

Memorial Messenger

Memorial Presbyterian Church
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April 2015



Latest News



The **Urban Mission** item of the month for April is **peanut butter**. Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.

Our **Maundy Thursday** service will take place at 7:00 P.M. on April 2nd in Fellowship Hall.

Join us at 9:30 A.M. on **Easter Sunday**, April 5th, for a potluck breakfast and an Easter egg hunt for the kids. The sign-up sheet for the potluck is in the hallway. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper as well as our Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection in worship at 10:55 A.M. Invite your friends & family!



The **Mission & Evangelism** committee will, on a seasonal basis, be presenting to the congregation opportunities to assist our local community. Hopefully, this spring, summer, fall and winter (Christmas), the committee will select a worthwhile project, present it to the congregation and provide congregants the opportunity to "make a difference", however large or small, to that

project. If any member of the congregation would like to propose a recipient facility, please feel free to contact any of the current committee members. They are: Kirk Forthman, Jan Johnson, Eileen Burke, Dave Iske, Doris Hinson and Erica Phelps.

You are invited to attend an **organ recital** in which our organist, Terry Cast, will participate. It will begin at 7:30 P.M. on Friday, April 17 at First Christian Church. See page nine for more details.

Our **Spring Cleanup Day** is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, beginning at 8:00 A.M. and continuing until the work is done. Come help us spruce up the church for Spring. We will also have a "mini" cleanup day on Saturday, May 16, in preparation for the church's 50th anniversary celebration on May 24.

We will mark the 20th anniversary of the OKC bombing with a **service of peace** at 10:55 A.M. on Sunday, April 19.

The Deacons will host a **wedding shower** for Holly (Forsyth) McClure and her husband Matt on Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 P.M. Holly and Matt are registered at Dillard's and Target. The Deacons will also host a **wedding shower** for Corey Fisher and her fiancé Tanner Smith on Saturday, April 25, at 2:00 P.M. Corey and Tanner are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target. See page eight.

Clerk's Corner

Session held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 17. There was one action from Session: Approval was given to use the Columbarium Memorial Fund to cover the cost of replacing the air-conditioning unit that services the columbarium. As a result of Indian Nations Presbytery, and the PC(USA) as a whole, passing the amendment to the Book of Order to allow same-sex marriages, Session will address whether to permit same-sex marriages in our facility at their regular meeting on April 21.

Session held a special meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, March 29. There they approved Charles & Alison Baker's request to join Memorial Presbyterian Church on reaffirmation of faith. They will be publicly received on Sunday, April 19. Session also approved the baptism of their daughter, Louisa Elizabeth Baker, to be held on Sunday, May 24 with Charles's father, the Rev. Arch Baker, a member of Cherokee Presbytery, co-officiating.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cole
Clerk of Session

Stewardship Update			
January 1 to March 31, 2015			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2015 Budget
Pledges	\$34,313.85	\$37,497.99	\$149,992.00
Other Income	\$4,984.90	\$8,398.47	\$33,594.00
Total Income	\$39,298.75	\$45,896.46	\$183,586.00
Total Expenses	\$43,303.92	\$46,488.00	\$185,954.00



The **Boy Scouts of America**—Last Frontier Council has recognized Memorial Presbyterian Church as a 2014 Outstanding Charter Partner with a certificate of appreciation. Our thanks to the Council for this recognition.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Well, this is awkward.

I really want to wish you a Happy Easter, but we are just not there, yet.

It is still Holy Week, Jesus is still on the path to the resurrection, faithfully making that journey through the last supper with his disciples, the long night that followed, the betrayals, the arrest, the trial and the crucifixion.

It is so tempting—now that's an interesting word choice—to bypass the tough parts of the story of Jesus, isn't it? We just don't want to have to face the son of God going through all that pain and misery.

I find that my life is often like that. I don't want to face what's really going on in my life or the lives of my loved ones. I want everything to be "happy, happy, joy, joy."

But we do a disservice to ourselves, our loved ones and to God when we try to ignore the depth of our lives. God sent God's very son to trudge through the muck of life, to really live a full human life, so that we would know we are never, ever alone. God will always be with us in the very deepest depths of our lives.

Can you imagine the sense of loss Jesus follower's felt on that Saturday, not even 24 hours after he had died? Can you put yourself in that place, feeling the grief and confusion and loss? There must have been a thousand unanswered questions.

Unlike those first disciples, we have the benefit of that 20/20 hindsight. We know what will happen after all those awful events of Holy Week.

We have been given the gift of the resurrection, through which we can view the story and all the questions that arise from it. Do we have all the answers? Definitely not. But we do have the assurance of God's love and grace.

Even during Lent and Holy Week, we are still Easter People. Each Sunday we have the gift of worshiping our God who became one of us, went to the depths of hell for us, experienced life and death for us. And rose for us!

What a gift we have, and what a gift we get to share.

May we begin this Easter season with the full and complete knowledge of what God has done for us, and may we respond fully.

Grace and Peace,

Tracy

Youth Camp Fundraiser

You can participate in a fundraiser for our kids to go to camp! No cookies, magazines, popcorn, or light bulbs are involved... Simply take an envelope of your choosing off the bulletin board, place the suggested amount of money (cash or check) in it, and put it in the offering plate or turn it in to the office! Church camp continues to be one of the best places for children and youth to grow in faith. We appreciate your help!



M.Y. GROUP NEWS

APRIL 2015



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12, here is our meeting schedule for the month of April:

APRIL 10-12

YOUTH QUAKE

Meet at the church at 5PM on Friday, April 10. We will have a pizza party before departing for Youth Quake. We will leave the church no later than 5:30PM and arrive at Youth Quake approximately 6:15PM. We will check in and get settled before the 7:00PM activities begin.

Youth Quake is over at noon on Sunday, April 12. We will arrive back at the church at approximately 1PM. No lunch will be provided.

I have the following youth attending: Gysheilla Jangha, Jim Annoh, Kaylee Eyabi, Mario Sama, Lyne Sama and Elvira Sama. So thankful for this church and Presbytery for each paying ½ the cost for these wonderful young people to attend this event.

HELP NEEDED: With six youth attending, I don't have enough room in my car to transport everyone. If you can drive to Guthrie on Friday evening and then come back at noon on Sunday, please call Joan Cole: 405-830-8389.

What to pack for Youth Quake

Sleeping bag

Pillow

Something to sleep in (PJs)

Towel & Shoes for the shower

Bible

Flashlight

Snacks to share in your cabin

Bug spray

Basketball, soccer ball, volley ball, Frisbee (optional)

APRIL 26

DINNER PROVIDED BY JULIE FORTHMAN

If you would like to provide a meal for our youth, there are still opportunities in May. Please contact Joan Cole, 830-8389, if you have any questions or you would like to volunteer to bring a meal.



SAVE THE DATE!

MEMORIAL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

FOLLOWING A SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY - MAY 24, 2015

If you are in contact with former members who would like to be a part of the celebration either in person or by a remembrance card, please contact Jona Thiessen at jthiessen2@att.net and we will gladly add them to our invitation list. Thanks!

DONATIONS NEEDED

The 50th Anniversary Committee is seeking direct donations from the congregation to cover the expense of the party. If you would like to contribute, simply mark your donation "50th Anniversary Celebration". There is no specific line item in our budget for the party, so anything received will be greatly appreciated!

April Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Tim Thiessen

April 5

Communion Servers: Jan & Charles Johnson, Jessica Farris and Esau Jangha

Ushers: Mike and Joan Cole

Coffee: Esau Jangha and Linda Eckel

Sound booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard or Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Joan Cole

April 12

Ushers: Carl and Julie Forthman

Coffee: Joan Thrailkill and Jona Thiessen

Sound booth: Dave Iske

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

April 19

Ushers: Holly Van Auken and Michael Yeager

Coffee: Georjana Mauldin and Doris Hinson

Sound booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

April 26

Ushers: Tim and Jona Thiessen

Coffee: Trudy Beard and Charlotte Lovett

Sound booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Joe Garlett

Please Join Us
In Celebrating the Marriage of
Holly Forsyth McClure and Matt McClure

Let's All Come Together in Fellowship as
The Board of Deacons hosts a wedding shower
Sunday April 19, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

In the Fellowship Hall

Holly and Matt are registered
at Dillard's and Target

You are Invited

To a Wedding Shower

Honoring

Corey Fisher and Tanner Smith

The Board of Deacons welcomes everyone to join us
as we host a celebration in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday - April 25th 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

Corey and Tanner are registered
at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target

*YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE*

**SOUTHERN PLAINS CHAPTER
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS**

MEMBERS RECITAL

Featuring organists Betsy Banks, Terry Cast,

Cristiano Rizzotto and Neil Whyte

Friday, April 17, 2015

7:30 P.M.

First Christian Church

220 South Webster Avenue, Norman, Oklahoma



Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Sumi Abunaw
Gene Bergstresser
Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Janice Crump
Jim Eckel
Dave Iske
Vince Leseney
Dennis Anderson (Jayelle Martin's friend's cousin)
Gail Bender (Jessica Forthman's mother)
Carol Broderson (Karen Upton's cousin)
Britany Clark (Daughter of Paul Upton's co-worker)
Kenny Comer (Karen Girdner's niece's husband)
Karen Doviak (Jona Thiessen's friend)
Emma (Jayelle Martin's great, great niece)
Carol Gadd (Ann Forsyth's cousin)
Emily Hale (Jessica Farris's friend's sister-in-law)
Lee Harlan (Jona Thiessen's uncle)
Deanna Heath (Jessica Farris's co-worker)
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)
Tod Luttrell (friend of Doris Hinson)
Savannah Moseley (daughter of Ann Forsyth's cousin)
Conner Otis (Paige Girdner's friend)
Jane Thomas (friend of Charlotte Lovett)
Kathy Ellison Vanderburg (former classmate of Jona Thiessen)
Keith Vermillion (PE teacher at Jessica Farris' school)
Jim Webb (Doris Hinson's friend)
Harvey Yost (Tamara Iske's father)

Those who grieve

Connor Davis (friend of Samuel McCann)
Family of Judy Haworth (Jayelle Martin's sister)
Family of Norma Hayes (Janice Crump's sister-in-law)

Those who serve in mission fields

Ted & Tina Crump (Ted is Janice Crump's grandson)

Those who have experienced healing

Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)

April Birthdays

4 Bill Storm
Faith Jangha
5 Shirley Cary
14 Ara Pennington
Charlotte Lovett
Alex Leseney
16 Stephen Eyabi, Jr.
19 Doug Forsyth
20 Nicholine Jangha
Jeremy Bales
25 David Lanning
28 Becca Thrailkill
29 Mike Beard

April Anniversaries

21 Steve & Angie Martin (1990)

To receive prayer requests by
email, please contact Jona
Thiessen at: jthiessen2@att.net

THE ACTIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF DWIGHT MISSION

Number 8 of 12 short articles

The Rev. Frederick Schaub served as organizer and director of the Presbyterian Boy's Training School at Dwight Mission from 1900 to 1910. Early in his time at Dwight he continued in his monthly travels to other Cherokee churches which had no minister.

During the summer of 1902 he took his evangelistic work "on the road" with the formation of a caravan called "The Presbyterian Gospel Wagon." The Rev. Schaub was evangelist-in-charge. His co-workers were David Smallwood, interpreter; W. T. Morrison and A. F. Romig, Sunday School ministers; Neil Holderman, soloist, Miss C. H. Montgomery, organist; and Mrs. Della Schaub.

The caravan was an attention-getter in itself! Leading it was an old-time bicycle ridden by Mr. Morrison. Next was a large covered wagon bearing the camping necessities as well as Bibles, song books, Sunday School materials, organ, and a stereopticon. Finally was a buggy for the ladies. They camped out each night of their journey starting in near-by Marble City and on through ten more communities. A Sunday School was established in Baron and a total of twenty were converted to Christianity over their 175-mile trip. A similar caravan was conducted the following year.

Now fast-forward to present-day Dwight Mission's version of that caravan: Dwight-in-a-Van. A congregation can request this camp for one week at their own church. It comes with one trained young adult to direct volunteers teaching a Christ-centered curriculum which is activity-based. This program for children, kindergarten through sixth grade, aims to provide outreach through a quality outdoor experience. Where the Holy Spirit resides in God's people there are always innovative ways to spread His word!

Please support Dwight Mission in any way you can and remember the Dwight staff in your prayers.

Mary Helen Hite, Historian, Indian Nations Presbyterian Women

Primary Resources: Mission to the Cherokees by O.. Campbell, 1969
Col. Warren Schaub, grandson of the Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Schaub

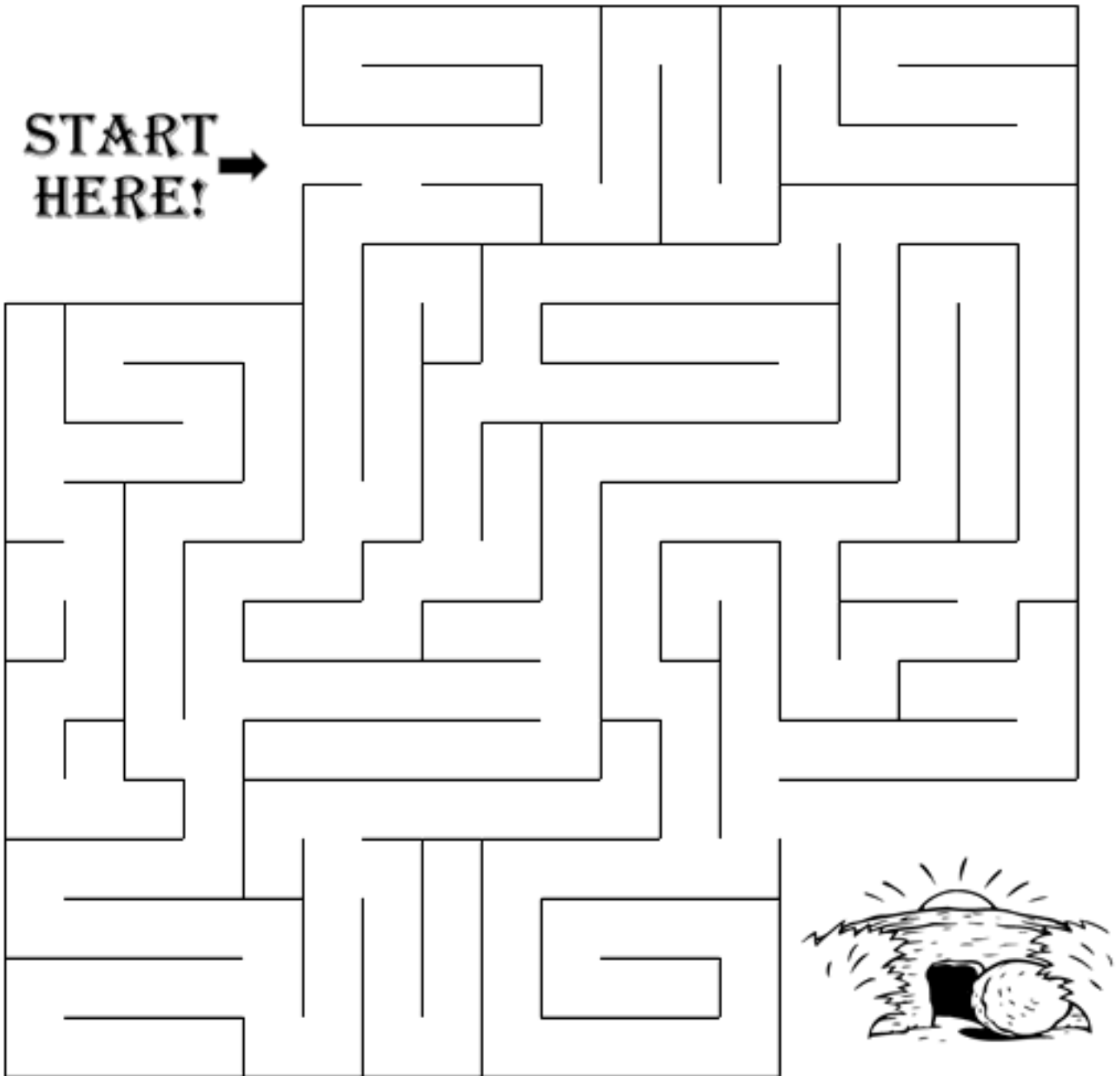
For more information about Dwight-in-a-Van visit their website: DwightMission.com



Photographs: Presbyterian Gospel Wagon caravan (1902) and missionaries at their campsite (1903)

The Empty Tomb

Can you find the way to the empty tomb?



When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." - Mark 16:1-7 (NRSV)

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April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:00 P.M. Lenten Service & Lunch at First Baptist Church 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	2 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service	3	4 4:00 P.M. Cole-Kassing Wedding
5 9:30 A.M. Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt 10:55 A.M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper	6 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	7	8 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	9 6:30 P.M. 50th Anniversary Planning Meeting	10	11
12 <div> Youth Quake </div> 4:30 P.M. Deacons Meeting	13 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	14 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism Meeting 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Meeting	15 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	16 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	17	18 8:00 A.M. until finished—Spring Cleanup Day
19 12:00 P.M. Worship & Music Meeting 2:00 P.M. Wedding Shower for Holly (Forsyth) McClure 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting	20 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	21 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	22 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	23 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library Articles Due for May Messenger	24	25 2:00 P.M. Wedding Shower for Corey Fisher
26	27 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	28	29 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	30 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library		

Central Oklahoma Polymer Clay Guild Retreat in FH

Youth Quake

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SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 Fellowship and Refreshments 10:30 A.M.
 Worship Service 10:55 A.M.

MIDWEEK REGULAR SCHEDULE

Wednesday: Kids' Club 3:00 P.M.
 Children's Choir 5:00 P.M.
 Chancel Choir 6:30 P.M.

Thursday: Bible Study 10:30 A.M.