



Lamp Lighters Newsletter

LOVE THE PEOPLE & TEACH THE WORD



**AUSTIN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
LET THERE BE LIGHT

News and Announcements

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"COUNTRY STORE"
AND BAR-B-Q®

Head 'em up
and move 'em out
And give a great big
cowboy shout out!

**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR
SPRING ROUND UP!**

Stay close to The Heritage Hall
After class is done.
We'll be servin' up BBQ, with 3 meats
to choose from with all the fixin's,
tea & Lemonade, too.
We'll have Peach Cobbler & ice cream
to boot!.

**This event is planned for you to visit with
old friends and make new ones, too!**

SUNDAY APRIL 19, 2026
TICKET SALES WILL BE HELD
APRIL 5TH
APRIL 12TH

**TICKETS
\$10.00**

MAUDIE'S HECHO EN AUSTIN TEX-MEX

A coolish morning, the ladies won out, we sat inside for today's breakfast.

By the time we left it was turning into a beautiful day, however.

No matter the number of attendees, we always enjoy a bit of fun and lively conversation.

Perhaps you should join us!



What's
this...show me
the money?

It's OK!

Have no idea, Clyde....



Earcle and Mary Chappell

The Story of Mary's Journey and Paralysis as told to me by Earcle...

The numbness started subtly—just Mary's left leg refusing to cooperate. By September 2024, we realized it wasn't improving; if anything, it worsened. We assumed it was her autoimmune condition flaring up—maybe myasthenia gravis or celiac complications—but February 2025 brought us to a neuromuscular specialist who ruled all that out. "Let's scan your brain," he said reluctantly. "Just in case." The MRI revealed a benign meningioma or a tumor on the right side of her brain. The right side of your brain controls the left side of your body. And that explains why the leg was the way it was.

We talked about different ways of treating it, and surgery was the only logical option. Our surgeon at Dell Medical—a dual expert in neurology and vascular systems—became our unlikely saving grace. "Recovery?" he'd shrugged. "Could be days. Could be a year or more." Post-op in August, Mary woke up paralyzed on her left side. No movement. No speech. The hospital stay of four weeks blurred into rehab: four weeks of agony, then four more of the grueling recovery progress. We got home in October of 2025 and had in-home therapy for four more weeks. Nowadays, we load up and go to the gym where she works with a therapist. Mary walks half a mile daily through her makeshift house trail. The left side remains weaker, muscles atrophied from disuse. Her hands relearned buttons before her legs relearned balance. She's working to build up her strength and endurance. She can dress herself and can stand with help.

I think it's purely the grace of God that has brought us this far and God's hearing every prayer that's been lifted up on our behalf and that's where it's coming from. We're thoroughly convinced of that. When anyone is true to praying for you and true to have your concern in their prayers, you just know it. You can feel it!

So that's really the story.

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Mary and Earcle Chappell

Earcle went on to say... I know if you know our background. Mary's late husband died in 2013. My wife Eva and I were in Dr. Proctor's class, as was Mary. Eva passed away in 2015. After that, I would bring my two granddaughters to Sunday school. Mary took notice as I would wrestle getting them to Sunday school and then retrieving them on time afterwards. She began saving me a seat by the door for a quicker exit. I couldn't believe it! As a result, we started walking out of church together and then were oftentimes the last ones to leave the parking lot. And, I said to her we ought to go get a cup of coffee instead of being the last persons in the parking lot each Sunday. I remember my first Christmas as a widower, wondering whether to decorate or not. I told Mary I didn't know how to, and she encouraged me to "Do it Your Way". Her being there was a God thing, and she'll tell you she had no aspirations, no plans of getting remarried. I was so newly into the widower deal, I didn't have any idea what I was supposed to be doin'. Our time together soon blossomed, and we were married in 2017.

So it really was a God thing and we've been happy ever since. It's also a testimony of the power of prayer. And our class has held us up the whole time and they need to be applauded as well for what they did.

This isn't just medicine. It's the Sunday school pews where we met after both losing spouses—her saving me a seat as I wrestled grandkids into church. It's the December parking lot where she told a grieving widower, "*Do Christmas your way.*" It's the prayers from that same class that carried us through surgery when all odds said she'd never walk again.

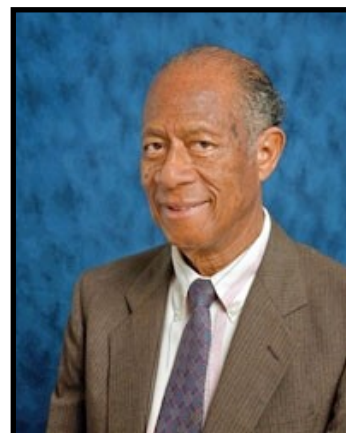
Some call it coincidence. We know better.

In Remembrance of ABC Member's Sons



Stanley Karl Hunt
AUGUST 29, 1966
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FEBRUARY 23, 2026

Son of Franklin Hunt



Stanley Karl Hunt of North Wales, PA died on Monday, 23 February 2026, at the age of 59. He was born on 29 August 1966 in Wichita Falls, TX where he spent the first six years of his life, but he grew up in Austin, Texas. He graduated from John H. Reagan High School. Stanley came to faith in Christ early in life and was an active member of Allandale Baptist Church. As a teenager, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop 88.

Stanley attended Tarleton State University, where he majored in both Chemistry and Physics. He graduated in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He earned his Master of Science in Personal Financial Planning from The College of Financial Planning in 2017.

Although Stanley began his career in Pharmaceutical Sales, working at Abbott Labs, Allergan and Merck, his true calling was as a Certified Financial Planner. He was an investment advisor with Smith Barney and Legg Mason before joining Woodwell Asset Management as Vice President. He really thrived on helping clients achieve their financial goals.

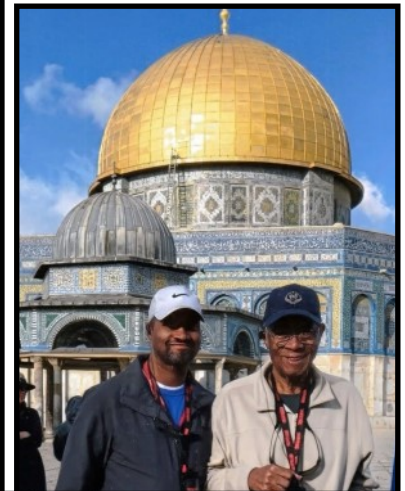
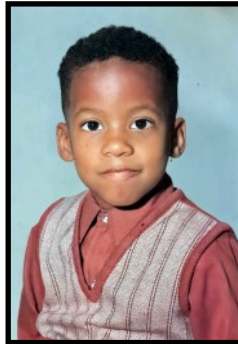
Perhaps his highest achievement and lasting contribution was the creation of the Empowering Bright Futures Foundation. Through his bequest, future generations of hard-working underprivileged students will have the opportunity to attend college.

Stanley was an outdoor enthusiast with an insatiable appetite for adventure – he loved hiking, running, cycling, camping, whitewater rafting, kayaking, mountain biking, and hunting. One of his greatest adventures was walking in the footsteps of our Lord in the Holy Land.

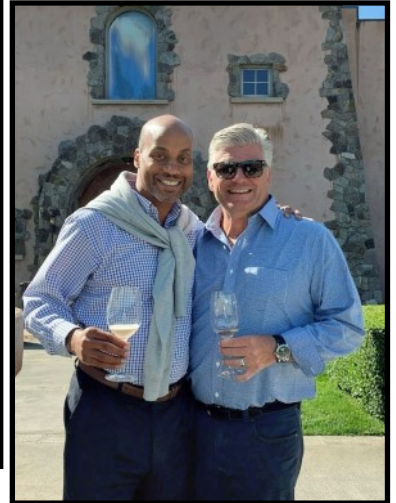
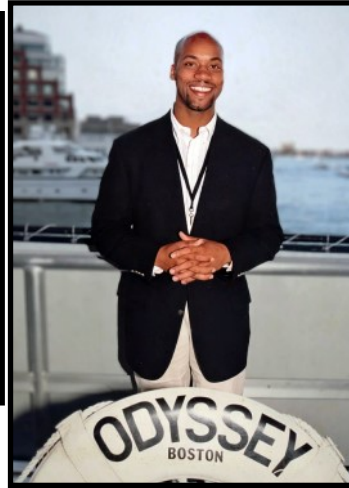
He was preceded in death by his mother, Zelma Hunt and his nephew, 2Lt Andrew J. Hunt, US Army. He is survived by his Father, **Franklin, Sr.**, brothers Kurt and Franklin, Jr. and his wife Donna, as well as his nephew Major Kyle Hunt, US Army, wife Stephanie and children.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Stanley's honor to The Brett Tashman Foundation, dedicated to "Making DSRCT History" – www.thebrettashmanfoundation.org. (DSRCT – Desmoplastic Small Round Cell Tumor – a rare type of Sarcoma).

Stanley Hunt



Stanley Hunt





2026

APRIL
SHOWERS
BRING
MAY
FLOWERS

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



Give a Special Happy Birthday Shout out to the Folks with their Name beside their photo as they are Celebrating Their 80+ Birthdays This Month.

			<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p>  <p>Elaine Hagood</p>  <p>Bob Gerrie</p>	<p>3</p> <p>David & Annette Myrick 56 Years</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>Daulton Halliburton</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>No Photo</p> <p>L.C. Yoder</p> <p>Latrell & Jean Bellard 54 Years Rita & David Jones 60 Years</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Bud Duke</p> <p>Madison & Janet Scholl 60 Years</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Jorge Garcia</p>
<p>12</p>  <p>Darlene Higgs</p> <p>No Photo</p> <p>Leon Yoder</p> <p>Steve Johnson Donna Weir</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>Jim Hiller</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>Clemmie Hext</p> <p>Jim & Nancy Deis 45 Years</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Bud Duke & Cindy Murillo 2 Years</p> <p>David & Nancy Jo Jenkins 40 Years</p> <p>Dennis & Alice Koch 40 Years</p> <p>Ken Wallingford</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>Janet Murdock</p> <p>Barbara Casner</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Susan Sanders</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>Wayne Mann</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>Nancy Naylor</p> <p>Karen Hallford Naomi Wilson</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Ramen Dewan</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Larry Beard</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>Frieda Whitt</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Chris & Bethany -Weigl Padgett 9 Years</p>	<p>30</p> <p>James Fosberg Sue Peschel</p>		