

FAMILY MESSENGER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Meal 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Congratulations!

We had the honor last Saturday (January 2, 2016) to share in the wedding ceremony for **Stephanie Sanchez and Jose Santos**. It was a beautiful wedding and the reception was amazing! They will be making their home here in Madill. We wish this very special young couple all of God's blessings as they begin a new life together!



Jake's Jots...

The New Year is upon us! What will 2016 hold for you? Have you made any resolutions? The reigning top three resolutions from 2015 were, (1) lose weight, (2) get organized, (3) spend less and save more. Have you ever wondered how long the average resolution survives? Well, 75% make it through the first week, 71% make it through two weeks, 64% last a month, and only 46% make it past the six month mark.



We seem to struggle with long term commitment don't we? Ask yourself two serious questions right now, (1) "What matters most to me?" (2) "Am I truly committed to the one thing that matters most?" Hopefully that "one thing" is your faith in Jesus Christ! As we start 2016 I want to personally challenge you to grow in your commitment to Him this year. Perhaps we would do well to focus on Paul's words to Timothy concerning his commitment, "*Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.*" (1 Timothy 4:7-8, ESV).

As sure as the New Year starts gym memberships will explode, daily planner sales will skyrocket, and savings accounts will increase. All of these are noble quests I suppose, but what about the one thing that will not only be appreciated in this life, but also in the life to come? May we be committed to godliness, heavenly wisdom, and serving our Savior in 2016!

Please Pray For...

Doyle Garrison remains in declining health and is in need of our prayers. **Lonny Goff** will be seeing his doctor this week to determine when he will undergo his treatment for thyroid cancer. **Dr. Shannon Goodwin/Chambers** underwent surgery again for thyroid cancer. Everything went well and she is back at work. **Mary Hasselman** is finishing up her chemotherapy treatments and is facing surgery very soon. She has asked that we pray that she will only have to have the less invasive form of surgery. **Will Cook** is now home from the hospital and will be seeking treatment for his bone cancer. Others to pray for are: **Louise James, Lauren Albright, Pauline Maxwell, Charlene Chidester, Geovanti Orta, Jill Muegge J.W. Bennett, Mack & Elsie Purnell, Jim Wilson, Cory Jones, Loyd Upchurch, Martha Ayres, Lillie Hallmark, Pansy Henson, Lucy Ette Ayres, Mary Huebsch, Joseph Chidester, Larry & Bettie Goff, Don & Louise Newton, Nathan Couch, Carolyn Beadles, Kevin Jenkins, Jacob Jones, Sandra Fort, Dee McGlaughn, Ashley Bradbeary, Lloyd Harkins, Scott Dutton, Victor Jefferson, Ron Kelley, Patricia Kelley, Carroll Davis, Karen Herndon, Colton Contreas, Hubert Baker, Damion Meitzene, Isa Smith, Michael Thomas Gray, Terry Simpson, Ethan Sliger, George Barr, Joni McCulloch, Donna Anderson, Martha Stafford, James Willis, Eva Woodley, Sarah Barnes, Frank Mitchell, & Lisa Brimcombe.**

Upcoming Events—January

6-Wed. Night Meal will be "Stew & Corn bread"

10 - "Compact" Sunday & Brookside Devotional

13 - Wed. Night Meal will be "Sloppy Joe's" and the fixins.

Gifts That Do Not Cost A Cent!

The gift of listening, the gift of affection, the gift of laughter, the gift of a written note of encouragement, the gift of a compliment, the gift of a favor, the gift of a cheerful disposition, and especially the gift of unconditional LOVE!



Winter Quest

This year's Winter Quest at Petti-john Springs Christian Camp is just around the corner on January 15-17. The theme this year is "The Story Telling God." This year's focus will help us see how Jesus' parables reveal profound spiritual truths about God, humanity, the world, and the future. You don't want to miss it! The cost is \$40 and applications will not be accepted after January 7th.

Freed-Hardeman Bible Lectureship

This annual Lectureship is celebrating 80 years of existence this year on February 7-11. The theme for the lectureship this year is "In My Place—The Servant Savior in Mark." It is a week of time-honored traditions and special additions. If you would like to attend please check with Jake Hudson or John Thomas for more information.



T-3 is Almost Here!

This year's event will be held on February 12-14 at the Lewisville Church of Christ in Lewisville, Texas. T-3 is a weekend designed to bring glory to God through praise of His name, study of His word, and the equipping of His people for good works in our modern world...and we can't do it without you! This year's theme is all about His story and how His story brings our own redemption—"The Redemption Story!" The cost this year is \$45 per student and FREE for all adult sponsors. The deadline is February 7th. All registration and payments are online this year. You can register by going to our website at www.t3commission.com. See John Thomas if you would like to attend.



Youth Update!

The New Year is upon us. How many of you have made a resolution for this year? Statistics say that at least 45% of us regularly make at least one New Year's resolution while another 38% claim to "absolutely never" make even one. The types of resolutions we make vary from simple to far-fetched, but the most popular seem to be the ones involving self-improvement. Things like weight loss and furthering one's education look to top the list. Experts tell us to not set the bar too high when deciding on a goal. Whether it's just eating less (easy) or finishing a cylinder of chap-stick to the very end before misplacing it (impossible) resolutions are usually made with good intentions. Unfortunately, just a little over half of the resolution makers get beyond two months into the New Year before ditching those intentions. One year contains a total of 8,760 hours. What will you resolve to do with those hours this year? Let's consider giving them to God!

Thank you, thank you, and another thank you goes out, first of all, to everyone who was a part of making our S.O.Y.S. a success! We really could not do these types of things for the next generation of the Lord's church without YOU!

Also, thanks to Shenia, Colt, Rylee, Kevin, Corbin, and friends we now have fewer walls in the new teen room. The work is coming along, but we still have much more to get done before it's functional. By the way, we're still looking for some furniture to go in the room so, if you have something to donate we would sure be appreciative. Make it a great week!

-John-

Have A Servant Heart!

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"Life Signs"

	<u>1/3</u>	<u>1 yr</u>	<u>5yr</u>
AM Worship	184	148	166
PM Worship	79	55	nc
Wednesday	36	nc	58
Contribution	\$6,321	\$7,695	\$3,750
Hispanic Church	A.M 30		
	P.M. 32		
	Wed. 30		
	Cont. \$155		

A Special Thanks!



To The Lovely Ladies of Church of Christ,
 We can't say thank you enough for all that you did for our party. Thank you all for your continued support and help with our Foster Care Party. The gifts and refreshments were such a blessing to our unit and families. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!
Marshall County Child Welfare

Dear Church Family,
 We appreciated all the prayers for our brother Bill Davis as well as the dinner for the funeral. My family knows the Madill church represents godly people. Thanks to all who helped us through this difficult time. Thanks to all who helped with the funeral dinner and thanks to John Thomas for the prayer! You all are amazing Christians!
Much love,
Lynda & Larry McDaniel

A Special Thanks to all who helped in any way with our S.O.Y.S. (Southern Oklahoma Youth Series) meal last Sunday. It was a great success and we served around 50 young people and helpers. Thanks again for all that you do for the congregation that meets here in Madill!
God Bless You

Some Things To Think On...

Never neglect daily prayer. When you pray, remember that God is present, and that He hears you. Never neglect daily private Bible reading. When you read, remember that God is speaking to you, and that you are to believe and act upon what He says. If you are in doubt whether a thing is right or wrong, go to God and ask for help in making your decision the right one. Never take your standard of Christianity from other Christians, or argue that because this or that person does something, you may. Ask yourself, "What would Christ do?" and strive to follow His example. Never believe what you feel if it contradicts God's Word. Ask yourself: "Can what I feel be true if God's word is true? If both cannot be true, believe God, and make yourself the liar.