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## Death Notices

### Kincaid

Raymon Hale Kincaid, 71, passed away on Saturday, August 12, 2017. Memorial services were held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Abilene on Tuesday, August 22 at 1 pm.

He is survived by three sons, Eric and wife Wendy Kincaid, Phillip and wife Jennifer Kincaid, Carlton and wife Dana Kincaid.

### Harper

Cecil Wayne Harper died unexpectedly in San Angelo, Texas on August 16, 2017.

Visitation was held Friday, August 18, 2017 with family present from 6 pm to 8 pm at Shaffer Funeral home in San Angelo, Texas. Funeral services were held at 2:30 pm, Saturday, August 19, 2017, at Breckenridge First Baptist Church. Dr. Justin Gandy officiated the ceremony followed by burial at Dennis Cemetery in Moran, Texas. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

Cecil is survived by his wife, Elicia Ann (Crews) Harper and children, Julie Doggett of Sterling City, Joy Myrick of Sterling City, Jay Harper of Harper, and Jimmy Harper of Austin; and sister, Loretta Wheeler of Abilene.

### Letter to the Editor

I never thought I would see in my lifetime our country trying to destroy itself like it has been lately. I have never heard anything so preposterous as the notion that the War between the States was fought because white people thought they were better than blacks, and the idea that if you are an admirer of General Robert E. Lee you are a racist or a white supremacist. Nothing is farther than the truth. The War started because the aggressive policies of the North were oppressive to the Southern States. The end result was that the States lost their ability to retain their sovereignty and became under the control of the strong central government.

Robert E. Lee was a Christian Gentleman in every sense of the word. He had a strong faith which was evident in all aspects of his life. He was a devoted husband and father, a diligent worker in whatever he was

called to do, and a superb commander. He inherited some slaves from his wife's family's plantation; he freed them prior to the war but not until his family taught them to read and write and prepare them to survive in society. He was not prejudiced toward Black people. One of the times this was evident was at a church service in Richmond, two months after Appomattox. When it came time for communion, the first man to come down the aisle and kneel at the altar was a Black man. Others hesitated to come down, but General Lee rose from his seat, walked down the aisle and knelt close to him. His example had an effect on the others, and after that they went forward to the communion table. (This account is taken from the book, CALL OF DUTY: THE STERLING NOBILITY OF ROBERT E. LEE, by J. Steven Wilkins, published by Cumberland House. Incidentally, this book should be



**BBQ Lunch!** The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department served barbecue to hungry visitors to the Oldies But Goodies Car Show held in Bronte on Saturday, August 19.

on the REQUIRED reading list for every high school student, especially those in Coke County.)

The War between the States was not fought to free the slaves. Less than 10 % of those who fought for the South owned slaves. There were undoubtedly a few harsh overseers, but for the most part the slaves were fed, housed, provided medical care when necessary, and treated as part of the family. By contrast the workers in Northern factories were paid a minimal wage and forced to buy what they needed at the company store which kept them in

perpetual debt because their wages were not sufficient to pay for their needs.

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 happy Labor Day!*

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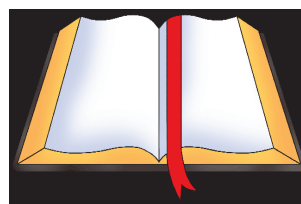
## Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

**Bronte**  
**Bronte Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
 (325) 473-3291  
 Preacher David Lewis  
 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  
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
 10:55 am Worship,  
 5 pm Worship  
 6 pm Youth  
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 Corner of Washington & Holmes  
 Bronte  
 (325) 473-3281  
 Rev. Everette Boyce, 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. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sun. 5 pm  
**4C Cowboy Church**  
 Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte  
 Pastor James Brunson  
 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.pecanbaptist.org](http://www.pecanbaptist.org)  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship



**Robert Lee**  
**Bible Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin  
 Robert Lee, John Fiore, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School,  
 11 am Worship,  
**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
 Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360  
 Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 7 pm  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
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 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, (806) 543-2118 or  
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 Services: Sun. 10 am  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sat. 6 pm  
**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
 (325) 453-2724  
 Danny White, 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