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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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Praise the LORD
from the
heavens;
praise him
in the
heights!

Psalms 148:1, NRSV

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Guest Article.....

Spiritual Superpowers



“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” Romans 12:21.

My teens have posed the question: If you were a superhero, what superpower would you want to have? Answers range from extreme speed to flight, from x-ray vision to great strength. Everyone wants to be in control and not beaten back by the villains. So, on the surface, everyone agrees wholeheartedly that we shouldn't be overcome by evil but to overcome evil with good—like 'good' is some sort of superpower to wield. But, Jesus tells us that only God is good. And yet, we are to add goodness to our faith in “increasing measure” to “receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom.” This shows this fruit of the Spirit to be rare but certainly grow-able in our lives. The key to having goodness is found in the beginning of the chapter. We are to offer our bodies as living sacrifices, not conforming to the pattern of this world but being transformed by the renewing of our minds. Then, we can be like God, who alone is good, to overcome evil with good. Spiritual superpowers don't come as gifts to be given but as fruits to be grown. Don't wait until you're hungry to plant a garden. How will you overcome evil?

-Doug Kashorek-

Please Pray For...

Ralph Chaney will be having an angiogram at the hospital in McKinney this Wednesday. It was good to see **Sandra Thompson** with us in services last Sunday. She is recovering from back surgery. **Lauren Albright** will be starting chemotherapy and radiation treatments for colon cancer next Monday. Keep her and Trey in your prayers. **Linda Pierce** will be having a lumpectomy this Wednesday to remove a small stage one tumor. Please cover her in prayer. **Doyle & Betty Garrison** both continue to have declining health and need our prayers. **Jan Zacharias**, Linda & Billy Ayres' daughter-in-law, is now home and is recovering from an intestinal infection. They are thankful for all the prayers. **Christine Meitzene**, Corinne Marabella's sister, now has pneumonia and hospice has been called in to assist her and her family. Francis Nelson has asked that we keep **Ben Hamm**, in our prayers. He is the brother-in-law of his grandson Elliot Muegge. He is a high school senior and received a head injury last Friday night during a football game. He has not regained consciousness and has suffered several strokes since being transported to a Tulsa hospital. His parents are Misty and Steve Hamm of Bartlesville, OK. Others to pray for are: **Louise James, Geovanti Orta, Jill Muegge J.W. Bennett, Elsie & Mack Purnell, Jim Wilson, Cory Jones, Eva Brock, Loyd Upchurch, Lillie Hallmark, Pansy Henson, 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, 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, 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, Donna Anderson, Martha Stafford, James Willis, Eva Woodley, Roscoe Pardue, Edwina Bristol, Joyce Willie, & Lisa Brimcombe.**

Upcoming Events –September

16 - Wed. Night Meal is “Potluck.”

23 - Wed. Night Meal is “Mexican”

New Member!

We would like to welcome, **Jan Ingison**, into our fellowship here in Madill. She made it known last Sunday (September 13th) that she would like to be identified with us. She is the sister of Will Haley. Her address is: *1036 Ridgeview Dr. Apt. 5 -B, Madill, Ok. 73446*. Please make her feel welcome!

Fall Meeting



The Calera Church of Christ is hosting a “Fall” Meeting on September 27th-30th. The theme is “Think On These Things.” Topics include “Whatever Things are True, Honest, Just, Pure, Lovely, and of Good Report.” Guest speakers include, Wendell Ingram on Sunday morning, John Curtis on Sunday evening, Josh Townsend Monday evening, Kevin Shimp Tuesday evening and Don Gillis on Wednesday evening. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. each evening and promises to be a wonderful meeting.

Ladies Day!



The ladies of the Northwest Church of Christ in Lawton, Oklahoma invite us to attend their “Ladies Day” which is coming up on Saturday, October 24, 2015. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the program will conclude at 1:00 p.m. Their theme this year is “Dress For Success” using Proverbs 31:25 *“She is clothed with strength and dignity and laughs without fear of the future.”*

The guest speaker will be Stephani Minor from Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Please RSVP at (580) 353-4230 with number attending by 10/17/15. Hope to see you there!

The Scope Of Our Influence

“Not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us” (2 Thess. 3:9).

As I look back to when I was growing up in the Church, the things that stand out to me are not what I would expect them to be. Some of my most vivid memories are of people that I spent very little time with. Many were much older than me, and our social circles only intersected through monthly potlucks. I remember men whose fervent prayers brought them to tears behind the podium, and one man who stepped out into the aisle at every prayer time so that he could drop to one knee. Without realizing it, these brothers were making an impact on a teenage boy. They taught me through their actions that piety, emotion, and reverence could all converge in sincere faith.

Now that I am an adult, I wonder whose eyes are watching my actions. Do the things I do impact young people? If so, do they make them want to live more holy lives, or does it have the opposite effect? Paul tells Timothy to be an example to others through his youth. Wouldn't age and experience therefore be even more expected to shine as an example? In his letter to Titus, Paul instructs the older men to “exhort the young men” (Titus 2:6, NKJV).

In other words, we all have a scope of influence, and we should always be aware of who we might impact.

-Kerry Williams-

Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest; the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way!

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A Special Thanks!



Dear Christian Friends,
 Words are not adequate to express our appreciation for all the many acts of kindness during the loss of Hope Lorraine Chaney. We interrupted Dalan's birthday in our time of need, and he gladly came to sit with us and pray with us. She peacefully passed from this life soon after his very heartfelt prayer and his encouraging words as he officiated the graveside service did not go unnoticed by the Christians and non-Christians alike, as we heard so many great comments afterwards. Our thanks to all who came for the family visitation. It was a lot of comfort to us to have you there. Thanks also to everyone who had a hand in providing us with a meal after the service and to Kim Kenedy and Don Hall for serving it.

*Our love to all of you,
 Ralph Chaney, Glenda Henson, &
 Terry Chaney -Merveldt*

Thank You!

A special thanks to **Lonny and Angelia Goff** for hosting the fishing tournament last Saturday. Everyone had a wonderful time and the kids especially enjoyed the fishing! Cadance Hudson caught 5, Kevin Jocop caught 3 and everyone caught at least two, even Emersyn Thomas caught one with her bare hands! A fun time was had by all! Thank you again Lonny & Angelia!

On The Lighter Side.....:)

Unhappy Customers

The speaker at my bank's drive-through window had been broken for weeks, and we tellers had to resort to miming or note writing to communicate with our frustrated customers.

One day a sweet elderly lady whom I would see every week pulled up to the window, leaned out of her car and smacked the glass in front of my face really hard. It took me by surprise. Then she yelled, "Hope this is bullet-proof!"

There had been a robbery at another bank near by, so I was touched by her concern. "It is," I yelled back. "Good," she said, "cause someone is gonna shoot you if you don't get that speaker fixed!"