

FAMILY MESSENGER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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

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In Memoriam Thomas McClure Matlock 1923-2015

Thomas McClure Matlock, 92, of Sherman, Texas passed away on December 7, 2015 at the Season's Nursing Center in Sherman, Texas. He was born on July 26, 1923 on a farm in Dutton, Oklahoma to the late Andrew Jackson Matlock and Mattie Ethel (Herron) Matlock. Tom was raised in Sweetwater, Oklahoma where he attended Sweetwater schools and graduated in 1941. It was there he met his sweetheart Edris Morrow. They were married on February 20, 1944 in Little Rock, Arkansas two weeks before his deployment to Italy during WWII. He served as Staff Sergeant Matlock in the United States Army with the 85th Division, also known as the Custer Division 339th Regiment, 2nd Battalion, F Company during the Italian Campaign from Minturno, Italy to the Gustav Line and the Austrian border. Tom was awarded the Bronze Star for his outstanding service, leadership, and heroism. Tom's work in the oil business took him and Edris from west Texas, to eastern New Mexico, and finally overseas to Libya and the Philippines. He retired with Mesa Petroleum in Amarillo, Texas in 1986.

Tom was a member of the Church of Christ and attended services at the Westwood Church of Christ in Sherman. He served the Lord in many capacities through the years and loved sing. His 92 years was filled with love, family, war, work, golf, world travel, worship, and service. Thank you for your service, Stg. Matlock.

He is survived by his daughters; Paula Bridwell of Blanchard, Oklahoma and Kimberly Matlock of Sherman, Texas; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.; two sister-in-law's, Sue Finley Gallaher and Hazel Rose Morrow; and a multitude of loving nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife, 5 brothers, and 2 sisters.

Jake Jots.....

The year was 1809. The international scene was tumultuous. Napoleon was sweeping through Austria; blood was flowing freely. Nobody then cared about babies. But the world was overlooking some terribly significant births.

For example, William Gladstone was born that year. He was destined to become one of England's finest statesman. That same year, Alfred Tennyson was born to an obscure minister and his wife. The child would one day greatly affect the literary world in a marked manner. On the American continent, Oliver Wendell Holmes was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. And not far away in Boston, Edgar Allan Poe began his eventful, albeit tragic, life. It was also in that same year that a physician named Darwin and his wife named their child Charles Robert. And that same year produced the cries of a newborn infant in a rugged log cabin in Hardin County, Kentucky. The baby's name? Abraham Lincoln.

If there had been news broadcasts at that time, I'm certain these words would have been heard: "The destiny of the world is being shaped on an Austrian battlefield today." But history was actually being shaped in the cradles of England and America. Similarly, everyone thought taxation was the big news—when Jesus was born. But a young Jewish woman cradled the biggest news of all: the birth of a Savior.

I would imagine that all of us are confined to the immediate reality in which we live. As a result we often miss the work of the Lord as a whole. Perhaps it is simply incomprehensible. Nevertheless, what an amazing thought to ponder this Christmas season, the omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, and omnibenevolent being that we have the privilege to call Father!

-Jake-

Please Pray For...

Betty & Doyle Garrison both remain at home and are struggling with their health. Please say a special prayer for them and their family who have been faithfully caring for them. **Lonny Goff** had surgery last week to remove his thyroid. He is home and sore but doing really well. He will have results back on the biopsy this Thursday. **Kenneth Harrison** will be having surgery on December 18th at the VA Hospital in Dallas to replace the battery in his pace maker. Others to pray for are: **Louise James, Lauren Albright, Mary Hasselman, Pauline Maxwell, Charlene Chidester, Geovanti Orta, Jill Muegge J.W. Bennett, Mack & Elsie Purnell, Jim Wilson, Cory Jones, Loyd Upchurch, Martha Ayres, Lillie Hallmark, Kirk Hallmark, Pam 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, 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 Sliger, George Barr, Joni McCulloch, Donna Anderson, Martha Stafford, James Willis, Eva Woodley, Edwina Bristol, Sarah Barnes, Frank Mitchell, Will Cook, Dr. Shannon Goodwin-Chambers, & Lisa Brimcombe.**

Upcoming Events—December

16 - Wed. Night Meal is "Soup & Sandwiches"

19 - Church Christmas Party at 6:00 p.m.

23 - No Meal—Short Devotional at 6:30pm

"If the heart can conceive it, and the mind can believe it, God can achieve it."

-Charles Pollard-



Congratulations!

We want to congratulate **Adriana Hall** upon her recent graduation from Southeastern State University in Durant, Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree. She has a major in Spanish and a minor in English. We are so proud of her and wish her all of God's blessings as she begins her new career.



Christmas Party!

Come join us this Saturday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. for our annual all-church Christmas party! Bring your favorite finger food and if you want to participate in our "Dirty" Santa bring a \$10 gift. Kids will need a gift too. Also, there will be an ugly sweater contest later in the evening so wear your ugliest!



Teen Christmas Party!

If you are a teen you need to get excited about our annual teen Christmas Party coming up on Sunday, December 20th immediately after evening worship in the fellowship hall. Guys need to bring drinks and girls need to bring finger food. We will play games and you will need a \$10 gift for exchange. Bring a friend and spread the Christmas joy!



New Year's Eve Party!

It is hard to believe a New Year is already upon us! We want to invite all who would like to join us on Thursday, December 31st here at the building at 8:00 p.m. to ring in the New Year! Bring your favorite snack food and any games you would like to play and we will have some great fellowship and a prayer as the New Year comes in! See you there!

Youth Update!

Many of us took some time out of our busy Christmas holiday last Sunday to spread a little Christmas cheer to those who are not able to join us regularly for worship. A great big THANK YOU goes out to all who participated by singing and/or baking cookies! We had 33 who went caroling with us!

We've got a busy couple of weeks coming our way:

December 17th - last day of school for this year.

December 19th - All-Church Christmas Party

December 20th - Teen Christmas Party

December 21st - Downtown in December

December 31st - New Year's Eve Party

Teens, dust off those hammers because we will also be working on the "new" teen room over the break. If you haven't ever been with us to "Downtown in December," make plans this year to go. There will be ice skating, snow tubing, shopping, and lots of other activities. This year this event is open to EVERYONE! Hope you can make it! Congrats to Wesley Kite for the excellent performance in the Tishomingo Show Choir Play and to Lora Newton who placed 4th in her class of ten with her hog at the County Livestock Show. Also, Zeplyn Thomas went to the Cowboy's stadium and she and her cheer team came back with a first place finish in their division. Way to go guys!

Make it a great week!

-John-

Discrimination existed in the early church, but the apostles moved quickly to stop it (Acts 6:1-3). They made the church responsible for overseeing the fair and equitable treatment of all. Prejudice and discrimination has no place in the church. If we see it, it is our Christian obligation to change it. God loves everyone and so should we! Go with God!

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Wedding Announcement

Stephanie Sanchez & Jose Santos invite us all to join them for their wedding ceremony and reception, which will both take place here at the church building and the fellowship hall on January 2, 2016. They desire with all their hearts to have the great joy and honor of celebrating this special time with us as a family in Christ.

The ceremony will be at 12:00 p.m. with the reception following immediately afterwards in the fellowship hall. Please come and join this special couple as they unite in marriage.

"Life Signs"

| | 12/13 | 1 yr | 5yr |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|------|
| AM Worship | 137 | 140 | nc |
| PM Worship | nc | 50 | nc |
| Wednesday | 90 | 92 | nc |
| Contribution | \$9,020 | \$5,780 | \$nc |
| Hispanic Church | A.M nc | | |
| | P.M. nc | | |
| | Wed. nc | | |
| | Cont. \$140 | | |

A Special Thanks!



To My Family,

Thank you all for taking time out of your day to pray, visit, and send cards while I had surgery. You truly are wonderful! I don't know how people go through things without having the support of a church family. Again, thank you all and may God bless and keep you.

Lonny Goff

Address Changes/Additions

Nadine Garrison's new address is: 200 Gray Dr., Box 17, Kingston, Ok 73439.

Lonny & Angelia Goff's new address is: 16001 Hicks St., Madill, Ok 73446.

Linda & Mike Pierce's address is: 606 W. Tishomingo, Madill, Ok 73446.

Sara (West) Randolph's address is : 1005 W. Drew St., Madill, Ok 73446.

Jan Ingison's address is: 1036 Ridgeview Dr., Apt. 5-B, Madill, Ok 73446.

Mary Lou Owen's address is: 4733 Main Street, Madill, Ok 73446.