



Spring Membership Dinner This Sunday

The Membership Committee is hosting an all church luncheon- "Think Spring" THIS Sunday, March 9 after the 10:15am worship service. We will have special entertainment and a great meal! If you could help with food preparations on Saturday, March 8 or clean-up on Sunday, we would really appreciate it!

Donations for the meal are appreciated. Hope to see you there!!!

Spring
Is Here!



March 9 is
Daylight
Savings!
Don't forget to
turn the clock
back before
bedtime!

Holy Week Services & Activities

Sunday, March 16

10:15am Choir Easter Cantata

Thursday, March 20

7pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 21

7pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 22

8am—5:30pm Prayer Vigil

1pm Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, March 23

6am Sunrise Service

8am Chapel Service

10:15am Sanctuary Service

According to John.....

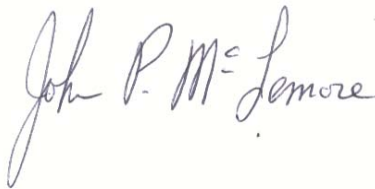


Our “official” stewardship campaign is over and we have had good response. Many Estimate of Giving cards were completed and turned in Sunday. A number have been arriving each day in the mail, but we still have a ways to go. If you haven’t turned your Estimate in then please do so soon. You can mail them to the church office or call Jody Vogt at 233-1214 and she will complete one for you over the phone.

This Sunday my sermon title is “I Will Put My Spirit Within You And You Shall Live”. The lectionary readings for this Fifth Sunday in Lent invite additional reading and study. I encourage you to read **Ezekiel 37:1-14** where, in a vision, Ezekiel is shown a valley of dry, dead bones that miraculously come to life after being infused with the breath of God. In **Romans 8:6-11** Paul proclaims to the Christians in Rome that the “Spirit is life”. **John 11:1-45** shows Jesus grieving for the death of his friend Lazarus at Bethany. He calls Lazarus back to life by saying, “Unbind him, and let him go”.

Are we dead or alive? Oh sure, we are physically alive, but are we really ALIVE? I am experiencing an epiphany. Come Sunday, bring a friend, and participate in the abundant life of the Spirit. Your preacher might be pretty “fired up”.

Grace and peace,



REMINDER

It is very important that all requests for building usage (anniversaries, parties, meetings, etc) AND all requests for using a van MUST be directed to Shirley Hall at 233-1214.

In case of an emergency please call Rev. McLemore any time at the office at 233-1214. If you are unable to reach him at the office, his cell phone number is (580)402-2522, or you can reach him by calling his home 233-4214.

SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

March 2, 2008

Chapel Service.....52
Sanctuary Worship.....201
Saturday Evening Worship.....13

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

March 9, David Dell
March 16, Heath Wallace
March 23, Brian Meyer

Current Lectionary

March 9, 2008

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Readings:

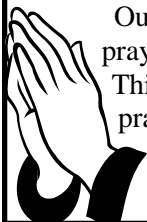
Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Color: Violet



Our congregation is continuing to pray for other churches in our area. This week we have been asked to pray for **Nash Christian Church**. Please keep them in your prayers this week.

Class To Serve WWNF

Mar 12- Genesis Class

Mar 19- No WWNF

Mar 26-Sooners Class

April 2- Crusaders Class

April 9-Genesis Class

WWNF MENU

WEDNESDAY, March 12

Mix of hot sandwiches, French fries & dessert

Meadows Point Delivery

Adult Bible Study March 25-28

Diaconate Schedule

March 9- Team 3

March 16- Team 3

March 23- Team 1

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SUNDAY, March 9, 2008

Chapel Worship.....8:00 a.m.
Church School.....9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship.....10:15 a.m.
Sermon....."I Will Put My Spirit Within You And You Shall Live".....Rev. John McLemore
Scripture.....Ezekiel 37:1-4 and Romans 8:6-11
Special Music.....Chancel Choir

Elders: 8:00- Mary Johnson, 10:15- Joyce Greenhaw, Bob Greenhaw

Diaconate Serving

March 9 & 16

Team 3

Heath Wallace
Melissa Hula
Martha O'Banion
Bob Parks
Rob Schlecht
Mike O'Banion
Kacy Wallace
Tom Hryhorchuk
John Peterson
Laurie Bushman
Wilson Buvinger
Mary Suzan Chambers
LaVena Hardin
Van Schuermann
Natalie Schuermann

ATTENTION BOARD

The Board Meeting for March will be Wednesday, March 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is earlier than normal because of Holy week. Please mark your calendars and be present.

Easter Lilies



This Sunday will be the last Sunday to order your Easter Lilies! Order slips will be in the bulletin. The Lilies will only be in the sanctuary ON EASTER and then can be taken home or donated to our "shut ins". The cost is \$15.

THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

Pakistani Christians are being tormented and killed right now. Only approximately 2% of Pakistani's 147 million people are Christian but they are being persecuted and killed at an alarming rate.

Just this year many church leaders have been



killed, including Salvation Army Colonel Bo Breke and Pentecostal minister Joseph Din. Please pray for this arm of Jesus' church every day.

EASTER HELP NEEDED



The children's department will need empty Easter eggs (preferably the larger size) for the Easter Egg hunt this year. Please bring them to Carolyn's office. Also, we will need candy for the eggs. Please bring bags of individually-wrapped candy to Carolyn's office. Donations will be accepted until March 12th. Thanks for all your support of this fun event we have each year for our children!

**Financials for January
2008**

Pledges Received	\$44,096
Other Operating Income	\$6,519
Total Operating Income	\$50,615
Total Operating Expenses	\$48,870
Operating Balance	\$1,744
Preparing the Way Receipts	\$11,106
Preparing the Way Debt including interest	\$149,499

**Lifelong Learning Bus Trip
April 3, 2008**

We will go to Ponca City and visit Marland Mansion, Marland's Grand Home, Standing Bear Museum and the new Conoco Museum.

Trip includes lunch at the mansion catered by Head Country and all admission fees. Cost is \$45.

The bus will leave at 8am and return around 6pm.

For more information call Max Johnson at 234-8322 or Lorene Harnish at 234-1975.

Pecans Are Still Available!

Pecans are available in the church office

Halves are \$8.00 Pieces are \$7.00. Bake and take to someone who could use a visit or enjoy them on a scoop of ice cream.

See Shirley with your check.



Sunday, March 9

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Church School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30—Spring Membership Luncheon
- 2:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasus
- 5:00—Youth Group (CYF & ChiRho)
- 6:00—Elders Meeting

Monday, March 10

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Meeting
- 6:30—Christian Ed Meeting

Tuesday, March 11

- Life Long Learning
- 12:00—Noon Bible Study
- 5:30—Kids Central Board Meeting
- 7:00—Quilt Central

Wednesday, March 12

- 10:00—CWF Groups: Naomi, Ruth, Sarah
- 12:00—Single Men's Luncheon
- 1:00—CWF Groups: Esther, Lydia
- 5:15—Meal
- 5:15—Hospital Callers
- 6:00—Chapel Service
- 6:00—Evangelism Committee
- 6:00—JYF Choir (grades 3 – 6)
- 6:30—JYF Bells (grades 3 – 6)
- 6:30—Adult Classes
- 6:30—Youth Group (grades 7 – 12)
- 6:30—Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00—Christian Children's Fellowship
- 7:00—Junior Youth Fellowship (grades 3 – 6)
- 7:30—Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30—Board

Thursday, March 13

- Life Long Learning
- 7:00am—Lenten Devotions/Breakfast
- 5:30—CACs Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 15

- 5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

(Compiled 3/4/2008)

All Caps reflects additions or changes

Please remember the following people as they deal with chronic illness: Christine Brakebill, Brenda Brown, Ed Brown, Brenda Chappell, Bernice Crandall, Kim Green, Bradley Gilbert, Cindy Gilbreath, JOHN HARTZ (uncle of Gene Heitfeld), Paula Hay, Joan Hull, Tammy Johnson, Clifford Lewis, Jean Long, Ashlyn Maphet (granddaughter of Ron & Pat Maphet), Shannon Mason, Rev. John McLemore, Jeralee McNeal, Cody Miller, Jaymie Morely, Gene Olbert, Betty Olmstead, Duane Simpson, David Ray (grandson of Duane and Olive Traylor), Arvella Riesen (friend of Lana Ellis), Lynn Roberts, Emily Rhodes, Jessica Steffen (granddaughter of Denny & Peg Krick), Madilyn Vose, Elbert Wheeler, Joan Winterringer .

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

MARION BATTERMAN, who has pneumonia

The family of Genie Brintnall

OATHER BROWN, Earl Rountree's brother-in-law who is very ill in OKC

Casey Cribley, age 27 and engaged to be married has throat and lung cancer

Leah Haines, diagnosed with breast cancer

R.L. LAYMAN (Sandra Justice's father) in ill health and very concerned about an ill sister

Karen League, a friend of Cindy Stewart, recovering from heart surgery

Ben Lentz is deploying to Iraq in April.

Pat & Ron Maphet, now that Ron is home

Jack Massey, (Gretchen Parsons Massey's husband) recovering from surgery

Alex Peckham, Sam & Sandra Justice's 2 ½ year old grandson, in a body cast.

Katie Perkins (granddaughter of Ginger Hicks, great-granddaughter of Helen Chishum)

The family of Cheri Melquist (Eileen Watson's daughter), her services were Monday

Melissa Yniquez, on the death of her grandmother in California

Saint Mary's

Judi Heller 311

Faydean Masemore 592

DARRELL HANNAH 218 (Kelsey Lantz's grandfather)

Bass

Phillip Adams 316

Skilled Nursing

Maxine Bassett Golden Oaks

DAVIDA WHITSITT Golden Oaks

Bass Pavilion

John Bristol



Riley Grace Keys

7 lbs 11 oz.

February 21, 2008
Mountain Home, AR

Parents are Arthur & Amber Keys

Proud grandmother is Jan Newkirk

Cassie Renee Pebley

7 lbs 10 oz, 19 inches long

February 28, 2008

Parents are Cari Novak & Steven Pebley



A Memorial Fund has been established in memory of Genie Brintnall.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone at Central for the prayers, visits, cards and delicious food during and after my surgeries. Central has been a wonderful church to us for many years and we can't imagine worshipping anywhere else. Especially thanks to John McLemore, Don Johnson and Sam Justice for their prayers with me. Our Adult Bible Study Class nurtured me, encouraged me and fed us through all of this and I don't know what we would have done without them. We love all you Centralites and love the family you are to us!

Janet Cox

Pancake Supper Sausage for Sale
\$3.00 per pound
Call the church office to place an order and then the sausage can be picked up on Sunday at the Welcome Center.

**Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
The Musical**

by Tim Kelly

Music & Lyrics by Bill Francoeur

-Adapted and Dramatized from the original story by The Brothers Grimm-

March 11th & 13th

7:30 PM

EHS Auditorium

Regular Admission- \$4 K-6th Grade- \$1

Starring:

Emily Atkinson
Hannah Burton
Jordan Boone
Maggie Selix
Chelsea Glover
Richard Johnson
Blake Bolly
Kayla Dearing



Matthew Johnson
PJ Eads
Cameron Culver
Aly Gideon
Madison Pastor
Lindsey Coffin
Katie Myers
Natalie Kuenzi

**Oklahoma Disciples Men's
Annual Retreat
March 7-8, 2008**

**Central Christian Camp & Conference
Center Guthrie, Oklahoma**

Keynoter:

Rev. John McLemore

Worship Leader:

Rev. Thomas R. Jewell, Regional Pastor of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma

Friday night social

Gary Owen, Humorist – Ventriloquist

Registration forms are in the Welcome Center. Buses will leave from the church.

KIDS CORNER

LEARN THE MEMORY VERSE – **“But Barnabas declared to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord Jesus who spoke to him and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.” Acts 9:27**

NOTICE THIS -----

- NO KIDS TIME ON PALM SUNDAY
- Kids will bring in the palms on Palm Sunday. Info to come.
- NO KIDS TIME ON EASTER SUNDAY.
- 3/18/08—10:00 a.m.—5:15 p.m.—Nat'l Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. Leave church at 10:00 sharp/return by 5:15 p.m. Cost \$6.00 adults--ages 6-12 \$4.00--6 and under free. (Church pays \$4.00 of \$10.00 adult and \$0.50 ages 6-12 fee. Bring CORRECT CHANGE so I can easily repay church, which will pay by credit card.) WILL NEED SPONSORS. Bring money for lunch. We'll eat at the Museum.
- Frontier City is having its annual Make Promises Happen day on 3/30/08. Admission is \$8.00. Van is reserved. Will need sponsors. Portion of proceeds goes to “Make Promises Happen” camp. Spots go to the first 12 people (including parents). Call Carolyn to sign up.

We will reschedule Baptism Camp to another time. And will contact you. John will get together with you before Easter to do some things. Expect a call.

ACOLYTES– March 9

Meg Bloom and TBA

TEACHERS – March 9

Laurie Bushman, 1st/2nd (art); Lois Tilley, 3rd/4th (science); Carolyn McLemore, 5th/6th (storytelling)

KIDS TIME STAFF MARCH 9

Tammy Hromas, Tonya Schlecht, Mark, Casey, Kinsey (Substitute – Katherine)

Coffee Stains

What is MPH? Miles per hour? Yes, but not when the youth group talks about it. Many do not know how special our youth are. So I am going to brag on them. MPH stands for Make Promises Happen. Make Promises Happen is a camping program that is dedicated to providing recreational experiences for people with disabilities and people who are at risk. MPH has a camp at least once a month. So almost once a month some of our youth group packs their bags and goes down to Central Christian Camp to volunteer to spend time as a buddy to the campers. They look at it as a mission mandated by Jesus to help “the least of these” (Matthew 25: 40), plus its fun. They aren’t allowed to talk much about all that goes on at the camps; there is some confidentiality that must be maintained. What I can tell you is that sometimes there are diapers, sometimes there is salivation and disease, but all the time there is happiness and joy as these wonderful campers get cared for by their wonderful buddy.

“Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.” Matthew 5: 5. Peace, JW.