
Church Visitor



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Leadership Training School 2009

8 AM-1PM, This Saturday, January 31st

First Christian Church, Okla. City

It's not too late to attend the Leadership Training School in Oklahoma City this Saturday. The van will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. After the sessions we will find a nice place to eat and be back in Enid by 5:00 p.m. **Call the church office by 5:00 p.m. Friday if you plan to attend. Cost is \$8.00 per person.**

Workshops being offered are: The Ins & Outs of Sights & Sounds, Young Adult Ministries, Equipping Board Chairs, Simple Living, You Could be a Licensed Minister, Leadership, Worship & Music, You Might be a Disciple If, Hispanic Disciples 101, Anglo Disciples 101, African-American Disciples 101, Congregational Disaster Response, Small Group Ministry, Orientation to Leadership, Mentoring Leaders for Today, The Care & Feeding of Your Church Staff, Get On the Road to Financial Peace, Caminante/Dominican Republic, Faith Community Nursing, The New Ecumenism, DISCIPLING Outside Church Walls: Survey of Prison- Related Ministry Opportunities, Oklahoma Conference of Churches, Social Justice Day Camps, The Four Faces of Spirituality, Music in Worship, DOC Youth Ministry in the Bible Belt, What's an Elder to Do, Servant Listening, Unity & Diversity, Chalice Hymnal & Chalice Praise Hymnal, The Mad Scientist Method for Corporate Prayer, Spiritual Practices, Celtic Spirituality, So What's a Youth to do?



...According to John

You have responded very generously to my request for televisions. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We are still, however, looking for DVD players or DVD/VHS combination players. If you are upgrading to a TiVo or Blue-ray player we will gladly receive your old DVD player as a contribution.



It is interesting, isn't it, that we live in such a multimedia age. Even in the church there is a plethora of bible studies, curriculum for all ages, and programs available for small groups and Sunday school classes available in DVD format.

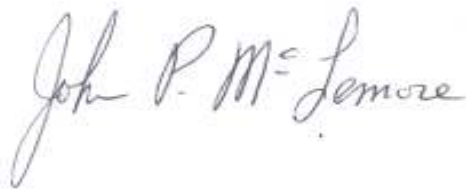
We are even generating some of our own materials. We have copies of most of our 10:15 services of worship available on DVD (or VHS if necessary). There is a basket at the Welcome Center where you can place orders for a specific service. You may want to hear the anthem, children's choir, or sermon again. You may want to share it with someone else. These are available for \$5.00 a piece.

I have also had a number of requests for the 2009 National Prayer Service where Sharon Watkins, our General Minister and President, was the preacher. DVD's have been produced; which include the entire service, and an option of viewing the sermon only. These are also available at the Welcome Center for \$5.00 a piece.

Finally, I have just concluded a four-part sermon series entitled "The Church: Crucible of Faith". These four sermons have been placed on one DVD and they are available as well (same price). If your Sunday School class or small group would like to use this sermon series as the basis of a discussion then let me know and I will develop a "study guide" to go with the DVD.

By the way, I am starting a new sermon series this Sunday entitled "The Thriving Church". The first sermon is "Visions and Dreams," based on Joel 2:28. Come to share the experience.

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.

SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

January 25, 2009

Chapel Service.....	30
Sanctuary Worship.....	234
Saturday Evening Worship.....	5

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

February 1, David Dell
 February 8, Heath Wallace
 February 15, Brian Meyer

Servers for WWNF Meals

February 4—Genesis Class
 February 11—Adult Bible Study
 February 18—Sooners Class
 February 25—Crusaders Class

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WWNF Menu

Chicken Pot Pie, biscuit, & dessert

Diaconate Schedule

February 1—Team 2
 February 8—Team 3
 February 15—Team 3

EARLY SERVICE DEACONS:

February 1— CE & Georgie Haltom
 February 8— Glenn & Linda Crabbs
 February 15—Glenn & Linda Crabbs

Current Lectionary

Sunday, February 01, 2009

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Readings:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 Psalm 111
 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
 Mark 1:21-28

Color: Green



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

~ Sunday ~ February 1, 2009 ~

Chapel Worship	8:00 a.m.
Sermon	"Visions and Dreams"
Scripture	Rev. John McLemore
Church School	Joel 2:28
Sanctuary Worship9:00 a.m.
	.10:15 a.m.

Elders: 8:00— Bret Whinery 10:15— David Dell & Max Johnson



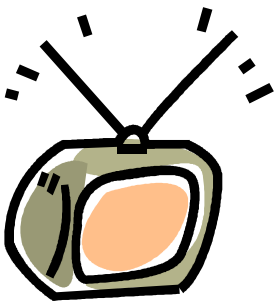
February 1

ELDERS	DEACONS
Barbara Baker	Sue Chael
Thom Bushman	Steve Chambers
Willo Clark	Sue Dell
James Cox	Kyle Hohmann
Joyce Greenhaw	Jay Lohmeyer
Dan Harris	Janet Lohmeyer
Gary Hula	Roy Smith
Peg Krick	Dee Smith
	Paul Wagner

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.



Sunday, February 1

Make-up Pictures in the Children's Library

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 5:30—Youth Super Bowl Party

Monday, February 2

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Service
- 6:00—Women's Guild Dinner
- 6:30—Kicking Habits study

Tuesday, February 3

- 12:00—Noon Bible Study
- 2:00—Don J. Bible Study
- 5:00—CareGivers @ Western Sizzlin
- 6:30—World Outreach Comm. Mtg

Wednesday, February 4

- 9:30—CWF Lesson Leaders
- 10:30—CWF Executive Board
- 12:00—CWF Luncheon

See WWNF Schedule!

- 7:30—Adult Hand Bell Rehearsal

Thursday, February 5

- 6:30—Education Comm. Mtg

Saturday, February 7

- 5:30—Saturday Evening Service

Sunday, February 8

All Church Bake Sale

Boy Scout Sunday

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30—Centour Luncheon
- 2:30—Burgundy Place Service
- 4:00—Chi Rho
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF
- 6:00—Elder Meeting

All Church Bake Sale, February 8th

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

- ♥ Zambia Mission
- ♥ Vietnam Mission
- ♥ Congo mission: Bolenge Hospital
- ♥ Peru Mission
- ♥ Dominican Republic Mission
- ♥ Tsultrim



We are asking people to bake cookies or cakes or make homemade candy. Bring your treats to the church the Thursday, Friday or Sunday morning before the bake sale. Your baking can make a difference in the life of a child. Call Don Johnson or Janet Cox if you have any questions.

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 (\$16 each). Please join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall or on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room (in the office area).

WWNF Schedule

- 5:15pm—Meal: *Chicken Pie, Biscuit, Dessert*
- 5:30pm—Youth Choir
- 6:00pm—Chapel
- 6:00pm—JYF choir (grades 3 – 6)
 - CCF free play time (ages 3 – 2nd grade)
- 6:30pm—JYF bells (grades 3 – 6)
 - CCF art time (5yrs to 2nd grade)
 - Adult Chancel Choir
 - Adult Class, Kicking Habits
 - Youth Group
- 7:00pm—CCF (ages 3 – 2nd 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	\$7,375.51	\$11,770.83	-\$4,395.32	\$37,946.42	\$47,083.33	-\$9,136.91
TOTAL	\$37,946.42	\$47,083.33	-\$9,136.91	\$37,946.42	\$47,083.33	-\$9,136.91

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Updated 28 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, & 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), & Ann Herndon.

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Leonard Edwards is facing surgery

Thelma Dodd for ear problems

Stephanie Hayoz is recovering from jaw surgery (Paul & Mickie's daughter)

Deloras Oringderff for health issues

Court Loomis is fighting serious health issues (Bud & Madge Loomis's son/Bob & Tess
Gregory's son-in-law)

Albert "Lefty" Ramirez is struggling with his health (Terri Carpenter's 94 yr old uncle)

LUCILLE TEEMLEY is having back problems

SKIP WOODS as he mourns the loss of his father.

MACK & KAY ALLISON as they travel back and forth from Texas, caring for KAY'S FATHER.

DEVON McANALLY and family as they mourn the loss of Devon's Aunt in PA.

JENNIFER GARRETT KIRK continues to undergo medical testing (Sherry Garrett's daughter)

BASS: Danny Baker (no visitors, prayers appreciated), & Frank Becker in room 303.

BASS PAVILLION: Mary Simpson has moved to Golden Oaks Skilled Nursing

ST.MARY'S: Lucille Teemley in room 451, Hermine Woelke in room 424, Elbert

Wheeler in room 407, Shera Shirley in room 393, & Melva Dean Vance in room 302.

OU MEDICAL CENTER: Mason Brinley is staying on the 9th floor (Glen & Linda Crabbs elementary aged grandson).

OUTPATIENT SURGERY: Kelsey Lantz is scheduled for Friday Jan 30, 2009.

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 in 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)



A Letter From the Dominican Republic

Greetings,

I hope that all have enjoyed their holidays. You're all on this list because we have established a missionary relationship or you have personally expressed interest in knowing more of the ministries that I'm participating and working with in the Dominican Republic.

I have now been in Boca Chica, Dominican Republic over 4 months and am finally feeling that I have adjusted, grasping the language and really enjoying the culture. Although frequent power outages and regular visits from new friends make it a challenge to spend time writing and communicating I value and find much importance in spreading the information and news of the good work. I plan to improve the communication and send regular stories and pictures of the activities and ministry being done here at Caminante.

Let me know if you have any specific questions. Thank you all for your continued support, thoughts and prayers. To know that people are supporting me and this ministry from a far has a tremendous impact.

For most people in the States the holiday season ends with the New Year. In the church and for the people of the Dominican Republic it ends with Kings Day or Epiphany, January 6th. This is the day when children are looking all day for presents that the kings have brought. For the children of Caminante that we work with this doesn't necessarily mean toys, but it means that children have learned all too soon in life the realities of poverty. I heard one mother say to another, "This year the kings are poor, but hopefully next year they'll be able to bring presents". As the week continued I learned of many different children whose families were unable to celebrate this day.

Fortunately, the work of Caminante is to bring justice and rights to the children. This regularly includes legal and social services, education, counseling, providing food and clothing, but also includes the right to enjoyment as children. We spent Kings Day taking clothing, shoes, toys and treats to children that we work with. This included children from ages 2-15 that struggle with HIV/AIDS or are directly affected because a family member has died or is in very poor health from the disease. This included children who work shining shoes or selling treats to tourists on the beach to help support their families. Also children who participate in the homework rooms run by Caminante (some at

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age 10 still are learning the alphabet and how to read or write their own name). It was an overwhelming experience to arrive at a home of children we work with and see the smiles of joy on their faces as they received a present that they did not think they would receive. It's also amazing to realize how many children live nearby as they *all* showed up when they saw us coming. Our hopes were that for the day these children didn't feel the pressure and weight of their family's poverty or their illness, but were able to enjoy life as children with their new toys, clothing or treats.

In December we had a Christmas party for the children we work with (about 100 kids). We anticipated that each child would bring a sibling or cousin. So we planned a meal for about 200. When 300 children showed up for the meal it was instant chaos. Not just because of the number of children in one location without parents, but because the food we had been preparing all day would not fill the stomachs of the hungry children that had come. Knowing that most of these children would not be celebrating Christmas with the big, traditional Christmas Eve feast, it was very important to make sure each and every child was fed. More money was used to purchase food and all left happy and without hunger. Later I learned that the extra money needed to feed these children and pay their transportation home came from the next month's salaries of half the staff. However, in a country where most are living in poverty, everyone lives in the moment and with the faith and hope that they will be supported the next month. Although everyone on staff lives pay check to pay check that was the last worry on their minds during the Christmas feast.

The director and founder of Caminante, Sister Denisse Pichardo, stated during this Christmas activity with over 300 children that "Jesus was born among the poor so that all children may have rights". This is exactly what Caminante is working to fulfill. In all cases the children come first, even if that means sacrificing the little that they have. Through their prevention, educational and outreach programs for children and their families, Caminante has a far reaching impact in this community and beyond.

Thank you all for your donations, support and most importantly, thoughts and prayers.

Dios le bendiga (God's Blessings),
Erin McKinney
Global Ministries Intern



Blood Drive Results!!!

Central Christian Church is one "bloody good church!" Sunday, our blood drive brought in 21 donors! That's up from the 17 we had last year. We had one first time giver and two out of town visitors give. A big thank you and blessings to all the faithful givers out there. This is a great cause, and a real blessing to all the lives that are helped and saved by your generous gift.



God bless you all,
Shirley Salibury & Kay Allison, co-chairs of blood drive (CACS)



Make-up Pictures!

This Sunday, Feb 1st, Sally Wheeler will be available *before and after Sunday School and after church* in the Children's Library to take your directory photo.

2 Liter Pop & Cookies

The CACS committee needs 2 liter bottles of pop and cookies for the Civitan Dance to be held Friday, Feb. 13th. A variety of each are needed, including diet soda and some diabetic cookies.

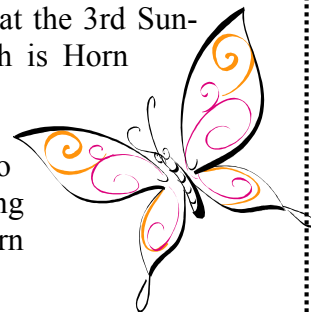
Please bring your donations to the church during the week of Feb. 9th and designate them for the Civitan Dance.

CWF Luncheon

The Speaker for the February's CWF Luncheon will be Pat Lentz. She will be giving an informative talk on 4 R Kids. The luncheon will be February 4th. Please turn in your reservations to Dorothy Bracher by Sunday, February 1st.

Don't forget that the 3rd Sunday of each month is Horn of Plenty Sunday.

We invite all church members to join us in bringing items for the Horn of Plenty.



KIDS KORNER

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 choir or bells. 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. If you can learn this Bible verse, your name will go on our Memory Verse Honor Roll. Go for it!!!!

A survey will go out this week to decide what the best Sunday afternoon would be best to record our CD. Can't wait!!!!

ACOLYTES— Feb. 1

Conner Angleton, Matthew Easter
(Substitute: Brent)

TEACHERS – Feb. 1

Beth Teft, video (1st & 2nd)
Carolyn McLemore, science (3rd & 4th)
John McLemore, computers (5th & 6th)

KIDS TIME – Feb. 1

Tammy, Amanda
Zach, Meg, Ivey, Taylor

Coffee Stains

Thank you to all who helped with our Chili Luncheon on Sunday.

The CYF and even Chi Rho worked really hard to help our candidates raise money. The chili was a little spicy and maybe some of you really liked that.

Our leftovers went to the Hope Outreach Community Care and Homeless Ministry. Thank you, Lana, for

your help in dealing with leftovers. I am really excited about how things are coming together for our Mark Johnson and Zach Jones. Thank you for supporting them in this life changing trip.



This Saturday I will be taking any parents or CYF youth that want to go to Leadership Training in Oklahoma City. It is an opportunity for us to experience the larger church than what we experience on Sunday morning. There we will worship, fellowship with other Disciples, and then go to classes for a couple of hours to try to be better leaders in our church. Peace, J Dubs.