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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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Father's Day

It was the peppery Erma Bombeck who once said of her father, "I never knew what to do with the daddy doll, so I had him say, 'I'm going off to work now'; and I put him under the bed."

One of the most precious things a father can give his child is solid work ethics. It is vital that a child see his father work hard, honestly, and to take pride in what he does. There is nothing sadder than a child whose father is a deadbeat, a bum, or even worse, dishonest.

A child learns responsibility and integrity from such a role model. But sometimes dads take this too far. They become consumed with their work, and become unavailable to their children, and studies have shown that it is vital for both sons and daughters to develop this relationship with their fathers. A boy learns how to be a man from his father. This goes far beyond the realm of learning how to throw curve balls and attach a lure to the line...it has to do with the son's view of ethics and integrity, and especially his view of the spiritual.

A girl learns about femininity by using her father as a guideline for what is opposite. If her relationship with her father is distant or strained, the studies say, her marital relationship late in life will be impaired and dysfunctional. It's hard to bond with a moving target.

The Bible speaks frequently and eloquently about the need for fathers to pass their godly life on to their children.

"I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things, things from of old—what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from our children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power and wonders that He has done" (Psalms 78:2-4).

Someone has observed that in state penitentiaries prisoners frequently request "Happy Mother's Day" cards. They almost never ask for "Happy Father's Day" cards. I wonder why that would be?

Fathers need to pass on their godly life to their children!

Happy Father's Day To All our Dads!

Jake's Jots.....

It remains one of the great mysteries of history: How did a tiny circle of uneducated, politically disconnected, socially out of step people overrun a Roman culture obsessed with entertainment, power, celebrity, and money? How did a small, persecuted "cult" in a backwater corner of the world come to so penetrate the home-life, workplaces, social, and political systems of their day that their view of life eventually became the prevailing one?

These questions and others are what we will be answering throughout June and July for our 3rd annual Dinner & a Preacher series. Our theme this year is *Jesus People*, and we have a wonderful lineup of some godly men who will be speaking to us throughout the Summer. Our first guest will be Philip Johnson who serves as the Pulpit Minister for the Westside Church of Christ in Norman, Oklahoma. He will be speaking on the topic, "*Being a Christian Before Christianity Complicated Things.*" I hope that you are planning to join us each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and 7:00 p.m. for our speaker.

I hope all of you have a blessed week!

-Jake-

Please Pray For...

Doyle Garrison remains at home but is still very ill. Please continue to remember him and Betty in your prayers. **Phyliss Garrison**, Nadine Garrison's daughter-in-law, will be having back surgery soon and they have asked for our prayers. **John Bryant** will also be having back surgery on July 1st in OKC. **Mary Huebsch** is now back at the nursing home in Calera. They are still trying to dissolve blood clots in her lungs and the family has asked for our continued prayers. It was good to see **Louise James** back with us in services last Sunday. We have also been asked to pray for **James Willis** who recently suffered a stroke. **Letha Huddleston** from Ponca City, Oklahoma will be having hip replacement surgery on July 20th. Please keep her and Don in your prayers. Richard Jones reported that his brother, **Mark Jones**, is now at a nursing facility in OKC and they appreciate all of our prayers on his behalf. Others who need our prayers are: **Jim Wilson, J.W. & Billie Bennett, Donna Anderson, Cory Jones, Geovanie Orta, Mack Purnell, Jill Muegge, Eva Brock, Loyd Upchurch, Lillie Hallmark, Lucy Ette Ayres, Pansy Henson, Betty Pratt, Dixie Cooper, Larry & Bettie Goff, Dave 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, Colton Contreas, Hubert Baker, Christine James Meitzene, Damion Meitzene, Jerry Honeycutt, Isa Smith, Michael Thomas Gray, Janet Fuller, Jeremy McDonald, Denise Sanders, Kim Anderson, Terry Simpson, Ethan Sliger, George Barr, Joni McCulloch, Erdice McDaniel, Sudie Johnson, Martha Stafford, & Lisa Brimcombe.**

Upcoming Events –June

14 - Wedding Shower - Kenedy/Burnett
14 - "Compact" Sunday & Brookside Devo
14-20 - REACH Week at PJSCC
17 - Wed. Night Meal—"Mexican Pile-on"
21 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

"Isn't it sad how some people blame God for all the evil and suffering in the world, but never thank Him for all the good and pleasant things they receive?"



Baptism

We want to welcome our new brother in Christ, **Garrison Ferguson**.

Garrison is from the DOC here in Madill and has been attending worship with us for several months. He has been studying with Francis Nelson and on Monday night (June 8th) Francis had the privilege of baptizing him into Christ. Please keep Garrison in your prayers as he begins his new life as a Christian.



Come Join Us!

Sue & Francis Nelson will be hosting their annual cookout and kite flying event on Saturday, June 27th at 4:00 p.m. The hotdogs will be provided and everyone is asked to bring the fixins. Also, there will be a farm scavenger hunt and some kite flying. Bring your lawn chairs, some chigger spray, and a kite! See you there!

Wedding Shower

This Sunday, June 14th, there will be a Wedding Shower held in honor of Kayla Kenedy and Matt Burnett. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. It will be here in the fellowship hall from 2:30-4:00 p.m. They have selections at Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Sears.

Our Summer Series

Our Summer Series began this week with Philip Johnson from Norman, Ok. Our theme this year is "Jesus People." We look forward to hearing Dalton Deffenbaugh from Lewisville, Texas next Wednesday (June 17th). His lesson will be "Heard The News? Jesus People Proclaim a Scandalous Message." Come join us for a meal at 6:00 p.m. and then a great lesson at 7:00!

Humility

Many years ago it was not uncommon for individuals to close letters and correspondence with "very humbly yours," or "Your humble servant," or some other phrasing which emphasized the humility of the writer.

In today's world, however, such wording is scarcely seen. Humility has become an unpopular virtue with most individuals. We have become a society of publicity seekers and self-servers. Such attitudes were not characteristic of Christ. The Lord "made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant... He humbled Himself..." (Philippians 2:7,8). The Lord did not call attention to Himself. Isaiah said, "He shall not cry, not lift up; neither shall any man hear his voice in the street" (Isaiah 42:2).

Christians will pattern their lives after Christ and do the best they can in any given set of circumstances; they then let their deeds and achievements speak for themselves. Though everyone appreciates the praise of others, yet, we should not go around seeking accolades from our peers. Neither do Christians become insecure and disturbed if they are overlooked when commendations are given.

It is a great matter to desire genuine virtues, but, it is just as great to desire to conceal them.

-Bill Dillon-

"The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have."

-Vince Lombardi

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A Special Thanks!



Dear Christian Friends,

We want to thank our dear friends for your cards, phone calls, prayers, and the beautiful plant while Jim was in the hospital. The Madill congregation is exceptional in praying for each other, and that means so much knowing that others are concerned and take time to go to our Father in prayer on our behalf.

*In Christian love,
Jim & Anna Wilson*

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank everyone for your donations to the mission sale. We raised over \$1,650.00 to go toward the Nicaragua mission. It wouldn't be possible without the help that all of you provide. Thank you again.

*God Bless,
Jacob & Desiree Smith*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the Bible and the great graduation party! I appreciate my church family and everything you've done for me.

Sage Salyer & Family

A very special "Thank You" to Desiree and Jacob Smith for organizing and manning the Mission Garage Sale and for all who contributed their time and effort to this cause.

On The Lighter Side...:)

Out of The Mouths of Babes.....

A young child came to her mother one night complaining that her stomach hurt.

"Oh, honey, your stomach is just empty," the mother responded. "You just need to put something in it and you'll be fine."

About a week later the family was at church and the little girl overheard the preacher mention to her mother that he had a headache.

"Oh, preacher, my mommy says that your head is empty," she brightly replied, "You just need to put something in it and you'll be fine."