

Liberty Church of Christ
Bryant Perkins, Minister

Join us this Sunday for Bible Classes for all ages at 9 a.m. and stay for Worship at 10 a.m.
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We meet Sunday night at 5 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
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We meet at 3201 North Main Street and have a parking space just for you.

We'd love to see you soon. We've saved you a seat!

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Trinity Baptist VBS each morning July 22-26

DAYTON - Trinity Baptist Church is gearing up for "The Great Jungle Journey!" Vacation Bible School, the week of July 22-26 from 9 a.m. until noon each day. All area children, Pre K-3 (potty trained) through sixth grade, are welcome to join the expedition and learn the 7Cs through songs and the Bible as they journey through the thickest parts of the jungle in to clearings where they will find jungle-themed crafts, games and the Snack Shack. Parents can register their children on the first day of the program beginning at 8 a.m. Registration will be available all week for newcomers. For more information or to register early, contact the church office at 936-681-8161. The church is located at 408 West Clayton, across from Thrif-Tee Food Center.

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ZUMBA

DAYTON - Zumba - it's a happening thing every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at the Dayton Community Center. The class is led by a virtual instructor via YouTube. For more information, contact 936-258-6630.



Frankly Speaking -

Airborne Angst!

by Frank Jordan

Looking through an ancient photo album, I saw my small-boy self at age 7 boarding my first flight on Texas International Airlines, flying from Houston to Dallas alone to visit my friend Bob Herndon. Little did I know that would be the first of more than a million miles of flights involving work and pleasure throughout the world.

Working with Exxon Treasury at the time, there were frequent trips to New York City, with my most frightening experience coming while being in the holding patterns over Kennedy Airport. There was a Texan pilot with a drawl in command and as we descended from holding level to level (visualize a large spring), the planes would fly clockwise on one level and then counterclockwise at the next lower level.

Someone got mixed up and as I looked out the window, our big jet's wing dipped and I could see the passengers reading magazines in another jet coming by us so close the wings would have touched if the dip had not been made. The Texan pilot came on the

mike and said we were at level 7, but he had just called air control and told them to clear whatever they had to clear because we were coming in so he could change his pants.

During the oil boom I boarded privately owned King Air 1 to fly from Houston to Tulsa to Vancouver, Canada, and then back to Houston. Unbeknownst to my client, who was also the pilot, an air-controller strike had begun just as we landed in Vancouver, Canada, as an international airport in which small and giant aircraft shared the same runways.

As we approached, the air controllers walked out (illegally) and we found ourselves playing chicken with a gigantic Boeing 747 that had larger wheels than our airplane! Our pilot literally exited the paved runway and turned 90 degrees across the grass, almost flipping over, but avoiding the office building with wings that missed us by only a few feet.

Apologies followed in lieu of funeral flowers that appeared a certainty only minutes before, possibly because our pilot was the

U.S. kick-box champion at the time and had kicked in the door to the air controller tower ready to launch the stunned controllers through the tower windows.

I had mixed emotions about the harm avoided to the air controllers who had illegally left the tower because it was a U.S., not Canadian, strike. Their careless and thoughtless actions had almost cost us our lives and possibly the lives of hundreds of others.

Traversing the wild blue yonder has been an incredibly exciting part of my life, including the time the Chinese mother that spoke no English sat behind me with five - no kidding - incorrigible children that kicked, punched, climbed and screamed from Houston to Los Angeles.

Frankly speaking, after calming myself with an adult beverage after touchdown, I quietly reaffirmed my faith in seeking heaven as my eternal home. I had no desire to be in hell permanently, after just having had a four-hour preview aboard the proud bird with the golden tail, which at the time was Continental (now United).

Ely Air Lines - Pan Am - Again

by Mike Ely and Linda Street-Ely

Buckle up! Believe it or not, Pan Am will be gracing the skies again when the legacy brand with a new lease on life takes 50 passengers on a chartered Boeing 757-200 on a trip departing from New York City on June 27, 2025.



Operating as Pan American World Airways, the old-new restart-up will take those 50 lucky folks on a 12-day trip to Bermuda, Lisbon, Marseilles, London, and Foynes (that's in Ireland), then back to NYC. Oh, the luxury! Oh, the glamour!

This iteration has come a long way since its humble days as the first commercial carrier of U.S. Air Mail in 1927. Ironically, in 1945, Pan Am was also the first airline to offer economy class. But the airline business is hard, and the old original parked its fleet in 1991. Over the decades, other attempts have been made to resurrect the iconic airline. At the helm today is CEO, Craig Carter, who has big plans.

For the flight next June, Bartelings and Criterion Travel will handle all the details. Bartelings has experience organizing private world tours and Criterion Travel has expertise in educational travel. Criterion is also handling reservations, so hurry on over to criteriontravel.com/panam and claim your seat on this commemorative transatlantic flight that blends the legend of Pan Am with modern luxurious aircraft seating. Not that we want to sound like a commercial, as they're not paying us to spread the word, but mind you, we said just 50 passengers. On a B-757-200. If you fly United, you'll be sharing the same amount of space with 175 other passengers. On American,

you'd get to snuggle up close to 189 other smelly people on this same model of aircraft. Or if you flew Delta, add another nine bodies - 198 crammed into the same tube. So, it's like having almost two rows to yourself, where you can be pampered and catered to. That's how it was in the Golden Age of air travel.

If they're not sold out by the time you check into it, be ready to dig a little deeper than you would for a seat on one of those sardine airlines. The price for this trip is \$59,950 per person based on double occupancy, or \$65,500 for singles. Not bad considering it includes stays at the Four Seasons Ritz in Lisbon, the Savoy in London, and Dromoland Castle in Ireland. Plus, the longing, passionate fado music of Portugal and an exclusive dinner at the Flying Boat and Maritime Museum in Ireland. That's where you'll find the only Boeing 314 Clipper replica in the world. The Clipper was a flying boat, which Pan Am flew in the 1930s. There will also be galas at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City before and after the trip.

Will there be other excursions, you ask? You bet your bottom dollar! They're planning more themed luxury flights, including an around-the-world voyage in 2027 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Pan Am. Glitz, baby!
ElyAirLines.substack.com



Fifty Business Class seats for June 2025 Commemorative flight



Pam Am's Boeing 314 Clipper, 1930s

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EASTGATE CHURCH EIGHTH ANNUAL FUN IN THE SON

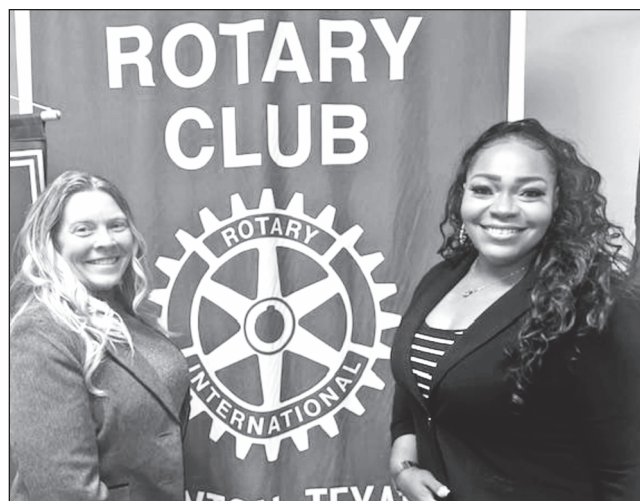
Eastgate Church's eight annual Fun in the Son KidZone Summer Camp was held Saturday, July 13. The KidZone youth enjoyed learning the Beatitudes in the Bible with songs, games, food and prizes. Thanks to Thrif-Tee Food Center, Brookshire Brothers, Universal Agape and others for donating to the summer camp.

LISD student registration through July 31

LIBERTY - Online student registration for all returning families must be completed through Family Access by August 1. Go to www.libertyisd.net for access to Family Access online registration. If you do not have a personal computer with Internet access, you may register your students at the campus if your student attends through July 31. You will not receive your student's school

schedule or homeroom teacher until your online registration is completed.

If you are not a resident of the district you MUST have a signed transfer application on file in the superintendent's office, before you can attend LISD. If you have had a change of address and no longer live in the district you will need to complete the transfer form before the first day of school.



DAYTON ROTARY NEW PRESIDENT PRESENTS THE FIRST MEETING

The Dayton Rotary Club conducted a business meeting this past week under the direction of their new president, Stephanie Montgomery (right). Assisting President Montgomery with the business meeting was the club's secretary/treasurer, Elizabeth Robertson. The club decided to hold a monthly business meeting every first Thursday of the month. This will allow them to learn more about Rotary, team-build with current members, discuss service projects and strengthen its membership. Anyone interested in joining the Dayton Rotary Club is encouraged to attend their weekly noon meetings that are held every Thursday at the Dayton Community Center.



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