

Oilfield Christian Fellowship

established May 1991

1 John 1:3 "... Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ."

MARCH 2011

Don't Forget Two Important Upcoming Events!

March 29th - Oklahoma

OILFIELD PRAYER BREAKFAST
TUESDAY MARCH 29, 2011
COX CENTER - DOWNTOWN OKC
6:30 - 7:45 A.M.

GET A TABLE TODAY!



INDIVIDUAL TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, BECAUSE IT IS THE POWER OF GOD THAT BRINGS SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES.
ROMANS 1:16 (NIV)

WWW.OILFIELDPRAYERBREAKFAST.COM

13th Annual Prayer Breakfast
Oilfield Christian Fellowship

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
- Romans 10:13

Tuesday, May 3rd, 2011
Crowne Plaza Hotel (Kirby & 610) Houston
Doors open at 6:30 AM
Breakfast at 7:00 AM

TICKETS	
Individual Tickets	\$40
Table Sponsor	\$400 (table of 8)
Underwriter Table	\$1,000 (table of 8)
Platinum Underwriter	\$3,000 (table of 16)
Title Underwriter	\$10,000 (table of 16)

Special Guest Speaker
Jay B Still
Executive Vice President,
Domestic Operations,
Pioneer Natural Resources

Pay by check: Mr. Gayle Stinson
29714 Auburn Pine Ct, Kingwood, TX 77346

Pay online: www.OilfieldChristianFellowship.com
For more information, call 713-899-1675
All proceeds from this event benefit the OCF Bible and other ministries. Non-profit 501(c)(3)

and May 3, 13th Annual OCF Prayer Breakfast - Houston

Reservations and
best table positions
assigned upon
payment and/or tier

OCF Chapter News

The Smile Corner

Inner Peace

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

Then You Are Probably the family dog!!



Oklahoma City -Special Prayer Breakfast

The first ever Oilfield Prayer Breakfast of OKC will be held at the Cox Center in downtown OKC on Tuesday, March 29th, from 6:30 - 7:45 AM. The breakfast is being organized by the Oilfield Christian Fellowship (OCF) and Oil Patch Chaplains (OPC) for the purpose of uniting the oilfield community of Oklahoma at a breakfast setting that will include a special guest speaker and musical entertainment. Romans 1:16a was chosen as the theme scripture for the breakfast gathering: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes..." It is hoped that this event will show individuals in the energy business that they are not alone in their faith and belief that God is in control and is there for all of us.

We are seeking prayer and financial support to bring together participants from all areas and levels of the oil & gas industry. We are offering table sponsorships for \$500 (table of eight) and general sponsorships (starting at \$1000). While these sponsorships include eight tickets, we are asking sponsors to prayerfully consider who they will invite and to return any unused tickets so that others may benefit from attendance. Our goal is to fill all the seats. All proceeds are to cover breakfast, entertainment & facility expenses, with any leftover funds being contributed to OCF & OPC to support their ministries. For more information, please go online to www.oilfieldprayerbreakfast.com.

Fort St. John, B.C. (Looking Ahead)

See the letter below to the Global Petroleum Show and Conference to be held June 12-14, 2012 and the June 7-9, 2011 Oil and Gas Conference and Show, from OCF director Les Elliott:

"Hi Ashif,

I'm a director with the nonprofit group of oil patch people called the Fort St John Oilfield Christian Fellowship.

We're associated with the Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Houston Texas, <http://www.oilfieldchristianfellowship.com/>, and we'd like to set up a booth in the indoor hall at the June 12, 13, 14, 2012 Global Petroleum Show and Conference.

Are there any indoor booths still available?"

Best Regards,
Les

Les Elliott, Director
Fort St John Oilfield Christian Fellowship
Fort St John, British Columbia, Canada. V1J 1Z9

Also his letter of inquiry for the upcoming O&G Conference in Calgary:

"Hi Kelly,

I spoke to you a while back about setting up an exhibit for the Oilfield Christian Fellowship at your June 7,8,9 2011 Gas and Oil Expo.

At that time you said all the non core booths were reserved and that you could put us on the cancellation list.

Please put us on your cancellation list and let us know as soon as possible if a booth comes free for us."

Best Regards,
Les

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Bird's Eye View

by John Bird

GREASE! - No, not the movie!

— How a growing national nuisance may solve some problems

As most of the nation has heard lately, we have a growing hog problem reaching epidemic levels and costing millions in damages; 50 million in Texas alone. Our state had an estimated 2 million feral hogs in 2006 and I'm sure that number has grown exponentially when considering the following facts.

Thanks Hernando and Austin!

- Hernando de Sota brought the first pigs to the Florida Coast in 1539. (Just three months later he open the first barbeque rib joint in North America; Hernandos Hideaway.)
- Pure Russian wild boar were brought to New Hampshire in 1890 by Austin Corbin, railroad executive and so called robber baron. (All the money and nothing else to do.)
- Now hogs are in at least 40 states and 4 Canadian Provinces.
- Average life expectancy is 5 to 8 years in which a sow reaching the age of only 7 months can produce 1000 piglets in five years , of which each can reach up to 600 pounds. (A 1,172 pound hog was killed recently in Marion, Alabama.) Each rib must have weighed 12 pounds!
- There are several million feral hogs in the U.S. and if ¼ are sows; do the math.
- Not only are they costly but will eat everything from zinnias to young calves.



- (On the farm where I was raised, I once saw one of our hogs suck a 3 foot snake in like a slick noodle!)
- They can run up to 30 mph and are great swimmers.
- They have a keen sense of smell and hearing but very poor sight.
- They may carry many diseases including Brucellosis, Pseudorabies, Tuberculosis and Hog Cholera. And of course we all know about swine flu and how humans contract it.



(For those of you who belief Elvis is still alive, this is a joke.)

I could go on but you get the picture. As you can see, we have an unlimited source of fuel oil and 'the other white meat' at our disposal and it's free for the taking because everyone wants to get rid of the darn things!

"I understand the food thing John but not the fuel oil. What do you mean?"

A Penn State research paper stated in 2000 that lard makes a great # 6 fuel oil! And for the environmentalist: "Pig fat contains essentially no sulfur or sulfur compounds and produces no sulfur dioxide when burned. Also, it produces one third the oxides versus No. 6 fuel oil, rendering almost no ash and very little carbon monoxide." And for the PETA people; get over it!

Again do the math. A hog reproduces so fast and is typically 60% meat and 40% fat so the supply is almost limitless.

And may I make a personal comment here from a guy who grew up on a farm where we raised hogs and chickens? Obviously the meat is fantastic, especially pork chops, sausage and bacon, and this goes for anything that is supposedly not good for you. And if you've never eaten fried 'yard' chicken cooked in hog lard, you have not tasted real fried chicken!

Sometimes the answer to food and fuel shortage is just a 'litter' away from where we live.



"Personally, I wish the whole world were Jewish!"

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Look, God made hogs and made them for us to eat in moderation just like everything else on earth. He knew from Creation they would also make good fuel oil and the following as well: an excellent source of proteins and vitamins, especially vitamin B1, leather, rubber, weed killers, floor wax, crayons, make-up, plastics, chalk, antifreeze, glue, insulin, ventricles for heart surgery, fine artist brushes and insulation, bone meal for water filters and glass making and no telling what else that we haven't discovered yet!

"...it was good."

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind.

*And God
saw that it
was good.*

- Genesis 1: 24, 25

Hi Kelly,

Thanks for getting back to me
Attached is the contract filled out with as much as we can for now.
Once you confirm a booth for us we'll get you the deposit and a billing address.

Best Regards,
Les

Editor: If you have any connections in Calgary or the area, please contact me or Les Elliott in connection with these two shows.

Great Idea!

One more example of getting the Word out from Fort St. John:
Each month a camera ready meeting announcement is sent to all the churches in Fort St. John for their bulletins, web sites, etc.

Further, Les tells me that once again the truck with the OCF derrick and Cross on it will be in parades in that area this year!

How better to celebrate Canada Day, July 1st, but with a parade and a float with a replica of the OCF logo in the back of a pickup! Great going leaders Lorne Sutherland and Pieter Hogenboom for building it and then Pieter using his pickup to drive it in the parade!! Outstanding!

What is Canada Day? It is the celebrating of the anniversary of the 1 July 1867 enactment of the British North America Act, which united



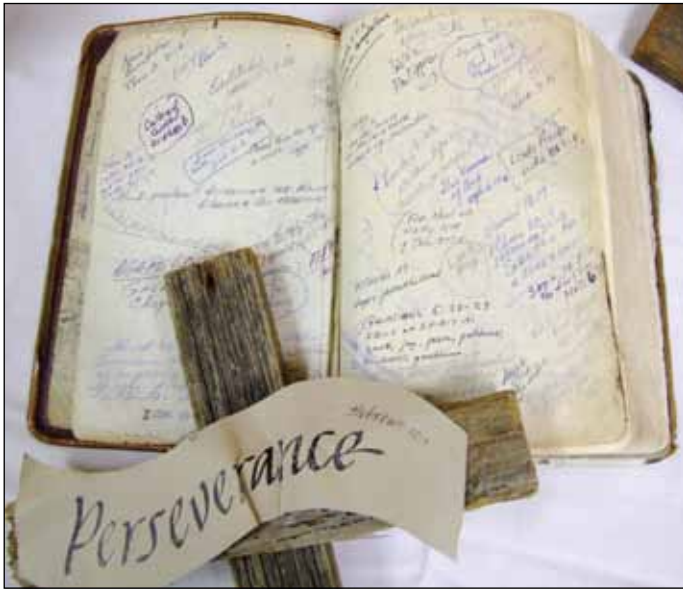
Outstanding!

What is Canada Day? It is the celebrating of the anniversary of the 1 July 1867 enactment of the British North America Act, which united Canada as a single country, which was in turn composed of four provinces.



Real Men Write Notes in their Bible, part 1

"Your word have I treasured in my heart that I might not sin against you." - Psalms 119:11



The Bible of George Waters, displayed at his funeral

I can't remember exactly when it was that I began to write notes in my Bible but I do recall that I was a bit reluctant because of the Holiness that the Bible had held for me over the years. Even though I had not always followed God and His precepts, the Book was always special. It was made even more singular when I made Christ Lord of my life in my early thirties and I began to study it in depth for the first time.

"Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them." - Proverbs 34:13

Two events began me on this journey of recognizing its importance. First was a small switch torn off a tree each Sunday in our yard in Vicksburg, Mississippi when I was still in shorts and sandals. When I got rambunctious in church, my mother Lois with furrowed brow, gave me that certain look and by simply touching the switch would straighten me up. This was the beginning of a reverence as to where I was and how to act when there.

The second event was when my mother found me under the four legged washer on the back porch coloring the pictures in her large King James Version. That black and white sketch of the 'burning bush' needed some red and yellow in it, I probably thought. This time she didn't just touch the switch but made a couple of non life threatening swats to make the point that I had done something wrong to something of significance. My mom was gentle person with a good sense of humor, so I feared hurting her or my dad's feelings more than the switch. I never looked again at any illustrations in the Bible without attaching some worth and veneration toward them.

When George Waters, a man that I had gotten to know when we lived in Portland, Texas died in 2009, Judy and I attended his funeral. His Bible, the one pictured above, was appropriately displayed because one couldn't celebrate his life without it being there to put an exclamation point on all the kind things that were said that day. It exemplified who George was, a man's man who loved God, his family, friends and country. His comments and observations scribbled throughout the old Bible were personal notes written back to the God he loved. What a flood of memories must have swept over his wife and family who knew him best as they turned its pages.

I couldn't help but muse about what he might have been thinking when he noted two scriptures on the very first page of his Bible. For sure he must have used them as a reminder and a guide as he studied its content each time.

Rules from God for 2011

1. **Wake Up !!** Decide to have a good day.

"Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" - Psalms 118:24

2. **Dress Up !!** The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart."
- I Samuel 16:7

3. **Shut Up!!** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. *"He who guards his lips guards his soul."* -Proverbs 13:3

4. **Stand Up!!..... For what you believe in.** Stand for something or you will fall for anything.. *"Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..."* - Galatians 6:9-10

5. **Look Up !!... To the Lord.** *"I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me."*
- Philippians 4:13

6. **Reach Up !!... For something higher.** *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, And He will direct your path."*
- Proverbs 3:5-6

7. **Lift Up !!... Your Prayers.** *"Do not worry about anything; Instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING."*
- Philippians 4:6

**Remember:
God answers prayer.**

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Come, Smell the Rain

by Mike Chaffin

I stood in the desert. It was bleak and dry from the long cold winter; looked as if nothing was alive or ever would be again. But winter was starting to lift; a feeling of warmth returning in the air. This afternoon dark clouds began building on the horizon. Rain arrived the next morning and stayed for two days, drenching the dry, sandy soil until small rivers raced across the hardpan, washing away rotting vegetation and the decaying carcasses of the winter kill.

Then the sun, in all its strength, peered through the now spent clouds, burning larger and larger holes until only wisps remained to float away. In an instant, cacti budded and bloomed, shrub trees put on leaves and flowered, small clumps of sage turned from brown to green. In less than 24 hours spring had come to the desert and new life had emerged from sleep and death.

Ephesians 5:14 (NKJV)

**Therefore He says:
"Awake, you who sleep,
Arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light."**

Like the desert, awakened by rain falling in springtime, the one who gives their soul to Christ receives new life. Asking Jesus for forgiveness washes away the old ways of sin and death. Immediately the light of Christ's love burns through the darkness that clouds a sinner's life. Instantly that love erupts in the newborn child of God bringing forth renewal, vitality and eternal life.

After the storm that brings springtime to the desert there is a peace and tranquility that allows it to resume life, once more transforming the desert into a new creation. Likewise, accepting Jesus as Savior will bring about that same type of transformation in the new believer. It is that wonderfully cleansing experience which moves you from the

desert to the mountaintop, from death to new life.

If you would like to accept Christ as your Savior and let him light up your life pray this prayer, mean it in your heart and let God do His work in you. Dear Lord, I admit I am a sinner and I need you. I understand you died on the cross for my sins. Please Lord, take my sins away. Cleanse me from all the wrong that I have in my life. Make me a new creation. I give control of my life to you. Take me Lord and make me yours. I can't do this on my own any longer. I accept you as my Savior and Lord of my life. Amen.

Contact us or a Christian you know and let them know about this decision you have just made so we can rejoice with you and welcome you.

Email us at chaffinmike@comcast.net or jbirdocf@flash.net with this great news. Include your phone number if you would like one of us to call. God Bless.

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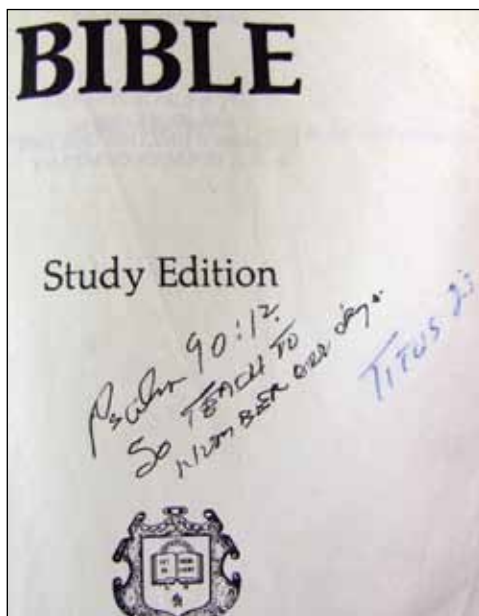
He noted Psalm 90:12, "Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

And then right under this scripture he has written; Titus 2:7

"In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us."

What powerful verses to remember every day of his life; what practical words for him of what his life would be if he followed God's precepts.

He was personalizing before God that he knew what his obligations were as a professing Christian and that he would not squander opportunities to represent Him wherever he went and in turn would "...gain a heart of wisdom." In fact God had already given him wisdom enough by inspiring him to note the words in Titus; "...an example, doing good, integrity, seriousness, soundness of speech..."



It can be said that if everyone in the world would simply take heed to these divine words, it would be a better place for all; living according to His prudence and promises.

One commentator wrote about these verses:

"In the months before his execution by the Nazis, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote: "I fear that Christians, who stand with only one leg upon earth, also stand with only one leg in heaven." His concern was for Christians who had disengaged themselves from the world, who could stand by and watch atrocities committed as if the Christian message or individual Christian responsibility had no bearing whatsoever upon earthly affairs.

The fact of the matter is that the Christian faith intends full engagement in the world. Certainly the origin of this new life is 'otherworldly'. Certainly Christian values are not those of the world. Certainly Christian hope takes us beyond this world. But it is in this world that God has called Christians to live, and it is this world's inhabitants that Christians must reach with the gospel. Engagement of this kind requires Christian credibility and participation in the life of the world.

Credibility especially depends on living, as far as possible, in a manner that the world considers to be respectable. "Respectability" was an important concept in Paul's day. But the values connected with it have always been subject to change. Therefore, the Christian life is first and always to be a clear expression of the will of God."

Well said; what we are all to be if we call ourselves Christians.

Part two next month.

Editor -About George Waters: George served in the Navy during WWII and got his degree in Petroleum Engineering from Texas Tech in 1950. As a longtime member of First United Methodist Church in Corpus Christi and then Sinton, he served for many years in youth ministry, choir and the Emmaus community. He volunteered for several years on the USS Lexington. (When I first met him he was the regional engineering manager for Forest Oil in Corpus Christi.)



The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Fort Worth

Where: The Petroleum Club of Fort Worth
Lunch: \$20.00 \$25.00
Contact Scott Royal for details
817-339-0831 817-332-7400 - sroyal@encoreacq.com
scott.royal@richlandcorp.com -2nd Monday
No Meeting in March: Club repair

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Houston

When: 11:45 am until 12:45 pm
Wednesday: March 2, 2011
Guest Speaker: Russell Stewart - Testimony
Place: Houston First Baptist Church, SW corner of I-10 and 610
Web Site: www.OilfieldChristianFellowship.com
E-Mail: jbirdocf@cebridge.net - Hm. 281 359 1258, 1st Wed. each month

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Dallas When: NO MEETING IN MARCH [3rd Tuesday of month]

11:45 am to 12:45 pm
Where: Brookhaven Country Club • Cost: Lunch \$25 (no credit cards please)
Speaker: Rick Collins, Press on Missions, PressOnMissions.com "Press On Missions - "Reaching the Youth of the World"
For Reservations call Hoss Smith at 972.239.3666 or hsmith@knightoiltools.com
NOTE: reservations must be made by Friday prior to the Tuesday Meeting

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Pittsburgh Area

SPEAKER: TBA
WHEN: March 9, 2011 - 11:30 AM, Lunch \$15
WHERE: Tambellini Restaurant
413 Railroad Street • Bridgeville, Pennsylvania
Make Reservations with Jim Teague • at JTeague@newtecheng.com
Always the second Wednesday of Each Month

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Lafayette

Note: Quarterly Meetings
When: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm - March 11
Where: 4021 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy Bldg A, Atrium
Speaker: TBA
Cost: \$12 per person
For reservations call Greg Bruton @ 337-593-8700

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Perryton, Texas

When: Tuesday, March 8th 2011
Time: 7 PM Dinner - \$15
Where: Smoke House Restaurant - 210 SE 24th Street
Special Guest Speaker: Kelly Brown - Testimony
For more information: Call, Mike Riley
806-228-8393 or Bill Skaggs (580)-334-5616
Always 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Oklahoma City

When: March 3rd, 2011 [first Thursday of each month]
11:30 AM - 12:50 PM -Twin Hills Country Club (3401 NE 36th, just east of I-35)
Speaker: Kathy Boeckman, Founder, Director, House of Healing
Just show up (no RSVP needed; cost: \$20)
Rick Johnson, 405-426-4310 (O), 405-313-9417 (C),
rickjohnson@chaparralenergy.com or
Randy Patterson, 405-429-6318 (O), 405-443-5182 (C), randypatterson@cox.net
Visit: www.TurkeystotheRescue.org and www.oilfieldprayerbreakfast.com

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Tulsa

When: 11:30 AM until 12:45 PM
Wednesday - March 30, 2011 [last Wed. of each month]
Special Guest: TBA
Where: (Contact Jim for location and
Information: Jim Schmidt at 918 810 7114 • jim@armadillojim.com

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Denver

When: 12:00 am until 12:50 pm
Speaker: Gary Rayburn, RIG Ministries
Date: Wednesday March 23
Place: 1401 17th St., 11th Floor (Alamo Plaza Bldg - 17th & Market St.)
Cost: \$15 lunch fee
Web Site: www.OilfieldChristianFellowship.com
E-Mail: OCF-DenverChapter@pxd.com - 4th Wed. each month

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Corpus Christi

Wednesday, March 9th, 2011 [2nd Wed. each month]
11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Where: First United Methodist Church
Shoreline Drive - Fellowship Hall
Guest Speaker: TBA
Cost: \$15.00
Information: Contact Greg Garbe or Bo Waters
Website: www.oilfieldchristianfellowship-cc.com
Email: ocfcc@lighthouseexploration.com
Phone: 361-693-4001

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Tyler

When: Wednesday, March 9, 2011 (2nd Wednesday of each month)
Where: Hollytree CC
Speaker: Terry Bryan, Company Pastor • Richland Resources
Time: 11:30 to 1 PM
Contact Caroline Powers at Caroline@blockt.com
More information: 903.526.4680

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Fort St. John, B.C.

7:00 PM Thursday March 24, 2011 (4th Thursday of each month)
Fellowship, Coffee, and Dessert at Whole Wheat & Honey Café (100th & 100th)
Speaker: A local FSJ oil patch person will share their walk with
our Lord or speak about oil patch faith issues
Tickets available at the door \$5.00 ea
Call Pieter Hoogenboom for more information
250.262.5747 or 250.827.3936

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Grand Junction, Colorado

Saturday, March 19, 2011 6 PM until 8 PM
Suggested donation for wonderful dinner: \$10 family, \$5 single
Where: Canyon Vineyard Church
736 24 1/2 Road
Speaker: TBA
Call Wayne Stewart
970. 314.7628 - 3rd Saturday of each Month

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Morgan City

When: Friday March 25, 2011
Speaker: Kelly Marcantel "Bright Light Foundation" Mission to raised money to assist with medical needs of those within the oilfield community stricken by catastrophic illness.
Where: Rig "Mr. Charlie"
Time: Noon
Cost: \$15 cash or check only
Where: Hwy 90 in Morgan City and follow the signs! We're located at 111 First Street -- on the South Side of Railroad Avenue, and the river side of the levee.
Call: RSVP with Greg Roussel: 985.397.2360

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Wyoming

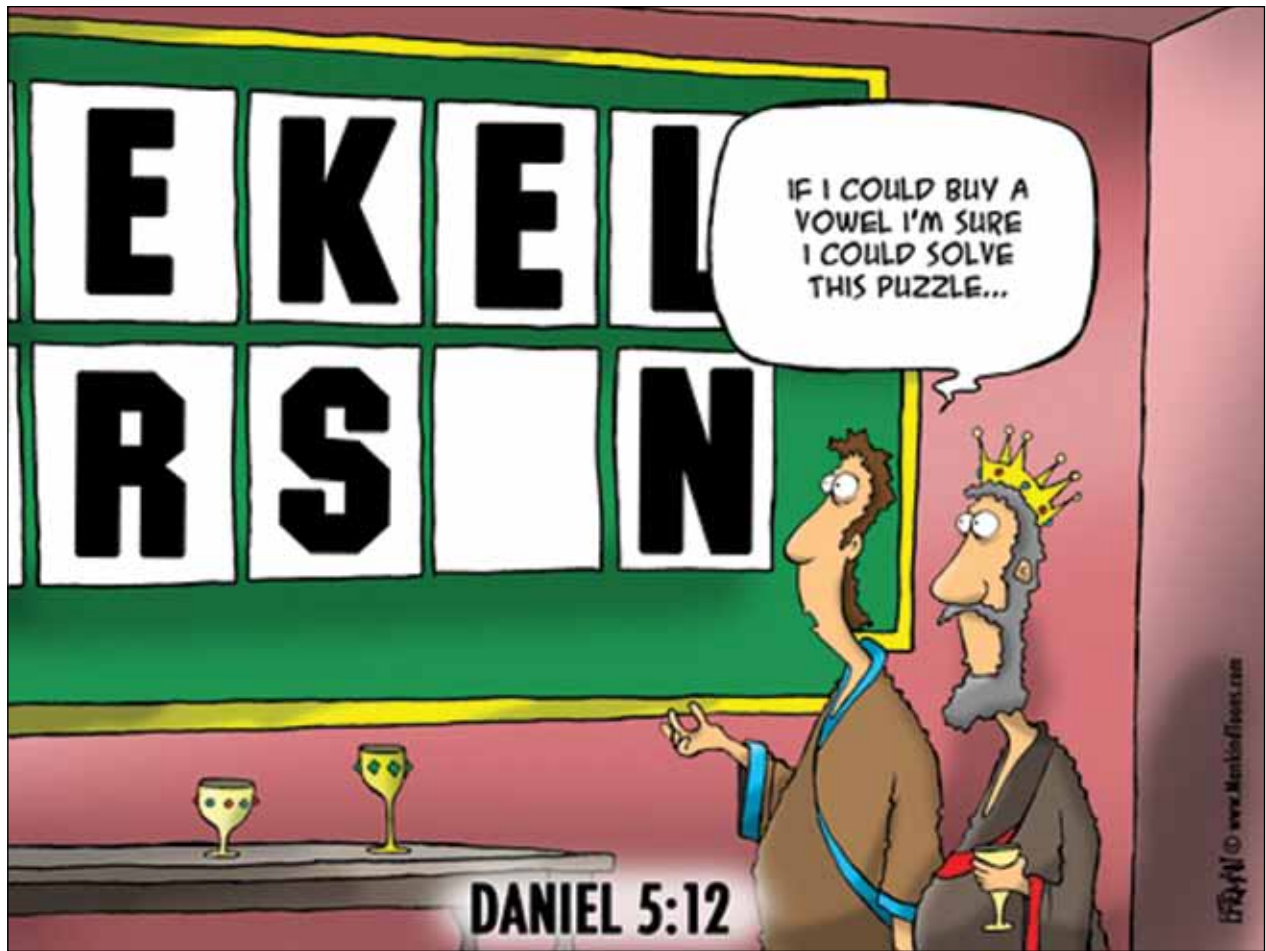
When: March 19
Where: Santa Fe Grill , Rock Springs WY
Time: 4:00 PM
Speaker: Business meeting (elect new officers)
Contact numbers are Brent Harris 307-871-1631 or
Stanley Jorensen 307-679-2350 or ocfwyoming@gmail.com

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Covington

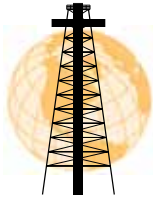
When: Thursday March 17, 2011 "always the third Thursday of the month"
Speaker: TBA
Where: Best Western North Park Inn
Time: 11:30am-12:45pm
Cost: \$15.00 cash or check only
Where: 625 N Highway 190, Covington, Louisiana 70433-8961
Call: Please RSVP to Patsy Gedge at pgedge@saratogaresources.net

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