



Praise the God of Resurrection

References to resurrection are often met with skepticism. The resurrection of Jesus is no exception, as it has encountered similar responses over the years. That the church's Easter message has withstood the test of time is a living testament to the mystery and power of Christian faith. Early followers of Jesus and millions of believers have, through the centuries, perpetuated the message of the risen Christ. *Praise the God of Resurrection* traverses the breadth of human emotion found in the passion story of our Lord. From joyous hosannas, to hours of solitude and rejection, to glorious alleluia, the pervading theme is that God is always with us, that God brings life where there is death. Walking through the last days of Jesus' earthly life, this short cantata is a moving reminder of

the power of the Living God. Join us this Sunday, Palm Sunday, as our Chancel Choir presents *Praise the God of Resurrection* during the 10:15 worship service.

Holy Week Services & Activities

<u>Sunday, March 16</u>	10:15am.....Choir Easter Cantata
<u>Thursday, March 20</u>	7pm.....Maundy Thursday Service
<u>Friday, March 21</u>	7pm.....Good Friday Service
<u>Saturday, March 22</u>	8am—5:30pm...Prayer Vigil followed by Sat. Service 1pm.....Easter Egg Hunt
<u>Easter Sunday, March 23</u>	7am.....Sunrise Service (Multi-Purpose Room) 8am.....Service of Resurrection in Chapel 10:15am.....Service of Resurrection in Sanctuary

According to John. . .

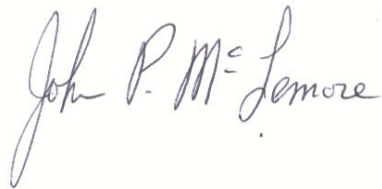


I am writing this article on Wednesday morning. When I left my house this morning about 8:30 a.m. to come to work I was struck by the profound beauty of springtime. The birds were happily chirping. The air was crisp and clean. All creation seemed to welcome the sun's warm embrace. "This IS the day the Lord has made. LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!"

Spring is a time of new birth, renewed life, colors and pleasant smells. How appropriate that Easter is a celebration which occurs during the spring. This Sunday we will be having our regular Chapel service at 8:00 a.m., but the big event will be our Choir Cantata during the 10:15 a.m. service. This is a wonderful opportunity to be inspired and encouraged by beautiful music expressing the profound wonder of resurrection. It is also a great opportunity to invite family members, friends, coworkers, neighbors and classmates to Central Christian Church. We have much to offer as a community of faith and our circle of family and friends offer us many "fields for the harvest".

Come Sunday to be inspired. Come Sunday to be renewed. Bring someone with you and come Sunday to experience the Spirit of God in our midst.

Grace and peace,



P.S. Be sure to look at the calendar of events for Holy Week on the front page.

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.
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SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

March 9, 2008

Chapel Service.....30
Sanctuary Worship.....290
Saturday Evening Worship.....20

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

March 16, Heath Wallace
March 23, Brian Meyer
March 30, Bret Whinery

Current Lectionary

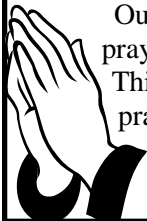
March 16, 2008

Palm Sunday

Readings:

Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Color: Violet



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

Class To Serve WWNF

Mar 19- No WWNF
Mar 26-Sooners Class
April 2- Crusaders Class
April 9-Genesis Class
April 16- Adult Bible Study

WWNF MENU

WEDNESDAY, March 19

NO WWNF!!!

Meadows Point Delivery

Adult Bible Study March 25-28

Diaconate Schedule

March 16- Team 3
March 23- Team 1
March 30- Team 1

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SUNDAY, March 16, 2008

Chapel Worship.....8:00 a.m.
Sermon....."Who Is This?".....Rev. John McLemore
Scripture.....Matthew 21:1-11
Church School.....9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship.....10:15 a.m.
Special Music.....'Praise the God of Resurrection' Cantata.....Chancel Choir

Elders: 8:00- David Eck, 10:15- Fig Newton, Tom Stout

Diaconate Teams

Team 1

Jerry Clark
Tonia Clark
Shirley Salisbury
Lois Tilley
Sue Chael
Steve Chambers
Janice Clark
Mack Allison
Tary Davis Johnson
Jan Newkirk
Nancy Hohmann
Suzanne Klemme
Gail Novak
Dave Chael
Margaret Day
Kent Beaty

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

STORM CENTRAL SUPPLIES

It is getting close to spring weather and we need a few things for Storm Central so we can provide the best experience possible to those who may be using Central



Christian Church during the storm season. We need: twin-sized flat sheets (gently used is fine); wind-up or shake-up flashlights; 'C' batteries; 'D' batteries; battery-operated lanterns; new or gently-used towels and washcloths; Band-Aids of all sizes/descriptions; a wind-up radio (we have one but two would be good.) and new pillows. Thank you so much for your donations. They will be used well and well used. God bless.



Centours Luncheon

March 16th
11:30 am

Wearing of the Green
Come and enjoy an Irish meal
Cost \$4.00

Menu

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots
Green Salad
Soda Bread
Lime Sherbet and Cookies

Entertainment

Chautauqua Performance by OBA High School students



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



The Lifelong Learning group will be going to Ponca City where they will visit Marland Mansion, Marland's Grand

Home, Standing Bear Museum and the new Conoco Museum.

The trip includes lunch at the Marland Mansion catered by Head Country BBQ. Cost is \$45, which covers the meal and all admission fees.

The bus will leave the church at 8am and return to Enid around 6pm.

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

Sunday, March 16

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Church School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
Chancel Choir Cantata
- 11:30—Centours Luncheon
- 2:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasus
- 5:00—Youth Group (CYF & Chi Rho)

Monday, March 17

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Meeting
- 6:00—Property Meeting
- 6:00—Quilter's Guild

Tuesday, March 18

- Life Long Learning
- 8:00—Single Women's Breakfast
- 12:00—Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, March 19

No WWNF Activities

Thursday, March 20

- Life Long Learning
- 7:00—Maundy Thursday service in the Chapel

Friday, March 21

- 7:00—Good Friday service in the Chapel

Saturday, March 22

- 8:00—5:30 Prayer Vigil in Small Chapel
- 1:00—Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- 5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service

Sunday, March 23

- Easter Sunday
- 7:00am—Sunrise Service in the Multi Purpose room
- 8:00am—Service of Resurrection—Chapel
- 9:00am—Church School
- 10:15am—Service of Resurrection—Sanctuary

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

(Compiled 3/12/2008)

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, Paula Hay, Joan Hull, Tammy Johnson, Clifford Lewis, Jean Long, Ashlyn Maphet (granddaughter of Ron & Pat Maphet), Ron 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

Oather Brown, Earl Rountree's brother-in-law who is very ill in OKC

The family of LEONA MAE CAVETT (Sonya Waldrip's grandmother). Services were Wednesday in Stillwater. \

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

Leah Haines, diagnosed with breast cancer

The family of PAULINE HALL. Her services will be Saturday at Nash Christian Church.

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

Ben Lentz is deploying to Iraq in April.

Kelsey Lantz, who is undergoing tests.

Alex Peckham, Sam & Sandra Justice's 2 ½ year old grandson had his body cast removed and is doing very well.

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

Pat Quiring, Birdene Schoonover's nephew, had a successful procedure after his heart attack and went ome last Saturday.

Saint Mary's

Judi Heller 591

Faydean Masemore 592

Bass

Marvin May 311

Skilled Nursing

Maxine Bassett Golden Oaks

Davida Whitsitt Golden Oaks

McBride Hospital—OKC

Evelyn Frech



Prayer Vigil

**Saturday, March 22
8am-5:30pm in the Chapel**

Sign up now for your 30 minute session. Sign up in the Loggia Sunday or call the church office to sign up for one or two spots!

Come spend time in prayer with God and let Him work in your life.

Horn of Plenty

Annual Spring Food Drive

Sunday, March 30, 2008

1-5pm

Please place your bag of non-perishable food items on your porch by 1pm so volunteers can more quickly canvass your neighborhood and not disturb your dinner or nap. The Horn of Plenty Food Bank supplies food to 18 Enid agencies who feed our hungry residents.

If for some reason your donation is not picked up, please take it to the Horn of Plenty warehouse at 16th Street and East Randolph or call 234-6612.

Welcome New Members



Allison Haney & Jason Seigars

We celebrate with Allison and Jason on their approaching marriage. Their wedding will be in the sanctuary on April 5th. Welcome!



Anna Coffman

Anna comes by transfer of membership. She renewed her baptism by publicly professing her faith. Welcome Anna!

We also welcome back into the fold our own Thelma Dodd. She recommitted her life to Christ on March 9th during the 10:15 a.m. service.

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. **CANCELLED BECAUSE OF CONFLICTS WITH SPRING BREAK**
- 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 on Sat., 3/15, 9:30 a.m. for about an hour to talk about baptism. You should have had a call by now. If not call us at 402-2522.**



ACOLYTES– March 16

Britton Yunker, Blayke Jantz
(Substitute: Johanna)

TEACHERS – March 16

Tammy Hromas, 1st/2nd (music); Lois
Tilley & Laurie Bushman 3rd/4th (art);
John McLemore, 5th/6th (computers)

KIDS TIME STAFF MARCH 16

NO KIDS TIME FOR PALM SUNDAY

Coffee Stains

Easter is quickly approaching. Are you prepared for the coming of our Lord? These many days of Lent, some of us have gone without in order to draw closer to God. Some may have given up soda, Starbucks, or chocolate. Some may have picked up something new, like reading a daily devotional, praying more often, or doing something nice for someone else at least once a day. Have these practices brought us closer to God? There are seven spiritual practices which are intended to bring us closer to God. These are; daily prayer, daily Bible reading, weekly worship, inside church involvement, outside church involvement (missions), participation in spiritual focus group, and tithing. Have you done any of these to bring yourself closer to Jesus? I confess I should do more... Let us welcome our Lord Jesus into our lives with new fervor.

Peace, JW.

