

*Madill Church of Christ*

**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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**Jonah  
AND THE Whale**

**July 27-30  
7pm-9pm  
K-5th Grade  
VBS**

Parents Are  
Invited To An  
Open House &  
Ice Cream  
Social On 7/30

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## Todd Talks....

Halfway!!! In a few days we will be halfway through the year 2020. Time does fly!! It has been a strange year to say the least. And finding a routine is difficult. The uncertainty of what will happen in the near future is more evident than ever. However, we can find an anchor in our faith in God that will keep us safe and secure and prepared. It is encouraging to see each other in our Sunday morning worship services. I am encouraged by your presence. I am encouraged by our worship together. I am encouraged by your consideration of one another in regard to the pandemic. I am encouraged by the sound of love and fellowship before and after services for those comfortable enough to visit (social distance style). I am excited about having class on Wednesday nights in the auditorium. I look forward to being with you. It is encouraging to see those who are participating in our worship and bible study via FB Live. Your presence is encouraging. Your kind remarks are encouraging. Your responses to the lessons and to each other during the broadcast is encouraging. We love you and certainly understand that some are still uneasy about assembling together. We pray that this pandemic will be over soon and we will all feel comfortable about being together. Vacation Bible School. Several months ago the decision to have a "big" 3 day VBS was made. There has been a lot of enthusiasm and excitement about the plans. Because of the uncertainty with Covid-19 and how differently members feel about this -we are still not confident enough to make a decision either way about VBS at the end of July. However, we cannot wait until the last minute to prepare for VBS. So, we plan, prepare and work toward our VBS. We will have a very important meeting this Sunday afternoon at 4 PM. We need everyone to do their best and be in attendance. If you are uncomfortable about helping in VBS please know that is understandable. I just need to know ASAP so replacements can be found. We are one month away. Let's pray that we will be able to have VBS. I know that the children as well as adults will be blessed by this. Through these difficult times, just remember to keep shining your Light!!!

Love ya, Todd

## Prayer List

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Martha Ayres in the loss of her sister, **Judy Freeman**. Her services were held this past Saturday in Hugo, Oklahoma. Also, our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **Gordon Dowlen**. His services were held in Madill on Tuesday. Also, our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of little eight month old, **Abilene Reimer**, who passed away this last week. Please keep all of these families in your prayers. **Glenda Henson** had an echocardiogram of her heart last week and will be getting the results back this Thursday. We pray she receives good results. **Kenneth Harrison** has a UTI and needs our prayers. **Kenny Ballou** had a pacemaker/defibrillator put in on Monday in Ardmore. He stayed over night but is home and improving. **Leonarda Barrientos**, Ana Sanchez's sister, was bitten by a spider and has been in the hospital in Ardmore. Little **Kale Lawrence** has had his surgery rescheduled. Augusto & David Hernandez's sister, **Eugenia Hernandez**, in Nicaragua has the COVID-19 virus and they have asked for our continued prayers for her. Others in our prayers are: **Don Hall, Maribeth Hudson, Don Hasselman, Billie Bennett, Martha Ayres, Keith Vanderbosch, Nadine Garrison, Cassidy Sliger, Kirk Hallmark, Juanita Hawkins, Joseph Chidester, Jill Muegge, Lloyd Harkins, W.C. & Leslie Ernst, Donna Anderson, Dean Brunk, Cassie Stafford, Jake Taylor, Connie Cannon, Marge Rathbun, Darrell Kemp, Martha Perez, Jimmy Evans, Sarah Barnes, Buck Davis, George Barr, Denise Marcouiller, Aaron Albright, Loretta Krerber, Kay Marsh, Ashdyn Simon, Laurie McCall, Kelly Hardman, Victoria Cook, Dan Thomas, Ty Hubert, David Dawson, Alan Rathbun, Mary Alice Page, Lynda Price, Kelly (Purser) Carpenter, Walter Porterfield, Isa Smith, Mary Carter, Sara Voss, Pam Gordon, Genie Kelsey, Velma Thomas, Adrian Guerrero, Richard Taylor, Amanda Brister, Dee McGlaughn, & Betty Lumus.**

### June

24 - Bible Study at the main building at 7:00 p.m.

28 - Worship at the building at 10:45 a.m. only

28 - VBS Meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the building

### July

1 - Bible Study at the main building at 7:00 p.m.

*"We do not know what is before us but we do know WHO is before us!"*

## VBS Meeting



If you are helping in any way with our Vacation Bible School this year we need for you to meet with us this Sunday, June 28th at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, if you feel comfortable in doing so. We will be social distancing as usual. We have so much to do and want to make sure everyone is on board and knows what the plan is. Help us make this year's VBS a great success!

## A Nod From Todd

Everyone has been enjoying "A Nod from Todd" each week day at 9:19 a.m. Todd wants to continue it for awhile longer but the time has now been changed to 8:18 a.m. instead of the later time due to various reasons. We hope that many of you can still join us on Facebook for an uplifting message and prayer!



## Wednesday Bible Study

Join us again on Wednesday nights in the auditorium for our Bible study. We will begin meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the main auditorium and we will be social distancing just like on Sunday mornings. We will not be having a meal and there will be no children's Bible classes at this time. We will be studying from the book of Psalms. Hope to see you there!



## It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Francis and Sue Nelson on the birth of a new great-grandson, **Derrick Matthew Marshall**. He was born to Marion and Derrick Marshall on June 1, 2020 in Ada, Oklahoma. The proud BIG sisters are Eden and Joy and proud grandmother is Jill Muegee. Please keep this precious family in your prayers!

## Seek First To Understand, Then Be Understood!

Stephen Covey was an American educator, author, businessman, and keynote speaker. His most famous book is entitled, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People." This book highlights seven ways one can be more effective in life, work, or their profession as they seek to hone their craft. Habit #5 is: Seek first to understand, then be understood. We are currently in the midst of a society where members are wanting to be heard. We continue to see people from all walks of life desiring someone to talk to and seeking someone to listen to what they have to say. While some may see this as a challenge, Christians should see this as an opportunity! We too, have a message that we want to share. That message is the message of Jesus Christ. When people are heard, they will listen!

The first step to becoming a Christian is "hearing" what Scripture says when it comes to building our faith. Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." We must "listen" to what God has to say by reading and/or hearing His words. Proverbs' central theme is based on the idea that wisdom is grounded in the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 1:7). The point is this, we must seek to understand God by listening to what He has to say, and we must work on growing a relationship with Him by wanting to know more about His wisdom. Proverbs 4:7 says, "The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight." The idea of "listening" to gain information is a valuable tool. We are expected to transfer this principle as we explain to others that Jesus is the answer (John 16:33). It is up to us to listen to the needs of others and then explain Jesus is the answer. We must put aside our own autobiography and listen to the concerns and needs of others so we can have information from them to point them to Christ. Let us listen to others so we can share Jesus.

*-Allen Jones*

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## On The Lighter Side.....:)



### ER Stories

— “Patient came in to ER at 0400 with no complaints: ‘I have been having chest pain for 4 months but I am not having chest pain now. The reason I’m here now is because I heard that 4am is the best time to come cause there are not that many people.’”

— “Had a woman call 911 because she ‘had déjà vu in the shower and got nervous.’”

— “Got a frantic call from a woman who claimed she had overdosed and needed help immediately. We arrive on scene, and she hands us an empty mint container, saying she took them all. That night she learned that you cannot overdose on mints.”

### “Life Signs”

	6/21	1 yr	5yr
AM Worship	78	143	198
PM Worship	nc	nc	nc
Wednesday	nc	80	78
Contribution	\$3,174	\$4,804	\$6,831
Hispanic Church	A.M 6		
	P.M. nc		
	Wed. nc		
	Cont. \$114		



## A Special Thank You!

Dear Church Family,  
 How thankful we are for the many ways that you have blessed our family through the years, and especially, with the passing of our Daddy Bob. You have honored him in many beautiful ways that John and I treasure in our hearts. To each of you who prayed for us and acknowledged him as a special friend, we thank God for you. You are the kindest Church family one could ever be a part of.

*Love in Christ,  
 Mary Ann, John, & Family*



### Memorials:

*In Memory of Bob Melugin by M/M Todd McRay*  
*In Memory of Judy Freeman by M/M Todd McRay*  
*In Memory of Gordon Dowlen by M/M Todd McRay*

### VBS T-Shirts

If you are interested in ordering a T-shirt for VBS we need to have the order in soon so please see Courtney Thomas as to how many and what sizes.

