

# Memorial Messenger

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# September 2015



## Latest News

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for September is hygiene products (e.g., toothpaste, soap, toilet paper). Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.

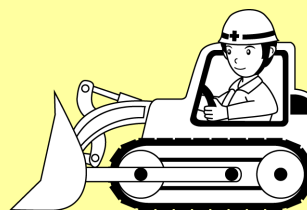
We raised \$1,792.26 for **Camps & Conferences** at the rummage sale on August 15. Many thanks to those who volunteered and/or donated items for the sale.

Under the leadership of the Mission & Evangelism Committee, Memorial collected around 90 **backpacks** for Norman public school students. Thanks to everyone who donated to this project and to the committee members who organized and promoted the project. The Mission and Evangelism Committee delivered 33 backpacks to Jackson Elementary School, 33 backpacks to Madison Elementary School and 16 backpacks to Irving Middle School on August 26th. The counselors and office staff at these schools accepted the donations with enthusiastic gratitude. Good job, everyone!

At the **congregational meeting** on August 30, the following officers were elected: John Beck, Melissa Gill and Ross Robinson (Session, class of 2018); Ann Forsyth, Loreen Upton and Holly Van Auken (Deacons, class of 2018); Jim Rodriguez (Deacon, class of 2016). The congregation also voted to bestow Pastor Emeritus status on the Rev. Jim Burns (retired).

Memorial Presbyterian Church is now able to accept **online donations** through a partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation, via the

Presbyterian Mission Exchange. Look for the “Give Now” button on our website or go to [presbyterianmissionexchange.org](http://presbyterianmissionexchange.org) and enter our church name in the search box. Recurring or one-time donations may be made by credit/debit card or by direct transfer from your bank account (EFT). We will continue to accept cash and checks as well.



Our east **parking lot** needs to be repaved. This project is estimated to cost approximately \$68,000. Session has authorized a capital campaign for the month of September, 2015, with the goal of raising this amount. The proposal we have is to patch areas of the lot that are bad with type C asphalt, mill the edges that need a smooth transition and for water drainage, clean and spray tack oil on existing pavement and then overlay the entire east lot with asphalt at a compacted depth of two inches. It also includes restriping all of the lots. There are about 100 parking spots in the east lot so we are asking people to “buy” or donate enough for one parking spot—\$680 each. Please prayerfully consider donating toward this much-needed repair.

Memorial will host a **Pet Blessing** on Sunday, September 27. Time and other details will be announced later on.

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Friends,

A few days ago, I was sitting with the worship committee in a Saturday morning retreat when my phone dinged with a text message. It was from a friend who was letting us know where we were meeting for dinner that night. We were four families meeting to say goodbye to our friends who are moving out of state.

The message conveyed the conversation among the family deciding where to eat. Mom wanted a Greek restaurant, Dad wanted a burger place, and the child wanted Mexican. The decision they made was to compromise and we would meet at B.J.'s.

It strikes me that we often do this: compromise so no one is offended and every one gets some of what they want. I believe that there are times that this is the best option.

However, I also believe that compromise may not always be the best choice. While B.J.'s is fine, we missed out on authentic Greek food, a locally owned burger place, or delicious Mexican.

We do the same in the church. There are times that we need to make an effort to accommodate everyone. But there are also times we must take a stand and risk offending others.

The difference is in discerning what is most important to us.

The day following our worship retreat, we welcomed Dr. Charles Kimball to Memorial who led us in a discussion on Muslim/Christian relations and then preached for us on welcoming those of other faiths. He reminded us that Presbyterians have a strong history of good relations with non-Christians. We focus on what we have in common, rather than what separates us.

What are situations that you see that necessitate taking a stand, and what situations need accommodation? How do you determine which is most important?

Be true to what is most important in your life. But wherever possible, be accepting of others.

See you in worship soon!

Peace,  
Tracy

## Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 and took the following actions:

1. Approved a 30-day fundraising campaign (with a goal of \$68,000) to pave the east parking lot. Campaign to run the month of September.
2. Approved a facility request from ABLE Parent Association to use the fellowship hall on the following dates: Friday, Oct. 30; Friday, Dec. 11; and Friday, Feb. 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Cole  
Clerk of Session

## Organist/Administrative Assistant Resigning

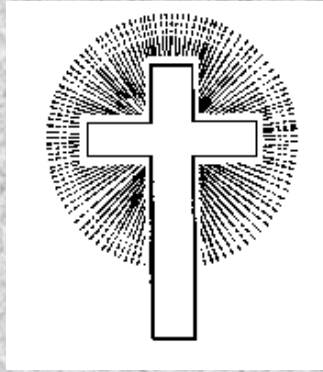
I have accepted the position of organist at Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Tulsa, Okla., with a start date in early October. I have therefore submitted my resignation effective September 30. It has been a great blessing to me to serve at Memorial for the last 10+ years and I am grateful for the love and support this church has shown to me. At the same time, I am excited about this new opportunity that God has given me. I pray that God may bless Memorial Presbyterian Church in the years to come. — Terry Cast

## Bibles Available

Recently, as a result of generous donations by the Robinson family and others, our pew bibles were upgraded to the New Revised Standard Version. Consequently we have a number of gently used bibles that are being made available, at no cost, for those who might wish to adopt one of these books for their personal use. Copies have been placed at the following locations: the church information table; the Parlor; the Library; the former Youth Room; and Fellowship Hall. Persons of any group that uses these spaces are welcome to participate in the adoption process. Help us to find a good home for these bibles, that have served our congregation well over the years.

<b>Stewardship Update</b>			
January 1 to August 31, 2015			
	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>
<b>Pledges</b>	\$91,320.30	\$99,994.64	\$149,992.00
<b>Other Income</b>	\$15,485.45	\$22,395.92	\$33,594.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$106,805.75	\$122,390.56	\$183,586.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$120,428.31	\$123,968.00	\$185,954.00

M.Y GROUP NEWS  
SEPTEMBER 2015



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12, here is our fall meeting schedule. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. You are always welcome to bring a friend (or two). All meeting times are 5-6:30PM unless otherwise stated.

SEPTEMBER 20 – Interfaith tour

Leave church at 12:30 and return to Norman around 6PM. Cost is \$12 per youth. We must pre-register so let me know if you are planning to attend. A quick lunch will be provided before we head to OKC for the event.

OCTOBER 25 – Human Hungry Hippo game night

NOVEMBER 8 – Career Information Night

NOVEMBER 22 – Giving Thanks

DECEMBER 6 – Winter Blast

DECEMBER 20 – Christmas Party (and other reindeer games)

Can't wait to see you and hear about your summer. If you have any questions Call or text me: (405) 830-8389.

Joan Cole

## September Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Larry Upton

### September 6

Ushers: Carl and Julie Forthman

Communion Servers: Charles and Jan Johnson, Mike and Karen Girdner

Coffee: John Beck and Donna Vint

Sound Booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Harry Wright

### September 13

Ushers: Ann Fayles and Trudy Beard

Coffee: Esau Jangha and Linda Eckel

Sound booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Trudy Beard

### September 20

Ushers: Mike and Joan Cole

Coffee: Joan Thrailkill and Jona Thiessen

Sound booth: Dave Iske

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard or Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Joan Cole

### September 27

Ushers: Mike and Karen Girdner

Coffee: Georjana Mauldin and Doris Hinson

Sound booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

# **Native American Men's Conference**

**October 30-November 1, 2015**

**Dwight Mission Camp and Conference Center**

**Sallisaw, Oklahoma**

*.... I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.*

*Joel 2:28*

**Registration fee      \$100**

**Registration deadline      October 16, 2015**

**Registration forms available from Indian Nations Presbytery**

**(405) 524-0990**

**info@okinp.org**

**For more information contact Louis Fife (405) 314-3417**

## Known Joys and Concerns

### Those who seek healing

Gene Bergstresser  
Lola Carroll  
Sandy Clarke  
Paula Coffman  
Janice Crump  
Dave Iske  
Vince Leseney  
Holly Van Auken (foot surgery on Sept. 4)  
Pam Ashley's husband (Pam is Karen Upton's boss)  
Cory Beck (John Beck's brother)  
Mary Jean Beck (John Beck's mother)  
Gail Bender (Jessica Forthman's mother)  
Carol Broderson (Karen Upton's cousin)  
Britany Clark (Daughter of Paul Upton's co-worker)  
Karen Doviak (Jona Thiessen's friend)  
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)  
Michael Hernandez (Jayelle Martin's second cousin, once removed)  
Clark Hollingsworth (son of John Beck's friend Charles Hollingsworth)  
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)  
Tod Luttrell (friend of Doris Hinson)  
Andrew Megehee  
Savannah Moseley (daughter of Ann Forsyth's cousin)  
Kathy Ellison Vanderburg (former classmate of Jona Thiessen)  
Keith Vermillion (PE teacher at Jessica Farris' school)  
Jim Webb (Doris Hinson's friend)

### Those who grieve

Family of Jane Garlett (Joe Garlett's sister-in-law)  
Family of Michael Johnson (son of Charles & Jan Johnson)

### Those who serve in mission fields

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

To receive prayer requests by email,  
please contact Jona Thiessen at:  
[jthiessen2@att.net](mailto:jthiessen2@att.net)



## September Birthdays

1 Larry Upton, Sr.  
4 Trisha Bunce  
6 Sumi Abunaw  
Odette Eckel  
8 Jona Thiessen  
10 Donna Vint  
11 Terry Cast  
14 Mike Cole  
15 Rebecca Cole  
18 Alexandra Pennington  
20 Mariolise Sama  
28 Lucy Lanning  
29 Cynthia Robb  
30 Susan Beck

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

Number 11 of 12 articles

After closing in 1919 because of 4 fires in 5 years, Dwight Mission School reopened in September 1922 upon the recommendation of the Presbyterian National Women's Board. Among those first hired was Mamie Walkingstick, one of six siblings of the Moore family who had attended Dwight School from 1901-1905. Mamie first worked in the kitchen and laundry. She started at \$50 per month plus room and board for her family who lived in the dining hall basement. She didn't resign until the school closed in 1948.

Harvey Hansen became the Superintendent when the school had no boarders. To the existing classes of basic education and native crafts were added science, nursing, business and economics. John King took the school leadership in 1935. Through his administration the institution became more student-oriented with regular meetings about student concerns, more types of recreation, and clubs such as 4H and Boy Scouts. In 1945 the Rev. W. M. Griffin, as superintendent, continued the trend for more freedom for the students.

Mamie was present when three new buildings were dedicated in April 1927. The two native stone dormitories (Sage and Washburn Halls) for 50 children each are still used by campers year-round. The third structure, the home of the superintendent, is now used by the Director of Dwight, Peter Newbury and family. The Presbyterian Women of Oklahoma paid one-fourth of the cost of the structures.

Mamie eventually became "Supervisor of Girls" and the instructor of practical training in domestic art and science, hygiene, nursing and childcare. During some summers she taught craftwork classes while others taught Bible lessons. She saw 5 young people graduate from Dwight's high school in 1927. Over time Mamie's workload increased when 75% of the student body were lodgers. In the 1940's she taught girls from eight tribes plus some who were not Native Americans.

Gradually the campus where Mamie taught and lived moved from coal oil lamps to electric lights; from wells to a water system; and from a wood-burning stove to a "modern" liquid gas stove (installed in 1944). Twelve acres of land were added to the campus with funds provided by the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of Oklahoma.

Surely the Holy Spirit guided the missionaries, administrators, teachers, staff and students over the ten decades before the school was officially closed in 1948. Those of us who have attended camps and retreats at Dwight can attest to the presence of God's Spirit in this place.

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

Mary Helen Hite, Historian, Indian Nations Presbyterian Women

Primary Resource: Mission to the Cherokees by O.B. Campbell, 1969

Photo: Dwight Mission  
classmates





# He does all things well!

"Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak." Mark 7:37b (NLT)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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- 18-12-23-15-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7-8-17-22-16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18-22-4-16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18-12-13-9-23-17 \_\_\_\_\_
- 12-8-17-13-17-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-23-18-17 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11-17-22-10 \_\_\_\_\_

TOUCH	SPEAK	TALK	TONGUE
DEAF	OPENED	MUTE	HEAR

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## September 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		<b>1</b>  7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting	<b>2</b>  6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	<b>3</b> 10:00 A.M. Serve at Food for Friends  10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:55 A.M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper	<b>7</b>  Church Office Closed for Labor Day  7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	<b>10</b>  10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>  12:00 P.M. Worship & Music Meeting	<b>14</b>  6:00 P.M. Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	<b>15</b>  6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism Meeting	<b>16</b>  6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	<b>17</b>  10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library  7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>  12:00-6:00 P.M. M. Y. Group—Interfaith Tour in OKC	<b>21</b>  6:00 P.M. Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	<b>22</b>  7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	<b>23</b>  Articles due for October Messenger  6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	<b>24</b>  10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>  Pet Blessing  4:30 P.M. Deacons Meeting 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting	<b>28</b>  6:00 P.M. Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir			

### 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:	Chancel Choir	6:30 P.M.	Thursday:	Bible Study	10:30 A.M.
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