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"Frozen" Fun

A great time was had by the 58 who attended The Imagination Station's "Frozen" Mother/Daughter Brunch! The morning started with greetings to Arendelle from Elsa and Anna. Guests were seatedand treated to frozen grapes and a special blue punch out of fluted glasses. Next came a great story read by Elsa and Anna while finger sandwiches, quiche, mini cakes, carrots and macaroni and cheese cups were brought out. A style show and sing a-long followed. The morning ended with an ice cream sundae bar and "Frozen" tattoos while several guests showed off their individual singing talents on the stage. A big thank you to our Elsa and Anna - Carrie Albert and Mary Ann Spurlock, respectively. Also thanks to our servers - Max Engelbrecht, Nicholas Payne, Bryce Killian and Lilia Trayler, our set up crew help - Russell Spurlock and Bret Barnard and the clean-up crew help - Levi Springer and Hannah Sims. Thanks to Jesse Mariscal for being our light and sound technician. The food was provided by The Imagination Station Board - Gaynelle Riffe, Don Rifle, Laurie Spurlock, Nita Barnard, Jill Killian, Cindy Jackson, Terri Teig, Kathy Melton and Yvonne Pittman.

CHET EVERETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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The Chet Everett Memorial Scholarship has been set up at the First State Bank in Stratford. If you would like to contribute, please see Cindy Larance at FSB or mail your check to:

First State Bank

ATTN: Cindy Larance P0 Box 48 Stratford TX 79084

All proceeds will go to Chet & Paula's children, Hunter & Bethany! This account will be available for contributions until August 1st, 2015.

Need your sidewalk numbers painted or redone?

Sherman County 4-H Sr. Council would love to do it for you for a suggested donation of \$15!

Send in your \$15 or donation with the form below (address below) or take it down to the AgriLife Extension Office by April 17th!

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What's Happening In Stratford

Check in paper for complete information

Schedule of all 2015 4-H & Clover Meetings

Dates are subject to change with weather
or mandatory meetings

All meetings for both clubs are at 6 p.m.
April 13, and May 4

Clover Kid Meetings- March 30, April 27
and May 18

Stratford School Yearbook on Sale Now

SCOT Luncheon will resume March 26th. We had to cancel Feb. due to bad weather.

Thank you

Spring Story Time @ Your Library
March 31, 2015, April 7, 2015, April 14, 2015,
April 21, 2015 and April 28, 2015.
Sherman County Public Library
9:30-10:00 a.m. for more information contact
the library at 366-2200

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, Sat. March 28th

Dalhart LaRita Theatre will present WTAMU Showcase in a Suitcase Production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" Saturday, March 28, 7:00 a.m. Tickets are \$10.00 available at Dalhart Chamber of Commerce (806-244-5646)

Power of the Purse April 9th

Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health, will present keynote speaker, Lauren Bush Lauren, (related to President George Bush and Ralph Lauren). Lauren is the founder and CEO of FEED, a social business whose mission is to "Create Good Products that help FEED the World". The Luncheon and Purse Silent Auction is Thursday, April 9 at 11:30-1:00 at the Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Ballroom. Tickets available at LWB Institute for Women's health 806-

JRCA invites youth participants Special to The Sun

WELLINGTON - The Junior Rodeo Cowboys Association (JRCA) is a non-profit organization serving the rodeo interests of youth ages 3-19 from across the Texas Panhandle, Northwest Texas and Western Oklahoma. Organized in 1988, the JRCA maintains a large membership which is reflected by its 222 members from the 2014 rodeo season.

JRCA offers age groups from 3 and under, 4-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14 and 15-19 for boys and girls separately. Event saddles are given to the 6-8 age groups and up. Last year JRCA awarded over \$85,000 in prizes including 150 buckles and 45 saddles.

Speed events are offered at each rodeo such as barrels, poles and goat tying. Roping events include team roping, breakaway and tie-down roping. In rough stock, mutton busting, calf riding, steer riding and bull riding are offered.

The first rodeo of the 2015 JRCA rodeo season will be in Woodward, Okla. on April 18-

Deadline to enter for this rodeo will be April 6. Other rodeo locations will be Clarendon, Wellington, Perryton, Canadian and Vernon.

If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a member, visit the JRCA website atjrcarodeo.com or contact Dan Harter at 806-282-4910 or Marcy Sessions at 806-205-0350.

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USDA Deadlines for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Decisions

Call or Visit Your FSA Office Today

Don't lose your chance to elect ARC or PLC and qualify for 2014 payments. Update Your Yields, Reallocate Base **and** Elect ARC or PLC by **March 31, 2015. Landowners need** to update farm yield history and/or reallocate crop base acres. **Producers need** to make one-time election of ARC or PLC for 2014 - 2018 crop years.

What happens if you miss March 31?

Your farm will not be eligible for 2014 crop year ARC or PLC payments

Your only option will be to enroll your farm in PLC for the 2015 - 2018 crop years and not ARC.
 Your farm's current counter-cyclical yield and base acres will be used for PLC.

Call your FSA County Office today to make an appointment! You can revise up until the deadline.

For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc

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Storm Spotter Class

A storm spotter class will be held on Thursday March 26th at 6:00 P.M. at the Stratford Fire Department. This is an opportunity to be trained to recognize tornado clouds as well as other types of clouds. Sherman County has a few great volunteers who perform the task of storm spotter but we could use more. If you are currently a storm spotter or are interested in learning about it, please plan to attend the training. For more information contact Margaret Ewers Sherman County Emergency Management Coordinator at



Obituaries





Doug McBryde October 31, 1944-March 23, 2015

Doug McBryde, 70 of Stratford, passed away on Monday, March 23, 2015. Memorial services were held at 10 o'clock in the morning on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Ron Whitt, pastor of the church, officiating and Rev. Steve Ulrey, pastor of First United Methodist, assisting. Private family burial was in Stratford Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Doug was born on October 31, 1944 in Altus, OK to David and Marcella (Peterson) McBryde. He had been a resident of Stratford for over 68 years. He was united in marriage to the love of his life, Joyce Hodges on June 24, 1967. Doug proudly served his country in the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War.

Doug was very active in the community. He was member of Stratford School Board, Stratford City Council, Director of First State Bank, and Assistant Sunday School Director. He was also a great supporter of Stratford Elks. Doug enjoyed spending time in Red River and driving his jeep. He was a loving and caring husband, father, and grandfather; he adored his grandchildren. Doug was a member of First Baptist Church and will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and son: Deke Presley

Doug is survived by his wife, Joyce, of the home: sons: Gared Douglas McBryde and wife Misti, Bradley Payne McBryde and wife Kaci all of Stratford; grandchildren: Jackson Presley McBryde, Walker Lee McBryde, Ty David McBryde, Kade Douglas McBryde, Kenlee Layne McBryde.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, Po Box 390, Stratford, TX or Stratford EMT, Po Box 106, Stratford, TX 79084.

Brett Allen Farris March 22, 2015

Brett Allen Farris, 52 of Stratford, passed away on Sunday, March 22, 2015. Services were pending with Morrison Funeral Directors at press time.



Leland Lewis June 28, 1927-March 22, 2015

Leland Lewis went home to be with Jesus, his Lord and Savior, on March 22, 2015 in Lubbock, Texas. Family and friends will gather for a time of visitation from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2015 at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 27, 2015 at the First Assembly of God. The service will be officiated by Rev. Robert Slaton and Rev. Tom Lakey. Burial will be in the Stratford Cemetery at 2 p.m. Sat. March

Leland was born June 28, 1937 in Quinlan, Texas to James and Minnie Lewis. He attended Lockney High School. A tribute of Leland's life may be found at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

Leland and Dorothy Imhoff were married on April 29, 1955. To that union was born a son, Lyndell and a daughter, Kay. They pastored churches in Oklahoma, Illinois, Kansas, and West Texas. He served as Mayor of Stratford, Texas and served the Hospital District as Director. He was also a paramedic. Dorothy preceded him in death in June, 1992.

Leland and Darlene Witt Lewis were united in marriage on December 31, 1992. They pastored First Assembly of God in Lamesa, Texas for 6 years and the First Assembly of God in Pampa, Texas for 12 ½ years. In 2013, they moved to Lubbock to semi-retire.

Leland and Darlene's ministry also took them on mission trips to Africa, Mexico, the Czech Republic and Romania. Leland's desire was to always be about the Master's Business. Leland served on the South Plains and North Plains Sectional Ministerial Committee, as President and Vice-President of the Ministerial Alliance, but his favorite, was serving as the camp nurse at The Assemblies of God Camp in Roaring Springs, Texas for 17 years.

Leland is survived by his wife Darlene Witt Lewis of the home; son Lyndell Lewis of Canadian; daughter Kay Morris and husband Dale of Tulia; son Keith Witt and fiancée Laura of Bloomfield, Michigan and daughter Tonya Buck and her husband Mark of Lubbock. Six grandchildren: Misty Coffee and her husband J.R. of Canyon; Kim Hoelting and husband Cory, Karla Morris and Shane DeForest of Kyle; Ryan and Addison Witt of Bloomfield, Michigan. Six greatgrandchildren. Two sisters: Joyce McKinley of Chickasha, Oklahoma and JoAnn Graff of Pueblo, Colorado. Also, several nieces and nephews.



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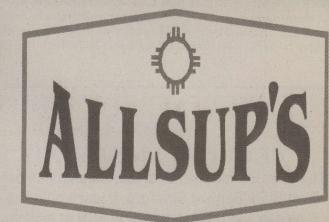
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-To be eligible for Kindergarten, student must be 5 years of age on or before September 1st, 2015.

Please bring the following information to the Mary Allen Elementary office to register: BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SOCIAL SECURITY **CARD & SHOT RECORD**

Thank You!

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Estudiantes de PK/Nuevos KG de Mary Allen Elementary Empiezan el LUNES, 6 de Abril (de 8:00am hasta las 2:00pm).

-Para ser elegibles para Pre kínder, su hijo(a) debe de tener 4 años de edad en o antes del 1º de Septiembre del 2015. -Para ser elegibles para Kínder, su hijo(a) debe de tener 5 años de edad en o antes del 1º de Septiembre del 2015.

Por favor de traer la siguiente información a la oficina de Mary Allen para el registro: CERTIFICADO DE NACIEMIENTO, SEGURO SOCIAL Y LAS VACUNAS.

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Proud parents Alexa and Brent Reed, of Stratford, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Ray Reed! She was born at 3:48 p.m. on February 19, 2015 at the Baptist St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo, Texas. Aubrey weighed in at 8 pounds 7 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Jimmy and JoNell Roberts of Haskell, Patricia Wyman of Killeen and paternal grandparents are Don & ViAnn Reed of Stratford. Great grandparents are Barbara Roberts and the late Bobby of Haskell, Doug Wyman Sr. of Mancos, Colorado, Bill and Margaret Reed of Stratford and Ronnie & Esther Ferguson

In our present culture, the traditional family is under attack. It is time for us to reclaim Christian Values for our family.

We invite you to attend a Family Seminar presented by

Steve Minor from Kingfisher, OK . at the

Stratford Church of Christ... March 27th - 29th, 2015 FRIDAY, MARCH 27th @ 7.00 p.m. "10 Things I am

Teaching Our Children" SATURDAY, MARCH 28th @ 8.00 a.m. Men's **Breakfast**

"Godly Men Leading the Way" 6.00 p.m. What influence Do Media and Pornography Have on One's Family 7.00 p.m. The Heart of the Matter - Godly Character

SUNDAY, March 29th @ 9.30 a.m. "Honor. A Thing of the Past?" 10.30 a.m." What does it mean to build

An Intentional Family?" Stratford Church of Christ, 315 N. 3rd Street. Stratford, Texas

This is an opportunity not to be missed; the foundation of our nation begins with our Homes. For more Information call: (806) 366-5546

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

First Assembly of God Kevin Anderson, Pastor 921 Fulton Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church Pastor Gary Smith 5th & Main Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery) Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery) No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist Rev. Steve Ulrey 396-2178 520 N. Main Sunday School 9:20 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church 6th & Pearl **Rectory 366-5687** Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish) Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t. Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church Pastor Ron Whitt 702 N. 3rd Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.



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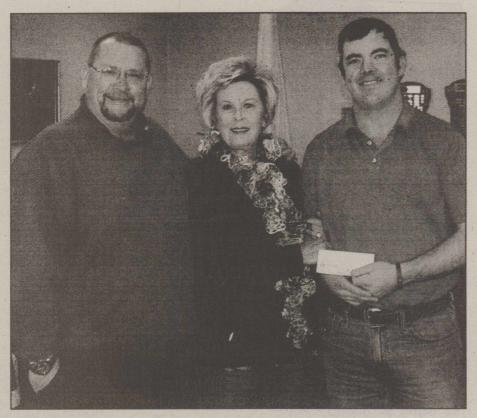
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> Heritage Bible Baptist **Pastor Mark Looney** 302 S. Main For more info-call 396-2212 Morning worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Thurs. Service 7:00 p.m.

Eben-Ezer Templo Hispano Asambleas De Dios Pastor: Juan M. Valenzuela 806 366-3071 205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2188 Escuela Dominical 10 a.m. - 12 noon Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

> **Kerrick Community Pastor Roy Harris** Community Building 10 a.m. Worship Service

La Mision Bautista Mision Bautista 401 S. Wall 396-5376 Domingo (Sunday) Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m. Miercoles (Wednesday) Servicio De Adoration 11 a.m. Estudio Biblico & Servicio De Oraction *p.m. Servicio De Adoration 6 p.m. se Cuidamos Susuinos Durante El Servicio THE STRATFORD STAR Thursday, March 26, 2015 Page 4



Community Closet presents check

Roger Allen, Tail Twister and Cory Naugle, President of the Stratford Lions Club, accepted a check from Sue Hudson, representing the Community Closet Thrift Store, in the amount of \$1000. The Stratford Lions Club is instrumental in seeing that students with vision problems receive a professional eye exam and glasses if necessary. In 2014, the Lions Club of Stratford made corrected vision possible to 17 local citizens. I was told that one pair of glasses was furnished on the day this check was Delivered!!! A big thank you goes to our Local Lions.



Community Closet presents Check

Shown receiving a \$500 check from the Community Closet Thrift Store are two members of the Stratford High School Student Council, Alexia Wright and Desenia Garza along with their sponsor, Desine Garza. The Student Council sponsored a chili lunch recently to raise funds to attend a Student Council workshop. However, the weather didn't cooperate and the attendance was rather slim. The Thrift Store is in hopes their donation will make it possible for the Stratford students to attend the camp they are all looking forward to.



Legacy Continues to "Walk"

By Paula Nusz Legacy Assisted Living is still on a mission to Walk Across Texas. This week, residents and staff have walked 205.4 miles. Currently, they are located at Toyah on the Texas map. Their total mileage to date is 1,966.99. Their trek began on January 12th and will conclude with a party on April 17. One particular resident is planning to walk the distance to Amarillo, all by herself by the April deadline. This project has definitely increased the activity levels of the residents, and has made them more aware of their daily routines. Even a small increase in activity can help to improve health. Shown at left are Nicole Cook & Gayle Hoffman

Attention to all subscribers!! Rate change

The Stratford Star is no longer sending out notices when your paper is due. Check the label on the paper and see what month your subscription expires. I will be putting "Stars" on the current month" If you have a Star on your label it means that your sub expires that month. If you are not sure the amount you owe if you live out of the area call 753-7373 and double check. Locally is \$33.00 and out of the area \$40.00. If you are paying for someone else's sub, you will be billed for that person. The Stratford Star, PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084
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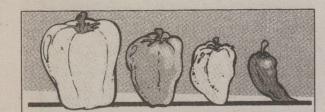
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North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, 603 East First Street, Dumas, Texas 79029 ("District") hereby gives notice of its intent to apply to the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas, currently in Regular Session, to amend the District's Enabling Act (Chapter 498, Acts of the 54th Legislature, Regular Session, 1955) to authorize the Board of Directors of the District to set the date for the election of directors of the District on one of the uniform election dates in even numbered years, as specified by Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code. The District's present Enabling Act requires the District to hold its election for Directors of the District on the uniform election date in May of each even-numbered

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the entire community for their support of the annual Boys State/Girls State Hamburger Feed. This fundraiser allows our post to send two of our local youth to the Boys State and Girls State programs in the summer. We are indeed fortunate to live in such a generous and supportive community. Special thanks to our sponsors; Ol'Biddys, Moore's Food Pride, A&I Parts, Bain Tire Company and Frito Lay Company. Without their support we would not be able to put on the fundraiser. Finally, on behalf of our delegates, Juan Camberos and Alexie Wright, thank you!

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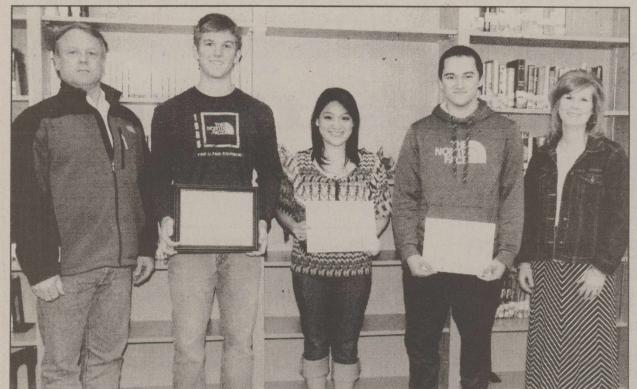
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at The First State of Stratford. We appreciate all who have helped us so far. It

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Thank you





District winners of the 2015 Texas **Conservation Awards Program**

Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District presented certificates to the district winners of the 2015 Texas gathering disciples for Christ as he commanded: "Go ye therefore, and Conservation Awards Program. The purpose of this program is to provide competition and incentives to expand and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the improve conservation efforts, resource development and increase the wise utilization of our renewable natural Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (Matthew 28:19 KJV) resources. Stratford students could participate in three different areas based on their age group- essays, posters and Through death Christ gave us all life through his Holy Spirit. The Holy coloring pages.

Certificates were awarded as follows:

Coloring Contest (K-2ndgrade)

1st Luz Ruedas

2nd Mckinzie Moore

3rd Genessis Neave

Poster Contest (3rd-5th grade)

1st Briana Tello 2nd Rebeca Favela

3rd Issai Reta

Essay Contest (ages 13 & under)

1st Stewart Skiles 2nd Nisha Patel

3rd Erika Couch Essay Contest (ages 14-18)

1st Jack McBryde

2nd Monica Reyes 3rd Orlando Mayorga

The first place winners from the 3rd - 12th entries advanced to the area competition. Results from the area Competition are as follows: Essays —Jack McBryde 1st place, Stewart Skiles 2nd place. These students and their families will be 15:3 honored at an area wide banquet to be held in Plainview, Texas. Jack McBryde's essay will now advance to the state Feedback welcome. joniahhyssopgrnail.com

Scott Buckles, Chairman along with the Sherman Soil & Water Conservation District would like to thank all the Stratford students who participated and their teachers who helped facilitate - Christopher Lough, Stacy Metcalf, Tamra Elms and all the teachers at Mary Allen Elementary. Shown in photo left to right are Scott Buckles, Jack McBryde, Monica Reyes, Orlando Marorga and Misti McBryde

A New Creation: Death to Sin Through Christ

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13 KJV) And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. (2 Corinthians 5:15 KJV)

Why did Christ have to die? I've often pondered this question. The problem is not with the question: ifs with who is asking it--a human. As a human, I'll concede, I'm not qualified to understand God! You see, with my finite little brain and limited frame of reference, I'm not sure I truly understand (nor fully appreciate) God's blood sacrifice. I'm still trying to wrap my brain around the fact that God would live in the body of a man two thousand years ago and would die so I can live in heaven with him forever. Clearly on this side of heaven, I'm never going to comprehend "why" God cares about me since I cannot even totally conceive of God's power and omnipotence. Therefore I cannot possibly know "why" he does what he does. I'm just grateful that he loved me

enough to send his sacrificial lamb, Jesus Christ.

Christ died that I might be born again. John 12:24 explains that a grain of wheat dies and springs to life as a totally new plant and produces many more grains of wheat. In the same manner, Christ died to bear fruit for God's kingdom. His fruit is all of humanity that accepts him as the bread of life. Christ carried the sins of mankind to the cross with him. He suffered, bled and died for those sins. His cleansing blood washed away those sins thus purifying those who accept him. Without sin we become God's new creations. As his new creations we are freed from the power of sin. Paul, in Romans 6, says we are no longer slaves to sin. We have become empowered by God's righteousness, now capable of resisting sin. Just like a seed dies to produce a new plant, our flesh must continue to die in order for us to grow as Christ fruit. Like a new plant grows in the sun, we grow in response to God's Holy Spirit. We defy our human sin nature as we go forward producing fruit-

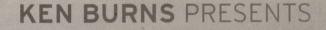
Spirit nourishes us and we produce fruit for his kingdom. He compared

himself to a gardener and us his fruit:

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." (John 15:5 KJV). Through Christ we are God's fruit capable of producing "much fruit." Paul assures us, "that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." We live to produce fruit for God's kingdom. Jesus declared that through his death we gain the super natural power of God's spirit to produce fruit: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (John 14:12

Through his Spirit we do not just live and die. We continue to die daily to our human nature. This death to our sin nature produces fruit that increases the population of Heaven-- which is our purpose for living. Meditation: Am I producing Fruit? Luke 9:23, Romans 6:6, Romans 8:12-14, 2 Corinthians 5:21 Matthew

28:19 John 3:3 2 Corinthians 5:15-17 Romans 6:6-12 John 14:12 John

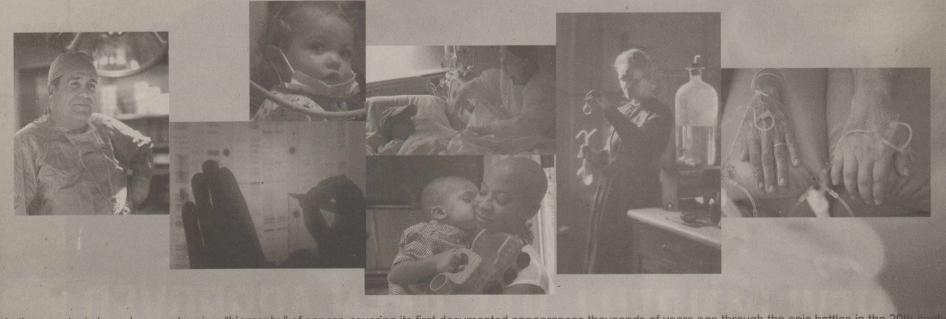


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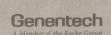
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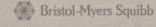
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