

<u>WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS</u>		
<u>Sunday, June 27</u>		<u>AM Assembly</u>
Elders Red Coleman Butch Lecrone Tim Maxcey Jim McLeod	Welcome	Kyle Dusenberry
	Kid's Time	Levi Walker
	Congregational Singing	Tim Maxcey
	Opening Prayer	Wade Sumpter
	Lord's Supper Prayer	Levi Walker
	Communion: Joe Daniel, Ronald Helterbrand, Gary Kennedy, Todd Lester, Kermit Peters, Clem Santine, Nick Santine, James Vercelli	
	Contribution	
	Message	Bob Young
	Prayer for Responses/Needs	
	Nursery Attendant	Laura McDonald
	<u>Sunday, June 27</u>	<u>PM Assembly</u>
	Song Leader	Kermit Peters
	Opening Prayer	Bobby Scott
	Closing Prayer	Gary Kennedy
	Nursery Attendant	Joanie Lecrone
	Bus Driver	
Deacons Kyle Dusenberry Kermit Peters Bobby Scott James Vercelli		
Ministers Levi Walker Kevin Wright Bob Young		
Secretary Laura McDonald		
Treasurer Pam Bundy		

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

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

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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



Bits From Bob.....What Will It Take To Rekindle Evangelistic Fervor Among Churches of Christ?

I was intrigued by the news item in a weekly ministry update that I receive.

"The June 2010 Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, which took place in Orlando, Fla., saw the approval of a plan that will channel funds away from some established Baptist programs and use them to fund new churches and more missionaries. The Great Commission Resurgence, which was adopted by over 75 percent of the delegates, is named after Jesus' command in Matthew 28 to go into all the world and make new disciples. "The GCR Task chairman said, 'The SBC will never be the same again. Tomorrow we will walk through a Red Sea moment. Tuesday's vote is about restoring the local church to primacy in the life of the Southern Baptist Convention, proclaiming the Gospel, planting churches, pushing back lostness, presenting the Gospel to every person, and making disciples of all the nations.'"

I am currently teaching a Sunday morning Bible class to strengthen the faith of believers and help us find fresh and creative ways to confidently share our faith with others. Last Sunday after the Bible class, several wanted to talk further about the decrease in evangelism. The questions are nearly always the same. What has gone wrong? What will it take to rekindle the flame? I have begun my list. It is incomplete; I am still adding to it. How would you answer?

We are less certain that people without Christ are lost.

Only Christ saves. The Bible holds no hope for those outside of covenant relationship with God—strangers from the covenant, the promises, God, Christ, and hope. God can do what he wishes, but the only revealed way of salvation is through Jesus.

We are afraid to say who is lost and who is saved, based on Scripture.

If we are uncertain who is lost and who is saved, we do not know who needs to be saved. Not everyone who says "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom. God accepts those who keep his commandments and do his will.

Our cultural emphasis on tolerance has made us timid.

We have become timid in our outreach, especially regarding those closest to us and most likely to respond to the gospel. It is not a sign of love to withhold the truth. It is a sign of genuine love to say boldly that all of us must do everything God requires of us in his Word.

We are ashamed of the simplicity of our worldview and the simple message of the Bible.

I believe we have become ashamed of the gospel. To adopt a worldview that centers in Jesus as the only way is intolerant of other "ways". We are ashamed of God's truth.

"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up..." Acts 20:32

We have lost our sense of purpose and obligation.

To our great loss, the loss of the kingdom, and the loss of the lost, we have made evangelism optional. We have forgotten why the church exists and have turned inward. We have made evangelism optional. Jesus commissioned his followers to go forth making disciples. The results are in God's hands, but the responsibility to share the good news with as many as will listen belongs to every Christian.

We do not have strong cultural social bridges.

Sharing the gospel requires connections and contacts. We do not know and interact with as many people outside of Christ as in times past.

We do not know the Bible as in previous times and this lack of knowledge contributes to our fear of engaging others in Bible study.

We are afraid to share the gospel because we ourselves do not know it and fear discussions where we may be asked a questions we cannot answer.

Christians in general (and many preachers) lack confidence to share the good news.

Related to the above point, we are less confident in what we know, what we have been taught, and in the answers we have heard in the past. Some of our lack of confidence comes from the fact that we have not ever been involved in evangelism.

As evangelism has declined, the lack of opportunity to see and experience people becoming Christians has caused a decreased emphasis and expectation.

The church has become accustomed to the lack of evangelism so that it is in emphasized or expected.

I plan to write more about each of these reasons and continue to add to my list. Check out my web page and blog: www.bobyongresources.com

Note: From 2003-2006, Don Petty, from the Webb Chapel church of Christ in Dallas, compiled information concerning "reasons for the decline" in church membership and the number of congregations. College and university professors along with university teachers of missions submitted 88 reasons. Members of the local church submitted 53 reasons. Another 84 reasons were collected in general discussions and conversations in a variety of lectureships, conferences, and other gatherings.

A future article in this series will address the common elements in those 225 reasons.

JUNE YOUTH EVENTS

MOVIE & GAME NIGHT

Thursday, June 24th

There will be a movie and game night beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the church building.

ARENA FOOTBAL GAME

Saturday, June 26th

The youth will travel to Tulsa for a football game. Departure time will be 4:00 p.m. from the church building. Please bring \$15.00 for your ticket and 1 meal.

FAITH FOCUS

Sunday, June 27th

Faith Focus at Tim & Charlotte's at 6:00 p.m. Please bring \$2.00 for the cost of food.

"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5:21

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.

June 23 - Please add Jan Young to your prayer list as she is undergoing a colonoscopy today. Georgia Cain's uncle Loyd Williamson is in ICU here at MRHC with pneumonia, stroke, and irregular heart rhythm. He's very weak. Please pray for Loyd, Georgia, and family. Congratulations to Kodi and David Bloomer. On Sunday, they were a family of two. Now, they are a family of three with the birth of a beautiful little boy, Lincoln David Bloomer. Keep this family in your prayers.

June 21 - We received a call at the church office stating that Bobbye Jones is not doing well and Hospice has been called in. Please pray for Bobbye, her daughter, Vickie, and son, Kevin during this difficult time. Bobbye is residing at Heritage Hills Nursing Home in room #27.

June 20 - Please pray for Ritchie Fassino. He has been transported to OU Medical Center with continuous health problems. Remember Chris McGill in your prayers as he is struggling with health problems.

Sunday, July 4th

Combined Adult Bible Class in Auditorium

Worship

Noon - Hamburger & Hotdog Cookout

Afternoon Devotional

NO P.M. Service

Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, and beverages will be provided. Please bring condiments, side dishes and desserts.

Please remember Kevin & Courtney in your prayers as they will be traveling to Mexico this week for a mission trip. They will return Monday, July 1st.

Sunday, June 27, 2010

Bob's Sermon Topics

A.M. Upside Down

P.M. Who Can I Trust?

2010 STATS

Wednesday, June 16

Bible Study 98

Sunday, June 20

Bible Study 118
AM 171
PM 70

Weekly Budget \$4,750
Budget YTD \$118,750
Contribution \$3,627
Contribution YTD \$111,832