

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

I AM OLD

Someone asked the other day, "What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?" "We didn't have fast food when I was growing up," I informed him, "All the food was slow." "C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?" "It was a place called 'at home'," I explained. "Mom cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it."

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it:

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, never wore Levis, never set foot on a golf course, never traveled out of the country or had a credit card. In their later years they had something called a revolving charge card. The card was good only at Sears Roebuck, or maybe it was Sears & Roebuck. Either way, there is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This was mostly because we never had heard of soccer. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow). We didn't have a television in our house until I was 19. It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at midnight, after playing the national anthem and a poem about God; it came back on the air at about 6 AM and there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people.

I was 21 before I tasted my first pizza. It was called 'pizza pie'. When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that, too. It's still the best pizza I ever had.

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home, but milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers---my brother delivered a newspaper six days a week. It cost 7 cents a paper, of which he got to keep 2 cents. He had to get up at 6 AM every morning. On Saturday, he had to collect the 42 cents from his customers. His favorite customers were the ones who gave him 50 cents and told him to keep the change. His least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing.

Until next time, Pat

SENIOR CRIER

FEBRUARY



**BEST WISHES TO BRO. EDDIE AND
CARMEN UPON THEIR RETIREMENT!**

FROM BRO. AL:

Greetings Golden Warriors,

I have found several people in our church family who posed the question, "Just who is a Golden Warrior" and that troubled me because that means there could be more folks who don't know the answer to that question. If you are 50 years of age or older, you are considered a Golden Warrior and you are welcome to come to all of our events. We just finished three months of activities and I know from the comments of those who attended, that every one had a great time as well as wonderful food and fellowship. And please, don't be ashamed of your age; rather, celebrate what God has done for you in allowing you to experience 50 years and up of life.

There will be a lot of **NEW** things happening this year and you don't want to miss even one thing. First of all, don't see everyday as just another day anymore; rather see every day as a **NEW** day to experience the love of Jesus and bring honor and glory to Him through your words and walk. Second: The Young at Heart Choir will be starting to work on a **NEW** Easter Cantata this coming week and you need to join us for great singing and fellowship. We meet every Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the Music Suite and dismiss around 11:00 AM. Third: The church well be looking for the **NEW** Pastor that God has already ordained and set aside for us. Please be in prayer for the Pastoral Search Committee as they prepare to seek

out that individual. Lastly: Be exploring **NEW** ways to minister to your church family as well as your family and friends.

In closing, be in prayer for the Golden Warriors Committee as they begin planning for the next year of activities and events that will be offered for all who will admit they are a senior adult and take part in our ministries.

Working with you for Jesus,
Bro. Al

DATES TO REMEMBER

- FEB. 13th** - Valentine Banquet – Youth Sponsored – FLC – 5:30 PM – \$8.00
- 15th** - Quarterly Luncheon – Covered dish – Meat Provided – Games in Afternoon – 11:30 AM – FLC
- 22nd** - GWMT Mtg. – 1:00 PM
- MAR. 17th** - Santa Fe Zoo – Leave Church @ 9:30 AM – \$4.00 Admission – Lunch after at Pomodoro's
- 22nd** - GWMT Mtg. – 1:00 PM

Christian Love & Sympathy

Melvin & Jean Horton in the passing of their step-granddaughter, Jessica Standridge.

Luther & Marilyn Melton in the passing of his mother, Cumi Albritton and his brother, David Melton.

Tina Arnau & Family in the passing of her mother, Cumi Albritton and her brother, David Melton.

Cindy Deringer in the passing of her sister, Betty Few.

Glenn Rorabaugh in the passing of his brother, Gary Rorabaugh.

Clarence Kendall in the passing of his wife, Doris.

Dr. Joe & Billye Dowdy in the passing of his brother-in-law, Gary Hinebaugh.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



- FEB. 6th** - Ed & Linda Willcox
- 12th** - Cesar & Ethel Cerda
- 14th** - Kenneth & Nancy Habig
- 14th** - Jeff & Rose Powell
- 14th** - Andy & Pat Strickland
- 19th** - Mutt & Jean Marshall



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- FEB. 1st** - Wyman Fowler
- 1st** - Melvin Horton
- 1st** - Sonin Thomas
- 1st** - Jose Valdes
- 3rd** - Joanne Elbon
- 4th** - Mary Dave Fitzgerald
- 4th** - Wayne Hollingsworth
- 5th** - Linda Petteway
- 6th** - Elizabeth Clark
- 6th** - Luther Melton
- 8th** - Dick Coburn
- 9th** - Frank DeLoach, Sr.
- 9th** - Effie Miller
- 9th** - Larry Skaggs
- 10th** - Belle Boland
- 10th** - Tarie McPhearson
- 10th** - Pat Patterson
- 12th** - Jim Larosa
- 12th** - Anita Swanson
- 13th** - Carolyn Keene
- 13th** - Tommie Thomas
- 13th** - Bill Westmoreland
- 15th** - Doreene Gaff
- 16th** - Randy Keene
- 19th** - Lamar Carmichael
- 23rd** - Belinda Hollingsworth
- 23rd** - Pam Meadows
- 24th** - Andy Strickland
- 25th** - Tommy Edwards
- 26th** - Maureen Smith
- 26th** - Shelly Snyder

STAFF BIRTHDAY

- FEB. 26th** - Dr. Eddie Gandy