



DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

Jodi and Derek May and family have returned to the home of his parents after spending last week with parents Joey and Jackie Hill here. All of us enjoyed their stay and look forward to their return again soon.

Joey and I attended the birthday celebration for James David Wells in Clinton last Saturday. It was a lots of friends and relatives in attendance at their new home outside of Clinton. He will be leaving for active duty with the U.S. service next week. He will be missed by many friends but especially his family. May God bless and return him safely

to home and family soon.

We at First Baptist Church are meeting for church and Sunday school with a former resident, Sid Vaughn preaching for us. We need to get started back on a regular time Sunday and Wednesday. We sure look forward to Brother Ed McDaniel's return if and when he feels up to it. We meet at 9:45 for Sunday school and church at 11:00 a.m. Sunday.

We are thankful Cynthia Bratcher is back to teach our Sunday school class. We sure missed her when we were out because of the virus. Pray that God will deliver us from this terrible virus.

May God bless and give healing to those who are home and sick.

Mr. Willie B. Burrell is a resident of the Attala Nursing Center in Kosciusko. May God give complete healing to each. Sympathy is extended to all patients who are not well, whether they are Durant residents and/or others.

Lets be in prayer for a healthy nation and be in prayer for those who have lost loved ones.

Hope to go to normal church services beginning Sunday. First Baptist and all others are in prayer for our interim pastor, Brother Ed McDaniel and wife Libby that they will be back at First Baptist Church real soon. We love and appreciate them

more than we can put into words.

Shirley Hill Higginbotham and Jay of Clinton, spent time recently with me and the family. While here, we were thankful to have others also.

We are thankful to be having church services again and Sunday school again after weeks waiting to return. This virus has changed lots of things lately. Thankfully no one to my knowledge haven't had it.

Joey and Jackie Hill recently joined the May family in Stewart for the celebration of a birthday recently.

Shirley and Jack Ables and this writer recently spent time during the weekend in Jackson in the home of our sister Bessie (Aldy) and husband Earnest Easterling. We all enjoyed the time together.

Hope all church members in Durant and all towns can start back and be regular again soon. It has been a long time. We pray for all to be back to normal and back in church and Sunday school regular again. My family miss seeing and being together with our Christian friends. Life for us is not the same.

May God bless and keep the people who remain at work during this virus so we could go for groceries and food supplies and for the days ahead. We appreciate you and pray you stay well and healthy.

Noah's Ark

My son turned 35 years old this week. It seems like yesterday that we were bringing him home from the hospital. When we arrived at home, our friends and family had decorated our yard with signs welcoming "Baby Steven" to the world.

One of my favorite memories of his childhood was reading books to him. I had a book of Bible stories with beautiful illustrations that was one of his first choices when selecting a book. His favorite story was about Noah's Ark. I think mainly because of his love of animals. He had a toy replica of the Ark with many of the pairs of animals that was a favorite toy.

I ran across this Noah's Ark's Rules to Live By:

- *Don't miss the boat.
- *Remember we are all in the same boat.
- *Plan ahead; it wasn't raining when God asked Noah to build the Ark.
- *Stay fit; Noah was 600 years old when God asked him to build the Ark.
- *Don't listen to critics; just do the job.
- *Build your future on high ground.
- *For safety; travel in pairs.
- *Speed isn't always an advantage; cheetahs and snails were both on the Ark.
- *When stressed, just float awhile.
- *Remember the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic was built by professionals.
- *Remember, no matter the storm, when you are with God, there is always a rainbow.

A layered appetizer makes a beautiful, as well as tasty, presentation.

Serve them with an assortment of your favorite crackers. I hope you will give this week's recipes a try. Thanks for reading.

TRIPLE LAYER APPETIZER CHEESECAKE

3 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
 3 Tbsp. chopped pimiento stuffed green olives
 2 tsp. of the olive juice
 1 Tbsp. mayonnaise
 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
 1 (2 oz.) jar diced pimiento, drained
 1 tsp. grated onion
 ¼ cup softened butter
 2 cloves chopped garlic
 1 tsp. dried Italian seasoning
 Line a loaf pan with Saran Wrap. Prepare the next 3 layers and spread them on top of the other.

Layer 1: 1 cream cheese, olives and juice

Layer 2: 1 cream cheese, mayonnaise, cheddar cheese and onion

Layer 3: 1 cream cheese, butter, garlic and Italian seasoning

Cover and chill at least 3 hours or overnight until firm. Unmold onto a serving plate.

FETA CHEESE TORTA

16 oz. cream cheese, softened
 8 oz. crumbled Feta cheese
 1 minced clove garlic
 2 Tbsp. butter
 ½ tsp. pepper
 ½ cup pine nuts, toasted
 ½ cup chopped fresh parsley
 ½ cup chopped sun dried tomatoes
 1 cup chopped fresh spinach
 4 chopped green onions
 Line a loaf pan with Saran Wrap. Mix cheeses, garlic, butter, and pepper until smooth. Layer the following ingredients in order: Pine nuts, parsley, green onion, ½ cream cheese mixture, spinach and then spread remaining cream cheese mixture on top. Chill overnight and turn out on a serving plate to serve with toast points or your favorite cracker.

LAYERED CHEESE APPETIZER

1 lb. grated sharp cheddar cheese
 Mayonnaise – enough to make a spreading consistency
 3 dashes of Worcestershire sauce
 3 dashes Picapeppa sauce
 Garlic salt to taste
 6 chopped green onions
 ½ cup chopped pecans
 2 (8 oz.) block cream cheese, softened
 1/3 cup chopped jalapeno peppers
 Prepared pimiento cheese
 Line a loaf pan with Saran Wrap. In a bowl, mix together the sharp cheese, mayonnaise, Worcestershire, Picapeppa, garlic salt, green onion, and pecans; press into bottom of loaf pan. Then mix cream cheese and jalapeno peppers, and press on top of first layer. Then make a third layer by pressing pimiento cheese on top. Chill overnight and turn onto a serving platter to serve. Top with strawberry preserves or pepper jelly. Serve with Club crackers.

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IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON

BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



The Lexington Farmer's Market workers were busy Friday, June 26. They appreciated the Holmes County Bank workers stopping by the market. The workers say "God bless each of you."

*Rotarian

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 elected vice president of his class.

After a short stint as a First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army, Ed returned home in 1967 to manage Thurmond's, Inc., a family owned hardware and appliance store. During the fifty years that he managed the family business, he served the community as mayor, chamber of commerce president, and chairman of many other local organizations. He also served as a director of the North Mississippi Planning and Development District and the Mississippi Economic Council.

A third generation Rotarian, Thurmond has been a member of the Lexington Rotary Club for over fifty years and served as president, director, and foundation chair. During his time as foundation chair the Lexington Rotary Club became the first 100% Paul Harris Fellow club in District 6820 and was awarded the Allison Brush Award (highest per capita giving) for five consecutive years. He and his wife Fran are Arch Klumph Society members, Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation and members of the Paul Harris Society. In February 2019 they participated in the National Polio Immunization Day in India in February 2020 worked on the District 6820 Guadalajara Mexico Mission trip.

He is actively involved in the life of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and has been married to the former Fran Walker of Stoneville, MS for over 47 years. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Be nice to the market crew and wear a mask. If you don't care about yourself; care about the market crew and others.

The weekend of July 4, two of Joe Morgan's children came home for a visit. Morris Morgan, II and his family went to Atlanta for the weekend. They visited his sister.

I have bad news for the people that went to the doctor at Lexington Primary Care Clinic (Dr. Downer's

office). They sent the patients a letter. Part of the letter reads, "Due to the recent COVID-19 events and the financial effects, we will no longer be able to continue providing your medical care at the Lexington clinic. It will not be reopening. Sabrina Matthews, NP, is available to provide you with necessary medication refills until July 31, 2020 which should give you sufficient time to transfer you care. She can be reached at 662-453-1852. After that date you will need to obtain medical care elsewhere."

The Willie Wright Jr. Ministries, Inc. of Houston, Texas Donates Face Masks to Lexington's Law Enforcement Staff and Inmates to Fight COVID-19



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WILLIE WRIGHT SR.



ROBERT LEE WRIGHT

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the jails of Lexington, MS, Willie Wright Jr. Ministries, Inc. has donated a total of 500 face masks to both staff and inmates in Lexington.

The donation includes 400 face masks for the Holmes County Sheriff Office (staff and inmates) and 100 face masks for the Lexington Police Department (staff and inmates).

"These masks are crucial to the safety and health of Lexington's law enforcement officials and inmates. I appreciate all that the police department and sheriff office have done and continue to do for those around them."

"Inmates are among the high risk, most fragile and most forgotten population who are unable to maintain social distancing."

"The face masks are donated in honor of my Father-- the late Mr. Willie Wright, Sr. of the Holmes County School Bus Garage and my Brother-- the late Mr. Robert Lee Wright, former Police Chief."

**Philippians 1:21 -
 "For to me to live is Christ,
 and to die is gain."**

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