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# Church Visitor

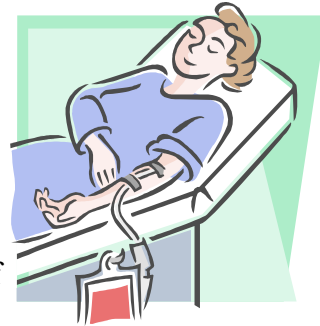


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## **Blood Drive This Sunday!** *Will you give a gift to God?*

Join us this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall to give a gift to God by giving to His people in need. Nurses will be available from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. No reservations are needed; just come in and give. If you've never given blood before, challenge a friend or family member to come and give with you. Last time the Okla. Blood Institute was at Central they received 17 pints of blood -- let's triple that amount this month!



## **Youth Chili Fundraiser This Sunday**



This Sunday the youth will be preparing Chili for you to gobble up! Last year's Chili Luncheon was a huge success and we're hoping this year's will be too. The proceeds of the lunch will go toward sending Mark Johnson and Zach Jones to International Affairs Seminar. During the luncheon a slide show of the 2008 trip will be shown along with some highlights given by last year's attendees.

## **Make-up Pictures!**

If you missed having your pictures taken with Olan Mills for the Church Directory, you're in luck! This Sunday and next, Jan. 25th & Feb 1st, Sally Wheeler will be available *before and after Sunday School and after church* in the Children's Library to take your picture.



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## ...According to John



By the time you read this article the Inauguration of Barack Obama, as our 44<sup>th</sup> President, will be complete. Regardless of one's politics, I am sure we all are keenly aware of the historic nature of his election and service in the highest office in the land.

I reflect on my own journey as a native Oklahoman. I remember a grandparent, uncle, and cousin frequently using the "N" word. I remember how angry some of my family was when those "African Americans" (my phrase, not theirs) were trying to integrate the public swimming pool in Guthrie. I remember being in downtown Oklahoma City when Clara Luper organized "sit-ins" at lunch counters and watching with the curiosity of a ten year old. I remember the water fountains and bath rooms being labeled "white" and "colored".

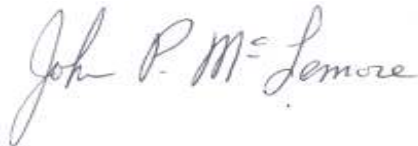
As a college student, I remember a close friend who drove to Selma for the March (he was white). I remember a Disciple minister, who I admired and respected, being fired for espousing his views in support of the Civil Rights movement. I remember another Disciple minister who was called to his home church in North Little Rock in the 1960's seeking to bring calm, even to a "white" congregation, who had some members suspected of bombings. I remember the new experience of black friends I made at Phillips University, specifically with Ralph Nichols and Charles Webb. Our friendship has survived time and distance.

I remember a few years ago when Carolyn, her sister, and I drove to Mississippi to do some genealogy work. We drove by the court house in Philadelphia and I got a knot in my stomach. Decades after those three Civil Rights workers, who had been detained there, were released, followed, and murdered.

This is a historic time, but the struggle is not over. We have two nephews who are called "black" by our culture, but they are as white as they are black. I confess my own lingering racist views that creep in from childhood.

May God forgive our past attitudes. May God bless and protect our new President. May God invite us all into a new, inclusive future.

Grace and peace,



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

January 18, 2009

Chapel Service.....	30
Sanctuary Worship.....	234
Saturday Evening Worship.....	12

## VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

January 25, Mack Allison  
 February 1, David Dell  
 February 8, Heath Wallace

## Servers for WWNF Meals

January 28—Crusaders Class  
 February 4—Genesis Class  
 February 11—Adult Bible Study  
 February 18—Sooners Class

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## WWNF Menu

Chicken Pie with biscuits & dessert

## Diaconate Schedule

January 25—Team 2  
 February 1—Team 2  
 February 8—Team 3

## EARLY SERVICE DEACONS:

January 25th—CE & Georgie Haltom  
 February 1— CE & Georgie Haltom  
 February 8— Glenn & Linda Crabbs

## Current Lectionary

Sunday, January 25, 2009  
 Third Sunday after Epiphany  
 Readings:  
 Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
 Psalm 62:5-12  
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
 Mark 1:14-20

Color: Green



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

## ~ Sunday ~ January 25, 2009 ~

Chapel Worship .....	8:00 a.m.
Sermon .....	"How Are We to Act?".....Rev. John McLemore
Scripture .....	Galatians 5:19-23
Church School .....	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship .....	10:15 a.m.

Elders: 8:00— Fig Newton 10:15— Chuck Pritchett, Jim Cox

## Thank You

The family of George McCormick wishes to express their sincerest heartfelt thanks to everyone who showed their kindness to us during his illness and passing. We would like to particularly thank Rev. John McLemore and Rev. Don Johnson and also the Caregivers who were with us to give comfort and support.



Thank you all.

The family of George McCormick

## 2008 Statements of Giving

Your 2008 statements should be in your hands or in the mail by the time you are reading this edition of The Visitor. If you have not received your statement by next week, please be sure to contact the office, 233-1214, and I will be happy to print another one or make sure addresses are correct, etc. Thank you for your beautiful patience with me as I continue to learn the tasks at the financial desk. You are an amazing congregation.

Sincerely in His fellowship,  
Shirley

## Thank You

Thank you for four recent donations of \$100 for the YWCA Crisis Center. It is a blessing to have the support of our community. Your contributions directly benefit the families we serve. Again, Thank you.

Tricia Mitchell  
Women's Service Director

### **Sunday, January 25**

*CWF Pecan Sale in Loggia*  
*Make-up Pictures in the Children's Library*

### **CACS Sponsored Blood Drive & Youth Chili Fundraiser**

8:00—Chapel Worship  
9:00—Sunday School  
10:15—Sanctuary Worship  
11:30—Blood Drive/Chili Fundraiser  
4:00—Chi Rho  
5:00—Snack Supper  
5:30—CYF

### **Monday, January 26**

12:00—Noon Prayer Service  
6:30—Kicking Habits study

### **Tuesday, January 27**

12:00—Noon Bible Study  
2:00—Inactive Members Mtg  
7:00—Quilt Central

### **Wednesday, January 28**

#### **See WWNF Schedule!**

6:30—Youth Group

### **Saturday, January 31**

8:00—Leadership Training in OKC  
5:30—Saturday Evening Service

### **Sunday, February 1**

*Make-up Pictures in the Children's Library*

8:00—Chapel Worship  
9:00—Sunday School  
10:15—Sanctuary Worship  
4:00—Chi Rho  
5:00—Snack Supper  
5:30—CYF

#### **Looking Ahead:**

### **Sunday, February 8**

- ♥ Church Bake Sale
- ♥ Boy Scout Sunday



Laura Berkenbile joined the church Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Laura!



Above is a picture of Mary Johnson dressed as Sarah (Abraham's wife) with her 3 and 4 year old Sunday School Class and a few guests.

***Kicking Habits study is proceeding***

It is not too late to join our interesting and challenging study of the book, Kicking Habits: Welcome Relief For Addicted Churches. A few books are still available at the Welcome Center.

Please join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall or on Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room in the office area.

**WWNF Schedule**

- 5:15pm—Meal
- 5:30pm—Youth Choir
- 6:00pm—Chapel
- 6:00pm—JYF choir (grades 3 – 6)
  - CCF free play time (ages 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
- 6:30pm—JYF bells (grades 3 – 6)
  - CCF art time (5yrs to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
  - Adult Chancel Choir
  - Adult Class, Kicking Habits
  - Youth Group
- 7:00pm—CCF (ages 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
  - JYF (grades 3 – 6)
- 7:30pm—Adult Hand bell Rehearsal

**Giving Report**

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	O/U BUDGET	Y/TO/D GIVING	Y/T DATE BUDGET	O/U BUDGET
4-Jan	\$10,845.74	\$11,770.83	-\$925.09	\$10,845.74	\$11,770.83	-\$925.09
11-Jan	\$12,530.06	\$11,770.83	\$759.23	\$23,375.80	\$23,541.66	-\$165.86
18-Jan	\$7,195.11	\$11,770.83	-\$4,575.72	\$30,570.91	\$35,312.50	-\$4,741.59
25-Jan		\$11,770.83			\$47,083.33	
TOTAL		\$47,083.33			\$47,083.33	

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## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Updated 20 January 2009

All Caps reflects additions or changes

### **Please remember the following people as they deal with chronic illness:**

*Judi Heller, Debbie Nerich (Birdene Schoonover's granddaughter), L.V. Powell, and Jerry Reinhart.*

### **Please remember the following as they battle cancer:**

*Elbert Wheeler, Julie Bloom Schroeder (Steve Bloom's sister), Eric Koegel (Connie Koegel's son/Cindy Worthington's brother), Marilyn Sommer (Virginia Spencer's daughter), and Ann Herndon.*

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

*Leonard Edwards is facing surgery.*

*Thelma Dodd for ear problems*

*Stephanie Hayoz is facing major jaw surgery (Paul & Mickie's daughter)*

*Pat Lentz and family as they mourn the passing of her aunt, Oleeva Evans. Funeral services were Friday, January 16, 2009, in Helena, OK.*

*Thelma Harper as she mourns the loss of her sister, Dorothy Newkirk-Horton. Services were held Saturday, January 17, 2009, in Buena Park, CA.*

*DELORAS ORINGDERFF for health issues*

*CHESTER ROSS is fighting illness.*

## **BASS Pavilion**

Mary Simpson, 4209

## **St. Mary's**

HERMINE WOELKE, 424

Davida Whitsitt, 501 (no visitors, in isolation, calls appreciated)

TWYLA TEFFT (Scott Tefft's mother), 505

### **Prayers for those in the armed services:**

Joshua Avants in Iraq (friend of Barbara Baker)

Doug Carpenter (Caitlyn Castle's uncle)

Johnathan Hale to Iraq in Mar 09 (nephew of David and Sue Dell)

Caleb Holden (son of Robert and Carolyn Holden)

Brandon Kasper, Ft. Riley, KS (Don Johnsons grandson)

COREY KRICK to Iraq (Denny & Peg Kricks grandson)

Ryan Maphet (grandson of Ron & Pat Maphet/nephew of Van & Natalie Schuermann)

Justin Ray Diel in Iraq (Vern Thornburgh's grandson)

Phillip Schwitz in Iraq (Judi Heller's cousin)

Kevin Vendetti in Iraq (nephew of Kids Central employee Kelly Straw)

Andrew Wiles in Italy (son of Roger and Catherine Wiles)

Paul K. Wiles (son of Roger and Catherine Wiles)

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**New deadlines for inputs...**The Visitor: Monday, 5pm. The Bulletin: Thurs. morning, 10am

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## All Church Bake Sale February 8<sup>th</sup>

There will be an all-church bake sale on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will help support the following overseas mission programs:

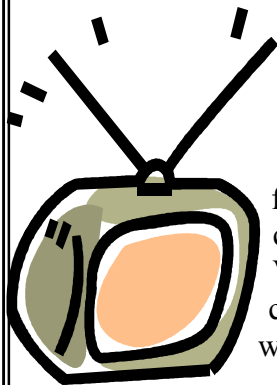
- ♥ Zambia mission
- ♥ Vietnam mission
- ♥ Congo mission – Bolenge hospital
- ♥ Peru missions
- ♥ Dominican Republic mission
- ♥ Tsultrim



We are asking people to bake cookies or cakes or make homemade candy and bring it to the church Thursday or Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>, or on Sunday morning February 8<sup>th</sup>. Your baking can make a difference in the life of a child. Call Don Johnson or Janet Cox if you have any questions.

### Are You Upgrading Your TV or DVD Player?

Since the technology for broadcast television is changing, a number of people are updating their home TV's and DVD players. The church has already been the beneficiary of some donated equipment that is still viable for use here at the church.



If you are upgrading, would you consider a donation to the church? We are specifically looking for DVD players or combination DVD/VCR players. Call the church office if you want to donate.

### February 8, 2008 Boy Scout Sunday

#### Young Adults!!!

Don't forget about Sunday School...  
**Breakfast & Bible Study!** Meet us at **McDonalds, 9am.**

If you or someone you know are not receiving emails, postcards or phone calls, contact John Wheeler 402-8348.

#### CWF to the rescue!

*Need some pecans for our all-church bake sale on February 8th? Need a special V-Day gift to complete the holiday?*

Pecan Pieces, \$7

Chocolate covered Pecans, \$8

Church Cook Book, \$10

*Selling in the Loggia, Sun. Jan. 25th*

## **KIDS KORNER**

Don't forget the youth chili luncheon THIS SUNDAY after the 10:15 a.m. worship service.

WWNF is happening. If you want to know what is happening and when, just look at our new bulletin board in the loggia or call Carolyn at 402-3193.

It would be great to have YOU in bells or choir. Choir meets at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and bells meet at 6:30 on Wednesdays. Come join in the fun!!!!

Our new Bible verse is: "Who do you say that I am? You are the Messiah, son of the living God." Matthew 16:15-16 You can learn this Bible verse and your name will go on our Memory Verse Honor Roll. Go for it!!!!

### **ACOLYTES— Jan. 25**

Connor Angleton, Austin Whitehead  
(Substitute: Hailey Holmes)

### **TEACHERS — Jan. 25**

Lois Tilley, 1st/2nd (story)  
Tammy Hromas, 3rd/4th (games)  
Becky Meyer, 5th/6th (music)

### **KIDS TIME — Jan. 25**

Carolyn, Kyra, Britton,  
Casey, Sierra, Sarah

## **Coffee Stains**



A BIG "Thank you" to all who came and ate pancakes last week. I heard many enjoyed the pancakes and sausage and you guys really helped the kids going to International Affairs Seminar. This Sunday we will be cooking some chili and hope you will come by for a bowl full. Once again the proceeds will help our own Mark Johnson and Zach Jones go to IAS.

We are 2/3 of the way to getting them on this trip and need an extra boost to make it all the way. Donations for the meal are graciously accepted and we will have a program provided

by some of our previous IAS attendees.

Next week I am going to take some of our CYF youth to learn about the Regional Church at the Leadership Training Seminar on January 31. If you would like to ride with some rowdy kids to Oklahoma City we would love to have you come along. Give me a call! 580-402-8348.

J Dubs

