

# The Goodland Gazette

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CAMPUS

Jan. 20th  
Basketball Game  
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Jan. 20th-21st  
Scout Campout  
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### OFF CAMPUS

Jan. 22th  
FPC Greenville  
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Jan. 29th  
FPC Caddo  
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## Prayer List

### Paul Dearing

Pastor of CFC in Paris, TX and brother of Goodland President, David Dearing. Paul is battling Stage IV lymph node cancer.

### Family of Forrest McClung

Please keep Louise McClung and the family of Forrest McClung in your prayers. Forrest recently passed away. He and his wife have been long time supporters of Goodland.

## "I Wanted to Become a Better Person..."

Matthew Meeks, the soon-to-be teenager, is fairly typical when it comes to what he enjoys most. "I love playing basketball on the half court outside, texting, watching OU football, and I really enjoy the weekends," Matthew said with a smile. When asked why he enjoys weekends, Matthew replied, "well, I like the weekend so much because I get phone privileges and I get to sleep in. I'm not big on waking up early, especially when you have to get up at 6:00 AM to shower and get ready for school during the week." It's hard to argue with that.

Matthew came to Goodland in October of 2010 and was placed in Shepherd Cottage along with his stepbrother, Daniel. "My parents told me this would be the best thing for me," Matthew recalled, "yet I was hesitant at first. But after I got here, I wanted to make the program work. I wanted to become a better person." He struggled somewhat like most new kids do at first because of the high demands of the program. One of the most difficult areas was his school work. When Matthew arrived at Goodland, he was three grade levels behind in school. He had very little hope of ever catching up. However, through perseverance and our self-paced program, he amazed himself by what he was able to accomplish. After one year in our program, he was already testing two grade levels ahead of his initial intake test.

"He's now one of our top ten students in the entire school. He's even at the correct grade level in mathematics" Vice President Bill Edwards noted. Coincidentally, this is Matthew's least favorite subject. Perhaps the incentive is derived from Goodland's "No Fail" policy where a student must make above an 80 or repeat that workbook. Matthew did mention, however, that his favorite subject is science because he found that it came easy to him. He also has high hopes to get into college after graduation, but he hasn't narrowed down a field yet.



When Matthew isn't working hard in school, he finds Goodland's trips the most relaxing. "I love all the trips we take. That's probably my favorite part of Goodland," Matthew said with a big smile, "I think the Thunder basketball games are my favorite."

After nearly a year and a half at Goodland, the growth of Matthew is apparent. One of his biggest issues upon arrival was the negative interaction with his stepbrother. However, now their relationship has improved immensely. "I feel like I get along with my brother a lot better. In fact, I don't argue with my parents as much either," Matthew stated. He summed up his progress simply by saying, "I'm not as bad as I used to be. I feel like I'm achieving my goal of being a better person. Goodland is responsible for that."

For now Matthew is focused on today. The thing he's worried about the most? Making sure he doesn't forget everything for his rank advancement in his Scout Board of Review.

## Thank You For Your Gifts!

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you"  
Luke 6:38 (NIV)

### HONOR GIFTS



Many individuals recognize and acknowledge relatives and friends at special times during the year. Gifts in honor are a means of saying "Thank You" on special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, achievement, Christmas or other holidays. The following Honor Gifts were received from December 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

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