

# Paw Print Press

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## PAW PRINT PRESS & COVID-19

Due to the recent Covid-19/ Corona virus the Paw Print Press will only have limited access to the Itasca HS school campus (and our staff). The Paw Print Press will continue to run at this time but will be limited (in our size and scope). We appreciate all of you and your understanding during these uncertain times. If you have anything that you would like to place in the paper please feel free to email me at [PPP@itascaisd.net](mailto:PPP@itascaisd.net).

This week has proven that the teams here at Itasca ISD is second to none, and quickly reminded me that no one person can accomplish the task we have before us. Throughout this entire week members of our team have put their personal worries and concerns to the side to collaborate and develop a plan that serves our students.—  
Mark Parsons.



GO

CATS

GO!



## Churches of Itasca

|  |                      |                          |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Bethlehem Missionary Baptist</u>      | W. Spurgeon          | 687-2800                 |
| <u>Central Baptist Church</u>            | 401 E. Monroe        | 687-2343                 |
| <u>Church of Christ</u>                  | 303 E Monroe         | 687-2774                 |
| <u>Community Church of Itasca</u>        |                      |                          |
| <u>First Presbyterian Church</u>         | 106 N. Lamar         | 687-2243                 |
| <u>First United Methodist</u>            | Main & King St.      | 687-2475                 |
| <u>House of Faith of Itasca</u>          | 129 W. Main Street   |                          |
| <u>Loveview Baptist Church</u>           | FM 2959 East of I-35 |                          |
| <u>Second Baptist Church</u>             | 120 W. Marrion       | 687-9134                 |
| <u>St. John Missionary Baptist</u>       | 506 S. Weaver        | 687-2821                 |
| <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Day Worship Center</u> | 107 E. Adams         | 214 564-2185             |
| <u>Itasca Nursing Home</u>               |                      | Sunday - 10:00 a.m.      |
| Everyone Welcome                         |                      | Monday Evening 6:00 p.m. |

## Central Baptist Church

401 E. Monroe St. website - itascabc.org  
 Pastor: Matt Dugan 254-687-2343

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Youth Bible Study- 4:30 p.m.

Children's Choir 6:30pm, Church wide Bible Study 6:30 pm,  
 Ladies Bible Study 6:30

## First United Methodist Church

401 E. Main St, Itasca, TX 254-687-2650

E-mail: itascaumc@att.net

Re-Think Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Tom Wood

Ministers - Everyone

## Itasca Church of Christ

303 E. Monroe 254-687-2774 254-687-2858

God's plan for saving man

Hear the word of God . . . Romans 10:17

Believe . . . Hebrews 11:6

Repent . . . Acts 17:30

Confess Matt. 10:32

Baptism . . . Acts 2:38

Remain Faithful . . . Rev. 2:10

Sunday 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday evening 6:00 p.m.

## Second Missionary Baptist Church

120 W. Marrion St. Itasca, TX., 76055

Rev. George Demmeritte Jr. (Pastor)

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

## First Presbyterian Church

106 N. Lamar - 254-687-2243

We're on Facebook!

Pastor: Diane Barnes

Sundays - 9:30-10:00 Fellowship in Barton Hall  
 10 - 10:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. - Worship Service

Bible Study – Sunday at 4 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday – 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class

"We are here to know God and to make God known."

## Community Church of Itasca

Community Church of Itasca invites you to join our service and fellowship Sunday mornings. Services are held at 109 N. Wall St., Itasca. We invite you to join our family and grow in Christ with us.

Community Church Service 10:00 a.m.

## House of Faith of Itasca

Pastor: Philip Burch

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Everyone Welcome!

## Third Day Worship Center

Invites you to fellowship every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

September 5, will start new time of prayer 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

We start our new family night for the whole family.

Starting new Bible study for the family.

Wednesday is youth night at the youth center building.

Come join us to learn more about what the Bible says.

\*Ministerial meetings are held at Third Day

## Ministerial Alliance of Itasca

The Ministerial Alliance is a group of Itasca local pastors and leaders who desire to share the gospel and love of Jesus Christ in our community. We would be excited to have you join us! Please consider being a part at our next meeting. We meet every second Saturday at 10 a.m. at Third Day.

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2nd Monday of Month 6:00 p.m.

Itasca City Council Meeting

3rd Monday of Month 6:00 p.m.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

2nd Monday of Month 7:00 p.m.

## Remember When... “Train Nostalgia”

Reprinted Issue # 20, 2010 Columnist Carl Sweeney



I wonder how many of you miss the old time trains as much as I do. I loved the mournful sound of the steam whistle. It raised goose bumps when it came through the Chambers Creek bottom, when we were on a fishing trip there, especially at night. This one was the old IG&N in that area. I have a VCR that plays all the sounds of the old trains. Remember the Chuff-Chuff-Chuff that started off real slow then became faster as the train picked up speed and then the sound of the clacking of the wheels on the train joints. A person has to hear it to really appreciate the nostalgia.

Then there was the caboose. It was the command center of the train. It was red with a raised part on top so the engineer and the conductor could see far down the track. Also there was a small “porch” on back with a decorative railing. Today there are no cabooses on the trains since they have such modern communication and there is no train mail delivery, they are no longer needed. It sure looks stranger now when a train passes and there is no caboose, just the end of a box car or coal car.

It seems that the main product hauled now is coal from Montana and Wyoming, to fuel the electric generators. When we see all the coal trains coming through makes me wonder what will happen when excessive global population uses up all of our natural resources such as coal, gas, and timber. I have no doubt that this will happen, then we will be in the cold and the dark, and that will be the demise of our planet as we know it. We talk about global warming, but our biggest threat is or will be excessive population. You can put just so many cows in a pasture.

Itasca owes its existence to the MK&T or “Katy” railroad as it is usually called. When the Katy came through around 1880 towns sprang up all along the tracks. The existing towns that were missed withered away when the railroads were built. They dug pits for extra dirt for the right of way roadbeds. Those pits then filled with water furnishing fishing holes. One I remember is south of Hillsboro. We called it the “Ballast Pits.” It can still be seen on I-35 just before coming to the Willie Nelson Rd. The Katy furnished a living for several of my relatives. My grandfather R. C. Curlee was section foreman out of Hillsboro for 35 years. Two uncles, a brother-in-law and a nephew all worked for the Katy railroad.

I wonder how many Hillsboro people remember the old two story telegraph station just south of town. It was called, “HighLow,” and Mr. Nowlin and Mr. Sly worked there along with one of my uncles. I am sure many remember back during the 1930’s and the great depression when so many of our men rode the trains to all parts of the country looking for work. I can see then now on top of the boxcars or looking out of the open doors to the cars. Then there were the hobos, but that is another railroad story.

Years ago up until 1949 Highway 81 from Fort Worth to Waco came through the middle of Itasca. It turned west at the light, crossed the railroad track, and then turned back in front of the Westside Garage, then went by the Itasca Cemetery and south to Hillsboro and beyond. About a mile south of Itasca where the highway paralleled the railroad there was a creek that ran under the railroad and the highway bridge. During extreme rain, the water got over the highway bridge and traffic had to wait for the water to go down before crossing the bridge. I heard Ernest Whitfield, (who lived nearby) tell of an incident once when this happened. There was a Greyhound bus stopped and the people were out looking at the water, when a “sissy” looking guy with an English accent exclaimed “Wheah” did it rain? (meaning where.)

It was here about 200 feet from the railroad that Tom and Aunt Rose Whitfield built their home. I guess they built it there because they did not want a muddy road from the house to the highway, which was just across the tracks. There was something funny about this location also. The cattle pasture was along the railroad, and when the train came through, the cattle ran along with the train as though they were playing a game.. It was funny to see the cows running along with udders flopping from side to side. There were other things connected with the trains such as when the depot agent handed the conductor instruction on a wire contraption with a handle. Also those of us who sold milk or cream, put the cans on the depot platform to be picked up. There were many bales of cotton loaded from the long platform, and the corn and oat crops were also hauled by trains. These are some of the fond memories that we who are older remember with fondness when we hear an old train whistle blow.

# Depot Schedule

The Depot will be open:

February 22 opens at 10am-1pm, March 21 opens 10am-1pm, April 25 opens 10am-1pm and May 23 opens 10am-1am.



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# Did You Receive Your Water Bill In The Mail?

Press Release

In Itasca, water bills are due on the 10th day of each month unless the 10th falls on a weekend or holiday. Then, it is due the next day that City Hall is open. After the 10th a \$20 late fee is added to the original bill.

If the bill and late fee are not paid before the 20th of the month, service will be disconnected on the 20th and it will cost the customer the original bill + \$20 late fee + \$50 reconnect fee to have service restarted. The reconnect fee of \$50 is charged during office hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) but after 4:30 p.m., the reconnect fee is \$100.

If for some reason, you do not receive your bill in the mail by the 3rd or 4th day of the month please call City Hall (254-687-2201) and ask how much the bill is for that month.

If you do receive your bill in the mail, be sure to bring it when you pay your bill or detach the small part of the bill and include it in the envelope when you use the drop box.

Remember, whether you receive your bill in the mail or not, it is still your responsibility to pay it on time.

# Job Opportunity

## Itasca ISD Cafeteria

The Itasca ISD cafeteria is hiring for a sub positions.

If you are interested you can apply on line at [itascaisd.org](http://itascaisd.org) or in person at the Superintendents office.



# Pop and Gran's

## Antique Shop

Pop & Grans is an antique shop located downtown Grandview. They sell great antiques and fresh eggs.

If you have any question please call Pop & Gran's @ 817-666-5024 or visit their website @ [popandgrans.com](http://popandgrans.com), you can also email them at [info@popandgrans.com](mailto:info@popandgrans.com)



**2<sup>nd</sup> CHANCE BREAKFAST**  
Itasca ISD cafeteria will give our high school and middle school students a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance to eat breakfast to help start their day! High school will start on Monday Aug 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:40 to 8:47 students will have a chance to grab breakfast items in their school between class. We will have both senior and freshman commons areas set up and ready to go! Middle school will start the following week, Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:40 to 8:47 in middle school commons area!  
How it works!!!

2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Breakfast will be the same just as if you were getting breakfast in the cafeteria! So if you're running late, not quite ready to eat that early, need a extra little something, whatever the case is, we will bring breakfast to your school! Breakfast will be the same as on the menu with a few additional ala cart sale items i.e. fresh fruit, juice, milk, yogurt, cheese stick, muffin, granola bar etc. All eligibility requirements that apply for meals served in the cafeteria, will also apply for students who participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chance breakfast.

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## Top 10 Favorite Candies for Easter

1. Chocolate Bunny



2. Peeps



3. Reese's Eggs



4. Cadbury Cream Eggs



5. Jelly Beans (original)



6. Whopper Robin Eggs



7. Jelly Belly Beans



8. Chocolate Foil Eggs



9. Black Jelly Beans



10. Rain-Blo Gum Eggs

