

<u>WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS</u>		
Sunday, April 4		
		AM Assembly
Elders Butch Lecrone Tim Maxcey Jim McLeod	Welcome	Kyle Dusenberry
	Kid's Time	Bob Young
	Congregational Singing	Tim Maxcey
	Opening Prayer	Kyle Dusenberry
Deacons Kyle Dusenberry Kermit Peters Bobby Scott James Vercelli	Lord's Supper	
	Communion: Joe Daniel, Ron Helterbrand, Todd Lester, Rick McCracken, Jerod McCracken, Steve Rosso, James Vercelli, Dick Stites	
Ministers Bob Young, D.Min Kevin Wright Chris Langley	Contribution	
	Message	Shawn Gary
	Prayer for Responses/Needs	
Secretary Laura McDonald	Nursery Attendant	Paulette Higgins
		PM Assembly
	Song Leader	Fred Ingraham
	Opening Prayer	Charlie Ellsworth
	Closing Prayer	Clem Santine
	Nursery Attendant	Charlotte Maxcey
	Bus Driver	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

Why does the date of Easter change?

By Bob Young

A few days ago, Jan said, "Easter is late this year." A couple of days earlier, a friend had remarked on how early Easter is this year." Can both be right? Can Easter be both early and late in the same year? What are the extremes of the date of Easter? And why does the date of Easter change?

Calendar making was not an exact science in times past. The first calendars were lunar and amazingly accurate, being based on the 13 lunar cycles per year (364 days). In the time of Jesus, the 24 hour day was known and the lunar and solar cycles had been observed, but the 12-month calendar we know today (which keeps the calendar in sync with a leap day every four years except in century years divisible by four) did not exist. The Jewish calendar had 12 months which varied from 29-30 days. As a result the Jews had to add a shorter intercalary month periodically to readjust the calendar. Four years out of every 11 were 13-month years. The priests regulated this process to insure that the feasts were observed at the proper time each year.

The Jewish calendar began counting the New Year at the time of Passover (there was also a New Year in the fall—both are mentioned in the Old Testament). This are sometimes described as the religious New Year and the civil New Year. The lack of precision in the Jewish calendar meant that the date of Passover varied from year to year in comparison with the Gregorian calendar we use today.

Today, Easter is observed on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (the time in the spring when the day and night are of equal length). This calculation allows Easter to fall between late March (March 20 + a full moon the next day, with the next Sunday the very next day) and late April (March 21 + 28 days to a full moon + 6 more days to the next Sunday).

You will note that Easter is coordinated with the Jewish Passover (which in 2010 was the Monday before Easter). Incidentally, I am glad the date to begin Daylight Saving Time has been adjusted. Before the date was moved to the second Sunday of March, the first day of Daylight Saving Time which was the first Sunday in April sometimes occurred on Easter—as it would have this year!

bits from bob...



As another resurrection Sunday approaches, the natural world around us is also declaring the re-creative, resurrecting power of God. We are thankful for the warmth and the promise of newness. Easter Sunday is always a "big attendance" day—I hope you will be here to help us greet our neighbors, friends, and visitors. In one sense this Sunday is no different than any other, and as is our practice every Sunday we will remember the resurrection as we celebrate the gospel in the communion of the Lord's Supper. In another sense this is a special Sunday, because we know from history that this is the season when Jesus was crucified, buried, and rose again!

Last Sunday was a special day as Kevin challenged us to seek fresh understandings of the abundant life in Christ. Thank you for your presence—we were blessed with numerous visitors. Let us do all we can to encourage those who visit us to return.

If you read Shawn's blog, you know that the Garys are in the US visiting supporting churches. We look forward to their visit at Main and Oklahoma this weekend. Please remember the reception for the Gary Family on Saturday evening at 7:00 pm in the Parlor. Kevin will focus our thoughts around the Lord's Table Sunday morning, and Shawn will preach about the power and importance of the resurrection. Sunday evening, we will have the opportunity hear a sermon from Kevin.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

VBS 2010 Sunday-Wednesday, May 23-26

APRIL EVENTS

Saturday, April 3 - The Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 3 - There will be a reception honoring Shawn & Barbara Gary and family in the parlor at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 4 - Shawn Gary will be our guest speaker

Monday, April 5 - Main and Oklahoma will be hosting the EOSC Bible chair luncheon.

Saturday, April 10 - You are invited to Roger Atkins and Jarah Stinson's Wedding. It will begin at 3:00 p.m. at The Main & Oklahoma church of Christ. There will be a reception to follow in the FLA.

Sunday, April 11 - We will have a Welcome Reception and Wedding Shower honoring Kevin and Courtney Wright. It will begin at 12 noon. Meat will be provided. Please bring side dishes. In lieu of gifts, there will be a money tree provided.

Sunday, April 11 - There is a VBS meeting at 4:00 p.m. for everyone who will be helping this year.

Sunday, April 18 - Youth/Young Men leading p.m. service.

Wednesday, April 21 - The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet in the church parlor at 12 noon.

Sunday, April 25 - Bonus Sunday and activities with our potluck at 12 noon.

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 31

Alta Goodson (Ganny) passed away this morning at Walnut Grove. Please keep Paulette and family in your prayers.

March 26

Johnnie Mitchell: the internal bleeding was due to ulcers and the doctor has been able to stop the bleeding. She is still on a respirator, but responded to voices yesterday. Continue to remember Johnnie in your prayers.

We are not aware of any members who are in the hospital at this time: we are grateful that Randy and Mary Jo have been able to return home. Please continue to remember all of those among us who have health problems.

We have received word of the death of Alma Harmon, former member of this congregation. There will be a service on Thursday, April 1, at 2 pm at the church building, with Red Coleman officiating. Arrangements are through Brumley-Mills. Shawn Kidd got a good report yesterday at the doctor. Please keep Shawn in your prayers.

Preston Hobbs had a good outcome from his skin graft to his finger. Bryan and Mindy Hobbs (and Preston) want to thank everybody for their prayers and concerns.

Judy Petty will be having knee surgery on April 9th.

APRIL 1 UPDATES

Cancer: Doy Adams, Jay Benson, Hayden Bryan, Joe Chappel, Carol Durant, Shirley Hammer, Wayne Higby, Shawn Kidd, Marsha McAbee, Diane Segelquist, Jean Sturgeon, Chuck Tippitt, Brian Weatherford, Junior Wilson [Note that cancer prayer requests are forwarded and updated monthly unless updated information becomes available in the interim. Please assist us with updates as you receive information.]

Homebound: Paul and Carrie Adams, Talmadge Bell, Mary Carlton, Bettie Chapman, Doris Coffee, Alta Goodson, Jo Glover, Juanda Gossett, Brian Hayes, Bobbye Jones, Rena Kerr, Birdie Riggs.

[Note also that the monthly calendar includes a list of those homebound and in special need of prayer, cards, calls and visits.]

We are thrilled to announce that several are able to be removed from our cancer list because they have received good reports and are in remission. As Robert Petty said, "Prayer does work."

Please pray with gratitude as we remove Joe Keller, Robert Petty, Ora Dawson, Robert Utley, and Kathy Swope from the cancer list!

2010 STATS

Wednesday, March 24

Bible Study 87

Sunday, March 28

Bible Study 82
AM 160
PM N/C

Weekly Budget \$4,502
Budget YTD \$58,526
Contribution \$6,390
Contribution YTD \$54,730