

<u>WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS</u>		
<u>Sunday, February 28</u>	<u>AM Assembly</u>	
Elders Butch Lecrone Tim Maxcey Jim McLeod	Welcome	Kyle Dusenberry
	Congregational Singing	Tim Maxcey
	Opening Prayer	Bobby Scott
Deacons Kyle Dusenberry Kermit Peters Bobby Scott James Vercelli	Lord's Supper	
	Communion: Joe Daniel, Ron Helterbrand, Mike Morgan, Sam Snyder, James Vercelli, Steve Williams, Lynn Edwards, Wade Sumpter	
Pulpit Minister Bob Young, D.Min	Message	Bob Young
Secretary Laura McDonald	Prayer for Responses/Needs	Butch Lecrone
	Nursery Attendant	Charlotte Maxcey
Youth Intern Chris Langley		
<u>Sunday, February 28</u>	<u>PM Assembly</u>	
	Song Leader	Tim Maxcey
	Opening Prayer	Lynn Edwards
	Closing Prayer	Dick Stites
	Nursery Attendant	Joanie Lecrone
	Bus driver this week	Mike McDonald

MISSIONS
Shawn & Barbara Gary, Mexico
EOSC/Wilburton Bible Chair
Prison Ministries: Marvin Dowell

Shawn & Barbara Gary's Website
<http://leonwork.blogspot.com>

SEARCH TV
(www.searchtv.com)
Ardmore/Ada-KWHB, Ch. 10
Sunday - 6:30 AM
CHANNEL 12
Sunday - 7:30 AM

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
Bible Classes 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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The Light

"... put on the armor of light." Rom. 13:12

Special Missions Contribution

Most of you know that I serve as chairman of the board of directors of Baxter Institute, a preacher training school in Honduras. We also maintain a local clinic which serves the poorer segment of the population and several mobile clinics which serve surrounding villages. Honduras is one of the two or three poorest nations in the world. Dr. Xiomara Erazo, our Honduran doctor on staff, describes those villages as "a thousand years behind the times." As Jesus came teaching, preaching, and healing, the goal of the clinic is to touch both physical and spiritual needs. The board of director is committed to meeting these needs, especially the need to train more Latin American preachers and missionaries to reach the masses of Latin America with the gospel. Over the past year, we have been blessed in this effort as Dr. Howard Norton joined the effort as Baxter president. An immediate need is to provide presidential housing on campus. This is a matter of security, effectiveness, and opportunities for more interaction with students and campus guests. The cost of building the home is slightly over \$50 per square foot, and due to the generosity of the board and some lead gifts, the need is now less than \$25000. The elders have approved a special collection to help with this need. The collection will be on March 7, but gifts will be accepted during the following week (until March 15). Anything you can give will serve to help us train more students and help with the physical and spiritual needs of some of the poorest people in our world.

--Bob Young



You are invited to the Courtney Berry and Kevin Wright wedding. It will be held at The Alameda Church of Christ in Norman, OK on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.



Teacher Appreciation

Sunday, March 7th at 12 Noon

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

If you have taught in an adult or children's Bible class during the last five quarters (since November 2008) please call the church office so we may check our list as we prepare invitations and details for the luncheon.

Wednesday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m.

CHILI COOK-OFF Please Sign up at the Information Center





bits from bob...

Challenges for the Church

As we enter the second decade of the 21st century, an increasing number of US churches are plateaued or declining. An alarming number are dying. Across the wide spectrum of Christian churches, 60-75 congregations dissolve every week; 3500-4000 churches die every year.

Of the 3000-4000 churches at severe risk in a given year, no more than 300-400 are able to redefine themselves and survive. It is estimated that 100,000 churches will close their doors in the U.S. in coming years (out of about 350,000 churches). Some churches in decline are in denial, not realizing that "swelling" through member transfers is only postponing the inevitable—unless we address the challenges. New churches are not being planted rapidly enough to maintain the historic Christian influence in the US.

The typical death process is that churches decline to a few members and then stay there for an extended time, even with flat vital signs. A church with few members, little or no ministry, and few expenses can exist almost interminably. The only life support system necessary is continuing funding. Often the members of such churches are able to fund the minimal activities considered necessary in such a church.

Given the studies concerning church life cycles and the need to dream a new dream in order to survive, it appears that many of the generation of churches planted just after World War 2 may be in the final stages of their institutional life. Why are these churches in danger of dying?

1. lack of financial support, not enough money to do what needs to be done, which often includes building mortgages and deferred maintenance issues,
2. lack of sufficient volunteer human resources to provide the necessary structural and ministry support within the congregation,
3. failure or inability of churches in high-density urban areas to provide the variety of choices necessary to meet the typical demands of members and prospective members,
4. inability to break the 200 barrier (70% of the churches in the US), which is the general size necessary to provide a minimum level of expected services,
5. inability or lack of willingness to provide an adequate number of groups with group ratios that provide open groups capable of incorporating new members,
6. inability or lack of willingness to provide adequate staffing and ratios,
7. lack of vision in the pulpit,
8. lack of vision and/or necessary skills in the church leadership,
9. lack of direction which has a negative impact on those in the pew,
10. development of a defensive mentality which identifies "turf issues", with the result that the "enemy" is often other church members,
11. a maintenance mentality which focuses inward rather than outward,
12. lack of evangelism, accompanied by natural or normal decreases in attendance.

The current cultural reality and the above list provide us a helpful set of questions. Do any of the items apply to us? Do we have a clear vision or purpose that is bigger than we are and centered outside the local church? Do we reflect the demographics of our community? Many congregations find themselves in difficult situations—we must look and listen, and be willing to change.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests are immediately shared by email and placed on the church website [www.mainandoklahomacofc.org/knee-mail.html]. Requests received since the last bulletin are included here. Military and cancer prayer requests are published monthly.

February 21

Please pray for Shara Hall, friend of Leah Miller. Shara has been diagnosed with T-cell lymphoma. Please pray for Bill Cole of Ada in his struggle with cancer.

February 18

Charlotte Fields has acute leukemia and is on constant chemo treatments. She has a high fever and is not doing well. Some of Charlotte's family attends the Stuart church. Please keep her and the family in your prayers. [--phone call from Judy Petty]

SERMON TOPICS

Sunday, February 28, 2010

A.M. Re-Creation: Good News

P.M. The People of God's Promise

MID WEEK MANNA

Wed., February 24-Sloppy Joes, chips, baked beans, dessert

Wed., March 3 - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, dessert

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 6 - Courtney Berry and Kevin Wright Wedding. [See Front Page]

Saturday, March 6 - Spring Sing at Oklahoma Christian.

Sunday, March 7 - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at 12 noon.

Sunday, March 14 - Daylight Savings Time begins. Set your clocks one hour ahead before retiring on Saturday night.

Mon.-Fri., March 15-19 - Spring Break begins.

Sunday, March 21 - You are invited to a baby shower honoring Alex Wilson at 3 pm in the church parlor.

Tuesday, March 23 - Prayer Partners will meet in the church parlor at 6:30 p.m.

2010 STATS

Wednesday, February 17

Bible Study 101

Sunday, February 21

Bible Study 77
AM 161
PM 80

Weekly Budget	\$4,502
Budget YTD	\$36,016
Contribution	\$3,911
Contribution YTD	\$35,186