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Death Notices

Beaver

Elizabeth Loyce (Betty) Beaver passed away on July 21, 2020, at Brookdale Nursing Home.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Buster and Vera (New) Burson; husband, Warren Beaver; and sister, Nell Robertson.

She is survived by daughter, Theresa (Dennis) Laughlin;

granddaughters, Jennifer, Tasha and Jacie; two sons, Marty and Greg; brothers, Bub (Carol) Burson and Jerry Burson; one brother-in-law, James Robertson; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held from 5 pm - 7 pm, Thursday, July 23, 2020, at Grimes Funeral Chapels.

Services were held at 10 am, Friday, July 24, 2020, at Grimes Funeral Chapels with Mac McCoy officiating. Burial followed at 3:30 at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte next to her husband.

throughout the school year regarding college admissions, ACT/SAT information, FAFSA information, scholarship information, and anything else academically related. The code to access the classroom is vnuachm.



Taming the Tongue

by James M. Decker

As I have written before, the Book of James is an extremely practical book in the New Testament. James focused his book on new converts to the Christian faith who needed to learn how to maintain and grow their faith within a troubled world and in a Roman Empire that could be very hostile to Christians. James touches on timeless topics that remain incredibly applicable today. Chapter 3 is no exception - taming the tongue. I am struck by the power of this passage:

“With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.” - James 3:9-12

That is a sobering statement to consider. We praise our God and curse God’s creation with the same tongue? If you are guilty of that, please raise your hand [raises my own hand]. The image of the spring is a jarring one. A spring is either fresh water or salt water. It cannot be both. In the same way, either our tongue produces goodness or badness. Just a touch of salt water is enough to spoil a fresh

water spring. We can do all the good in the world and lavish inordinate praises on God, but when our fellow man sees us curse our fellow humans with our words, it is the touch of salt water that spoils the fresh water that we produce.

As a spring pours forth from waters stored below the ground, our words pour forth from the thoughts and emotions that are stored within our hearts and minds. In Matthew 23:26, Jesus cuts right to the point there, when he admonished the hypocritical Pharisees to *“first clean the inside of the cup and dish, so that the outside may become clean as well.”* Like the Pharisees, we cannot truly speak praises on God or our fellow man without first cleansing our hearts and minds. When we do, it ensures that we produce words as pure as the unspoiled fresh water spring.

If this sounds daunting, do not be afraid. Earlier in Chapter 3, James writes *“All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.”* Taming the tongue is not a mere obstacle to conquer, receive your gold star, and then move on to the next

challenge. Taming our tongue is an ongoing life struggle. We must constantly work to tame our tongue and keep it tamed. We will foul up, but through the unending grace of God, we can be forgiven, move past our mistakes, and try again.

In this day and age, taming our tongue is all the more challenging. It is not just the words that we say. It is the words that we write in emails, text messages, and on social media. It is the words we endorse when we share them in the form of someone else’s social media post. Any word that we put out into the world - whether we intend it that way or not - reflects our hearts and minds.

Today, I am thankful for God’s grace and that my salvation is not based on my ability to control my tongue. But I am ever more mindful of the words that I say, write, and share. As our friends, family, neighbors, and fellow members of our community view and hear our words, may they find an unending wellspring of fresh water that uplifts our God and everyone around us.

James Decker is a lawyer, farmer, and mayor in Stamford, Texas, and the creator of the forthcoming “West of 98” podcast and website. He may be contacted through Facebook at facebook.com/james.decker.

UPCOMINGS!

Athletic training to begin at RLISD

Strength and conditioning for Robert Lee Junior High and High School girls will begin Monday, August 3, at 8 am. Those running cross country will run immediately following the training. Athletes attending will be required to bring a mask and their own water bottle.

Virtual Child Care Providers Conference set for August 29

The 4th annual “Wild About Kids” Virtual Child Care Providers Conference will be held Saturday, August 29, from 8 am until 12 noon. The conference will include great speakers and outstanding topics such as: The Importance of Play, with Hands on Components; Gardening and All the Associated Learning Opportunities; Including Children with Disabilities; and Learning Signs of Child Abuse.

To register, visit <https://tomgreen.agrilife.org/childcare-conference>. The deadline to register is August 21.

For more information, contact Milissa Wright at (325) 732-4304 or (325) 869-2021.

Food Manager Certification training set for August 26-27

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will be hosting a two day Food Manager Certification Training on Wednesday, August 26, and Thursday, August 27 from 8:30 am until 5 pm. The training will be held at The Texas AgriLife Research and

Extension Center in San Angelo.

The registration fee will cover the course materials and ANSI-CFP Accredited Certified Professional Food Manager examination. A valid photo ID, such as a driver’s license, ID card, military ID, or passport, must be presented to take the exam. If you do not have an acceptable form of ID, you will not be able to take the exam.

Seating is limited due to COVID-19, so contact the Tom Green County Extension Office at (325) 659-6527 for registration and availability.

Information for BHS senior class parents available online

Parents of Bronte High School seniors are encouraged to join a recently created online Google Classroom. In this classroom, information will be available

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Bronte

Bronte Church of Christ

PO Box 346
 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church

324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811

Dale Patterson, Pastor

Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 5 pm Worship

First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331 • Pastor George Cooper

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible

Study & Worship
 Wednesday 6 pm RA’s & GA’s,
 6:30 pm Youth & Adults

First United Methodist Church

Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte

(325) 473-3281
 Rev. Stacy Sprinkle, Pastor

Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries

117 W. Main, Bronte
 Russ Frasier, Pastor

Sun. 10 am
 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time

St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

4C Cowboy Church

Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
 Interim Pastor Robert Lemmond
 Sunday, 10:30 am

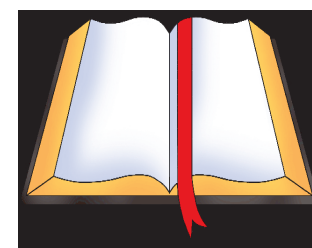
Coke County

Pecan Baptist

PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor

www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship



Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church

PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
 Sunday 10 am Sunday School, 11 am and
 5 pm Worship, Wed 5 pm Bible Study

Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 794 • 1004 Hillcrest
 Pastor Brantly Robertson
 (972) 841-2009

Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm

First United Methodist Church

PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417

Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Betel

101 Houston • Robert Lee
 Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School

11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee (325) 453-2176

Recardo Reyes, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2685, (325) 763-2118 or
 (325) 473-1053

Services: Sun. 10 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church

PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724

Chris Walls, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee

Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

Tennyson

Tennyson Baptist Church

Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 (325) 473-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting