

Oilfield Christian Fellowship

established May 1991

1 John 1:3 "... Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ." APRIL / MAY 2011


Still Time to Sign Up!

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

	Special Guest Speaker	Individual Tickets	\$40
	Jay P. Still	Table Sponsor	\$400 (table of 8)
	<i>Executive Vice President, Domestic Operations, Pioneer Natural Resources</i>	Underwriter Table	\$1,000 (table of 8)
	<i>All proceeds from this event benefit the OCF Bible and other ministries. Non-profit 501(c)(3)</i>	Platinum Underwriter	\$3,000 (table of 16)
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20714 Auburn Pine Ct., Kingwood, TX 77346

First Annual IADC Charity Sport Clays Shoot Held



The first annual IADC Sporting Clays was held the American Shooting Center in Houston and was a great success! The day was beautiful and for the over 500 men and women who shot, the temperature was perfect.

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The Smile Corner

Florida Court Sets Atheist Holy Day

In Florida, an atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days... The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays.."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.'

Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day.

Court is adjourned."



Custom buckle that all the winners received

First place team # 57:
#57 WILSON - Total 494

#281 SCOTT CARROLL - 100
#283 RICK STOREY - 100
#284 Jim Ponder - 100
#282 David Chandler - 98
#285 Mike Ponder - 96

HOA Champions:
Ladies: TK Garrett
Men: Brandon Davidson

Winner of the grand prize
Custom Golf Cart: Darryl Miller

Tim Riggs, Jeff Kessler
and Albert Lew give
out the prizes!

Proceeds after
expenses went to the
Oilfield Christian
Fellowship and The
Oil Patch Chaplains.



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Bird's Eye View

by John Bird

Sgiomlaireachd

— *Be thankful for English!*



The above title is a Highland Scottish word for, 'the habit of dropping in at mealtimes'. Fortunately we find in the Oxford English Dictionary, we can use shorter words like, 'bum' or 'leech'.

I found this word in Bill Bryson's book, *The Mother Tongue; How English got that way*, where he writes that "Over 300,000 million people around the world speak English and the rest... try to." My wife and I can attest to this as when we visited Europe for the first time. If you wanted to get directions in English, no matter where on the continent, just ask a youngster because most countries require kids to study English and they are happy to practice.

Some try hard to use English, but...

A warning to motorists in Tokyo: "When a passenger of the foot heave in sight, tootle the horn. Trumpet at him melodiously at first, but if he still obstacles your passage, then tootle him with vigor." Would this sign work on the New Jersey Turnpike; I don't think so.

Why be thankful for English? Well a lot of reasons, but he points out some real difficult differences around the world to contend with if you happened to be learning particular languages. Some example as to why English is somewhat less complex:

"Papua New Guinea has a hundred names for yams, the Maoris of New Zealand, thirty-five words for dung, the Arabs, 6000 words for camels and camel equipment, Eskimos, fifty words for types of snow but no word for snow, Italians, over 500 words for macaroni, including strozzapreti which means "strangled priest" and vermicelli which means "little worms". (Just 498 others!) One can only imagine.

And closer to home; "What a Brit calls a blizzard, a Nebraskan calls a

flurry and what a Londoner calls a heat wave is when the temperature is in the seventies!"

But he also points out the "booby traps" in our language as well. For example the word fly, which can be an insect, a means of travel or a "critical part of a gentleman's apparel."

Such as this article's long title had to be shortened into English, the pilgrims ran into the same problem as an example of how English made life a little simpler for others. An early translator of the Bible into Iroquoian had to devise the word kummogkodonattotummooetitea-onganunnonash for the phrase "our question". Another word from this tribe had 39 letters and meant, "You fish on that side, I'll fish on this side and nobody will fish in the middle." You may hear me trying to pronounce this word at the next TOBI!

We can be thankful for English is another respect and that is that we can read the Bible so easily today and by the way, thank you Martin Luther for risking life and limb to help get the 'ball' rolling our way!

"A Holy Bible!"

When my friend Doug began his journey to find Christ while reading, of all things Revelation one day on an offshore rig, (He told me, "...it scared the H--- out of me!"), he called his wife and told her that by the time he got home he wanted her to have bought them a Bible! When she asked, what kind of Bible, he answered in a huff, "What do mean what kind of Bible; a HOLY Bible!" (Well that's what was written on the front of it!)

People often ask me what kind of (Holy) Bible I recommend them to read. I know I am opening a can of worms here but my answer from my personal experience is a translation that is easiest

to read and not a paraphrased version. This is why we chose the New International version for our custom OCF Bible, *God's Word for the Oil Patch*. We simply wanted to get the Good News to everyone in the oil patch who would readily understand God's Word and hopefully come to a personal and growing relationship with the Father.

When I turned my life over to the Lord when I was 31 years old, I tried studying the King James Version of the Bible, but because many of its words are not commonly used today, it was sometimes laborious. I also found that my Bible teachers as well as I spent an inordinate amount of time trying to explain what this or that meant from commentaries and such. "Surely God doesn't want His Word to be this difficult, I said to myself." (And He doesn't!) From there I went to the paraphrased version of the Bible for a short while and then when the NIV came along, I really began to dig deeper with an understandable translation.

For example this passage from the KJV Epistle of John; chapter 2, verse 23:

Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also."

The NIV version: "No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

I rest my case, and no, it's not blasphemous to read a translation other than the King James Version.

Even today when someone is teaching from a version other than the NIV, I sometimes find them explaining what the passage means, when often the NIV already says it plainly. This is not to say that the NIV is the only translation to purchase. There are many other good versions available as well. Even at this, it is good to have some good commentaries but remember; sometimes the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible.

Why read the Bible? Well here is one of the best reasons and it is found in Psalm 119: 11;

"I (your name) have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (God)



God's Word Shines in a Bolivian Cafe

"As iron sharpens iron. . ."

While traveling to Bolivia to gather information on the reserves for the company he used to work for, former OCF



Denver Director Gary Nilson went to the restaurant of the Hotel Camino Real in Santa Cruz to have breakfast. While reading his Bible he was approached by Don Lorenzo the waiter, who noticed that he was reading God's Word and commented that "that is a very good thing to do!" A conversation ensued. As they shared their fellowship in Christ, Gary learned that Don Lorenzo attended a Christian Church (la Iglesia Emanuel de Nueva Jerusalem) on the outskirts of Santa Cruz, and was invited to go with Don Lorenzo that very evening who offered to take him there to introduce him to the Julian Atiares, pastor of a small but fervent group of believers that regularly worshiped there. The exterior portion of their sanctuary was illuminated by a string of lights strung between the trees where the Lord glowed within those present to hear a wonderful Spirit-filled service to which he was welcomed, their grand cathedral ceiling created by God's own hand.

Gary and Don Lorenzo stayed in contact since that first meeting in 2005 via email with Gary occasionally sending spiritual materials (books, tapes and CD's) as well as several cases of OCF-Spanish Bibles over the years (with an occasional \$100 bill tucked discretely between the pages). After announcing the previous delivery of Bibles to Bolivia during an OCF-Denver meeting last fall, Gary heard a diminutive voice say the words, "My little sister went to

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L., Tom Beddow, Chaplain Director, Oklahoma City and Jim Cook OCF board member and Chaplain visit at the OCF tent

Jeff Kessler and his committee have to be commended on conducting a well orchestrated event with hundreds of prizes and items rewarded to the participants.



The committee was composed of: Jeff Kessler, President, Garrett Blaylock, V.P. , Nick Leal, registration, Traci Messina, registration, Bryan Townsend, Treasurer, prize coordinator, Albert Lew, trophy coordinator, Tim Riggs, Support: Andy Espinoza, Lauren Byers and Gloria Call.

Gary Nilson Steps Down as Denver OCF Director

Gary Nilson has taken a position with Pioneer Resources in Dallas and has step down after founding the first OCF chapter in Denver in 2006. He is excited about what God has for him in Dallas and believes this is where God wants him.

When ask about the highlights of his tenure there with the OCF he modestly says, "Seeing the chapter grow, continue and meeting so many new Christian friends in the process." He adds that he is excited about Patrick Rutty taking his place and believes that he will do a great job as the new director.

About Patrick Rutty

OCF board member Jim Cook and I had breakfast with Patrick Rutty over a month ago when he was in the Woodlands on business and got to know a little more about him and his interesting Christian journey.

Patrick grew up an atheist in the woods of New Hampshire, where he spent much time hiking, fishing, and camping. He earned a B.A. in Earth Sciences from Dartmouth College (where he met his future wife, Jan), followed by an M.S. in Exploration and Development Geophysics from Stanford University. His first job in the oil patch was with Amoco in Denver. He married his wife Jan in 1994, and their first child, Andrew, was born the next year.

It was around this time that God really started to speak to Patrick, through the glory of His creation, the birth of Patrick's son, and some "outspoken but not freaky" Christian friends and co-workers.

After moving to Oklahoma City with Sonat Exploration, Patrick and Jan strove to understand the Bible, especially in light of their scientific learning's, and in 1997 they gave their lives to Christ at Belle Isle (now Crossings) Church.

Next came a six-year stint with Aramco in Saudi Arabia, during which Patrick taught fifth- and ninth-grade Sunday School and served on the Missions Committee and on the Council of the Protestant fellowship, and was an active leader with the Cub Scouts and the local running club. In addition he and Jan added a second son, Philip, and adopted a girl, Natalie, from China.

Back in Denver since 2004, Patrick spent six years working for Aspect Energy and is now employed with Anschutz Exploration. He has focused on urban ministry, serving as an Advisory Council and Board member for Open Door Ministries, and volunteering in many other capacities, including at a local preschool, with a coffee ministry to street kids, and with Filling the Void's homeless outreach. Patrick remains an avid runner, having competed in many races including the Denver and Boston Marathons. He and his family worship with an intrepid band of Christ-followers who call themselves "Adullam" and seek to live intentionally and to embody the Kingdom of God here and now.

Patrick and others will be meeting on 18th in Denver to plan an Oilfield Christian Fellowship Prayer Breakfast sometime in the Fall.



Chapter News

First OKC Oilfield Prayer Breakfast a Success!

by Randy Patterson, OCF Oklahoma City

Our first ever OKC Oilfield Prayer Breakfast on March 29th was a huge success based on the turnout and comments from attendees and supporters. This breakfast was sponsored by OCF-OKC and Oil Patch Chaplains (OPC) for the purpose of gathering believers and non-believers in a setting where faith could be shared and prayers could be spoken. Proceeds after expenses benefit OCF Bibles Ministry and Oil Patch Chaplains.

We had seating for almost 700 and there were very few empty seats, so attendance estimated to be around 650 people for this first-time event that was organized and pulled off in less than four months from initial conception. Those of us who organized the event declared it as a definite God-blessing for those in attendance and those who witnessed the masses flocking downtown a little after six this morning to demonstrate that “we are not alone” in our faith.



Attendees standing for the pledge of allegiance

We chose Romans 1:16a as our prayer breakfast Bible verse: “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.”

The keynote address was given by John Pinkerton, CEO of Range Resources, who made a special trip to OKC to attend the prayer breakfast and share his personal testimony. We also had prayers for our leaders (national, local & industry), prayers for the nation & state and prayers for the safety and welfare of oilfield workers in addition to opening and closing prayers. We also provided an overview of OCF and OPC, which was an introduction to many folks in the audience. Worship music and vocal talent was provided by the Crossings Community Church Worship Team.

And we had a reading of the official proclamation of Governor Mary Fallin, declaring March 29th, 2011 as “Oilfield Prayer Day” in Oklahoma. Governor Fallin’s Proclamation:

Governor Mary Fallin · March 29th, 2011 Oklahoma Oilfield Prayer Day Proclamation

Whereas Oklahoma is blessed with an abundance of oil and natural gas and is one of the nation’s top producers.

*Whereas we acknowledge that all natural resources are created by God
Whereas the oil and gas industry of Oklahoma is blessed to provide a better quality of life for our fellow citizens.*

*Whereas Oklahoma is blessed with many oil and gas companies and related service companies which are headquartered and operate in our great state
Whereas the state of Oklahoma recognizes the value of these companies,*

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school with your twin daughters in Buenos Aires”. The conversation which ensued revealed that Monica Araujo, a Petroleum Engineer with Venoco and faithful and frequent OCF-Denver patron, was going to travel to Santa Cruz Bolivia and could deliver the next batch of Bibles. The following are the abbreviated events since:

- Monica delivers OCF Bibles and money to Don Lorenzo. “Gary, he is such a noble person and thinks so highly of you! I wish that I could have gone to church with him but my husband and I had to tend to our own ministries there; (An orphanage, Aldea Padre Alfredo, and the Oncology; Instituto Oncologico del Oriente Boliviano.

“Before we went God led me to buy several sets of bed sheets for the orphanage without knowing that they had been praying for them. Padre Alfredo told his people that God would hear their prayers and provide the sheets! I almost cried there because I realized how my story was connected to their prayers and how amazing it is to see how God works, but I said nothing. I got tongue-tied, so I just smiled and left.

I hope that someday I can talk like you or like Don Lorenzo, how his beautiful words fill my soul.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity of sending the Bibles and the 100 dollar bill. Don Lorenzo said that the 100 dollar bill could not have landed at a more precise time, and I didn’t ask why but from his voice I realized it was true.”

May God bless you!

Monica”

As Iron Sharpens Iron, so one man sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17



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employees, and their commitment to conducting business based upon Christian principles.

Whereas the state of Oklahoma also recognizes the tremendous economic benefits of high quality jobs, the oil and gas business provides to the state of Oklahoma

Whereas united in prayer we implore Almighty God to give us wisdom and guidance and protection in exploring and developing these natural resources for the betterment of all citizens

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim March 29th, 2011 "Oilfield Prayer Day".

(left to right) John Pinkerton, President and CEO, Range Resources, Randy Patterson and Rick Johnson, OCF exchange a few stories after the breakfast

The committee wishes to thank all that showed up this morning, lent a hand, sponsored tables, volunteered in some way or traveled here to speak, particularly John Pinkerton and John Bird, who was accompanied by Mike Chaffin, leader of the worldwide Bible ministry for OCF.



OKC OPB Committee:

Don Rahmes (chairman), JMA Energy, David Essman, Dialog Wireline, Jeff Hubbard, Smith Services, Jim Schmidt, Gray Wireline, John Cromling, Unit Drilling,

Les Wald, Plaster & Wald Consulting, Manley Porter, Reliance Pressure Control, Randy Patterson, Sandridge Energy, Rick Johnson, OCF-OKC director, Sammy Graham, Baker Pumping, Tom Beddow, Oil Patch Chaplains

THE NIGHT BEFORE – The rest of the story

By Randy Patterson

On Monday night the Oilfield Prayer Breakfast committee, along with John Bird and Mike Chaffin from Houston, were at Cheleno's in Bricktown having a late dinner after setting up the breakfast room for the next morning. While dining, one of our friends and supporters, Dora Boyd, spotted us and announced that her son was shipping out the very next day to Afghanistan. So as we are known to do, we surrounded Sean and lifted him up in prayer. Attached is a crude photo taken in dim light with a Blackberry.



A note from Sean's Mom:

"God is sooooo awesome! The divine appointment at Cheleno's was a gift from above!

Your willingness to offer prayer for Sean King, our soldier, my son, touched my heart.

Our father's goodness is forever present!

A mother and her son; sharing a special meal on the eve of a soldier's deployment experienced a very unexpected blessing. Thank you "Oilfield Christian prayer warriors".

Your circle formed around Sean and prayer for his safety and request for God to use him for great things, will be a memory I will cherish forever."

We thank you and thank the Holy Spirit for divine appointments.

*God Bless,
Dora Boyd*



The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Wyoming

Evanston unit
When: May 23rd, 2011
Where: 98 2nd. St Evanston, Wy.
Time: 6:00 PM • Speaker: TBA
Contact numbers are Brent Harris 307-871-1631 or Stanley Jorensen 307-679-2350 or ocfwyoming@gmail.com

Big Piney/Pinedale/LaBarge Unit

When: May 9th, 2011
Where: Big Piney Pavilion 1550 Miller way
Time: 6:00
Speaker: TBA
Contact numbers: Drew and Pam Crabtree 307-276-5751= home 417-844-5404= cell or 417-880-8727=cell

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Dallas

When: May 17, 2011
11:45 am to 12:45 pm
Where: Brookhaven Country Club
Cost: Lunch \$25 (no credit cards please)
Speaker: TBA
For Reservations call Hoss Smith at 972.239.3666 or hsmith@knightoiltools.com
NOTE: reservations must be made by Friday prior to the 3rd Tuesday Meeting

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Houston

When: Doors open at 6:30 AM
Wednesday: May 3rd (13th Annual Prayer Breakfast!!)
Guest Speaker: Jay P. Still, V.P Domestic Operations Pioneer Resources
Place: Crowne Plaza Hotel, corner of I-10 and 610
Web Site: www.OilfieldChristianFellowship.com
E-Mail: jbirdocf@suddenlink.net- Hm. 281 359 1258, 1st Wed. each month

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Fort Worth

Where: The Petroleum Club of Fort Worth
When: May 9, 2011
Lunch: \$25
Speaker: Josh Gaarz with "I Am Second" Ministries Contact Scott Royal for details: 817-339-0831817-332-7400 - sroyal@encoreacq.com scott.royal@richlandcorp.com -2nd Monday

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Pittsburgh Area

SPEAKER: TBA
WHEN: May 11, 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: May 11, 2011
11:30 am to 1:00 pm -
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, May 10th 2011
Time: 7 PM Dinner - \$15
Where: Smoke House Restaurant - 210 SE 24th Street
Special Guest Speaker: TBA
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: May 5th, 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: TBA
Just show up (no RSVP needed; cost: \$20 cash or check)
Rick Johnson, 405-550-3036 (C), ranger_rick777@cox.net 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 - May 25, 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: 11:45 am until 12:50 pm
Speaker: TBA
Date: Wednesday May 25, 2011
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, May 11, 2011 [2nd Wed. each month]
11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Where: First United Methodist Church
Shoreline Drive - Fellowship Hall
Special Event: Drawing for 1st Annual Raffle Fundraiser
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, May 11, 2011 (2nd Wednesday of each month)
Where: Hollytree CC
Speaker: Ken Lyons
VP-Sales and Marketing
Worldwide Deepwater Solutions LLC
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.

NOTE: There will be no meetings during the summer months of May, June, July, and Aug.
Meetings will start again on Thursday Sept 22, 2011 @ 7:00 PM
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, May 21, 2011 6 PM until 8 PM
Suggested donation for wonderful dinner: \$10 family, \$5 single
Where: Canyon Vineyard Church
736 24 ½ Road
Speaker: TBA
Call Wayne Stewart
970. 314.7628 - 3rd Saturday of each Month

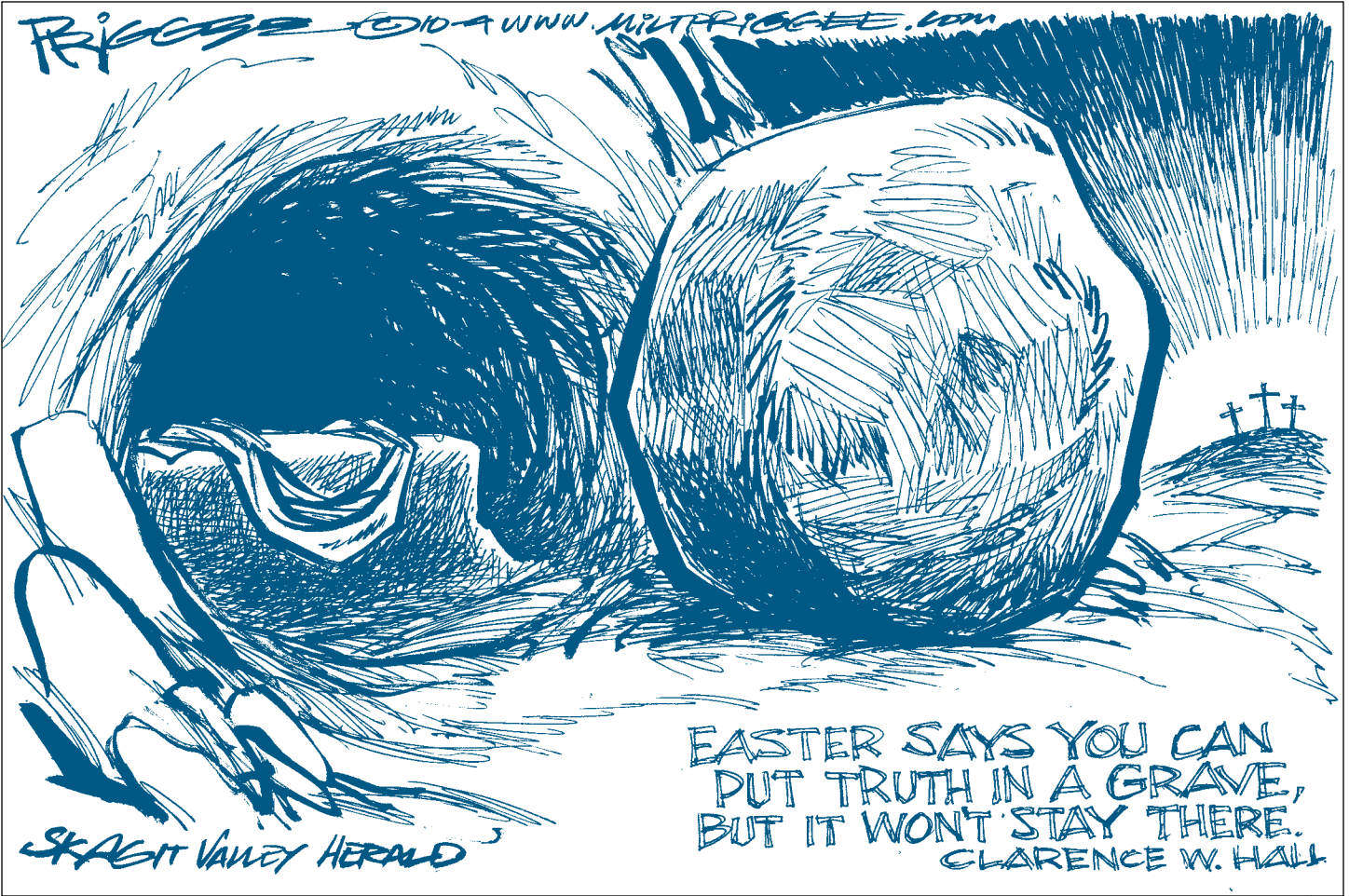
The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Morgan City

When: Call Greg Roussel
Speaker: TBA
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 Covington

When: Thursday May 19, 2011 "always the third Thursday of the month"
Speaker: David Gautreaux. "Kosovo Trip"
Where: Best Western North Park Inn
Time: 11:30am-12:45pm • Cost: \$20.00 cash or check
Where: 625 N Highway 190, Covington, Louisiana 70433-8961
Call: Please RSVP to Patsy Gedge at pgedge@saratogaresources.net





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