

<u>WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS</u>		
Sunday, March 21		AM Assembly
Elders Butch Lecrone Tim Maxcey Jim McLeod	Welcome	Kyle Dusenberry
	Congregational Singing	Tim Maxcey
	Opening Prayer	Tim Maxcey
	Lord's Supper	
Deacons Kyle Dusenberry Kermit Peters Bobby Scott James Vercelli	Communion:	Brent Bundy, Kyle Dusenberry, Charlie Ellsworth, Fred Ingraham, Gary Kennedy, Kermit Peters, Clem Santine, Nicholas Santine
	Contribution	
Ministers Bob Young, D.Min Kevin Wright Chris Langley	Message	Bob Young
	Prayer for Responses/Needs	
	Nursery Attendant	Karisa Lester
Secretary Laura McDonald		
Sunday, March 21		PM Assembly
	Song Leader	Youth-Young Men
	Opening Prayer	Youth-Young Men
	Closing Prayer	Youth-Young Men
	Nursery Attendant	Pam Bundy
	Bus driver this week	Brent Bundy
		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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The Light

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

bits from bob...



Beginning Well

Kevin and Courtney will be here next Sunday. It will be the last Sunday of spring break and some will be away as they conclude travels and visits. In addition, there are always reasons why people are absent from the assemblies of God's family—many of them good reasons. In the midst of continuing distractions and competing activities, I want to suggest several things that each of us can do to make this time of beginning again effective.

- First**, make a special effort to be present as much as possible during the next two months.
- Second**, issue as many invitations as you can for others to attend and realize that these first two items are connected—your presence is important when those you invite visit us. These will be banner days in the beginning of Kevin's ministry and are part of the "Golden Season" of church attendance (Easter to the end of school). Many will come when we invite them.
- Third**, as you think about those to invite, do not overlook the possibility that members who have been on the fringe may find renewed involvement in this time of beginning again. Make a special effort to reach out to those who have been sporadic in attendance. *Invite people to come to church, invite people to come back to church.*
- Fourth**, evaluate your attendance and resolve that you will limit your absences and be present in the local church. (Pick a number. For example, my family and I will be absent no more than 6 times per year). This will have several results—your own spiritual life will be strengthened, the fellowship of our Bible classes will be deeper, and the church will have a consistent foundation for its work and a positive witness for those who visit us.
- Fifth**, continue your generous support of the church, especially during the upcoming summer months. Our leaders and Kevin have lots of ideas for reaching out, and some of those ideas will cost money. We want to continue to "pay down" the FLA. As we proactively manage this ministry transition, we will have a short time of ministry overlap. As we work toward a smooth transition, the elders are by faith moving ahead to identify our youth ministry needs and personnel for fall. All of these plans are built on our continuing generosity as God blesses us.
- Sixth**, pray. This is not last in the list because it is least important, but because it is most important. I put it in the list where we can most easily remember it. As you have faithfully prayed for Jan and me over the last eight years in our ministry and mission work, accept Kevin and Courtney with the same love and prayer support.


Are You Salty? By Bob Young

Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. (Luke 14:34-35)

Jesus used figures of speech, metaphors and parables to communicate principles of the Kingdom of God. In the Sermon on the Mount, he describes his followers as light, leaven and salt. This suggests that every believer can have an impact in the world. Christians are light in the midst of darkness. Christians are like leaven in the loaf. Christians are described as the salt of the earth. What does that mean? Salt has multiple uses. It preserves meats and it makes food tasty. One author said salt brings out the best in food. Salt also melts ice (which freezes the ice cream). Large quantities of salt kill the weeds. Salt can kill impurities but salty talk is not becoming. In the world of the first century, salt was sometimes a catalyst for fire as it made the oil burn more brightly in lamps. Salt absorbs water and thus dries up walkways and roadways. It was also used as a fertilizer. Salt was used to seal treaties. All of these uses suggest applications for Christian living. What happens when you and I are salty Christians? What did Jesus have in mind? What impact should we have on the world?

What happens when Christians are no longer salty? In our text, Jesus says they become good for nothing. Once the saltiness and flavor are gone, they cannot be restored. Christians who walk away from the Lord are among the hardest to restore. They have limited value. It is difficult to determine exactly what Jesus had in mind in our text, but salt that is no longer salty will not help the soil, whether as a drying agent or to kill weeds; neither is it suitable in a fertilizer mixture.

How is your Christian saltiness quotient? Are you salty? Are you salty enough to be of any eternal value? If not, pray that God will make you salty. Salty Christians can change the world and bring praise and glory to God.



The Hope Harbor Children's Home grocery truck will be here after April 1 to pick up donated items. Please bring **picante sauce** and **refried beans**. Leave those on the table in the foyer under the coat rack.

MID WEEK MEALS WILL RESUME IN THE FALL Since we have received no response to the offer to continue mid-week meals past the time change and spring break, we will conclude the winter cycle and resume the mid-week meals activity in the fall after school begins.

MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

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


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

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 14
We are pleased that Jean Wren and Florence Tipps have both been released from the hospital.

March 12
Grayson Kidd has pneumonia after having tubes put in his ears. They believe the pneumonia is from his sedation.
Preston Hobbs will have a skin graft next Wednesday after his thumb injury.
We have this prayer request from Becky Donnell: I saw the pulmonologist today and he scheduled a lung biopsy for me next week. I have something in my lungs that they are having trouble diagnosing. They thought it was sarcoid, the same thing I have in my liver and spleen, but the tests are inconclusive. So, pray that it is something that is treatable and that we'll get past these crazy health scares! (Becky used to be our church secretary.) [--email from Becky, forwarded by Anne Coleman]
Thank you for your prayers for Dr. Bill Cole in his struggle with cancer. He deceased on Wednesday.
Randy Raburn is having a lot of trouble with eye infection, and is in danger of losing the eye. The doctors hope they can save the eye and do another corneal implant. Randy is in need of regular transportation to OKC for doctor's appointments. If you can assist with this, even on a one-time basis, please contact the church office.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
VBS 2010
Sunday-Wednesday, May 23-26

SERMON TOPICS
Sunday, March 21, 2010
A.M. Resolved: Discipleship Simplified
P.M. Youth-Young Men

March Small Groups

Connectors - Date & Location TBA

Koinonia - the 21st Location TBA

Responders - the 20th at the AAP bowling alley at 6:30 p.m. w/dinner to follow.

Seekers - the 21st Location TBA

2010 STATS			
Wednesday, March 10		Sunday, March 14	
Bible Study	100	Bible Study	59
		AM	110
		PM	N/C
		Weekly Budget	\$4,502
		Budget YTD	\$49,522
		Contribution	\$3,153
		Contribution YTD	\$46,311