

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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In Memoriam Bonnie L. Gregory 1926-2015

Bonnie was born on June 3, 1926 to Jewell and Floyd Weldon in Shay, Oklahoma. She went home to be with the Lord on June 18, 2015 in Atascadero, California. Bonnie attended worship here at the Madill Church of Christ for some time with her mother Jewell. We missed her when she moved back to California to be with her family. She leaves one son, Barry Gregory; 2 granddaughters, Gretchen & Alisha; and one great-granddaughter Madeline. Interment was in Atascadero, CA on June 26, 2015.



Jake's Jots....

It has been a busy summer so far, and we are only half way through! We've heard some excellent lessons during our Wednesday night *Dinner & A Preacher* series, and I am sure we will hear more through the end of this month. This week our guest speaker will be Erick Henson, we worked with our congregation for several years as the Youth and Family Minister.

If you are not already, I encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings for our worship services as we move through the series *Street Lights: Shining Christ in Your Community*. We have talked about our "power source," the love of Christ, and the need to "turn on our lights." This week we will continue our series taking a look at the grace that has been offered to us, and the need to share that grace with others.

Finally, I want to encourage you to find a way to be involved with your church family this summer. We still have some great opportunities ahead of us such as Summer Summit, Vacation Bible School, and our Wednesday night series. We would love to see you at any of these!

Have a great week!

-Jake Hudson-



Please Pray For...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Richard Jones and his family in the loss of his brother, **Mark Jones**. Mark passed away last week and graveside services were held on Friday near Kiowa, OK. **Doyle Garrison** remains at home. Hospice has been called in to help him and Betty. **John Bryant** had back surgery last week in OKC. He is home and improving. We pray he has a quick recovery. **Pansy Henson** is now in the nursing home at Kingston. Please cover her in prayer. **Cloyce Looney** has been having back problems and is facing surgery. Patty and Don Hall have asked that we pray for their grandson, **Trey Jackson**. He was injured in a 4-wheeler accident and broke his pelvis in two places. Others who need our prayers are: **J.W. Bennett, Louise James, Jim Wilson, Donna Anderson, Cory Jones, Geovanie Orta, Mack Purnell, Jill Muegge, Eva Brock, Loyd Upchurch, Lillie Hallmark, Lucy Ette Ayres, Mary Huebsch, Betty Pratt, Dixie Cooper, Joseph Chidester, 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 Slinger, George Barr, Joni McCulloch, Erdice McDaniel, Martha Stafford, James Willis, & Lisa Brimcombe.**

Upcoming Events –JULY

8 - Wed. Night Meal will be "Breakfast" food. "

8 - Guest Speaker is Erick Henson

12 - "Compact" Sunday & Brookside Devo

15 - Wed. Night Meal will be Italian.

15 - Guest Speaker is Layne Heitz

"The last word is the most effective weapon for destroying a marriage, and neither spouse should strive to have it!"



Our VBS

Come join us on Saturday, August 1st for our "All day-one day" Vacation Bible School.

Our theme this year is "Super Heroes." We hope to have a planning meeting as soon as our young families are back from the float trip. We hope that you will mark this date on your calendar and plan on being a part of this special event!



Marriage Enrichment Seminar

The Howe Church of Christ in Howe, Texas invites everyone to attend this wonderful seminar that will be held on July 18-19, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is for those who are engaged, newlywed, or been married for many years. The guest speaker will be Lonnie Jones and topics include: The Dynamics of Trust, Unsolvable Problems, Communication/Understanding, and How To Back A Trailer! Admission is free and lunch will be provided. If you will be attending please R.S.V.P. to (903)-532-6441.



Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for **Stephanie Sanchez** and **Jose Santos** who just recently announced their engagement and up coming wedding plans. Stephanie is the daughter of Ana and Juan Sanchez of Marietta, Ok. Both Stephanie and Jose are members of our Hispanic congregation. They have set Saturday, January 2, 2016 as the date they will exchange their vows. Please join with us as we congratulate this fine Christian couple on their upcoming nuptials.

The Best Eulogy

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts, Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down, and when you get up." (Deut. 7:12)

I had a dear friend of mine who had lost his dad to an extended illness. The night I visited with my friend and his family he shared a beautiful memory of his dad with me and I would like to share this memory with you as well.

We walked up to the steel casket which held the frail remains of a man that I'd never met, but was going to learn a great deal about his character from his son.

As my friend approached the casket and laid his hand upon the satin drape that conceals the edge of the coffin and said, "If it weren't for my dad, I would have never become a Christian. I have learned just about all I know regarding the scriptures from him."

"You know, he used to begin every day by reading the Bible at the breakfast table and we would complete each day in exactly the same way we began that day. My dad is gone to heaven now, and it's because of his Christian influence that I'll one day join him there."

He then turned to me and said, "You know, there's a lot to be said for a man who loves his family enough to teach them about God and His commands, so they too might live with him in eternity."

I can't think of a better thing to say about a father, can you?

Study with your kids. It teaches them the word and creates beautiful memories of you for them to treasure!

-Travis Taylor
Via

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	7/5	1 yr	5yr
AM Worship	194	160	159
PM Worship	36	60	44
Wednesday	94	72	nc
Contribution	\$4,781	\$5,403	\$nc
Hispanic Church	A.M. 36		
	P.M. 10		
	Wed. 30		
	Cont. \$144		

A Lesson of Soul-Winning From Business

Thomas Publishing reports it is the persevering salesperson who closes the most deals. They found that 80% of all new sales are closed on the fifth sales call. However, their study showed that only 10% of all salespeople make more than 3 calls (found in Ministry Currents, Jan-Mar., 1992, p.10).

There is a message for us in that data. After all, most of us get discouraged when a loved one, friend, or co-worker turns down our first invitation to join us for Bible class or worship. We need to realize yesterday's seeming disinterest may actually have been skepticism about our sincerity in asking!

When Jesus described one's approach to God in prayer, He indicated it was the one who kept on asking who would receive (Matthew 7:7-8). Perhaps men, who are made in God's image, are the same. Please go back to that friend this week and invite him or her to attend church. This might be the time that person accepts!

-Gary C. Hampton-



" Your mind is a garden, Your thoughts are the seeds. You can grow flowers, Or you can grow weeds!"

On The Lighter Side.....:)

In an English literature class, the teacher read a segment to her students about how the hero watched two mythical creatures confront each other.

The winged Roc came to the middle of a valley and faced a massive Troll. Instead of fighting each other, the two creatures began to sing with loud screeches. The sound hurt the hero's ears so badly that it almost drove him insane.

The teacher then asked the class, "What does this story teach us?"

One student, in the back, raised his hand and said, "I guess the hero didn't know how to appreciate 'Roc and Troll' music."