



# Prime Timer's Newsletter

*Mission Statement: Provide opportunities for the senior members to be involved in the fellowship, service and evangelism activities of Meadow view, assisting the congregation in its outreach and growth.*

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## Heads Up!

**Bible thought: “Keep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak” (Matthew 26:41, NAS).**

AS I remember, one of the Army's first General Orders goes something like this: “To walk my post in a military manner, observing all things taking place within sight or hearing.” That's an order based on necessity. Ambush is one of the oldest military strategies, and many a battle has been lost because the losers failed to stay alert.

The same principal is true in spiritual warfare. If we are to have any hope of winning against Satan, we must be ever watchful against his ploys. It was on the night before His death that Jesus warned His disciples about the weakness of the flesh, as quoted above. That warning is as needful today as it was then.

Alertness not only benefits us in a protective way but also helps us discover opportunities for doing good things. For example, by paying attention you may notice when a fellow employee or fellow Christian is in need of encouragement, or even material aid that you could give. Or you may see an opportunity just for you and no one else, when some dear soul is open to hearing from you about Jesus. Let vigilance be one of our watch words.

## A Tribute to Melba Walker Goforth

Melba was born on January 11, 1926 in Gunter, Texas. She was born on her dad's forty-sixth birthday. She is the seventh child of ten children. Melba has six sisters and three brothers.

Melba lived on a farm where her family raised cotton and corn. She was pleased when they moved from plowing with horses to a tractor, which she learned to drive. Melba helped with the farm chores, but was thankful she did not have to learn to milk the cows... Melba remembers her mother winning a 1919 Model T in a naming the number of beans in a jar contest.

Melba graduated from Van Alostne in 1943, where she received medals for Declamation & Essay Writing. She moved to Dallas to seek employment and lived with a cousin (which is also an aunt of Wilma Allen). Melba was employed at the Federal Reserve Bank for three years. Later, she went to work at Southland Life Insurance Company, and retired after twenty-eight and half years.

Melba married her high school sweetheart, Jess Goforth. Jess was serving on a Sub-marine, during WWII. When his ship was docked he came home on a thirty day leave. Jess and Melba got married eleven days before his leave was over. Melba and Jess were married thirty-eight and half years. Jess died in 1983.

Melba and Jess moved to Mesquite when Jess finished his Navy duty. They came to Casa View/Meadowview in 1958. They were among the group that attended that first Sunday in April, 1958. Jess served as a Deacon, while at Casa View.

Melba has three children, Molly, Bobby and Becky. Their family loved to travel.

They spent much of their time visiting family in Tennessee in their travel trailer. The Smokey Mountains were some of their favorite places to visit. Her life has been blessed further with six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Family has always been the center of Melba's life. Her daughter, Molly, said she recalls her mother sewing for her family and making all kinds of doll clothes, She said her mother was very strict and sometimes had to sit on the kids to spank them. Melba likes all kinds of crafts, and gardening, especially growing Roses. Molly said she had never heard her mother say an ugly word. She did recall one time when Melba ran the car into the garage, Melba said “Bologna”.

Melba and a very close friend, Pat, have made several trips together. She has been to Egypt, River Nile, Greece, Holy Land, London, France, Switzerland, Belgium, and Lichtenstein. She has seen Paris three times. The Holy Land and the Gardens of Versailles were among her favorite places to visit. She has been on several Pam America lectureships in Central America.

Melba has been an active member at Casa View/Meadowview. Her family worshiped at Mesquite Church of Christ for several years. She has been a Bible Class teacher; speaker at ladies retreats, and presently takes an active part in the Prime Timers.

Melba's mother has the greatest influence on her life. Her mother always saw that her family went to church, even if the boys had to drive the family in the wagon.

Melba's favorite scripture is John 3:16, “For God so Loved the World”. Her advice to others is “Remain Faithful to God”.

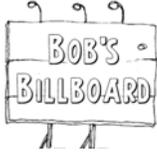


April Activities:

**Potluck Luncheon: Monday 1st @ 12:00 p.m.**

Please bring something to donate toward the Food Pantry

**Steering Committee Meeting: Monday 15th @ 2:00 p.m.**



To look around – is to be distressed.

To look within – is to be depressed.

To look to God – is to be blessed.

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