

<u>WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS</u>		
<b>Sunday, May 30</b>		<b>AM Assembly</b>
<b>Elders</b> Butch Lecrone Tim Maxcey Jim McLeod	<b>Welcome</b>	Kyle Dusenberry
	<b>Kid's Time</b>	Levi Walker
	<b>Congregational Singing</b>	Tim Maxcey
	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	
<b>Deacons</b> Kyle Dusenberry Kermit Peters Bobby Scott James Vercelli	<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Bobby Scott
	<b>Communion:</b> Brent Bundy, Kyle Dusenberry, Charlie Ellsworth, Fred Ingraham, Mike McDonald, Steve Williams, Lynn Edwards, Jerry Banker	
	<b>Message</b>	Kevin Wright
<b>Ministers</b> Levi Walker Kevin Wright Bob Young	<b>Prayer for Responses/Needs</b>	
	<b>Contribution</b>	
<b>Secretary</b> Laura McDonald	<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	Pam Bundy
<b>Sunday, May 30</b>		<b>PM Assembly</b>
<b>Treasurer</b> Pam Bundy	<b>Song Leader</b>	Kermit Peters
	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Charlie Ellsworth
	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Todd Lester
	<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	Jayna Santine
	<b>Bus Driver</b>	Carol Rosso
<b>MISSIONS</b>		
Shawn & Barbara Gary, Mexico EOSC/Wilburton Bible Chair Prison Ministries: Marvin Dowell		
<b>Shawn &amp; Barbara Gary's Website</b> <a href="http://leonwork.blogspot.com">http://leonwork.blogspot.com</a>		
<b>SEARCH TV</b> ( <a href="http://www.searchtv.com">www.searchtv.com</a> ) Ardmore/Ada-KWHB, Ch. 10 Sunday - 6:30 AM CHANNEL 12 Sunday - 7:30 AM		
<b>SCHEDULE OF SERVICES</b>		
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
Bible Classes		9:30 AM
Morning Worship		10:30 AM
Evening Worship		5:00 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Bible Classes		7:00 PM
<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>		
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..... Christianity—The Intentional Life

A recent article from James Nored reminded that mission work is not done without an intense focus. The article caused me to think about other areas in the work of the church. Whatever we do requires intensity and intentionality. We must genuinely intend to do something, and we must pursue our intentions intensely. Without these two components, simply having more and more ministries and activities does not accomplish anything. We must set priorities and develop effective plans.

### Effective ministry is not possible without an intense focus

When I began preaching, I did not realize how intense and demanding ministry would be. I did not foresee the intensity of overnight hospital visits at the bedsides of dying members. I did not see the 60 and 70 hour weeks. I did not foresee the weeks with every night taken up with ministry. I did not foresee the long hours of night study because the days were filled with people concerns, hospital visits, counseling, contact with non-Christians, and Bible studies. I did not foresee the overwhelming needs that demanded my time daily. Preachers have two choices—ignore the possibilities and live the easy life of casual relationships and activity, or commit to intentional intensity. I have a friend who calls me "the tornado from Oklahoma."

I live life intensely. Some have identified my intensity with a Type A personality and the accompanying stresses. A few years ago when I was serving at Ohio Valley College, we had a health fair where one of the displays called for the participants to hold a rock which would indicate our stress level. Several of my faculty members called on their dean and executive vice president to participate. The rock was supposed to turn black if you were stressed; bright blue if you were genuinely unstressed. My rock turned bright blue. When my rock did not do what the faculty members expected, they exclaimed, "You mean you are not under stress?" I do not know if the exercise works, but I know the surprise of my colleagues at my results. On the contrary, my high activity comes from a different source. There is very much to do and not much time to do it. I believe a life of effective ministry is intensely focused—I believe Christians are called to serve with an intense focus.

**Effective outreach is not possible without an intense focus**

Unless we make it our intention to reach the lost, and unless we arrange our lives (and our church life) to pursue that goal intensely, nothing much happens. Effective evangelism demands Christians whose lifestyle is one of reaching out, a lifestyle that is intentional and intense. Outreach does not happen accidentally. Outreach does happen simply because a church exists within its community. Outreach is not attractational; outreach does not occur because a church has lots of visitors. The word outreach suggests that Christians are reaching outside the walls of the building. This kind of activity and attitude outside the church building, coupled with intense prayer, is necessary for outreach to occur.

**Effective mission work is not possible without an intense focus**

Effective mission work grows out of an intense desire to share the gospel and reach people for Christ. I applaud mission works focused on benevolence, but if the goal is limited to benevolent actions and never intentionally and intensely seeks the eternal salvation of those touched, that mission work is worth very little in God's eternal scheme. When we go to a foreign country to do mission work, we must see our eternal purpose and intentionally and intensely pursue that purpose. Too often, mission work sets up more churches that function just like the churches in the US function, and there is little movement toward God's eternal plan to include all people under the saving umbrella of Christ's sacrifice and Lordship. It is not enough to feed people and entertain people.

The church exists to fulfill God's purpose—through effective ministry, effective evangelism, and effective mission work. Most of the people you and I meet every day are lost and separated from God. Most of those we touch daily are unchurched and live lives almost entirely devoid of any spiritual life. It is not easy to hear this challenge. It is not easy to come face to face with our lack of intensity and our lack of intention to share the work of Christ rather than merely soaking up the benefits. The message of Jesus has always been a difficult message, and many turned away during Jesus' ministry. Today, some who have turned away from the message continue to sit in our church buildings Sunday after Sunday. God calls us to take up the cross, sacrifice, and follow Jesus who came to seek and save the lost.

**Upcoming Events**

**Sunday, June 6** - You are invited to a baby shower honoring David & Kodi Bloomer. It will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the church parlor. It's a boy!!

**Sunday, June 6** - We will have our annual combined potluck small group conclusion beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Annex. Please bring your favorite Mexican dish and a dessert.

**Tuesday, June 8** - Prayer Partners will meet in the church parlor at 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 16** - The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet in the parlor at 12 noon.

**Sunday, June 20** - Young men will lead p.m. service.

**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.

**May 26**

I spoke earlier today with Carol Rosso concerning Steve's condition. As you know, Steve has been hospitalized at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital with complaints of a cardiac nature. Carol told me that Steve had a good night last night, that he got a lot of rest, and that she, in turn, also got a lot of rest. He had been having some disorientation due to the symptoms and/or medication; however, today, that appears to have alleviated and he appears to be "turning the corner". The plan is to relieve the fluid buildup in his heart, lungs, and legs/feet. The doctors will then administer a stress test and develop a treatment plan which will include a plan of care for high blood pressure. At this point, they do not believe that he has had a heart attack. He will probably be in the hospital a few more days. Carol told me that they greatly appreciate our continued prayers. [E-Mail from Tim M.]

**May 22**

Paul Adams passed away Friday. The service will be held at Bishops Funeral Chapel on Monday, May 24th at 2:00 p.m. with Red Coleman officiating. Our condolences are extended to his wife, Carrie. Please keep her in your prayers.

Charlotte Wilson is still suffering from a viral infection and other health complications and is at McAlester Regional. Please keep her in your prayers, cards, and visits.

**May 20**

I want to thank everyone again for loving Talmadge and being their for me and our family. [E-mail from Mae]

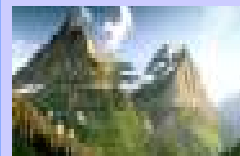
Hayden Bryan, the grandson of June and T. Geron Bryan, and the nephew of Kenrie and Geron Bryan, is not responding well to leukemia treatment. June and T. Geron are traveling to California to be with him.

Paula McGee has requested prayer for her friend's wife, Karen Battles, who is suffering through a lengthy hospital stay in Yukon.

**MOUNTAIN MOVERS**

**Tuesday, June 1st**

All youth in 7th through 12th grade will meet at the church building at 12 noon - 2:30 p.m. to have prayer time and a service project. Please bring your own lunch.



**2010 STATS**

**Wednesday, May 19**

**Bible Study** 93

**Sunday, May 23**

**Bible Study** 92  
**AM** 132  
**PM** 66

**Weekly Budget** \$4,750  
**Budget YTD** \$99,750  
**Contribution** \$4,358  
**Contribution YTD** \$94,842