing in all aspects of ministry.	18 Take extra time to pray over your ongoing prayer list for those whom God has put in your path and on your heart.	19 Pray for the homeless and most vulnerable in our community. May God multiply the impact of FCC outreach.	20 That God protect school children and their families during lengthy time at home, especially those with few resources.	21 For God's provision in hard economic times. For God's guidance as leaders balance economic and health decisions.	22 As the public school year officially ends, pray God's blessing and protection over students, teachers, & families thru summer.	23 For FCC family, friends, and all who are homebound and especially isolated. Pray over ways you can uplift and help.
24 On this Lord's Day, pray for and with all who are worshipping God—whether in cars or homes or prisons. May God be glorified!	25 MEMORIAL DAY Remember and thank God for those who gave their lives in service to our nation. Pray for all who currently serve.	26 Pray for leaders at all levels—national to local. May God impart humility to seek His wisdom and to work together.	27 Pray Philippians 1:9-11 (at the top of this calendar) over FCC's members and friends, including yourself.	28 For God's protection over persecuted Christians also facing corona dangers. May God strengthen their faith and witness.	29 Pray that our nation will humble ourselves, pray, seek God, and repent. Please God, heal our land! (2 Chronicles 7:14)	30 Pray John 14:1 as we enter summer: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me."
31 PENTECOST Praise God for the gift of the Holy Spirit! May we draw upon His power to witness to God's salvation.	<p>“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.” <i>Ephesians 6:18</i></p>					<p>Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. <i>Ephesians 6:10</i></p>



Lift up the Light

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Military News And Concerns

**Lt. Brant Brock-
Norfolk-**
Home from
Deployment
son-in-law of
Brenda Hendricks

**Christopher
Colgrove
Kuwait**
nephew of
Laurie Williams

**Lieutenant
Colonel
Ethan Diven**
Newport News, VA
husband & father
of
Sabrina, Jacob
&
Kendall
and son-in-law of
Jerry & Brenda
Stanfield

**1st Lt Nicholas
Swanson**
USAF, Elmendorf
Air Force Base,
Anchorage Alaska
grandson of
Virginia Myers
Dorman

**Capt. Nathaniel
Swanson**
USMC, Cherry
Point Marine
Corps, Havelock,
North Carolina
grandson of
Virginia Myers
Dorman

We lift up in prayer our Friends and Family

Members: Robbie Bedker, Lynn Cooper, Steve DeHay, Laura Flieller, Chris Kebert, Carolyn Lawrence, Juda McKinney, Burle Pettit, Randell Resneder, Dick Tarr, D'Ann Yeager

Friends: Fred Alley, Sandra Bermingham, Debbie Boen, Bear Bock, Marilyn Brinkley, Paula Sue Dunbar, Monica Etter, Steven Garcia, Joe Gillispie, Donna Harger, Deborah Haywood, Eric Hite, Candace Layman, Chris Mackey, Kristen Mata, M'Lee McDonald, Leroy Montoya, Kerry Coats Nielson, Eli Overley, Becky Peckham, Victoria Pena, Mike Schwarzkopf, Shannon Etter Thompson, Darnell Vandivort, Pauline Webb, Carol White, Connie Turner Wilson, Mike Yont

Homebound & Home Communion Prayers

Frances Ansley, Alan Barkley, Pat Davis, Kaye Greer, Lynise McDonald, Frances, Sandra Foster, Evans, Cara Irvin, Barbara Onstead, Ruby Power, Mary Jane Shannon, Marty Wells, Jan Sanders, Shelley and Bert Nelson, Joan Brown, Gypsie Taylor

Entered into Heaven

We lift up the following families in prayer-

J.C. Chambers entered into Heaven on April 8th.
Doris Kochanek entered into Heaven on April 15th.

New Addition



Judah Oliver Hall was born
April 21st at 12:32 am.
Weighing 9lbs 14oz and 21"long.
His proud parents are Scott and
Kaitlyn Hall.

Easter Parking Lot Services held April 12th.



Congratulations Seniors



Zoe Hight

Parents: Quinten and Amy Hight
Graduating from Lubbock High School

After graduation, I plan to attend Texas Tech University in the fall as a music education major. I am looking forward to starting a new phase of my life alongside family, friends, and First

Cole Agnew

Parents: Nathan and Megan Agnew
Graduating from Lubbock Cooper High School

After graduation, I am attending Texas Tech University and I will be studying mechanical engineering.



Logan Wiseman

Parents: Alex and Becky Wiseman
Graduating from Lubbock High School

After graduation Logan plans to attend Penn State University in the Fall to study Meteorology, and he will be rooming with one of his best friends since elementary school

Not pictured–
Alicia Johnson
graduating from
Lubbock Cooper
High School



Kendall Toelle

Parents: Chris and Sherilyn Toelle
 Graduating from Talkington School for Young Women Leaders

After graduating, I plan on attending Texas Tech University in the fall and majoring in biochemistry.

Jorge Ariceaga

Parents: Rodrigo and Lourdes Ariceaga
 Graduating from Frenship High School

He plans to attend South Plains College in the fall .



Scott Mackenzie

Parents: Chris and Brandie Bishop
 Graduating from Lubbock High school

Scott plans to attend the University of Texas at Dallas. He plans to major in Computer Science.

Derek and Kristen Jerezano deliver cookies to members of the FCC Youth Ministry.



APRIL ATTENDANCE

April 5 th	April 10 th Good Friday	April 12 th	April 19 th	April 26 th
10:00 am– 157 Cars	6:00 pm– 97 Cars	8:00 am– 47 Cars	10:00 am–131 Cars	10:00 am–161
		10:00 am– 169 Cars		

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West Parking Lot

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8:30 a.m.-Noon

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MAY Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 Paige Belew Ann Holt	2 Travis Bridwell Carter Bowers
3	4 Joanna Carr Tobey Carr David Gorsuch Carolyn Lawrence	5 Cindy Watson Bobby Yates	6 Ashley Pingsterthaus	7 Nikolas Becker Charles Dodge	8 Jack Schneider Julie	9 Lyn Williams Mike Wragg
10 Melissa Reeves	11 Alicia Johnson Carol Weeks	12	13	14 Frances Ansley LouAnn Underwood	15 Steve Ball Cutter Bishop Wendy Payne	16 Pete Broom Susan Broom Jerry Chapman
17 Finley Rawe	18 Thad Bartholomew Daniel Carter Margaret Kennedy	19 Sallie Lloyd Larry Weiss	20 Edwin Cozby	21 MacKenzie Chunn Jack Kirkpatrick Harry Mayes	22	23 John Belew
24 Mary Plowman Pat Strong	25 Marilyn Wragg	26 Donna Childers Bob Irvin	27	28 Larry Simon Chris Level	29 Sue Williams	30 Ruby Power Scarlet Stevens Shawn Walker— Davis
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