

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.....

Spring is officially here, and the sun is bringing happier days for many! There are great things taking place and coming up for our congregation, and there are several newer faces in our family. I wanted to take a moment this week and address both of these comments. First and foremost, our all church Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday at Pettijohn Springs starting at noon. We will have hot-dogs for lunch with the hunt to follow. If your kiddos are hunting be sure they bring a dozen plastic candy filled eggs to add to the hunt. Secondly, go ahead and mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18th at 4:00 p.m. We will be having a Family Day at the Madill City Park. Food will be provided! We want you to come, and help us welcome some of our new families who have joined us this year!

That brings us to our second comment above. Since January of this year we have had some noticeable additions to our family here in Madill. We now have Dakota, Kyleigh, Trisslyn, & Aikman Wescott, Zack, Andrea, & Wyatt Porterfield, Cloyce & Shawna Looney, Justin, Tara, & Audrey Orr, Josh & Tyra Eubank and their boys, and Joe, Kim & Wesley Kite, just to name a few. We want to be sure and welcome these families to our family, so I encourage you to personally do so if you have not yet. Obviously, our Family Day at the park will be a great opportunity for you to do so, so I hope you will make plans to join us!

Again, Spring is in the air, and like a breath of fresh air, we too are seeing new life and new possibilities for our family here in Madill. I hope you all are as encouraged and excited as I am about what lies ahead!

-Jake-

Youth Update.

In the teen class, we have been looking at the use of social media. Up until around the year 2004 the term social media was foreign to our language. For those that have been in hiding under a rock, Merriam-Webster defines social media as “forms of electronic communication through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages, and other content (such as videos).” It was during 2014 that MySpace, one of the first social media sites, was at it’s peak. Users of MySpace could update their status, post pictures, follow groups, and design their page to fit their personality. Visitors to your page could even listen to your favorite song play in the back ground as they browsed your posts. The Oxford Dictionary word of the year for 2013 was “selfie.” A “selfie” is a picture of oneself taken by oneself for the purpose of posting to social media. While the word “selfie” tends to give us the idea of selfishness, many good things can come from the use of social media. Encouraging others, standing up for what is right, teaching the gospel, and spreading the word of God can all be accomplished through the use of social media oftentimes to those we do not communicate with on a daily basis. Undoubtedly, there are negatives to the use of social media but, the experience is what YOU choose to make it. So, before you dismiss the idea of the use of social media or discourage others from it consider the positive that can come from responsible use.

Everyone is invited to our Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday at Pettijohn. Festivities will begin at noon with a hotdog cookout, with fellowship, and the great egg hunt to follow. We will be done by 3:00 p.m. so that our members can go celebrate with their own families. Also, you will need to bring your lawn chairs for this event.

Teens, the very last S.O.Y.S. for the season will be coming up on April 12th at Powell. Let’s have a big group for this one! Make it a great week!

-John-

In Our Prayers...

Sandra Thompson, underwent hip surgery on Monday in OKC. **Billie Bennett** is recovering from hip surgery and hopes to be home by the end of the week. Corinne Marabella’s sister, **Christene James**, is at home and is recovering from pneumonia. **Doyle Garrison** is having a procedure on his esophagus this week. We need to keep him and Betty in our prayers. **Janet Fuller**, who is a neighbor of Floyce Buck, has asked for our prayers. She has had back surgery recently and is facing hip surgery in June. We have several that are taking cancer treatments, **Cory Jones, Donna Anderson, & Geovantie Orta**. Others who need our prayers are: **Charlene Chidester, Mack Purnell, Martha Ayres, Jill Muegge, James Thompson, Eva Brock, Loyd Upchurch, Mary Huebsch, Lucy Ette Ayres, Lillie Hallmark, 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,**

Kathy Huffman, Ashley Bradbeary, Lloyd Harkins, Miquil Lopez, Scott Dutton, Clark Howell, Victor Jefferson, Ron Kelley, Patricia Kelley, Vasha Reeks, Carroll Davis, Karen Herndon, Kelly Collins, Alice Webb, Colton Contreas, Gloria Seymore, Hubert Baker, Damion Meitzene, Jerry Honeycutt, Isa Smith, Cecelia Cordero, Michael Thomas Gray, Damion Meitzene,, Denise Sanders, & Lisa Brimcombe.

Upcoming Events –April

6– Family Bible Study here at 7:00 p.m.

8 - Wed. Night Meal is Mexican pile on

11 - Cooking Class here at 10:00 a.m.

12 - S.O.Y.S. at Powell at 5:00 p.m.

12- “Compact” Sunday & Brookside Devo

16 - Teen Devo at the Kenedy’s at 6:00 p.m.

Baby Shower!



Ladies you are invited to a Baby Shower in honor of MaKayla and Sam Yeargan on Sunday, May 3rd from 2:30-4:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Ann Kelly. (directions to Mary Ann's home will be located in the foyer) It is a GIRL!

Cooking Class

Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, April 11th here at the building at 10:00 a.m. for a cooking class with Sara West and Kay Lynn Johnson. They will be making freezer meals. Please let them know if you will be attending so they will have enough supplies.



Congratulations!

We want to congratulate **Sara West & Ty Randolph** on their upcoming marriage on May 2 at the Journey to Healing Retreat Center in Mead. Ok.

Ladies Work Retreat

Pettijohn Springs will be hosting their annual Spring Ladies Work Retreat on April 17-18. The theme is "God's Recipe for Peace." You are asked to bring your favorite recipe (on a card please) and your favorite apron. Ladies mark this date on your calendar!

"Erase all thought and fear of God from a community, and selfishness and sensuality would trample in scorn on the restraints of human laws. Virtue, duty, and principle would be mocked as unmeaning sound." -William Ellery Channing

Trabajemos unidos.

Una de las cosas que más ayuda a crecer a la iglesia es el trabajar en unidad; por esa razón nuestro Señor Jesucristo orando a nuestro Padre Celestial pidió por la unidad de la iglesia actual. Él dijo: *"Mas no ruego solamente por éstos, sino también por los que han de creer en mí por la palabra de ellos, para que todos sean uno; como tú, oh Padre, en mí, y yo en ti, que también ellos sean uno en nosotros; para que el mundo crea que tú me enviaste."* (Juan 17:20,21.)

Ser uno en Cristo es trabajar en favor del reino de Dios, considerando que cada miembro aporte algo en la labor de la iglesia sea espiritual o material estará cumpliendo con el mandato de la unidad.

De esta manera podremos mostrar al mundo que somos la Iglesia de Cristo, la iglesia que trabaja en unidad. Algunas veces la mala actitud de no involucrarse en los trabajos de la iglesia o simplemente pensar que estoy en desacuerdo con un proyecto o idea nos pueden llevar a la división y esto no ayuda a que crezcamos en la unidad del Reino de Dios. Jesús dijo: *"Si un reino está dividido contra sí mismo, tal reino no puede permanecer. Y si una casa está dividida contra sí misma, tal casa no puede permanecer."* (Marcos 3:24-25.)

Así que es necesario y de suma importancia que todos como miembros del cuerpo de Cristo pensemos en la unidad; sabiendo que si todos trabajamos unidos tendremos gozo en nuestro corazón. Recordemos que tú obra, es mi obra, porque nuestra obra es de Dios. –

Augusto J. Hernández-

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"Life Signs"

	<u>3/29</u>	<u>1 yr</u>	<u>5yr</u>
AM Worship	154	153	133
PM Worship	84	65	45
Wednesday	92	54	78
Contribution	\$4,359	\$5,694	\$7,465
Hispanic Church	A.M 35		
	P.M. nc		
	Wed. 30		
	Cont. \$224		



Parenting On Purpose

This is a Christian Parenting Seminar that will be presented by David Shannon of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee at the South-west Church of Christ in Oklahoma City, Ok. on April 24-25, 2015. Lunch will be provided following the last session on Saturday and child care will also be provided for those that need it. For more information and to register please call (405) 378-3939.

Gospel Meeting

The Tom Bean Church of Christ in Tom Bean, Texas will be hosting a Gospel Meeting on April 5th-8th. The theme is "It Is Time To Go To Work." The guest speaker is Curtis Ritchwood. Lessons include: "What Should We Do For God?," "Commit Your Works," An Active Priest in the House," and "The Expectation of God."



Come Hear Bible Preaching

The Marietta Church of Christ will be hosting Leslie McGalliard as their guest speaker for this event. The theme is "From Here To Eternity." The meeting will be held on April 12-15. Everyone is invited to come and hear some excellent lessons!

Caught Talking To God

Two boys were put in I.S.S. (in school suspension). One boy asked, "Whatcha in for?" "I got caught talking to Bill. You?" "I got caught talking to God."

Strange how talking to God can get one into trouble, especially when you consider all the benefits it affords. Martin Luther once said, "The less I pray, the harder it gets; the more I pray, the better it goes." Once again, prayer has made it's way into the spotlight and I don't mean in a good way. Seems like when people invoke God in a public way they're often chastised or demeaned. It won't be a surprise to many of us if one day we are put in jail for praying at the table in our favorite restaurant. Let us NEVER stop talking to God in prayer even if threatened with prison time! *-adapted*