

DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

Please continue praying for those who are sick and/or suffering. Some are very sick. May God bless and encourage each and every one. Also give healing to all.

The many friends of Mrs. C.H. (Dot) Blanton are glad she is home and feeling better after an extended illness.

First Baptist Church Choir joined Crestview Church Choir Sunday night in Kosciusko during the evening service for an enjoyable Fifth Sunday Singing.

Word from Jodi Hill May and family is they are happy and doing well. These new phones are appreciated a lot because the camera shows them in their home and surroundings. May God continue his blessing on them each day and to all they minister to.

The family of Frank and Della Aldy enjoyed a Christmas get together at their

former home in Sallis Thursday night, with lots of good food and reminiscing.

Mrs. Sammy (Shirley Hill) Higginbotham drove up from Clinton for the get together at the Aldy home. Pete and Sara Aldy are now owners of their former home. All enjoyed the event.

The beautiful poinsettias placed in the First Baptist Church for Christmas holidays were vibrant and brought back memories of the Christmas holidays with those in times past. It was a blessing from those who placed them, remembering loved ones in such a beautiful way.

Sympathy is extended to Henry Cain and family because of their recent loss.

All are thankful Rev. Paul Cain is feeling some better. Daughter Shirley and this writer went to see Paul and family Saturday but they

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(Continued from page 5.) victim, the only appropriate thing to do was sigh. "It was never intended to be this way," the sigh said. "Your ears weren't made to be deaf, your tongue wasn't made to stumble." The imbalance of it all caused the Master to languish.

So, I found a place for the word. You might think it strange, but I placed it beside the word comfort, for in an indirect way, God's pain is our comfort.

And in the agony of Jesus lies our hope. Had he not sighed, had he not felt the burden for what was not intended, we would be in a pitiful condition. Had he

were not at home. We need and want to hear from them.

Hope all our readers, families and friends enjoyed the holidays and time spent with family. Have a happy and healthy New Year! Love and best wishes to all!

simply chalked it all up to the inevitable or washed his hands of the whole stinking mess, what hope would we have?

But he didn't. That holy sigh assures us that God still groans for his people. He groans for the day when all sighs will cease, when what was intended to be will be. Read more from *God Came Near: Chronicles of the Christ*. Copyright (Thomas Nelson, 1999) Max Lucado

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Durant Ward 2 Alderman Bo Patterson was able to bring a little Christmas joy and merriment to the residents of his ward right before Christmas. Patterson (pictured above) was able to collect, through his own personal donations and that of himself, toys and bicycles for boys and girls of his ward. Hams were also given to families for the holidays. Patterson is pictured above at his home with the collected items before they were delivered on Sunday, December 23.

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