

**Distict Alignments announced for 2018-2020**

The Football and Basketball District Alignments have been announced for 2018 through 2020. They are listed below.

**Football**

**Conference 1A Division 1, 6 - Man, Region 4 - District 13**

Bronte, Eden, Paint Rock, Robert Lee, Veribest

**Conference 1A Division 2, 6-Man, Region 2 - District 6**

Blackwell, Loraine, Moran, Trent

**Basketball**

**Conference 1A, Region 2 - District - 11**

Blackwell, Bronte, Mertzon Irion County, Robert Lee, Sterling City, Veribest, Water Valley

**A New Series**

[Editor's Note: The following is the sixth in a series of articles submitted by Brandon Broadbent.]

**Prayer**

Does prayer really work? People tell us all the time "I will pray for you." Sometimes, maybe you are in a desperate situation, you may even blast out a prayer as a final attempt to get some control over it.

I would like to start with yes, prayer works and is real, and one of the most powerful weapons at our disposal. I know this from my own life and the people that God has placed in my life. I have seen the miracle of cancer being gone when someone went in for surgery and they ran one last test. A life so drastically changed that the person became a complete new person. I have seen people that were given up for dead and no hope make a miraculous change and be healed in just a few days. God is real folks and wants to do mighty and marvelous things in your life.

James 5:16 - "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Faith in God is

a must when it comes to praying. Hebrews 11:6 - "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

Mark 11:24 - "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

This short scripture contains a lot of information. Ask, that means that you must speak your request to God. Believe, means there is no doubt, you stand on the word of God and you know it will happen. Now you must receive it. Know that it is underway and done.

I challenge you to pray big. Pray for what others think impossible. Pray so big that it wouldn't be possible without God doing it. God created the very matter that everything is made of. Nothing is too big for God! Stand and live the abundant life that God has given you to live. Pray, Pray, Pray!

2 Chronicles 16:9 b. - "for the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."

Is that not a big Wow statement? Our God is on the throne. He is alive and well. If you have given your life to Christ then you are a joint heir, a child of the king. The King's children are well taken care of.

Love y'all. Tell someone what Jesus has done for you

**...VP Meeting minutes (Continued from page 3)**

A sign-up sheet was passed around for members to put out flags for the coming year.

Kelly Baker discussed a "Drop Box" app so members could communicate with each other through text messaging. Kelly also presented a new membership structure, which was approved by members. New dues will be dependent on three different levels:

Time - 5-10 hours/month to the organization plus a \$30 fee

to cover any expenses the club would incur (supplies, etc.);

Talent - time spent donating special talents and/or abilities plus the \$30 fee;

Treasure-anyone that is unable to give Time or Talent, but would like to help the organization monetarily (\$100 minimum).

Exciting ideas and programs are happening with VP this new year. Community involvement is necessary and we welcome all who want to keep Robert Lee alive and thriving. Please join us at our next meeting, Thursday, March 1, at 6pm at the Family Life Center.

**People of Words... And Action**

by James M. Decker

The recent State of the Union Address got me to thinking about this topic. I will readily admit: I did not watch the speech or any of the associated hubbub. It's a history thing with me. What we call the "State of the Union Address" is a creation of modern entertainment, aided and abetted by rah-rah needs of both political parties. It is not prescribed in the U.S. Constitution, which requires only that the President "shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient."

Until 1946, this task was simply called the "Annual Message." Thomas Jefferson eliminated the in-person address to Congress, believing it "too monarchical." His tradition of a

written report submitted to Congress continued until Woodrow Wilson returned to an in-person address. A primetime television address seems like tradition to us now, but only began in 1965. For the vast majority of American history, the Annual Message was merely an administrative update on things that had transpired and a request of things that were needed.

In 2018, what is our expectation from the State of the Union Address? A President (no matter the party) draws grand, sweeping conclusions about accomplishments, takes credit where it may or may not be due, and makes ambitious requests for the future. His party cheers. The other party does not. The speech begins and ends full of pomp and circumstance. The opposition party gives a rebuttal, relying on standard talking points detached from the content of the President's speech. Commentators breathlessly analyze it all. It's all more monarchical than President Jefferson would've cared for.

But then what happens? Life goes on. Congress doesn't begin a fit of inspired legislative frenzy. The President doesn't pursue half of the requests that were made. 12 months later, whether the same party is in control of the White House or not, it's rinse and repeat.

The State of the Union Address is merely a symptom of the American civic climate. We value words and entertainment over action and accomplishment. Fixing that in

Washington DC is a tall task, but it's a climate present in our rural communities as well. We talk—whether it be in city council meetings, the café, or with friends—about what needs fixing and, if we have some level of influence, we might even say what we're going to do about it. But do we? How many things have you vowed to take action on in the last 12 months, and how many of them have actually seen action taken? How many items have seen real success or substantial progress towards success? We cycle back around to the same topics at the next month's board meeting, the next year's budget discussion, or the next conversation at the café, and oh yeah, we once again talk about what needs to be fixed and how we're going to fix it.

Life is short. The months and years seemingly pass quicker and quicker. Words are important. We must illustrate the ideas and goals that we have and set an agenda for accomplishment. But we must be more than words. We can talk all about how we're going to fix this or that, but until we actually have something to show for those promises, we're no better than the fevered-yet-futile discourse we complain about in Washington. So, reader, I leave you with this: what have you been vowing to fix or take action on? And how will you REALLY do it?

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