

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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In Memoriam Betty Jo Pratt 1919-2015

Betty Jo Pratt, 95 of Madill, Oklahoma went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at the hospital in Madill. She was born on November 15, 1919 in Marshall County, Ok-

lahoma to the late Walter Guy Creswell and Maggie (Jacks) Creswell.

Betty was raised in the Marshall County area before moving to California. She married Troy Lawson Pratt on September 12, 1936 in Sulphur, Oklahoma and he preceded her in death on March 20, 1979.

She lived in Oklahoma City before moving back to Madill where she owned and operated the Tackle Box on East Main for several years. She was a member of the Madill Church of Christ and the B & PW. Betty enjoyed reading and loved her church.

She is survived by: a sister, Oleta Baker and husband Kenneth of Madill, Oklahoma; nieces: Phyllis Lowe and husband Robert of Madill, Oklahoma, and Carol Minor and husband Mike of Madill Oklahoma; Nephews, David Hartin of Marietta, Georgia, Mark Creswell, Mike Creswell, and Matt Creswell all of Ardmore, Oklahoma and many great nieces and nephews as well as many friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, parents, 2 brothers; Bill and Buster Creswell and 1 sister, Alma Hartin.

Her services will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Watts Chapel in Madill. No graveside services.

Memorials may be made to the Madill Church of Christ at P.O. Box 88, Madill, Oklahoma 73446.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the family in the loss of Betty. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Jake's Jots.....

We will be continuing our series, *Learning from the Mountains*, this Sunday morning! Our next stop is Mount Sinai. While in the military I was deployed to the Sinai Peninsula for nearly a year. During on of my R & R weekends, I was afforded the opportunity to visit Mount Sinai, camp out at the base, and summit the peak the next morning to watch the sunrise over the desert. It was a memorable experience, and with it came some new perspective of the account itself. I look forward to sharing some of those memories with you all this Sunday as well as learning some lessons from the events that occurred there so long ago.

I also want to take a moment this week to thank everyone for the awesome turnout this past Sunday for our annual Thanksgiving meal. It is always such a wonderful time when we can all get together and simply enjoy one another's company. With that in mind, I want to remind you as well that December is only a couple of weeks away, and that means our annual Christmas party will soon be here! This year's party will be December 19th, at 6 pm in the family building. Start the hunt for your ugly sweater now, as we will once again be having our "ugliest" sweater contest this year. Be on the lookout for more information concerning this event in the coming weeks, but for now, get it added to your calendar!

Have a GREAT week!

-Jake-

Please Pray For...

Lauren Albright came home from the hospital last Thursday and her blood counts are back up. We are thankful for answered prayers. **Charlene Chidester** saw her heart specialist last week and they are waiting on her to gain some strength before they try to repair two of the valves in her heart. Eddie Kenedy has asked that we pray for his mother, **Joyce Kenedy**, who will be having surgery on Wednesday to clear some blockage from her carotid artery. **Nadine Garrison** is seeing a specialist on December 1st to repair a hole that has developed in her eye. Petra Castaneda's niece, **Emma**, is at Children's Hospital in OKC. She has developed a blood disorder and they have asked for our prayers. **Kirk Hallmark** had surgery on Tuesday at the VA Hospital in OKC. They removed a large tumor from his stomach. **Pam Hallmark** has also been undergoing tests. Please keep the Hallmark's in your prayers. **Kenneth Harrison** will be having surgery on December 10th to replace the batteries in his pace maker. **Lonny Goff** will be having a biopsy soon on a growth in his neck. Others to pray for are: **Mary Hasselman, Doyle & Betty Garrison, Louise James, Geovanti Orta, Jill Muegge J.W. Bennett, Mack Purnell, Jim Wilson, Cory Jones, Loyd Upchurch, Martha Ayres, Lillie Hallmark, Pansy Henson, Lucy Ette Ayres, Mary Huebsch, Dixie Cooper, Joseph Chidester, Larry & Bettie Goff, Dave Peters, Don & Louise Newton, Nathan Couch, Carolyn Beadles, Kevin Jenkins, Jacob Jones, Sandra Fort, Arthur Freeman, 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, Denise Sanders, Kim Anderson, Terry Simpson, Ethan Slinger, George Barr, Joni McCulloch, Donna Anderson, Martha Stafford, James Willis, Eva Woodley, Edwina Bristol, Jan Zacharias, Sarah Barnes, Frank Mitchell, & Lisa Brimcombe.

Upcoming Events—November

11 - Wed. Night Meal is "Stew & Soup"

14 - Teen Devo at the Salyer's at 6:00 p.m.

18 - Wed. Night Meal is "Mexican"





Attention Teens!

A special devotional will be held at the Salyer's home for our teens on Saturday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m. Hamburgers will be provided and teens need to bring chips & drinks. There will also be a hayride later in the evening so teens invite a friend to come too! See you there!



All Church Christmas Party

Mark your calendars for this event coming up on Saturday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite holiday finger food and come dressed in your ugliest sweater for a contest later in the evening. Also, you will need a \$10 wrapped gift for "Dirty Santa." This promises to be a FUN event!



Christmas Families!

We as a congregation will be helping five families this holiday season by providing them with gift baskets of food, clothing, and toys for the children. If you would like to help or donate money for this cause please see Ashley Hudson a.s.a.p. Thank you!



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Cloyce Looney and her family in the death of her 16-month old cousin, **Ellie Incs.** She passed away on Monday at Children's Hospital in OKC. Keep this family in your prayers.

Youth Update!

FEAR. Just the very word, for some, brings about an uneasy feeling somewhere down deep inside the mind. Many times our fears are irrational. In the teen class, we looked at an entire list of some crazy phobias. For example: Porphyrophobia (fear of the color purple), Chaetophobia (fear of hairy people), Thalassophobia (fear of being seated), Odontophobia (fear of teeth), and of course Phobophobia (fear of being afraid). We may have feared things like the "boogie man" or the "dark" when we were children and, as we get older, those fears don't go away they just change. As we grow older, our fears change to other things like failing a test or losing a job or declining health. We don't often view fear as a good thing but a healthy fear of some things leads us away from danger.

In the book of Exodus we see an example of irrational fear from the Israelites as they flee the Egyptians and more than 600 of their chariots. They had God on their side and Moses reminds them of this in chapter 14 vs 13-14, and Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians you see today, you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you and you have only to be silent." 1 John 4:4, "Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." 11 Timothy 1:7, "for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

What tremendous comfort we can receive in our lives from these verses! Irrational fear can be crippling and paralyzing and cause us to make bad decisions but, with God on our side we have no reason to run or to hide or be afraid. We should be able to turn around and face those chariots head-on!

-John-

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	P.M. nc		
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A Special Thanks!



Dear Church Family,

Thank you to all who attended my 65th birthday party and thank you for all the wonderful gifts!

-Jimmy Hyatt-

Dear Church Family,

I am truly blessed!! Thank you to all who celebrated my birthday with me this week by calling, texting, sending cards, and especially to Jake, John, & Don for singing "Happy Birthday" and bringing me chocolate cake (my favorite)! I have been working here for 23 years now and I thank God every day for the opportunity to serve this congregation! I love you all!

-Kim Kenedy-

A special thanks to all who came to our Thanksgiving Meal last Sunday. It was a great success with many attending. We also want to give a special thanks to **Doug Jones & John Thomas** for smoking and deep frying the meat for our meal! You guys are the BEST!

"When days are rough, and times seem tough, and we're under pressure and strain; Trust the Lord, and obey His Word, and peace will come from the pain!"

-Edd Sterchi

You have 24 hours to....



Odds are that the vast majority of you who are reading this have more than 24 hours to live. But what are you going to do with the 24 hours that you have right now? Are you going to....

- Give a word of encouragement?
- Mend broken bridges?
- Help someone in need?
- Turn off the TV and read God's word?
- Put down the phone and talk face to face with your family and friends?
- Serve the church the way you are called to?
- Live like you had 24 hours to live?

You're going to do something over the next 24 hours. It's up to you (Ephesians 5:15-16).

-Adapted-