

<u>WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS</u>		
Sunday, March 14		AM Assembly
Elders Butch Lecrone Tim Maxcey Jim McLeod	Welcome	Kyle Dusenberry
	Congregational Singing	Levi Walker
	Opening Prayer	Red Coleman
	Lord's Supper	
	Communion: Brent Bundy, Kyle Dusenberry, Charlie Ellsworth, Fred Ingraham, Gary Kennedy, Kermit Peters, Clem Santine, Nicholas Santine	
	Contribution	
Pulpit Minister Bob Young, D.Min	Message	Bob Young
	Prayer for Responses/Needs	
Secretary Laura McDonald	Nursery Attendant	Pam Bundy
Youth Intern Chris Langley	Sunday, March 14	PM Assembly
	Song Leader	Kermit Peters
	Opening Prayer	Lynn Edwards
	Closing Prayer	Bobby Scott
	Nursery Attendant	Jayna Santine
	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 <u>SUNDAY</u> Bible Classes 9:30 AM Morning Worship 10:30 AM Evening Worship 5:00 PM <u>WEDNESDAY</u> Bible Classes 7:00 PM OFFICE HOURS MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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



bits from bob...

Thank you for your kind words of appreciation Sunday following the explanation of our ministry transition plan. We have been anticipating this possibility for about six months and are prepared to manage the transition proactively in a way that will be smooth and seamless with a positive impact on the life of the congregation, while avoiding some of the negatives typical of transitions. Jan and I are looking forward to the challenges

and freshness of a ministry that extends beyond the local congregation to multiplied congregations and locations across the nation and around the world. Thank you for your support and encouragement as we take this step to expand our ministry. As I mentioned Sunday, we already have a fairly full schedule for the last part of 2010.

Some of you already noticed that my office location has changed. I love my new digs—comfortable and a great work space. Feel free to drop by and share some time—the coffee pot is almost always on.

Thank you also for your generous response to the opportunity to assist with the work at Baxter. Just over \$2000 was given—you are indeed a special spiritual family. Jan and I will be in Honduras in May for "Seminario Baxter" as I have been invited to be a workshop presenter. We plan to spend some additional time working at Baxter and the Clinic, to check on other works in Honduras in which this congregation has an interest, and to plan future service projects and evangelistic mission trips.

The next few weeks are filled to the brim and will fly by. Remember that Daylight Saving Time begins this coming weekend (spring forward—lose an hour of sleep). On March 21, Kevin and Courtney will be here to begin their work with us. On April 4, Shawn and Barbara will visit with us. Incredible as it seems, the last Sunday of April is our second Bonus Sunday of 2010.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday—we are never really renewed until we know and experience reconciliation. This word doesn't mean what most people think it means! If you are traveling during spring break, travel with safety, go with God, and worship with the family of God wherever you are on the Lord's Day!

DOCTRINE MATTERS

By Bob Young

I am impressed when I travel overseas with how bold we are in proclaiming the gospel. I remember Eulalio, a Baxter student, who baptized almost 200 in 2 1/2 years before he returned to the Dominican Republic to work in church planting. I am reminded that the same boldness and clarity are essential in effective evangelism in our own culture. Consider the conclusions of some recent research.

Those who study religion and its impact in our society continue to provide helpful research. A recent report indicated that people who see themselves as lost and out of Christ think doctrine is very important. Of those who admitted that they were lost and without Christ (generally without a church home), a majority indicated that it was important to them to know up front what a church believes and teaches. This communicates their realization that not all churches are alike. It also communicates that they place a high value on finding a church with acceptable teachings. A third point of interest is that they want a church that will be consistent and not waver in those beliefs or doctrines. Over 91% indicated that doctrine is important. This news may not be as good as it seems at first, for what these are saying is not that the content of the doctrine matters, but that churches must be uncompromising and clear in their doctrine.

This may seem to contradict what we are reading about our increasingly pluralistic and theologically tolerant culture. I remember a family who was baptized in a church where I ministered. When I asked them what they thought about the church's non-use of instruments of music in worship, they replied, "Every church has the right to set the order of worship and to demand that people comply. If that is what this church believes, that's alright with us." Note their belief that the right to interpret Scripture is the right of every church. They had little if any awareness of objective truth. In this view, the church controls worship, not the Bible. Their only expectation was that the church should know what it believes and practice it without allowing compromise. The results of the research are not suggesting a reversal of the pluralism and tolerance, only that many unbelievers and "pre-Christians" are uncomfortable in a situation where they do not clearly know what to believe and what to practice. Such individuals for the most part would affirm the right of others to believe and practice differently.

What this research means for the church is that visitors to our assemblies want to discover among us truth and conviction. They seek a clear message from God. Then they will decide whether it is a message they are willing to accept, or if they will continue their search for a church home. In the research, growing churches are those that speak clearly in doctrinal matters. Doctrine matters, not only to God, but to many in our world. People want to know what we believe, they want to see that we genuinely believe it as reflected in our lives, and they want to see how that doctrine is lived out in our loving relationships. That means that we must be clear about what we believe, consistent in how we live our beliefs, and caring in our relationships. These three concepts are interrelated.

—>We must be clear about what we believe. We must have a faith that is convicted of truth. We must do more than believe, we must with conviction base our lives on that truth.

—>We must be consistent in our lifestyles. We must adhere to a distinctive code of conduct which grows out of our convictions and beliefs.

—>We must be caring in our relationships. This not only informs the nature of the fellowship of God's people; it also calls us to continue zealously to reach out to others.

No church can reach out effectively without a clear understanding that salvation is only through Christ and that those without Christ are eternally lost. Churches that are lukewarm in their doctrinal beliefs do not attract unchurched people. Compromise may be the rule in our society, but people expect more when they go to church. People value doctrine because our society is in search of absolutes. People want to learn truth, know truth, live truth—even when they believe that truth may be different for another person.

The research says that clear, consistent, caring teaching brings people to church and keeps them there.

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.

March 10

Laura Robbins, Jan's mother, colonoscopy has been re-scheduled for Monday, March 29th

Jean Wren is recuperating from surgery today. She is in room 243

March 9

Florence Tipps is in MRHC-336 as a result of her continuing breathing problems.

The MRI showed that Talmadge has a tumor on his brain. The tumor has appeared since the last MRI in November, and thus is cause for serious concern. Talmadge will be dismissed from the hospital this afternoon and will return to the nursing home (same room--#6). Please remember Mae and the family in your prayers.

March 8

Please note the following updates from yesterday's announcements--

Charles vanTuyl spent the night in the hospital after he had to leave worship yesterday morning. He may have had the onset of a heart attack, but received immediate care thanks to Dr. John. He is now at home recuperating. Please continue to remember him and the family in the many stresses they are currently undergoing.

Itha Barnes, Ruth Brannon's mother, is having surgery today (MRHC-236).

Continue to remember Richie Fassino in his struggles with health issues. He continues to be in and out of the hospital.

March 5

Preston Hobbs continues to recover from the playground injury. He is receiving wound therapy and there is a concern that he can't feel part of his hand. Please continue to pray for Preston.

David Martin is at home. He has to go back to the doctor in a week or so to see if surgery may be necessary.

Congratulations to Alex and Josh Wilson. They are the proud parents of a baby girl, Eva Noelle, weighing in at 7 lbs 3 oz and measuring 20".

SERMON TOPICS

Sunday, March 14, 2010

A.M. Reconciliation

P.M. Problems with the Promise

MID WEEK MANNA

Wednesday, March 10

TONIGHT: CHILI SUPPER

2010 STATS

Wednesday, March 3

Bible Study N/C

Sunday, March 7

Bible Study 90
AM 145
PM N/C

Weekly Budget \$4,502
Budget YTD \$45,020
Contribution \$4,702
Contribution YTD \$43,158