

## Happy 96th Birthday, Gertrude!

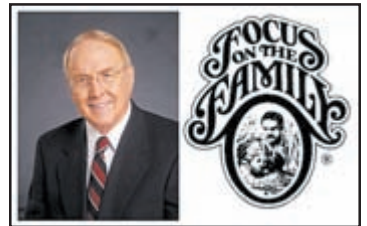
Gertrude Nitz was born October 28, 1913 to Oswald and Emma (Benad) Mitschke. She grew up in Lee County and married Albert Nitz on January 2, 1931. They had three children: Margie Nitz Ripple, Grace Nitz Lehmann and Gary Nitz. She has seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Gertrude enjoys spending time with her sisters and brother: Ella Schaefer of Austin, Rosie Davenport of Walburg, Mickey Mitschke of Giddings and Arthur Mitschke, also of Giddings. Gertrude resides in her home in Giddings.



Happy Birthday!  
From Your Family

## Focus on the Family with Dr. James Dobson

### Leaving Money to Children Can Do More Harm Than Good



**Question:** My wife and I are approaching our retirement years, and we have been very blessed financially. We own several large businesses and will have a sizable estate to pass on to our three children. How do you feel about leaving large amounts of money to the next generation, and is there a right and wrong way to do it?

**Dr. Dobson:** My views on that subject may not be what you want to hear, but I can only tell you what I've observed and what I firmly believe. In a word, I'm convinced that it is very dangerous to give large amounts of money to kids who haven't earned it. A sociological study published some time ago called Rich Kids validated the concerns I have observed. The authors of that study concluded that large trust funds are usually destructive to those who inherit them. The case studies they cited were convincing.

Human history also confirms the dangerous influence of money. Men and women have lusted for it, killed for it, died for it and gone to hell for it. Money has come between the best of friends and brought down the proud and mighty. And alas, it has torn millions of marriages limb from limb!

It's also been my observation that nothing will divide siblings more quickly than money. Giving them a large inheritance increases the probability of tension and disharmony within a family. Your sons and daughters will fight over control of your businesses, and they'll resent those who are designated as decision makers. Some of them will lose their motivation to be responsible and will experiment with various addictive behaviors — from gambling to alcoholism. There are exceptions to these negative consequences, of course, and some people do handle wealth and power gracefully. But it is a difficult assignment at best and one that requires the greatest maturity and self-control.

The question to ask is whether or not leaving large amounts of money to offspring is worth the risk it imposes on those you love. You must decide if you want to remove from your children the challenges that helped you succeed — the obligation to work hard, live frugally, save, build and produce by the sweat of your brow. Do you feel right about replacing that need for discipline and industry with a ready-made empire that can be mishandled or

squandered?

Please understand that I know this view is unconventional. One of the reasons people work so hard is so their children won't have to. They love their kids immeasurably and want to make things easier for them. Further, they've invested a lifetime in the development of a business and the accumulation of wealth. Are they now going to sell it and walk away? That's an unpleasant prospect for any parent.

I can't make that decision for others, of course. My obligation is simply to present the issue as I see it. And in my experience, the inheritance of wealth is threatening to family relationships, self-discipline, spiritual commitment, and responsible living. It should be done only with great care, years of preparation, and much prayer.

*Dr. Dobson is founder and Chairman Emeritus of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80995 (www.focusonthefamily.org).*

## Halloween

by Rev. Linda O'Neal  
Minister at Lexington and  
Blue United Methodist  
Churches  
Text: Mark 10:13-16

"Halloween" originally meant "all hallows evening." "All hallows" meant "all the holy ones" or as we say today, "all saints." (In the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name..." "Hallowed" means "holy;" "holy is your name" is what we are saying.) November 1st was "All Saints Day" on the calendar of the Holy Roman Empire back when everyone in Europe was Catholic. Today the Catholic church and most Protestant churches still recognize November 1st as All Saints Day. The history of Halloween can be found on Wikipedia. Halloween began as a pagan ritual commemorating the beginning of the "dark" time of the year, when it was believed the division between the world of the living and the world of the dead was thinner. Ghosts could therefore more easily travel back

to our world when the days grew shorter was the superstition of the time.

Today some Christians fear celebrating Halloween because of the emphasis on witches and magic, really a thinly veiled reference to paganism. Add to that vampires and ghosts and ghouls and such, and little children are frightened by phenomena that do not actually exist. Worst of all, children are tempted to believe in things that are not real. Other Christians simply enjoy Halloween as harmless fun while being careful to instruct their children that there is no such thing as magic or vampires, etc. and that people who practice witchcraft are not Christians and are not worshipping gods that truly exist. Whichever opinion is held, Christian parents today are fighting an uphill battle against the culture. There are many ways that children can get messages that are not Christian, so talk to your children about your faith! May all our children be safe on Halloween.

## SWCDS Support Conservation Districts Current Authority

Soil and Water Conservation District Directors attending the 69th annual meeting of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Arlington, and who represent the state's 216 soil and water conservation districts (SWCDS), agreed to support Texas Groundwater District's current authority to manage the conservation, preservation and protection, recharging and prevention of waste of groundwater throughout the state.

Larry Drgac, Chairman of the Trans Pecos SWCD with headquarters in Fort Stockton, and whose district sponsored the resolution of support said, "There is a concern, that though recent legislation failed to pass, there will be continued effort to create a water supply district with expansive powers which could impact the State's current Groundwater Conservation Districts' ability to achieve their statutory purposes.

"In short, Texas SWCDS do not favor any new entity that would add another level of bureaucracy that would diminish and compromise the authority and jurisdiction of local groundwater conservation districts," Drgac added.

in the defense of the famous Mississippi city. "Practically every county in North, East, Southeast and Central Texas sent soldiers who were involved in the campaign," she said. "This seminar will tell their story."

For information on registration, call 512-447-3881. Deadline is Nov. 13. Walk-ins to the seminar are accepted but lunch cannot be guaranteed.

## Civil War Symposium Scheduled

Texans' role in the 1863 campaign to defend Vicksburg will be examined in a seminar to be held in Abilene on Nov. 21. It is the only symposium held in Texas that focuses solely on the War Between the States. Co-sponsored by the Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated (HTBAR), the Department of History at McMurry University and the Grady McWhiney Research Foundation, Inc., it features an impressive line-up of scholars.

According to Martha Hartzog, president of HTBAR, men from Lee County and adjoining counties played an important part



### Enchilada Lunch

Sunday, November 1  
Lexington United Methodist  
Fellowship Hall  
Serving Begins at 11:00 a.m.

Adults \$7.50 - Children \$4.00  
All Carry Outs - \$7.50

## Area Churches Welcome You To Attend the Church of Your Choice

**ADINA CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Tom Long, Minister  
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP - 9:30 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

**BEAUKISS UNITED METHODIST**  
Walt Silveria, Pastor  
MORNING WORSHIP - 8:45 A.M.  
LADIES BIBLE STUDY - MON. 1 P.M.

**BLUE UNITED METHODIST**  
Linda O'Neal, Pastor  
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 A.M.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Dime Box  
Min. Lacey Washington  
SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES - 10 A.M.  
WORSHIP AT 11 A.M.  
WED. BIBLE CLASSES - 6:00 P.M.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Lexington  
David Lillard, Minister  
BIBLE CLASS - 9:45 A.M.  
WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 7:00 P.M.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
Loebau  
Rev. Paul Hartfield, Pastor  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 8:15 A.M.  
BIBLE CLASS - 8:30 A.M.  
WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:00 A.M.

**DIME BOX BRETHREN CHURCH**  
FM 141  
Rev. James Heckman, Pastor  
SUNDAY SERVICE - 9 AM

**EAGLE'S WING CHRISTIAN CENTER**  
in Lexington  
David Harkreader, Pastor  
SUN. WORSHIP - 10AM, 6PM

**FAITH LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER**  
Pastor Jack Gilmore  
SUNDAY SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.  
YOUTH - 3:00 P.M.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dime Box  
Reuel Cooper, Interim Pastor  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 7 P.M.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Lexington  
Dr. Forrest Lowry, Pastor  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.  
WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 5:30 P.M.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Lexington  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Greg Nichols, Minister  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
Giddings  
Rev. Christian Harrison  
WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:45 A.M.  
FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - 1st WED, 6:30 P.M.

**FOREST GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Brandon Navarre, Minister  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 A.M.  
WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M.

**GLORY TEMPLE CHURCH - Elgin**  
Dennis and Jan Lutton, Pastors  
SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.  
MONDAY PRAYER MEETING - 7P.M.  
WED. BIBLE STUDY AND YOUTH - 7P.M.

**GOD'S HARVEST WORSHIP CENTER**  
Pastors Barry & Billy Brown  
SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY WORSHIP - 7:00 P.M.

**GOODWILL BAPTIST**  
Dime Box  
Pastor Richard Washington  
EVERY 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY  
MORNING WORSHIP - 8:30 A.M.  
WED. NIGHT BIBLE STUDY 6:30 P.M.

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Father Ramon Frayna  
HIGHWAY 696 EAST, LEXINGTON  
SUNDAY MASS - 10:00 A.M.  
CFC CLASS, WED. - 5:30 P.M.

**KNOBBS SPRINGS BAPTIST**  
Lexington  
Pastor Mark McBride  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.  
WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.

**LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rockdale  
Rev. David E. Gonnella, Th.M., Pastor  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP - 11A.M.  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH - 11A.M.

**LEXINGTON FAITH TEMPLE**  
Rev. Jim D. Moore  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.  
SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M.  
YOUTH SERVICE - 6:00 P.M.

**LEXINGTON UNITED METHODIST**  
Linda O'Neal, Pastor  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.  
CHOIR PRACTICE - 6:00 P.M.

**THE LIGHTHOUSE OF LEXINGTON**  
Mike & Jackie Pate, Pastors  
SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.  
INTERNET MINISTRY  
WWW.THE-LIGHTHOUSE.INFO

**MINISTERIO DE LA TIERRA PROMETIDA**  
Lex. Rd. and East 5th in Elgin  
Pastor Paul Caden, Jr.  
SUNDAY - 6:30 P.M.  
THURSDAY - 7:30 P.M.

**MT. NEBO AME**  
Moab Community  
Pastor Diane Carmichael  
EVERY 2ND SUNDAY  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00  
MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00

**MORNING STAR BAPTIST**  
Dave Young, Pastor  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.  
WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.  
B.T.U. - 6:00 P.M.

**McDADE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Oscar Graves, Minister  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:15 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST**  
Giddings  
Bonzel Jones, Pastor  
EVERY 4TH SUNDAY - 11:00 A.M.

**NEWTTESTAMENT HOLINESS**  
Dime Box  
Sis. Annie O'Lephant, Pastor  
SAT. SERVICE - 10:30 A.M.  
SAT NIGHT - 7:30 P.M.  
CHURCH & PRAYER SERVICES-TUESDAY

**PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST**  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

**PLEASANT RETREAT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor David Persons  
5 mi. south of Thorndale  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

**RISING STAR BAPTIST**  
Dime Box  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP - 11 A.M.  
BTU - 6:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MTG - 7 P.M.

**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN**  
Lexington  
Rev. Leif Hasskarl  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.  
ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 10:00 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN**  
Dime Box  
Rev. Ed Truelson  
WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:00 A.M.  
STUDY HOUR - 10:15 A.M.  
HOLY COMMUNION 1ST & 3RD SUN.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN**  
Lincoln  
Dale Bohm, Pastor  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 8:00 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC**  
Dime Box  
Father Ramon Frayna  
SATURDAY MASS - 6 P.M.  
SUNDAY - 8 A.M.

**ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL**  
Rockdale  
Anne Matthews, Priest  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.  
HOLY COMMUNION - 11:00 A.M.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN-FEDOR**  
Rev. Leif Hasskarl  
SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 8:00 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP - 8:30 A.M.

**TANGLEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor David Atwood  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 A.M.  
WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 6:30 P.M.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN**  
Dime Box  
SERVICE 9:00 A.M. • SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Church Briefs

**Lexington Faith Temple Free Fall Fest**

We want to invite all children and their parents to come by and enjoy games, prizes, food and lots of candy on Saturday evening, October 31st between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. This is a safe and fun alternative for the evening, because there is nothing too scary for even the faint of heart. There will be a fishing booth, duck pond, ring toss, cupcake/cookie walk — just to mention a few fun activities.

We are located at 1005 CR 317 W where FM 112 and 696 meet. For additional information feel free to call us at 773-4558.