

**Calling Paint Crew** - The Building and Grounds Committee will hold another exterior taping and painting morning on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 A.M. to Noon. Come and go as you can. Breakfast will be provided along with rollers, brushes, masking tape and washable paint and primer. No high ladders involved. Wear old clothes and bring any favorite paint gear. We are making great progress on the new cohesive look! In case of rain we'll shoot for June 9<sup>th</sup>. THANK YOU!

**Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, you are invited to "Memorial Showcase" dinner and show, brought to you by our Junior High Group. Dinner is at 6:00 P.M., followed by a show at 7:00 P.M. Monetary donations benefit Memorial's Youth & Children's Fund as well as Presbyterian Urban Mission; non-perishable food items for PUM will also be accepted.

The Memorial family is invited to attend a **baby shower** honoring Lizzet Annoh, and her new baby girl, Lisa! Join us at the church at 2:30 P.M. on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. A list of needed items will be shared when the information becomes available.

### **Mark Your Calendars - 23rd Annual Cole Invitational**

The annual outing to Lake Eufaula is August 11-12, 2012.

Come over on Saturday for fun & fellowship on the water. The Cole family will provide the hamburgers & hotdogs for the evening meal. They ask those coming to bring a side dish to go with the burgers & dogs. After dinner there will be a Vespers service.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway by the office in July. Please be sure and sign up to let the Cole's know how many are planning on coming and if any are planning on staying over Saturday night to enjoy Sunday at the lake.

Maps will be posted along with the sign-up sheet.

Mike & Joan Cole (329-4325)

**YOUR GENEROSITY** - Memorial Presbyterian Church received a thank-you note from the Theological Education Fund for our donation. It is only through your generosity that we are able to support this very important resource of the Presbyterian Church USA. We also received a thank-you note from Center for Children & Families for the donation of \$20.84.

**Helen Blackstone has moved** to Lexington Nursing Home, 632 SE 3rd Street, Lexington, OK 73051. Her phone number is 527-1365.

# **The Clerk's Corner**

## **Highlights from the Session meeting**

Session met on May 22 and took the following actions:

It was with great sadness that Session accepted the resignation of Deacons Charles Terrell (effective July 1, 2012) and Trisha Bunce (effective July 31, 2012). These two families will be greatly missed.

Forty percent of our Pentecost offering will remain in the Norman community. Session voted to donate that 40% to the Mary Abbot House.

Session also approved the dates for our Vacation Bible School (June 25-29).



### **Indescribable**

Eternal and timeless, our Lord mighty God.  
Unlimited power, I AM that I AM.  
Forgiving and gracious and holy and just.  
All knowing in all things, with glory so vast.  
Authentic and faithful and perfect and true.  
Benevolent always and merciful too.  
In all places present, I AM that I AM.  
Forever unchanging, our Lord mighty God.  
—MaryAnn Sundby

### **The work of a Christian father**

Martin Luther taught that God calls all Christians to use their daily work to serve others. Living in the Middle Ages, he used a rather progressive example to illustrate his point:

"[Our natural reason says,] 'Alas, must I rock the baby, wash its diapers, make its bed, smell its stench, stay up nights with it, take care of it when it cries ...?' What then does Christian faith say to this?"

"It says, 'O God, because I am certain that thou hast created me as a man and hast from my body begotten this child, I also know for a certainty that it meets with thy perfect pleasure. I confess to thee that I am not worthy to rock the little babe or wash its diapers, or to be entrusted with the care of the child and its mother. ... O how gladly will I do so.'"



Dear Friends,

What's the good word? In one congregation I served, Jack S. would walk into the office each Wednesday and ask me, "What's the good word?" My response was always, "Grace is the good word." He did this on Wednesday, because that was the day every week he came in to see if there were any light bulbs that needed to be changed. He had taken this task on as a ministry to the church and we appreciated knowing he would faithfully take care of our light bulb changing needs.

There are lots of good words and good things happening at Memorial in June and July.

The evenings of June 25-29 we will hold **Vacation Bible School**. Jessica Farris will be coordinating this and will need lots of volunteers to have a great week. Please let her know if you can assist. The theme is "Clean Water for All God's Children" and will focus on what scripture teaches about water, our responsibility for the goodness of Creation and for the care of the health of others.

On Monday evenings in June and July, I will be leading a **Bible Study**. Join me in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm for a look at Jesus' Parables. You don't need to attend the whole series if vacation takes you away, and can drop in on one or two if that fits your schedule. No preparation needed, either.

There will be a shower for Lizzet Annoh and baby Lisa on June 10, and the junior high youth are presenting "Memorial Showcase" on June 3.

The session will be hearing a recommendation from the **Christian Education Task Force** in June. They have been looking at our programs for children and youth and their staffing.

The **Building and Grounds** committee continues painting the exterior of the church (have you noticed how great it is looking?) and will also be having repairs done to a few of the faceted glass windows in the sanctuary.

I have the honor of serving as a Commissioner to the **General Assembly** of the Presbyterian Church (USA) meeting. The meeting is in Pittsburgh June 30 through July 7 and I seek your prayers for me and for the GA body as it meets. You may follow the work of our denomination on the PC(USA) website: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga220/>. I will be serving on the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee. Having observed a few assemblies in past years, I am preparing for long days that include meetings, worship and fellowship.

All of this and we are seeking a Church Secretary/Financial Secretary for the office. If you know of someone (not a church member) who would be interested in working 25 hours/week, please refer them to me! Terry Cast has been filling in faithfully and I am grateful for his work!

What's your good word? What are the good things happening with you?

Grace and peace,

Tracy

## Are we there yet?



This age-old refrain of young travelers is followed by a second question: "How much longer?" How similar those queries are to the psalmist's oft-repeated cry, "How long, O Lord, how long?" (Psalm 6:3b, NIV).

Patience is an uncommon virtue these days. We're anxious to get where we're going or to get what we want. But think how much we miss while wishing we were elsewhere! In our rush to reach a destination, we fail to grasp lessons that can be learned only along the way. What blessings might you be overlooking in the here-and-now and the right-where-you-are?

—Kari Myers

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## The umbrella of marriage

Lighting a unity candle, a common wedding ritual, symbolizes the bride and groom becoming one. The "I, me, mine" of each individual doesn't disappear entirely, but the two are drawn under the umbrella of "we, us, ours." When troubles inevitably come, the partners can take shelter together.

Many years into marriage, a wife underwent medical tests for troubling symptoms. Her husband accompanied her to the follow-up consultation. Later, when a friend asked how the appointment went, the husband replied, "We have multiple sclerosis."

There was no slow, careful word-choosing. After years under the umbrella of marriage, the man's pronoun selection was automatic: "We have multiple sclerosis."

His wife smiled, even as a tear fell. She would be neither under the umbrella alone nor left out in the rain. They would weather this storm together.

—Heidi Mann

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## Real prayer

Prayer is a direction of life, a focusing of one's most personal and deepest attention Godward. The purpose is to love God and learn to know him so well that our wills, our actions, will be more and more aligned with his, until even our subconscious reactions and purposes will have the mark of his love, his life, about them. Prayer is no longer an "activity." It [becomes] the continuing language of that relationship God designed to fulfill a human life.

—Keith Miller, *The Taste of New Wine*

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## Fortunate typo

A pastor had his sermon titles published weekly in the city newspaper. One Monday, he phoned to thank the paper for making an error.

"The topic I sent you was 'What Jesus Saw in a Publican,'" he said. "You printed it as 'What Jesus Saw in a Republican.' I had the biggest crowd of the year."

## Dwight Mission Capital Campaign Update

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As part of the Capital Campaign effort, Executive Director Peter Newbury has been visiting churches around the state with a fabulous presentation depicting Dwight Mission then and now. The videos include old pictures from the 1920s and recent pictures from summer camp.

A challenge has gone out from Cimarron Presbytery to Indian Nations and Eastern Oklahoma Presbyteries for each church to prayerfully consider giving at least \$20 per member to Dwight's Capital Campaign. Cimarron Presbytery's challenge to its member churches is \$31 per member! We have until June 30 to raise the first portion of our matching grant.

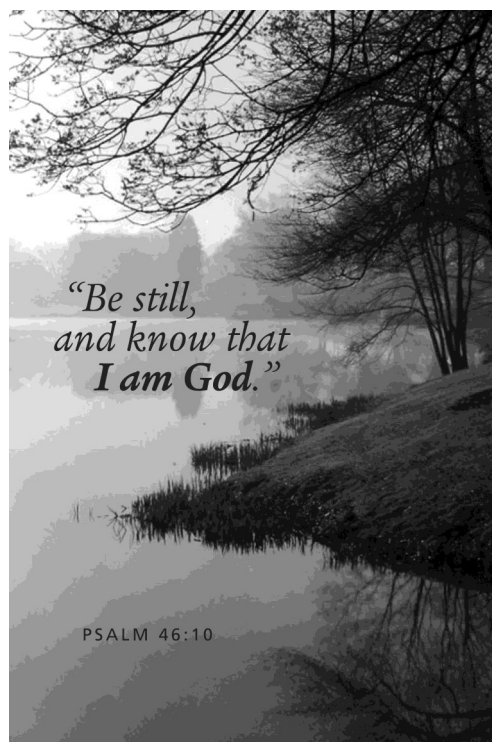
Get in on the fun and help Dwight at the same time!

We ask each church to host a potluck lunch or dinner featuring a program about Dwight. Videos, brochures and a live presentation will be provided. Call Johnna Thurston at 918-697-5505 to schedule.

Do you have time to help with secretarial duties? This includes writing thank you cards, making follow up phone calls, etc. all of which can be done at home.

Are you proficient in Quickbooks accounting software and have some book-keeping background? If you could help with bookkeeping for campaign monies we could sure use you!

Has Dwight Mission changed your life or the life of someone you care about? Get involved now to ensure that Dwight continues to be able to offer its excellent programming. For information or to offer your help email [dmle-gacy@dwightmission.org](mailto:dmle-gacy@dwightmission.org), or call Johnna at 918-697-5505.



# Mission and Evangelism

The May 2012 Knudson News arrived and the bulk of the news consists of information about Missionary Kids (or MKs). Paul and Christy Knudson are missionaries in Bolivia and have been there several years. They have three children, who are Abby, Caleb and Caitlyn.

Missionary Kids are the children of missionary parents. Most were born on the mission field, but quickly grow to full maturity. MKs may live on the mission field for 20 years. However, because of the profound impact on their lives, adults often identify themselves as MKs.

Mks are very adaptable and comfortably live in dwellings ranging from high rise apartment buildings to mud-brick homes with dirt floors. MKs are often migratory, traveling around the world from their parents' home country to the country of service. MKs can be found all around the world. Their diet often has a wide range of personal likes and dislikes, especially as they enter adolescence, they are often opportunistic, general feeders, devouring anything within their reach.

MKs are subject to the dangers similar to those of other children found around the world: verbal, physical and sexual abuse; depression, addictions, or kidnapping. MKs need to accept Jesus Christ as their personal savior, just like everyone else.

MKs tend to be open-minded and tolerant of many diverse cultures. They often feel more at home in culturally rich environments and become "homesick" for their foreign home. Their knowledge of a country and its culture typically exceeds language fluency. Because of their international experience, they often have a much broader worldview than their peers. While MKs often find it difficult to relate to people from their home culture or target culture, they get along with other MKs very well, even those who are missionaries from a totally different country. They may have a much more thorough knowledge of world politics, geography, and economics, and yet not be aware of the most popular TV shows in their home country. These things can cause awkwardness when they return to their home country.

Paul and Christy are concerned for all the MKs in Bolivia and ask that you join them in praying for their three MKs and any other MKs that you know.

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## Out of order

A confirmation teacher asked students to list the Ten Commandments in any order.

One girl wrote "3, 6, 1, 8, 4, 5, 9, 2, 10, 7."

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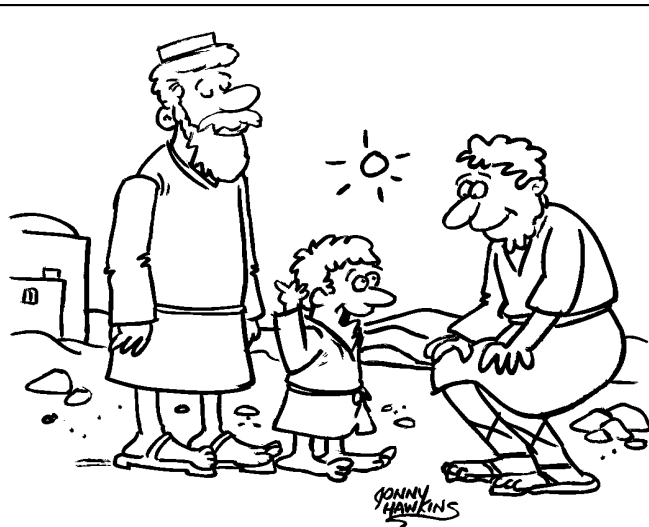
"All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen."  
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

# JUNE 2012



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

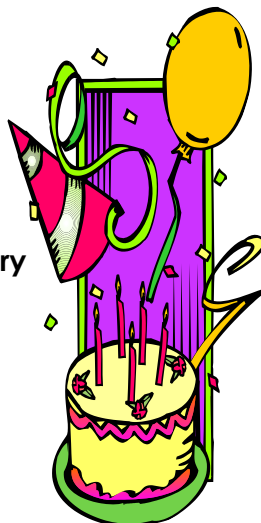
06/05 Larry & Loreen Upton  
 06/08 Dave & Tamara Iske  
 06/15 Larry & Christy Fisher  
 06/18 Doug & Ann Forsyth  
 06/21 Randy & Kay Sewell



"And this is my dad. He begat me."

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/02 Doris Hinson  
 06/09 Briana Bliss  
 Todd Forsyth  
 06/11 Paul Phelps  
 06/12 Cassandra Upton  
 Elaine Miller  
 06/14 Lyne-Maris Sama  
 06/18 Paul Upton  
 06/22 Kierstyn Upton  
 Carolyn Montgomery  
 06/25 Judd Lanning  
 06/27 Rod Pennington  
 06/28 Linda Rodriguez  
 Andrew Terrell  
 06/29 Corey Fisher  
 Gary Thrailkill



## The winner

A father of five won a toy in a raffle. He gathered his young children to ask who should get the present.

"Who's the most obedient?" Dad asked. "Who never talks back to Mom? Who does everything she says?"

Five small voices answered in unison, "Okay, Dad, you get the toy."

## Bible Quiz

According to the Old Testament book of Hosea, who was Gomer?

- A. Hosea's wife
- B. A promiscuous and adulterous woman
- C. A symbol for Israel, beloved of God despite her sinfulness
- D. All of the above



Answer: D (See Hosea 1-2.)





# JULY 2012



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

07/03 Paul & Erica Phelps  
 07/09 Bill & Norma Taylor  
 07/13 Harry & Donna Wright  
 07/31 Linda & David Wilson

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

07/06 Linda Eckel  
 07/07 James Lovett  
 07/09 Blessing Sama  
 07/10 Russel Miller  
 07/11 Michael Yeager  
 Linda Terrell  
 07/15 Tyler Thrailkill  
 07/16 Andy Lanning  
 Zyan Autry  
 07/17 Laura Eckel  
 07/18 Brienna Jepsen  
 Cornelius Annoh  
 07/21 Ewane Masango  
 07/22 Lisa Upton  
 07/24 Wade Forthman  
 07/27 Martha Goodner  
 07/30 Ross Robinson



## Prayer Concerns

Lizzet Annoh, who gave birth to Lisa on May 18.

Carolyn Montgomery, whose mother died May 18.

Helen Blackstone, who fell and broke her hip.

Jayelle Martin, who will have surgery in June.

Dave and Tamara's niece, Kate, who should be finished with chemo.

Mike and Karen Girdner's niece, Stephanie Girdner, whose fiancé, Shelby Berry, was killed in a car accident Memorial Weekend.

Jim Eckel, as he faces health concerns.

Trudy and Mike Beard's daughter-in-law, Rhonda Beard, who has begun chemotherapy.

Bob Goodner, who needed surgery on both legs after a recent fall.

## Bible Quiz

Jesus illustrated the future coming of the Son of Man and his kingdom: When the \_\_\_\_ tree sprouts leaves, he said, you know that \_\_\_\_ is near; when various cosmic signs take place, you'll know the Son of Man and the kingdom of God are near.

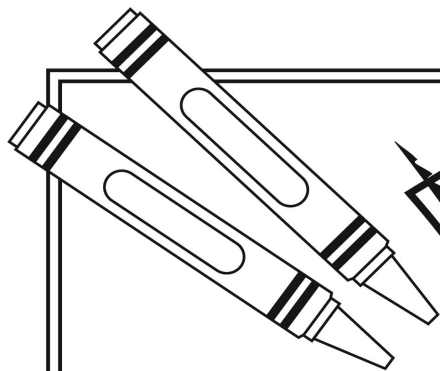
Choose the correct pair of words to fill in the two blanks.

- A. pine; winter
- B. beech; spring
- C. fig; summer
- D. olive; autumn



Answer: C (See Luke 21:29-31.)





# PUZZLE

## ★ A FATHER'S ★ INSTRUCTION

★ Although babies don't come with instructions, ★  
God tells parents how to raise their children.

**Directions:** Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, and the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

“ ... 2,2 7,1 4,1 2,3 6,1 5,3 5,2 1,3 1,2

6,2 6,3 4,1 2,3 5,3 5,2 1,3

5,3 7,1 1,1 4,1 2,3 4,1 2,3 6,1 1,1 2,3 3,1

4,1 2,3 7,2 5,3 7,1 6,2 3,3 5,3 4,1 3,2 2,3

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EPHESIANS 6:4, NIV

Answers: “... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”



## KNOW THE WAY

Thomas said to Jesus, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" (John 14:5, NIV).

Directions: To read Jesus' reply, shade in the letters that contain an asterisk (\*) and write them in order on the blanks below.

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f a z t h e r r o u c d g h  
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\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ 14:6, NIV

Answer: Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6, NIV

# JUNE 2012

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## Rev. Tracy Evans at General Assembly in Pittsburgh

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