

# 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

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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## Jake's Jots.....

“If you could ask Jesus one question, what would it be?” That was the question that was asked to begin the 12 Questions series we will be covering the first Sunday night in May. With this series we have some changes to our Sunday evening schedule as well. We will still meet at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings. However, for the first 15 minutes of the evening we will sing a few songs, have an opening prayer, and offer communion for those who need to partake of it. Following that, we will dismiss the children in the 6th grade and under to go to two different Bible classes. There will be a combined class for the newborns-3 year olds, and a combined class for 4-year-olds—6th graders. The junior high class and older will remain in the auditorium for the 12 Questions video series. We plan to wrap up by 7:00 p.m. Our hope is that more of our younger families will be involved on Sunday nights given that their children will have an opportunity to learn on their level, and that the parents will have an opportunity to learn as well. Please consider joining us if you aren't already on Sunday nights beginning May 3rd. The following are the topics and dates for the series:

- May 3 -** What Is My Purpose?
- May 17 -** Can I Know What Is Right & Wrong?
- May 24 -** Where Does Grace End?
- May 31 -** Is There One True Church?
- June 7 -** Can I Know If I Am Saved?
- June 21 -** Did You Always Know That You Were The Messiah?
- June 28 -** Does Satan Exist, And If So, Why?
- July 5 -** Was Macro-Evolution A Part OF Your Creation?
- July 19 -** Heaven? Hell? Judgement?
- July 26 -** Can I Be Homosexual And A Christian?
- August 2 -** Why Is There Pain And Suffering?
- August 16 -** Is The Bible Accurate And True Today?

## Guest Article...

### “I Need You and You Need Me!”

Have you ever felt alone? If so, you understand how this one emotion can create a roller coaster of negative thoughts and feelings in one's life. We hate being alone. Sure, there are times we probably prefer to be alone; after all, sometimes you just need to get away. However, at its very core, no one desires to be alone. When God was finished creating the world and everything in it, He looked over it all and “Behold it was very good” (Genesis 1:31). God was proud of His creation, at least, until he saw that Adam was alone. Then God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make a helper fit for him” (Genesis 2:18). Although the context of this passage involves the marriage relationship, it's apparent that God didn't intend for us to go through life alone. God saw that we needed help along the way and decided to take action. Whether we want to admit it or not, we need other people. We need other people to help us with our physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Solomon, the wisest man to ever live, wrote, “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up” (Ecc. 4:9-10). Yes, it is true... I need you and you need me. We need each other!

-adapted from Justin Morton-

## In Our Prayers...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Nancy Cook in the loss of her aunt, **Marilyn Allen**. She passed away and was buried last Saturday in Searcy, Arkansas. She was the wife of Jimmy Allen. Please keep this family in your prayers. **Lucy Ette Ayres**, in in the Durant Hospital with a bladder infection. She hopes to be home soon. **J.W. & Billie Bennett** are both back at their home and doing well. **Jeremy McDonald**, Nadine Garrison's grandson, was recently diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing treatments in Arizona for the next eight weeks. **Rosa Jocop**, has asked that we keep her mother and father in Guatemala in our prayers. Her mother has high blood pressure and her dad will be having surgery this week. **Jeff Hudson**, has been having trouble with his blood count being low and is seeing a cardiologist for tests. Ferrell Stafford's mother, **Martha Stafford**, was admitted to the Durant hospital and they are running tests at this time. Please keep her in your prayers. **Tommy Alexander** had problems with his vital signs on Sunday but is doing some better. **Kim Anderson**, John Thomas and Pam Ahearn's cousin, had surgery on her brain last week and is doing well. Others who need our prayers are: **Stephanie Sanchez, Ellen Stafford, Nadine Garrison, John Bryant, Doyle Garrison, Charlene Chidester, Donna Anderson, Cory Jones, Geovanie Orta, Mack Purnell, Martha Ayres, Jill Muegge, Sandra & James Thompson, Eva Brock, Loyd Upchurch, Lillie Hallmark, Mary Huebsch, Pansy Henson, Betty Pratt, Dixie Cooper, Larry & Bettie Goff, Dave & Marian Peters, Don & Louise Newton, Nathan Couch, Carolyn Beadles, Jeremy Sweat, Kevin Jenkins, Jacob Jones, Randel Carlock, Sandra Fort, Arthur Freeman, Todd Ephriam, Opal Cox, Dee McGlaughn, Ashley Bradbeary, Lloyd Harkins, Miquil Lopez, Scott Dutton, Victor Jefferson, Ron Kelley, Patricia Kelley, Vasha Reeks, Carroll Davis, Karen Herndon, Kelly Collins, Alice Webb, Colton Contreas, Hubert Baker,**

**Christine James Meitzene, Damion Meitzene, Jerry Honeycutt, Isa Smith, Cecelia Cordero, Michael Thomas Gray, Janet Fuller, Terrall Taylor, Phyllis Garrison, Denise Sanders, Isa Smith, Kim Anderson, Terry Simpson, Ethan Sliger, Terrell Taylor, & Lisa Brimcombe.**

## Upcoming Events –April

24-25 - Our Ladies Retreat

26 - Evening In The Park at 4:00 p.m.

(Services will be at the park that night)



## Baptisms!

We are so happy for two of our young men who were baptized into Christ last Sunday (April 19). **Kevin Jocop**, 12 year old son of Rosa and Dario Jocop was baptized Sunday morning by John Thomas. **Ryan Haggerty**, 11 year old son of Michael & Lynnette Haggerty, was baptized about 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening by Francis Nelson. We are so happy for both of these families and we ask that you keep these young men in your prayers as they begin their walk with Christ.



## Evening In The Park

Come join us this Sunday, April 26th, for our "Evening In The Park." It will begin at 4:00 p.m. with a meal catered by AJ's BBQ here in Madill. All you need to bring is your lawn chairs. After our meal we will enjoy some fellowship and then have our evening worship at the park which will include singing, scripture, prayer, and the Lord's Supper. We encourage everyone to make plans to attend and meet some of our new families that have joined us since the first of the year.

## Upcoming Events in May

**May 3 - Video Series Begins** at 6 pm

**May 3 - Baby Shower** for Mikayla & Sam Yeargan from 2:30-4:00 p.m. at Mary Ann Kelly's home.

**May 7 - Deadline** to purchase Summer Summit tickets.

**May 10- Happy Mother's Day!**

**May 10 - "Compact" Sunday** and **Brookside Devotional.**

**May 24 - Senior Grad Celebration**

## La unión hace la fuerza.

Es triste notar como el hombre cada día se queda solo y más cuando cree que no necesita de nadie. Cuando Dios creo al hombre vio que no era bueno que el hombre estuviera solo y dijo: le hare ayuda idónea. Y creo a la compañera de Adán.

El predicador en las sagradas escrituras escribió con sabiduría acerca de que la unión hace la fuerza. En Eclesiastés 4:7-12. En la Traducción del Lenguaje Actual. Dice:

*"<sup>7</sup> Miré hacia otro lado, y vi que en esta vida hay algo más que no tiene sentido. <sup>8</sup> Me refiero al hombre solitario, que no tiene hijos ni hermanas: todo el tiempo se lo pasa trabajando, y nunca está satisfecho; siempre quiere tener más. Ese hombre jamás se pone a pensar si vale la pena tanto trabajar y nunca gozar de la vida. ¡No tiene sentido esforzarse tanto! <sup>9</sup> La verdad, «más valen dos que uno», porque sacan más provecho de lo que hacen. <sup>10</sup> Además, si uno de ellos se tropieza, el otro puede levantarlo. Pero ¡pobre del que cae y no tiene quien lo ayude a levantarse! <sup>11</sup> Y también, si dos se acuestan juntos, entran en calor; pero uno solo se muere de frío. <sup>12</sup> Una sola persona puede ser vencida, pero dos ya pueden defenderse; y si tres unen sus fuerzas, ya no es fácil derrotarlas."*

La vida desde el principio nos enseña que las familias unidas vencen cualquier obstáculo. Bien dice aquella frase popular. "El pueblo unido jamás será vencido." Luchemos por la unidad verdadera. La unión con Dios y su Iglesia. Allí esta nuestra fortaleza.

-Augusto J Hernández-

*"Christ doesn't want a few shares of your life, He wants controlling interest."*

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### "Life Signs"

	<u>4/19</u>	<u>1 yr</u>	<u>5yr</u>
AM Worship	153	230	179
PM Worship	42	45	74
Wednesday	90	85	91
Contribution	\$5,422	\$6,474	\$5,219
Hispanic Church	A.M 28		
	P.M. 10		
	Wed. 30		
	Cont. \$145		



## Every Spiritual Blessing

It's very common for people to ask this question: "Why do good people suffer?" Why do good people get sick, have money problems, and simply struggle with difficult times? The basic answer to these questions is that we live in a physical world and along with being physical beings we both enjoy physical blessings and suffer physical pain. However, in Ephesians 1:3 the apostle Paul reminded us of something very important. He said, "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.*" It is certainly true that even Christians struggle in this life; however, God has promised that when it comes to our spiritual life (which is far more important) the Christian has been blessed with every single spiritual blessing. We must stop considering life successful based on our physical circumstance and start basing our lives' success on spiritual blessings.

*-Garrett Bookout-  
Northwest Church of Christ  
Lawton, OK*

**"Children miss nothing in sizing up their parents. If you are only half convinced of your beliefs, they will quickly discern that fact."**

***-James Dobson***

## If You Wake Up In The Morning

A life insurance salesman was unable to persuade a couple to purchase a policy. "I certainly don't want to frighten you into a decision," he said as he got up to leave. "Please sleep on it tonight, and if you wake up in the morning, let me know what you think."

Is this an unfair sales technique? Perhaps! But it certainly serves as a sober reminder of the fragility of life.

Remember the scriptures tell us that the physical life is like a vapor, here for a little time and then vanishing away (James 4:14).

So don't forget to make the best of every day and every opportunity. Let us serve the Lord while we can!

-Matt Clifton-

