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The Smile Corner

Quotes from President Ronald Reagan-

"Here's my strategy on the Cold War: We win, they lose."

"The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

"The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant: It's just that they know so much that isn't so."

"Of the four wars in my lifetime none came about because the U.S. was too strong"

"I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandment's would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress."

"The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination."

"Government is like a baby: An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other."

"If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

"The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program."

"I've laid down the law, though, to everyone from now on about anything that happens: no matter what time it is, wake me, even if it's in the middle of a Cabinet meeting."

Each month several of us gather and mail out the monthly newsletter from my office at 1500 North Post Oak, Suite 190 -713 688 9144. We all chip in and Clyde Perrere

We all chip in and Clyde Perrere cooks a wonderful meal for all of us to enjoy.

It takes us about an hour and a half to label and sack up all the over 3200 newsletters and we can always use the help.

If you want some good laughs, good Christian fellowship and good food come join us on the following Friday dates: May 26, June 23, July 21, August 25, Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, & Dec. 17.

For questions call Jay Sims at 2813826738 or email him at jdcsims@msn.com — See you there! – JB One of God's Heroes

Surely this past speaker at the OCF, Sylvia Johnson is one of God's heroes. Sylvia is the Executive Director Fifth Ward Pregnancy Help Center and doing a mighty work savings baby's and leading people to Christ!

Read what she sent me this past week:

"It is so good to when you are in the will of God and meeting a need in the community.

Between Monday and Tuesday we ministered to over 17 clients! Our first abstinence class was held this past Tuesday night. Eight clients attended, Sandra Munguia is the facilitator. God is doing a new thing in the 'nickel'! We are not passing out condoms...we are speaking truth. God's truth! Glory to God!

Tuesday, three client's abortions, vulnerable. Their stories..... Alice, last year had an abortion, her boyfriend age 40 does not want to be a Father. Alice threw the brochures on the floor we gave her, which explained fetal development and the complications of abortion. The counselor came out of the room bewildered. I held the volunteer peer-counselors hand and we petitioned the Lord in prayer! Only our God could make a difference. After the prayer we decided to trust our God! Alice the client is small and petite, her tummy was flat as a board. We offered her an ultrasound. She accepted and we expected her to be just a few weeks along....well out pops a photo of 17 week old baby boy! We could not believe it! How could this be??? Only God! Alice decided to consider adoption! Glory to God. She accepted brochures about adoption!

Brittany...Came in after hours, cigarette in her hand." I need a pregnancy test". I decided to take Brittany. Something about her. She seemed so out of place in this neighborhood. Her crisis was," I was raped on Jan 8th. I have not had a cycle since. It was reported to HPD; he was captured and is now serving time. I was hospitalized because he also brutally beat me". I was crying with her. She told me how her friends want her to have an abortion if her test is positive. However, she remembered a sermon at a local church about when life begins... and even-though she was raped...If she is pregnant, she does not think she can have an abortion. I looked at this precious young girl and marveled at her faith. I must admit when I did the test I prayed it would be negative. The test was positive. I told Brittany the results. She cried so sorrowfully. Then she went outside to smoke the cigarette. We offered her an ultrasound, she said yes. We saw the baby, she seemed to immediately bond. It was amazing. Her response was..."My baby has a big head". Only God! She will return in two weeks for another ultrasound! The date of conception was exact to the date of the rape. Pray for Brittany.

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Hello John!

This is your 'ol friend Eddie Rowe here in the busy Farmington San Juan Basin. There is tons of work and not enough rigs or men to run them if we had them.

I just wanted to say hello and to say that your website and newsletters have encouraged me to go ahead with my plans on starting a Christian network for the oil and gas fields up here in the San Juan Basin. Today in Sunday School, (February 19th,) our teacher asked the class if there were any prayer concerns or requests. I had a tug on my heart to stand up and request prayer for His plans for me to start a fellowship in the patch, but decided to let the moment pass as the teacher was writing down what I thought would be the last prayer request.

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Bird's Eye View by John Bird

Changes

I was nearly 9 AM last Wednesday when our Southwest airplane had just turned to the west to make our final approach to the airport in Lubbock. I recalled from many years earlier that I had talked our corporate pilot into stopping in Lubbock to refuel on our way back to San Antonio from a business trip and that we had approached then from the east as well. Before we left Dallas on Wednesday I confirmed with our pilot that we would be doing the same that morning.

I explained to him that I wanted to photograph the town of Lorenzo some 21 miles east of Lubbock and shared with him that Lorenzo was where Kenneth Lott and I graduated from High school with a class of 15 in 1960. His eyes lit up because Ken, as he knew him, had recently retired as Chief Pilot for Southwest Airlines and he had worked with him.

Other than photographing the town I was raised in , I also wanted to visit my old friend Wayne Hill, Chief Air Control Specialist who was on duty that day.

Wayne and I had played in country and western bands for many years together; him a great fiddle player and me a so-so drummer, so we met on the tarmac and spent some time getting caught up on changes in each others lives as our Aerostar was being filled.

This past Wednesday however, I was flying to Lubbock for a different reason; more changes.

The last of my Dad's siblings had died on Monday. His name was Herschel, he was 79 and he suffered from Alzheimer's. In his last 2-3 years he had no idea who he was or where he was, just a shell of a man whom I'd always loved and admired.

If you have never flown over the high plains of the Panhandle, you have really missed something. When Herschel, my dad, Homer, Harvey, Hudson and Howard farmed together back in the 50's and 60's we irrigated each row individually. Now many of the crops are watered with log expanses of pipe, pivoting from a supply of water in the center of a large circle. The view from the air has always been scenic with the hundreds of old playa lakes glistening in the sun across the vast, treeless, flat plains, but now added are thousands of giant circles, of varying colors and sizes. What an artful sight it is now from the air.

It was with this backdrop and the view of the small town which was once the center of our universe, the flood of memories began to wash over me of the many years that we had spent there before we quit farming. Uncle Herschel would go onto become the County Commissioner for several years. My Dad and Uncle Harvey went back to Vicksburg to their old jobs piloting on the river for the Corps of Engineers. Hudson would stay in Lubbock with his various businesses and Howard returned to his beloved hunting and fishing paradise in Arkansas. Another brother, Harlan died in a B-26 over France in 1943 and Horace only lived a year after being born; yes all H's. There were four girls as well; Edna, Lois, Glinnis, and Ola who died at two.

I grew melancholy thinking of my Mom, Dad and sister and that old farm house we lived in that now stands in shambles, the first place I drove that day after landing. What changes had taken place.

The funeral was a good time. This might sounds disrespectful but my uncle would have wanted it that way, because he was truly a fun loving, bigger than life kind of man and this is what friends and family dwelled upon that day; remembering who he was and not what he had become in the last years.

Herschel's best 'bud' growing up was our cousin Glynn McCalman, only two years younger than he, who gave a moving and sometimes humorous eulogy. He pointed out that John Bird married Gertrude McCalman a hundred years ago this year and now with the 'baby' of the 13 member family now gone, the end of an era had come; a culmination of changes.

I'm glad I went and I'm glad that I got to see old friends and family, but the changes...

Jesus saw changes too

It was a long day for me and after returning home I began to reflect on Easter weekend and what changes meant for Christ.

I thought of Him hanging there on the Cross and looking down upon the city and the people, akin to my looking down from the plane that day. No comparison of course but he saw and felt changes before him as well because he was a human like you and me.

Even with his horrible disfiguring condition and near death surely he must have had fleeting thoughts about the special times he'd had with his family; playing with his brothers, learning how to be a carpenter with Joseph. Surely he must have looked down on his mother and thought about the times she comforted and held him when he got hurt or fell ill. Did he long for her loving arms of comfort at this moment? Did he want the companionship of his boyhood friends; fishing together, laughing together, walking along the road and talking about life? (How his childhood friends must have hurt for him and lamented, "Jesus, he was my best friend growing up.")

Again, we must not forget that he was tempted just like you and I and he truly suffered just like you and I would suffer if we were humiliatingly crucified on a tree like he.

The difference was that even though he was a man, he had a purpose to be here on earth and that purpose was to die for our sins, to become our mediator to God, and to become the only way that a person can receive eternal life.

Because he was human for over thirty years, it was not easy doing what he knew that he had to do as evidenced by what he prayed days before death:

evidenced by what he prayed days before death: 42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." ⁴³ An angel



from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴ And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Yet, he was determined to go what he had to do and Isaiah prophesied this resolve that Jesus would have hundreds of years before:

ISA 50:7 Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,

I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

Bottom Line

He loved you and me more than he loved himself and he chose to set his face like 'flint' as he marched toward the cross where he would pay the ultimate price to save us from going to Hell.

The question is this. Today, how do we participate in Christ's crucifixion and His resurrection?

We participate in that we must accept this gift of salvation and forgiveness because he paid our penalty by suffering a horrible death nailed to a tree. The Bible tells us how to do it:

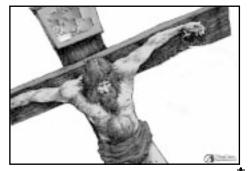
Romans 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ¹¹ As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

So, when we are saved, we 'die' to sin and are 'raised' to a new life, thus we become co-crucified and co-resurrected with Christ. We are changed. We are born again as Jesus says we must be.

Are you tired of trying to figure out everything on your own, filled with doubts, guilt and unhappiness? Then maybe it's time you tried it God's way

Really and truly invite Christ into your life this moment and watch how He can <u>change</u> your life forever. He is just outside your door, waiting. How do I know this?

Revelations 3:20 "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."





Hello John

Insights

"The real problem is in the hearts and minds of men. It is not a problem of physics but of ethics. It is easier to denature plutonium than to denature the evil from the spirit of man." —Albert Einstein

spirit of man." —Albert Einstein "We can forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light." —Plato

"Whatever man loves, that is his god. For he carries it in his heart; he goes about with it night and day; he sleeps and wakes with it, be it what it may—wealth or self, pleasure or renown."

—Martin Luther

"War is war, and it has never been the case that when you captured a combatant you have to give them a jury trial in your civil courts. Give me a break." — Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia re Gitmo "detainees"

Hear they go again

"'A small Easter display was removed from the City Hall lobby on Wednesday out of concern that it would offend non-Christians,' the Associated Press reports from St. Paul, Minn... Well, this certainly makes sense. After all, everyone knows the Easter Bunny is a Christian symbol, which has no place in the public square in St. Paul, a city named after—uh, we've forgotten. Does anyone know where St. Paul got its name?" —James Taranto

Ten Commandments, Cowboy Style

Cowboy's Ten Commandments posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Fairlie, Texas.

- (1) Just one God.
- (2) Honor yer Ma & Pa.
- (3) No telling tales or gossipin'.
- (4) Git yourself to Sunday meeting.
- (5) Put nothin' before God.
- (6) No foolin' around with another fellow's gal.
- (7) No killin'.
- (8) Watch yer mouth.
- (9) Don't take what ain't yers.
- (10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff

Now that's kinda plain an' simple don't ya think? Y'all have a good Day.

Ye hear now ?

"THE EYES OF TEXAS ARE UPON YOU"

He looked up and said, "is there anything else that anyone would like to share?...Anything at all." Well, as you can guess, that was my chance for Gods plan to take form. I explained to the class that we have a growing opportunity for witnessing in our own back yard. This is in the oil patch. The patch employs the majority of the workforce here in the Four Corners, and it would be a great chance for us to lift up other Christian Brothers who may be struggling in the patch, and also to share the good news of Jesus Christ with our coworkers.

We have a very high methamphetamine problem up here and the majority of our workforce is younger than when we broke out on the floor handling back-up tongs. These younger men make a great amount of money and most have families to support. The sad part is that the money goes to drugs and not to diapers and bread. The men work for one paycheck, then their gone. Not all of them do this, but some do.

We have yet to set up a time to meet, but I will let you know how it went when we do, possibly in our church or maybe at a local cafe on a Saturday morning. As time goes on, we will be requesting Bibles in both English and Spanish. I'll even send some money if needed to help with the costs.

Please pray for me to be an outspoken witness for our Savior by my actions and deeds. Please pray for me to be bold when sharing to another the plan of Salvation. Please pray for me to have the wisdom of God as I lead this fellowship that will make a big impact for the Kingdom of Christ. Anyone may call me on my cell phone, but PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE, as I cannot always take a call while I'm servicing a pump jack or compressor. I would love to hear from each and everyone who can provide guidance and encouragement! Thank you again for the OCF newsletter, and please know that I'm praying for you!

EDDIE ROWE and STEVE THOMAS (505) 947-9990 (505) 486-0807 eddierowe1@yahoo.com

Editors Note: Eddie is an old friend and a strong Christian. If you can help him out or encourage him, he asks that you contact him. He is a big guy with a big grin, good attitude and big heart for the lost.

One of God's Heroes

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Dashia...came in with three other family members. I was called to intervene. The family was angry...Shouting at Dashia..."This is your fifth pregnancy; you can barley take care of the four you already have! "We are gonna take our income tax return and pay for your abortion today". Dashia was reluctantly agreeing. I could not believe what I was witnessing. Not in this center! Not in the Lords house. I took Dashia to the side and I looked into her eyes and I said what's going on? She told me how her family said hurtful words to her such as .. "The only thing you know how to do is make babies". Ms. Sylvia they are forcing me to have an abortion. This is my fifth pregnancy; I am only 23 years old. I looked at her and said listen to me. God and only God takes care of you and your children. Tell me one day God has failed you. God will provide for you, your four children and this new baby as well! As a matter of fact, the Fifth Ward pregnancy Help Center has provisions for this new baby. We have infant supplies, baby clothes, a car seat, as I showed her the Grace closet, a bag of groceries was in the middle of the floor. Never before was a bag of groceries in the Grace closet. We gave her the bag of groceries on the spot.

She also had an ultrasound. Her four children were all boys... this baby was a girl! She was so excited. Only God!

We received notice from the State of Texas that we will be a Car seat Distribution Education Program location! We will hold car seat safety classes here and give new car seats to parents all provided by the State of Texas! We applied for this grant and were awarded it!

Please pray for the funding ad the ministry is expanding so are the needs! We need your financial support now. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy caused us to be born again . . . " 1 Peter 1:3"

Sylvia B. Johnson Executive Director Fifth Ward Pregnancy Help Center 713-675-1819 phone 713-675-1837 fax

-Editors note: Have some extra money to help save a child and a parent or parents for eternity?





Chapter News

Largest Drop Shipment of "Oil Patch" Bibles

Roosevelt, Utah, population 5,500

This is where 40 cases of 'Oil Patch' Bibles were paid for and sent on April 10th. Two men, Fernando Ortega and Jim Slaugh, both in oil service businesses there are on fire for the Lord and want to get the Word out. These men speak for scores of men representing several denominations of faith in that area and have a burden for the hundreds of lost in this oil boom era surrounding them. (Fernando and Jim attend the same church on a Navajo Reservation, with a Navajo pastor!) Cool!

NOTE: Jim will pay to send out the other twenty cases to wherever anyone might need them. 435 781 1662

These men have a non-denominational meeting each week for study, fellowship and prayer and they are putting 'feet' on their prayers to get the Gospel out to anyone who will hear.

Big Piney, Wyoming

Corrine, a church secretary there, discovered one of our Bibles and she called the International Bible Society who called me and told me that their church body, (Perhaps sixty in attendance on a Sunday.), wants three cases of Bibles. "John the lost are all around us here in the oil patch "

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Let's see here, three cases equals 72 bibles representing sixty members equals approximately 1.2 Bibles each. If this were Second Baptist Church, 42,000 members, the Bibles ordered would be 50, 400 Bibles!

Letter to Bible Supply Chairman Mike Chaffin

"We have not met, but I know that Johnny Tauzin has copied you a recent email concerning the Oil Patch Bibles.

A friend in Casper Wyoming shared this evangelistic tool with us, and Johnny Tauzin provided two cases of bibles which I have shared with the Southern Baptist Pastors in Southwest Wyoming.

Many of our churches are located in and around oil and gas fields, with members who work in the fields. When they saw the Oil Patch Bibles, they were very excited about the opportunity of sharing them with co-workers.

Can you help us in obtaining more Oil Patch Bibles? What is the cost involved? Would we be ordering them from you? Are there Spanish versions available?

If you could help me with this information, I would be greatly appreciative! You can e-mail or call me using the information below. Thank you for your help!

Don Whalen Jr., Director Of Area Missions Green River/Overthrust Baptist Associations 269 Sonata Ln. Rock Springs, WY. 82901

Volunteers Needed? Some things for you to pray about

I'm praying that God will raise up men and women to go from well site to well site to minister to the lost and hurting. And we need to pray for these churches who have taken the steps to do so.

Do we need to have a rally/Promise Keepers type event for the Rockies with keynote speakers from the Oil Patch?

John 4:35 <u>"Do you not say, `Four months more and then the harvest?</u> I tell you, open your eyes and <u>look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.</u>³⁶ Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together."

Outrageously Inappropriate Education!

A recent call to CLA clearly demonstrated the ongoing culture battle between parents and public schools to control the minds and lifestyles of our children.

A public school teacher told the mother of an advanced, gifted seventh grader (age 11 rather than 13, as most seventh graders would be) that if she did not permit her daughter to take the school's graphic sex education course, she would be reported to the authorities and prosecuted for child abuse! The mother called our office—very concerned as any parent would be—and our attorneys immediately swung into action.

As it turns out, this teacher's position had no legal justification whatsoever! In fact, the state's law <u>clearly</u> gives parents the free right to opt their children out of <u>any</u> public school sex education course. A majority of states have such laws that give parents opt out rights to remove their child from offensive public school sex education courses, many of which are inappropriately graphic for the children they are intended to instruct.

This call demonstrates just how far some within the system will go to press their agenda. CLA stands strongly for the rights of parents to direct the educational upbringing of their children against those who would zealously advocate the premature sexualization of America's young people. Children need to be exposed to the truth of God's Word, not the filth this world has to offer!

If you need legal assistance or have a legal question and would like to speak with an attorney for the **Christian Law Association**, please call the general legal counsel's office at (727) 399-8300.

Unemployment Needs!!!

Employers: Please call these men and women direct as we don't have their resumes. *For those in job transition:* If you don't reconfirm your listing within 60 days of it being placed, we will automatically remove it to make room for others.

NAME / POSITION NEEDED / ADDRESS/PHONE

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The Roman Road to Salvation

The ROMANS ROAD....is a pathway you can walk. It is a group of Bible verses from the book of Romans in the New Testament. If you walk down this road you will end up understanding how to be saved. Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." We all have sin in our hearts.

We all were born with sin. We were born under the power of sin's control. - Admit that you are a sinner. Romans 6:23a "...The wages of sin is death..." Sin has an ending. It results in death. We all face

Romans 6:23a "...The wages of sin is death..." Sin has an ending. It results in death. We all face physical death, which is a result of sin. But a worse death is spiritual death that alienates us from God, and will last for all eternity. The Bible teaches that there is a place called the Lake of Fire where lost people will be in torment forever. It is the place where people who are spiritually dead will remain. - Understand that you deserve death for your sin.

Romans 6:23b "...But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Salvation is a free gift from God to you! You can't earn this gift, but you must reach out and receive it. - Ask God to forgive you and save you.

Romans 5:8, "God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us!" When Jesus died on the cross He paid sin's penalty. He paid the price for all sin, and when He took all the sins of the world on Himself on the cross, He bought us out of slavery to sin and death! The only condition is that we believe in Him and what He has done for us, understanding that we are now joined with Him, and that He is our life. He did all this because He loved us and gave Himself for us! - Give your life to God... His love poured out in Jesus on the cross is your only hope to have forgiveness and change. His love bought you out of being a slave to sin. His love is what saves you – not religion, or church membership. God loves you!

Romans 10:13 "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved!" - Call out to God in the name of Jesus!

Romans 10:9,10 "...If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." - If you know that God is knocking on your heart's door, ask Him to come into your heart.

Jesus Said, Revelation 3:20a "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him..." - Is Jesus knocking on your heart's door?

Believe in Him. Ask Him to come in to your heart by faith, and ask Him to reveal Himself to you. Open the Bible to the Gospel of John and read what God says about Jesus, about you, and about being born again.

God will help you. He loves you. You need to look for a local church where God's word is preached. The Bible says that we are to desire God's word like a newborn baby desires mother's milk.

Aren't you hungry to know the truth? Water baptism is one of the ways you first show that you have been joined to Jesus. This is an action, and actions will not save you. However, it is an act of obedience and a symbol of commitment. The symbolism is this: When you go down in the water you show that You have been crucified and buried with Him, And when you come up out of the water you show that you have been raised to walk with Him in newness of life. (See Romans chapter 6)

You have been born again. (See John chapter 3) Your body has become God's temple. Your heart is where He lives. Forgiveness is yours in Jesus. And you belong to Him. You were sin's slave. But now... You are a child of GOD! ohn 1:12 "As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name!"

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Houston Tuesday, May 2, 2006 Special Guest Speaker: NOTE: Not at HFBC BUT 8th Annual Prayer <u>Breakfast</u> at 7 am - Houston Grand Plaza Hotel, 886 Kirby Drive

Always first Wednesday of the month at FBC Houston Web site: http://www.oilfieldchristianfellowship.com E-Mail: jbirdocf@ev1.net

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of New Orleans NO MEETING IN MAY NEXT MEETING - JUNE 11:45 am until 12:45 pm Special Guest Speaker: TBA Holiday Inn on Loyola – \$25 per person

Make reservation by prior Thursday before 1:30 pm Call: 504-585-7308 - Always 2nd Thursday each month

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Lafayette Monday, May 8, 2006 11:45 am to 12:45 pm Petroleum Club • \$17 per person *Special Guest Speaker: TBA* For reservations call, 1-800-729-1122 on prior Thursday. Always the second Monday of the month



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Doubletree Hotel at Loop 12 & 75 • \$13 per person Special Guest Speaker: **TBA**

For information call (214) 265-6537 or (214) 402-1682, Scott Royal Meetings always the second Thursday each month.

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Oklahoma City Thursday, May 4, 2006 11:30 am to 12:50 pm

Special Guest: **TBA** Hometown Buffet, 3900 N.W. 63rd St. @ NW Highway Lunch; \$6.49 plus tax For information call, Rick Johnson at rickjohnson@quantumdm.com, Office: 405-228-0808, 405-789-3499, Cell: 405-550-3036 or Jim Schmidt at 918 810 7114, No reservations needed Always the <u>first Thursday</u> of each month

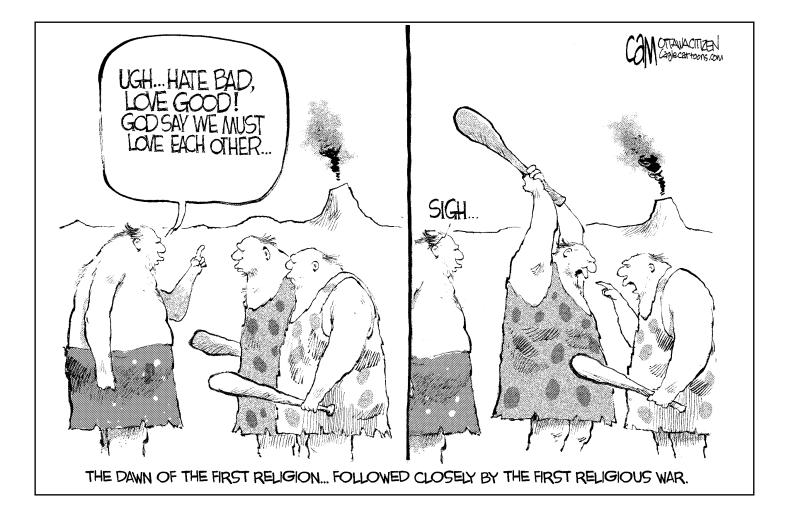
Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Tulsa Wednesday, May 31, 2006 11:30 am to 12:45 pm Special Guest: TBA

Meets at the First Baptist Church downtown at 4th and Cincinnati St. OCF is non-denominational, open to all. For information call, Jim Schmidt, 918-810-7114 Always the <u>last Wednesday</u> of each month

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Brazos Valley 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, May 2 and 16, 2006 7:00 pm Come join us for "Just Good Old Fellowship" Studying the Book of John Java Joy Coffee Shop

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