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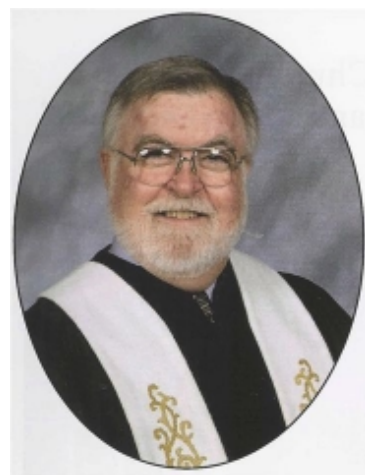
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SPECIAL EDITION

...According to John

People often have asked me how I got to be who I am. They want to know my background and my history. Serving God through the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and specifically through Central Christian Church is the culmination of a long and circuitous journey.

Let me begin by telling you about two days I remember clearly, not all of the events, but specific moments. One was May 17, 2000 when Carlton Garrison called our home around 9:30 p.m. saying that the Board of Central Christian Church had voted to accept the Senior Minister Search Committee's recommendation and forward my name to the congregation for approval. Carlton was pleased and very complimentary. We had known each other for years and I always held him in the highest regard. I was pleased and a little surprised by the call. Carolyn and I



had assumed the meeting to be over for some time and we were becoming concerned that no word had come from Jim Prichard, chair of the Search Committee. So Carlton had the privilege of "breaking the news", which caused him embarrassment when he discovered the situation. Nonetheless he affirmed the Board's vote, saying he thought I was an excellent choice. I was touched by his generosity. Shortly later Jim called, saying that he had been mistakenly dialing my office number rather than my home. Both heralds brought good news and the McLemores celebrated!

The second day I recall was the following Sunday, May 21st. I was driving back to our home in Mannford after preaching at one of the churches in northeast Oklahoma as Associate Regional Pastor and Northeast Area Minister for the Christian Church. My nomination as Senior Minister was being brought to the Enid congregation. I was anxious and eager to receive a phone call with the results. The cell phone rang and Jim Prichard joyfully announced I was officially called to be the Senior Minister of Central Christian Church in Enid, Oklahoma beginning on August 1, 2000. Carolyn and I felt this was an answer to our prayers. We believed, and still do, that God brought us to this ministry.

It has now been five years since we moved to Enid. Such a milestone is a time for reflection, assessment and recasting the vision. It is time for a five year report. I have, therefore, chosen to write this four section monograph and mail it as a special edition of the *Church Visitor*.

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The first part will be an autobiography of my life in Christian ministry answering the questions posed in the first sentence and highlighting additional personal milestones that have been passed during these last five years. Section two will deal with some of the accomplishments achieved by congregation and staff over the last five years. I will also assess the current state of the congregation. In section three I will briefly share a dream for the next five years, and finally, in section four, I will outline a personal agenda for the first six months of my sixth year as your

senior minister and spiritual leader.

These last five years have been a wonderful mix of personal opportunities and challenges. It has also been a time when God has been at work in our midst. Our shared spiritual growth has been remarkable and has only occurred because ministry has been the effort of pastor, staff and the people. Collectively we have developed an environment where the Spirit is working. Thanks be to God.

I. Autobiography of Christian Ministry and Personal Milestones

I was raised in an encouraging Christian home by loving, even doting, parents and by a caring extended family. The seeds of faith were planted early. I am a third generation Disciple, having been baptized at the First Christian Church in Ponca City in 1954. The church, the living Body of Christ, has always been an integral part of my life. I committed myself to full time Christian service at Texoma Christian Camp as a high school student in the early 1960's and am a Timothy of Putnam City Christian Church.

"The seeds of faith were planted early".

After high school I attended Phillips University and officially began my ministry in June of 1966 by working with "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks" at a location in North Carolina. This past June marks 39 years since my "official" ministry began and also the 30th anniversary of my service in some form of professional ministry, including National Parks ministry, youth ministry, associate ministry, minister of education, bi-vocational minister, student minister, hospice chaplain, senior minister and Associate Regional Pastor.

For many years my ministry, either as a full time associate or a part-time bi-vocational preacher, was performed as a licensed minister. Finally in the early 1990's, I attended graduate school finishing Phillips Theological Seminary in 1996 with the degree Master of Divinity *Magna Cum Laude* and was honored as the Outstanding Disciples Student on the Enid campus. I was ordained at the First Christian Church in Purcell on April 14, 1996. Twenty-one years of my ministry have been as a licensed minister and a little over nine years have been as one ordained.

In the nine years that I was not in professional ministry Carolyn and I attended two different Disciples churches. During that time I was a choir member, choir director, youth sponsor, church camp director, elder, education committee chair, Regional Board member, and Regional Education Committee chair. Over the years Carolyn has also served the church in various roles such as elder, Sunday School teacher, chair of numerous committees, choir member, choir director, youth sponsor, VBS director, church camp director, Encounter Mini-versity Director, adult sponsor for the Regional Youth Council, Regional Board member, General Board member and Administrative Committee member (each for the Christian Church in the United States and Canada).

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I have had the privilege of working with the Regional Camp and Conference program and it has been very fulfilling. This volunteer ministry spans my years as a college student, lay adult, licensed minister and ordained minister. I have counseled and directed events at each of the three Oklahoma Disciples campsites, working with high school, junior high and most recently elementary children. (Carolyn and I, as a couple, have co-directed two Junior Camps since we have been in Enid. She just directed her third Junior Camp this summer.) I also directed the first Fine Arts Camp in Oklahoma (working with our own Lisa Kroeker Hamilton). Interestingly, I was an adult director or counselor at CYF events where Randy Johnson, Amy Lund, Betsy Shipley, Amy Kurz, Beth Phillips and, likely, others from Central attended as high school students.

Carolyn and I met at the First Christian Church in Perry and were married on June 21, 1968. We have shared 37 years of life and ministry (lay and professional). We have two children and two grandchildren.

"We have shared 37 years of life and ministry".

As a final biographical note, I have also served in leadership positions outside Central Christian Church over the last five years:

- Member of the Phillips Theological Seminary Alumni Board, 2001 until present. President of the Board 2002-2003.

- Regional Moderator of the Christian Church (DOC) in Oklahoma, 2003-2004.
- Board member of Hospice Circle of Love since 2003 until present. Currently serving as Secretary of the Board.
- Currently Chair of the Annual Fund for the Christian Church (DOC) in Oklahoma.
- Currently Board Member of the Disciples Retirement Community of Oklahoma, Inc.
- Currently serving on the General Board of the Christian Church (DOC) in the United States and Canada.

II. Congregational Accomplishments Since 2000 and the Current State of the Church

Numbers never tell the complete story. Here is a case in point. When I served the First Christian Church in Purcell our numbers didn't change much over a period of many years. Worship attendance stayed about the same. Additions were generally the same each year. Numbers of people moving away were the same as well. During the years I was there, however, I witnessed great transformation. The connection to Christ through local and larger church ministries strengthened. Leadership emerged from that small-membership congregation. Some members began to serve on the Regional Board. People attended Regional and General Assemblies. One year six of us went to Indianapolis to an Assembly. Not bad for a church that averaged 50 or so in worship. Adults began working with church camps.

“Numbers never tell the complete story...but can be indicators”.

Since August 2000
204 total additions
150 by transfer
54 by baptism

Rev. McLemore has officiated
37 weddings
115 funerals

Three or four served on Regional Committees. One was on the Regional Minister Search Committee that called Tom Jewell. To this day, we still bump into a number of “old parishioners” at regional and general events. Numbers were not a reflection of personal growth and change in Purcell.

Numbers can, however, be indicators so I choose to share the following numbers with you. Since August 1, 2000 we have had 204 additions to Central Christian Church, 150 by transfer and 54 by baptism. I have officiated at 37 weddings and at 115 funerals. I hesitate to estimate, but I have preached approximately 250 sermons in Enid, most of them twice and roughly 100 of them three times. I also estimate that I have taught 150 Sunday School lessons and have made various presentations to the CYF, Disciples Women, Guild and Disciple Men. The church has

also facilitated five years of special Advent, Christmas, Lenten and Easter services. I preached a series of special services at Cherokee and another series Hunter. In addition, I preached our current Associate Minister, Don Johnson's Ordination at Hunter Christian Church.

Over the last five years we have received \$2,480,178 in pledges and offerings and have spent \$2,449,290 for operations. In addition our Rebuild the Temple receipts to date have been \$408,936 and we have spent \$313,550. Our outreach giving over the last five years has increased in large measure.

Since August 2000
\$2,480,178 received through offerings

\$2,449,290 spent for mission & ministry

We currently have a paid staff of seven full time employees and eight part-time employees. During my tenure as Senior Minister we have had in our employ two Organists, two Associate Ministers, three Directors of Children's Ministries, three Youth

Ministers and three Toddler Attendants, but the total number has remained the same. The remainder of our current employees have served in their positions longer than I have. We are currently blessed with a solid and stable staff.

Rebuild the Temple
\$408,936 income
\$313,550 expenses through June 2005

Since 2000 our congregation has expanded its ministries in a variety of ways:

- A number of people started a **Foster Children's Christmas Party** for foster children in Garfield County. It has now become an expected tradition
- We allowed a sister congregation, **Iglesia Cristiana el Shaddai**, to use our facility for over two years as they grew and became established. A few months ago they moved into their own building and are doing wonderfully well.
- In the last five years we started three new adult Sunday School classes: the **Genesis Class**, the **Young Adult Class** and the **Jubilee Class**.
- We changed our entire Sunday School program for 1st through 5th grades by converting to the **Workshop Rotation Model** four years ago. Biblical themes and stories are explored in six to eight week sessions using a variety of methods of instruction: story, games, video, computer, science, cooking, and other media as well.
- Last year I began teaching regular "**Disciples 101 Classes**" for prospective members. These classes have been very successful.
- On December 14, 2002 we started **Saturday Evening Worship** in the chapel. While it has not drawn large numbers it is meeting a need and new members have come to Central through this service.
- Since August of 2000 our **youth** have participated in one ski trip to Colorado, one General Assembly in Kansas City, an International CYF event in Georgia, a multi-state Heritage Tour and two mission trips, one to the Texas/Mexico border and a recent trip to Nashville.
- Since August 2000 we have had four High School students elected to the **Regional Youth Council**, the planning body for Disciples youth in Oklahoma. We also had three high school students attend the **International Affairs Seminar** in New York and Washington, D.C.
- We experienced **Small Groups** under Kevin Arensman's direction using a program called **Prayer Force**. Since the arrival of Don Johnson we have done two series of small groups, one with the **Purpose Driven Life** and one using **Serendipity** materials. All of these groups have been very successful and hold great promise for participants and for the church.
- A **single-adult** small group has formed within the last year and is very active.
- In January, 2005 we expanded the Youth Minister's position to include **Young Adult ministry** as well.
- In 2001 and 2003, under the direction of Carolyn McLemore, we did **Celebration of Patriotism** events to honor our current and former servicemen and veterans.
- In October 2003 we celebrated Central's **110th birthday** with guest preachers and much pagentry. We have a profound history and we had a good three-day party celebrating that history.
- Special **Prayer Services for Healing and Wholeness** have been held over the last three years.
- We added **Kristal Bells** to our music program and it has been a great success. All ages appreciate the children and their special music. Our children continue to do regular special music programs with "**The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**" in December 2003 being the most ambitious.
- The **Chancel Choir** traveled to Europe in the summer of 2004, a trip that also attracted others to Central.
- Adult Sunday school attendance is strong. In fact our overall **Sunday morning attendance** has increased this last year with church school showing the greatest jump.
- **Kid's Central** has begun to operate in the black the last three years and is currently repaying its loan.
- Central was involved in a local outreach program at Enid Senior Care. Working in partnership with the owners we developed **Eden Friendship Garden** with walkways, flowers, and covered areas. Over 70% of the residents are on Medicaid and for most, this is their final residence.
- For the last three years I have gone to **Enid Senior Care** twice a month for a time of singing, Scripture and prayer. We celebrate communion once a month. In the last few months Don Johnson has begun a bi-monthly worship at **Burgundy Place**.
- Since last fall we have been doing a **Monday Noon Prayer Service** in the Chapel under Don Johnson's direction. It is meeting an obvious need.

- A few years ago we hired a company to take care of the leaks in the loggia. To date that has been successful. We also resealed our parking lots and repainted the parking stripes.
- Our most visible accomplishment has been the **Rebuild the Temple** building renovation program. We began in the summer of 2003 to develop a plan to renovate our facility. A safety railing has been installed in the education building. All the bathrooms are being remodeled with some being expanded. The geothermal project is in its final stages. New tile has been installed in the fellowship hall. We have a new stage curtain. New carpet, tile and pews will begin to be installed in the sanctuary and chapel in September. In addition, we have upgraded our phone system, installed a fire suppression system in the kitchen and replaced our old convection ovens. **Doris Ross and Janice Stout**, along with others, have provided organization of our storage areas which is amazing. They also work weekly to update and maintain church decorations.
- We have expanded our mission involvement in a variety of ways. Sunday School classes are supporting various projects including the Adult Bible Study Class and their **Zambia Project** and recently the Sooners Class and their **Congo Project**. Our **World Outreach Silent Auction** has done wonderfully well these last two years and is becoming a tradition. We just completed our first “adult” mission trip to **Vietnam** and five of our members are going to **Peru** in a few weeks to support work there we began last December. My involvement with the Vietnam trip was life altering.
- Many of our “signature” programs are flourishing. The **Caregivers** ministry continues to do great work. **New Year’s in Rio** grows each year. This year’s **VBS** broke records. The music program of the congregation, vocal, bells and instrumental, is among the best in Enid. Participation in our **Chancel Choir** has increased this last year. The **Mixed Company** ensemble is in great demand in the Enid area and their seasonal programs brought hundreds of people into our building.

These are a few of the highlights of the mission and ministry accomplished through Central Christian Church these last five years. There are many more programs that are ongoing which continue to bring comfort, hope and joy.

My assessment is that our congregation is strong and healthy. There is a vitality and warmth in our midst which is God given and Spirit centered. While we must not become complacent or over confident in our position, we are certainly on the right track. But we have much yet to do.

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CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1) While our outreach efforts are increasing, I believe in the Biblical truth that we receive only what we give away. We must strive to do more.
- 2) Our functional committee system has not worked to its potential the last few years. Too much work falls on the shoulders of too few people plus we have too many meetings. We must empower our lay leaders to dream and lead. We must become more lay driven rather than staff driven.
- 3) We have yet to develop a good plan for tracking and following-up on “drop-outs” and inactive members.
- 4) We are attracting younger singles and couples into the life of the church yet we are still an older congregation. This is good because with age comes wisdom, commitment and a strong sense of stewardship. The challenge is to equip the younger generations to “take up the torch”, particularly in committed leadership roles and financial support of God’s work at Central. Many young leaders are doing good work. We must encourage and train more.
- 5) We seek to be faithful to God and relevant within our culture. This is difficult and often troubling because it brings change. We must embrace change in the areas we believe God is calling us to change, so that we might be more relevant.
- 6) We have not yet reached our full potential.

III. My Dream for the Next Five Years

"I had a dream. . .we were on fire".

I had a day dream, maybe it was a vision. In it a person came to me and said he would give Central Christian Church two million dollars to build a family life addition. There was a condition. . .that we increase our average weekend worship attendance to 600 and maintain it. In the dream I shared the challenge with the congregation and it was accepted. Everyone, young and old, worked hard to accomplish the goal because there was a real and tangible outcome. Friends, neighbors, newcomers and family members were regularly invited to church. Scores of volunteers sought to make them feel welcome and "connected". Every program was supported by willing volunteers. Small groups flourished. Worship was alive with new energy. Central became a resource congregation for smaller Disciples churches in NW Oklahoma. The Spirit was palpable. We sent students to Disciples colleges and seminaries. We developed long term and profound global connections. Stewardship and outreach giving reached amazing numbers. We were "on fire".

Obviously no one has come to me with such an offer, but it struck me. If we became that passionate about growing Christ's church. . .we would not need an outside benefactor. The gift would come from within us.

I am not suggesting that our goals be solely based in numbers. Nor am I suggesting that we grow the congregation just so we can build an addition. But, as I said earlier, numbers are indicators. Numbers allow us to express our faithfulness in profound ways. Numbers allow us to do the type of mission and ministry which stretches the imagination. And numbers foster a unique energy. . .the beating of 600 hearts aflame with the grace of God.

Our mandate is to "Love God, Love Neighbor and Make Disciples." It isn't a "pick one" situation. We must do all three. My dream for Central Christian Church for the next five years is that we work hard to make "Jesus Disciples". If 25 saints would commit to bringing 5 people a year into relationship to the Living Body of Christ in two years we would be averaging MORE THAN 600 in worship. We would experience a vitality and a spirit that would take us to places on our journey where we have never been.

"Love God, Love Neighbor and Make Disciples...it isn't pick one".

That is my dream. If we work hard to connect others to this amazing, life giving, life affirming journey with God, then everything else will fall into place.

IV. My Personal Agenda For the Next Six Months

When Carolyn and I came to Enid five years ago I presented an ambitious agenda for the first 100 days. I asked 100 people in the congregation to offer special daily prayers and I called in 200 homes. Both provided a firm foundation for the new, shared ministry between Pastor and people.

During the first six months of my sixth year as Senior Minister of Central Christian Church I am going to focus on an area outside my normal activities by revisiting and expanding the scope of my initial efforts in Enid. I am going to call in every home, every residence, every nursing home room, and every assisted living apartment! I will be the guest of every participating member, every inactive member and every prospective member who accepts my invitation to visit during this six-month period. The purpose is to connect, reconnect or better connect; to hear the stories of the people; and, to spiritually assess where we are individually and collectively. Such an undertaking will better equip and energize me, as your spiritual leader. It will also focus the efforts and prayers of the people so that we might creatively and enthusiastically "Love God, Love Neighbor and Make Disciples".

"In the next six months I will call on every member. . ."

In addition to this extensive six-month calling program, I am going to focus my efforts in three additional areas over the next months and years. The first is developing Sunday School and Small Group study materials, using a variety of media in their presentation and delivery. We have the technology and our recent experience has shown us that a multimedia format can be an effective means of teaching and instruction. I feel compelled to offer these studies for these reasons: 1) Basic Bible study and faith development are crucial and, try as we might, our efforts with adults need to be more comprehensive, 2) being true to our Disciples tradition and the grand historic tradition of

Central Christian Church we must seek studies that open the door to vital faith without shutting the door to critical thought, 3) there is a tendency for us to use materials that reflect the teaching of more fundamentalist or evangelical churches. As the spiritual leader of this congregation, I want us to understand that there are viable, faith-nurturing alternatives that are true to our Disciples heritage.

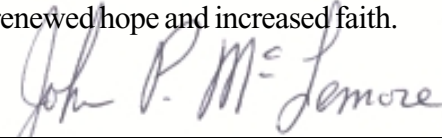
The second area is recruiting, equipping and coaching Ambassadors for Jesus at Central Christian Church, people who are willing to actively invite and welcome others into this faith community. These will be the people who are passionate about God’s love for all and about growing this congregation spiritually and numerically.

The third area deals with our global connections. Continuing our current projects I will also work directly with our denomination’s Global Missions department and with Week of Compassion seeking opportunities each year to give representatives from Central Christian Church a third world mission experience. These mission efforts will include older youth, young adults and adults. I believe these trips will, in the long term, impact the vitality and spiritual depth of this congregation as much as any thing else we do.

I have outlined a bold agenda. Of course, I will continue preaching, calling in the hospitals prior to surgeries, teaching Disciples 101 classes, calling on prospective members, doing weddings and funerals and overseeing staff. I even plan to co-direct a few more summer church camps.

Thank you for your willingness to read this lengthy document. Please know that it has been an honor to serve you these last five years. I am eagerly anticipating what the next five years will bring, knowing that God will tug and pull at us, continually presenting new possibilities. I pray for you every day. Please pray for Carolyn and me. May we continue the journey with renewed hope and increased faith.

Grace and peace,



SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	SUNDAY’S STATISTICS
July 31, 2005	July 31, 2005
Nursery/Preschool 9	Chapel Worship 38
Elementary 24	Sanctuary Worship 293
Youth 16	Saturday Night Service 6
Adult Bible Study 33	
Boomers 17	VAN DRIVERS SCHEDULE
Crusaders 14	Sunday, August 7, David Dell
Genesis 25	
Sooners 84	REPORTED ILL
Young Adults 4	St. Mary’s: Bette Smith, Jerry
Jubilee Class 6	Mitts, Dale Vance, Elaine
Total 236	McDanel, Mary Welker

You're Invited.....
 by the children of
 Dr. Paul & Murel Denny
 to celebrate their
 50th Wedding Anniversary
 Sunday, August 7, 2005
 Central Christian Church
 Fellowship Hall
 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
 Everyone is welcome, no gifts please, cards if
 desired.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following individuals are either undergoing cancer/leukemia treatments or have been diagnosed with cancer Clifford Lewis, Emma Jean Floyd, Gene Olbert, Cody Miller, Don Whitsitt, Tim Hopkins, Carson Bandy, Mildred Taylor, Leota Kroll, Hope Weiden, Joan Winterringer, Margaret Harmon, Harriett Brown, Elbert Wheeler, David Bratina, Lawrence Franklin, Denise Krick Bellville, Ray Townley and Ann Overstreet..... Virgil and Shirley Tapp on the death of Virgil’s brother Eugene..... Oleeva Evans on the death of her brother Dan Shorter....

DIACONATE TEAM

- July 31—Team 3
- August 7—Team 3
- August 14—Team 1

SUNDAY, A U G U S T 7, 2 0 0 5

- Chapel Worship Service..... 8:00 a.m.**
- Church School..... 9:00 a.m.**
- Sanctuary Worship Service 10:15 a.m.**
- Anthem..... “God Is Our Refuge” Chancel Choir**
- Elders: 8:00—Max Johnson; 10:15—Jerry Blankenship, Tom Stout**

PEWS FOR SALE

Central Christian Church has pews from the sanctuary and chapel for sale. If you are interested in purchasing any please contact Jim Dent at 242-0947.

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Congratulations go out to Eunice "Barney" Barnes as she was recognized as St. Mary's Volunteer of the Year.....Congratulations go out to Ann Overstreet who was honored by Enid YWCA Crisis Shelter and was named the YWCA's 2005 Woman of the Year. She was presented with a quilt as a token of appreciation from residents of the shelter.....

Congratulations go out to Deborah Eck for being listed on the Dean's Honor Roll at Oklahoma State University.....Congratulations go out to Chelsea Baker for being listed on the President's Honor Roll at Oklahoma University.....Congratulations go out to Tommy Garrison for being listed on the Dean's Honor Roll at Oklahoma University.....

KIDS' KORNER

Volunteers for August 7

ACOLYTES

Rachel Meyer, Katherine Jones

CANDLELIGHTERS

Sarah Johnson, Nicole Bushman

DON'T FORGET - *On 8/12, we'll have a "back to school" party for 3 year olds through fifth grade from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Meadowlake Park. Be sure to read your Chadder Box News when it comes.*

NEW WWNF DATE – WWNF will begin on 8/24 instead of 8/17 due to school open houses

IT'S A BOY!!!!

Congratulations go out to Ryan and Ellen Easter on the birth of their third son Ethan Elijah. Ethan was born July 27. He weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and is 20-1/4 inches long. Brothers are Casey and Matthew and proud grandparents are Ken and Phyllis Hambrick.

JUBLIEE CLASS

For Sunday, August 7th Jubilee Class- Our "Sermon on the Mount" study is going well! Did you have any idea that it was actually many sermons? This week's reference scripture is Mathew 5:31-37; and 19:3-9. The lesson title is "Faithfulness in Marriage & Speech". Rev. John McLemore will be our guest teacher. We hope you can join us!

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank John and Don and the Caregivers for their visits while I was in the hospital for surgery recently. Also, for brining me communion. Your love and concerns were greatly appreciated.

Bette Moore

NOTE OF THANKS

It's such a privilege to be a member of such a caring church. Thanks so much for all the cards, calls, and prayers. Special thanks to the Monday Noon Prayer Group and the Caregivers. Also, Rev. John. I'm doing very well.

Maribel Moore

RAFFLE FOR PERU

We are very close to having the total amount of money needed for the construction of the new school in Puno, Peru. It is our goal to have this amount raised before the mission trip goes there in late August. We will be selling raffle tickets at the Welcome Center for three beautiful alpaca sweaters that were made by the poor women of Puno. Tickets are \$2.00 apiece or 6 tickets for \$10.00. I know that right now it is hard to picture it being cold outside but winter will soon be here. These sweaters are exceptionally warm for those cold winter days. The tickets will be on sale for the next two Sundays. **All** money received will go for the construction costs of this building. Should we end up raising more than is needed for construction costs the remainder will go toward helping to furnish the new building.

We received word from Benjamin yesterday that construction began on the foundation for this building last week. A copy of the plans for the school have been mailed and are on their way to Enid. As soon as they arrive we will display them at the Welcome Center so that everyone can get a better idea of what the new school will look like.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this project. Never did these parents imagine that their children would be able to go to a school like that of children whose parents had money. This is truly a miracle for these people. Thank you for making a difference in a child's life.

HOMEBOUND BIRTHDAYS

August 2, Doris Botts, 5801 N. Oakwood, #AL-10, Enid, OK 73703

August 10, Hermine Woelke, The Living Center, 1409 N. 17th, Enid, OK 73701

August 14, Sparky Gordon, 1217 E. Garriott, #115, Enid, OK 73701

August 27, 1119 E. Garriot, A-31, Enid, OK 73701

August 31, Lloyd Franklin, 4222 Pin Oak, Enid, OK 73703

CHANGE!!!!!! WWNF WILL BEGIN AUGUST 24th!