



*"A New Thing Springs Forth"*  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma

Oklahoma Regional Church Assembly  
April 24 - 26, 2008

### Regional Assembly

Registration Information is available at the Welcome Center. Our ministers and youth are planning to attend. There is a luncheon for Disciples' Men and one also for Disciples' Women.

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**Attention Men of Central Christian Church:** We have a great opportunity with Sessions 2008 coming to Edmond in July. Sessions occurs every four years and this the first time in Oklahoma. Men from all over the United States and Canada will be attending. The speakers, workshops and worship experiences will be outstanding. Registration is \$225 if paid by May 1<sup>st</sup>. **The Board of Central Christian Church has voted to scholarship 10 men at \$100.00 apiece.** Plan now to attend. More information and registration forms are available at [www.sessions2008.org](http://www.sessions2008.org) Make your check payable to the "General Conference of Disciples Men". Bring the check and registration to the church office and we will send it in along with a check from the church for \$100.00. Men under 30 can register for only \$100.00. Sunday School Classes are encouraged to invite men to attend and to provide additional scholarship.

SESSIONS 2008

Prioritizing Your Life  
Transferring Your Heart  
Encouraging Your Mind

JULY 17-20, 2008  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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## *According to John. . .*



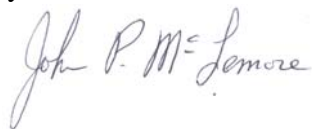
**CONCERNS:** Each week we include a list of Joys and Concerns in the Church Visitor and in the Sunday worship bulletins. Many of the names at the top of the list (those with chronic conditions and/or requiring continuing treatments) are people who have been on the list so long that we have lost any contact or memory of who supplied the concern. As a result, we have removed a number of names. If you know of someone who needs to be put back on the list, or someone who needs to be added, then call Shirley at 233-1214.

**NAME TAGS:** We are going to start using nametags again on April 20<sup>th</sup>. It has been some time since we discontinued use and we have certainly gotten out of the habit. Willo Clark, from the Worship Committee, has agreed to help organize and update the nametags. Plan now to begin using them on April 20<sup>th</sup>. It is just another way to extend hospitality to members and visitors.

**WALK TO EMMAUS:** Last weekend we had a number of our members help or support the Men's Walk to Emmaus in Woodward. This weekend a Women's Walk will occur with Tonia Clark and Kacy Wallace providing leadership. Let's keep this event in our prayers.

**GREETERS:** The Ambassadors are back in action with one of their functions being to act as **ADDITIONAL** greeters before services and Sunday School. In reality, this is a function of the entire congregation. I encourage you to look around the loggia, when you are there, and greet members, friends and guests. I will never forget when Carolyn and I visited a church in eastern Oklahoma. I was the guest preacher and an afternoon workshop leader. We arrived early and looked around. Fully ten people walked past us and **NOT ONE PERSON** greeted us or asked if we needed help or directions. Wow! So much for being welcomed. Greeters, formal and informal, are crucial in the life of a congregation. Their action (or inaction) speaks volumes.

See you Sunday in church,



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 30, 2008

Chapel Service.....40  
Sanctuary Worship.....217  
Saturday Evening Worship.....18

## VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

April 6, Mack Allison  
April 13, David Dell  
April 20, Heath Wallace

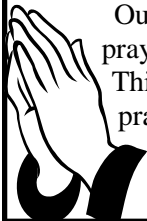
### Current Lectionary

April 6, 2008  
Third Sunday of Easter

#### Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

Color: White



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

## Classes To Serve WWNF

April 9-Genesis Class  
April 16- Adult Bible Study  
April 23-Sooners Class  
April 30- Evangelism Fundraiser  
May 7—Crusaders Class

## WWNF MENU

WEDNESDAY, April 9  
Beef Stroganoff, Rice, Green  
beans & dessert

## Diaconate Schedule

April 6- Team 2  
April 13- Team 2  
April 20- Team 3

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## SUNDAY, April 6, 2008

Chapel Worship.....8:00 a.m.  
Sermon....."Recognizing Jesus".....Rev. John McLemore  
Scripture.....Luke 24:13-35  
Church School.....9:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary Worship.....10:15 a.m.  
Special Music..... "Great is Thy Faithfulness".....Chancel Choir

Elders: 8:00- Becky Meyer, 10:15- Denny Krick, Mickie Giberson

## Diaconate Teams

### 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

### Team 2

Lana Ellis  
 Trigg Snyder  
 Sue Dell  
 Lorene Harnish  
 Steve Castle  
 Jimmy Davis  
 Bill Brant  
 Fred Overstreet  
 LaDonna Groves  
 Roger Groves  
 Beth Tefft  
 Roy Smith  
 Kathy Eck  
 Jane Adams  
 Carolyn Kurz  
 Dee Snyder

## 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.



## Financials for February 2008

	FEB	YTD
Pledges Received	\$35,979.00	\$80,075.00
<b>Other Operating Income</b>	<b>\$6,026.00</b>	<b>\$12,545.00</b>
Total Operating Income	\$42,005.00	\$92,620.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$51,720.00</b>	<b>\$100,590.00</b>
Operating Balance	\$ (9,715.00)	\$ (7,971.00)
<b>Preparing the Way Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 5,808.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,914.00</b>
Preparing the Way Debt	\$143,382.00	\$143,382.00
		Including Interest

## LOST and FOUND

There will be a Lost and Found table set up at the SW corner of the Loggia again this Sunday - Any articles that are not reclaimed by Sunday April 6th will be sent to Hope Outreach or otherwise disposed.

## BIBLE FOUND

A Bible has been found with no name on it. There is, however, a genealogy page with the names of Gore, Moore, Ferguson and Pike in it. Please claim it at the church office



**Godspell performances:**

**April 18, 7pm**

**April 19, 7pm**

**April 20, 2pm**

**Mark your calendars now!**

### Sunday, April 6

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Church School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 2:00—Godspell Rehearsal
- 2:30—Burgundy Service
- 2:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
- 5:00—Youth Group

### Monday, April 7

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Meeting
- 4:30—Godspell Rehearsal
- 6:00—Guild Dinner
- 6:30—World Outreach

### Tuesday, April 8

- 10:00—Life Long Learning
- 12:00—Noon Bible Study
- 2:00—Greenbrier Service
- 4:30—Godspell Rehearsal
- 5:30—Kids Central Board
- 7:00—Quilt Central
- 7:00—Agape

### Wednesday, April 9

- 10:00—Naomi, Ruth, Sarah
- 1:30—Esther, Lydia
- 5:15—Hospital Callers
- 5:15—Meal
- 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)
- 7:00—Godspell Rehearsal
- 7:30—Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 10

- 8:00—Life Long Learning Trip
- 4:30—Godspell Rehearsal
- 5:30—CACs meeting

### Friday, April 11

- 4:30—Godspell Rehearsal

### Saturday, April 12

- 5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service

**Church Calendar**

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## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

(Compiled 4/1/2008)

All Caps reflects additions or changes

Please remember the following people as they deal with chronic illness: Bernice Crandall, Bradley Gilbert (son-in-law of Max & Ginger Hicks), Paula Hay(daughter of Paul & JoAnn Hopkins), Joan Hull (co-worker of Tom Berlie), Jean Long, Ashlyn Maphet (granddaughter of Ron & Pat Maphet), Ron Maphet, Rev. John McLemore, Betty Olmstead, Duane Simpson, David Ray (grandson of Duane and Olive Traylor), Arvella Riesen (friend of Lana Ellis), Emily Rhodes(granddaughter of Beryl Bigger), Jessica Steffen (granddaughter of Denny & Peg Krick), Elbert Wheeler, Joan Winterringer .

### **Please lift up the following in your prayers:**

CAROLYN BECK, friend of Judi Jordan who has lung cancer

Anna Bolin, in need of prayers (friend of Thelma Dodd)

EARL & PEGGY ROUNTREE'S NIECE died unexpectedly in OKC

Terri Carpenter's father, TONY RAMIREZ, died. Prayers for his family.

Tonia Clark has some new medical issues

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

A first surgery went well, and she will have a second surgery soon.

James Egelston, being hospitalized for tests. (fiancé of Thelma Dodd)

Vandella Goeke, Taylor Foster's grandmother

Susan Everly Harris, Willa Jo Fowler's niece with liver cancer, who was recently placed in ICU in a Naples, Florida hospital.

Ben Lentz is deploying to Iraq in April.

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

JOHN BRISTOL died. Prayers for his family.

### *Saint Mary's*

Tom Berlie 412

### *Bass*

Bruce Harvey 314

### *Skilled Nursing*

Faydean Masemore Golden Oaks

### **The following continue to recover at home after hospital stays:**

Jana Harvey, Judi Heller

Maxine Bassett has returned to her own room at Golden Oaks

### Thank You

I'd like to thank those who financially supported me as an adult sponsor on IAS. Thank you also for your prayers. It was a truly rewarding and fabulous experience, one that will stay with me for the rest of my life. Thank you so much!

Sally Wheeler

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**April 6**

**DEACONS**

Janice Clark  
 Jerry Clark  
 Margaret Day  
 Dave Chael  
 Laurie Bushman  
 Wilson Buvinger  
 Mary Suzen Chambers  
 LaVena Hardin  
 Shirley Salisbury

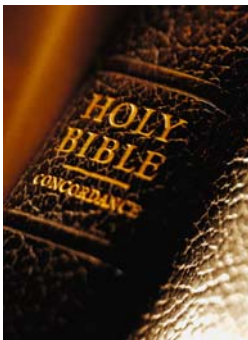
**ELDERS**

Willo Clark  
 Max Johnson  
 Madge Loomis  
 Peggy Goodrich  
 Tom Stout  
 Fig Newton  
 Brian Meyer  
 Butch Phillips

**Bibles Given in Memory of Isabelle Winter**

The Christian Caregivers, in cooperation with the Special Gifts Trustees, have designated memorial funds given in memory of Isabelle Winter to be used for the purchase of 50 large print Bibles.

These Bibles will be placed in the Chapel. This Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, a special dedication will be a part of the 8:00 a.m. Chapel Service. We will also celebrate this wonderful gift at the beginning of the 10:15 service.



**Blue Cards in Pews**

The Inactive Membership Committee has placed blue cards in the pews. They are asking church members to help them identify those people who have missed church for several weeks. If someone who usually sits in your area has missed church, please put their name on the card, (no other information is necessary), and place the card in the offertory plate.

The Inactive Membership Committee will contact those people to let them know they are missed. We hope this will not only show Central's love and concern, but also keep them from 'falling between the cracks' and out of contact with our church.

Thank you for your help in this ministry.

**A Memorial Fund has been established in memory of John Bristol.**



**It's a Girl**

**Jada Aryn**

6 lbs 7oz

March 17, 2008

Daughter of Chelsea & Aaron Wedel,  
 Lincoln, CA.

Grandparents:

Randy Conrady, Bunny & Mike Cline,  
 Ron & Charla Wedel

Great Grandparents:

Connie & Leo Conrady

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## **KIDS CORNER**

### **MARY MAGDALENE MEMORY VERSE –**

“And the young man in the white robe said to them, “Do not be afraid. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen. He is not here. See, this is the place where they laid him and it is empty.” Mark 16:6

**FRONTIER CITY** – Eight of us went to Frontier City Sunday and had a great time riding all the rides, winning stuffed animals and eating. Next time, maybe more will get to go have fun!!!!

Baptism Camp will be rescheduled and we will contact you about that.

### **DON'T FORGET!!!! DON'T FORGET!!!**

This Sunday, April 6, we will be going to Burgundy Place to sing and participate in worship. We'll leave the church at 2:15 and will be back by 3:30 p.m. Sure hope to see you all there.

**ACOLYTES– April 6**  
Brent Tilley, Harley Iniguez  
(Substitute: Kyle Lang)

**TEACHERS – April 6**  
Carolyn McLemore 1st/2nd  
(computers); Becky Meyer,  
3rd/4th (games); Lois Tilley, 5th/  
6th (science)

**KIDS TIME STAFF April 6**  
Laurie, Carolyn, Braylin, Sarah,  
Kaylee (sub: Macy)

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## **Coffee Stains**

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord. (Colossians 3:23)

We have been hard at work doing many things these past many weeks. We had a great time at camp this weekend. We spent time raking up leaves at the camp and when we came home Sunday afternoon we helped collect food for the Horn of Plenty. Thank you very much to our drivers, members of the Adult Bible Study class. You guys were great.

I want everyone to pay special attention to the work our youth are doing for the Godspell project. They are working hard and you will be impressed when you see all that is going on. April 18, 19, and 20 are the dates you need to save on your calendar to watch the show. The money raised from Godspell will help all the kids involved go to camps this summer. The cost is \$5 per ticket at the door. Please make every effort to support our youth in this new adventure.

Peace, JW.

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