

<u>WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS</u>		
<u>Sunday, November 8</u>		<u>AM Assembly</u>
Elders Butch Lecrone Tim Maxcey Jim McLeod Dick Stites	Welcome	Kyle Dusenberry
	Congregational Singing	Tim Maxcey
	Opening Prayer	Gary Kennedy
	Lord's Supper	
	Communion: Joe Daniel, Ron Helterbrand, Sam Snyder, James Vercelli, Steve Williams, Lynn Edwards, Jared Eddy, Wade Sumpter	
	Shepherd's Prayer	Butch Lecrone
	Contribution	
	Message	Bob Young
	Prayer for Responses/Needs	Butch Lecrone
	Nursery Attendant	Karisa Lester
<u>Sunday, November 8</u>		<u>PM Assembly</u>
	Song Leader	Kermit Peters
	Opening Prayer	Charlie Ellsworth
	Closing Prayer	Gary Kennedy
	Nursery Attendant	Pam Bundy
	Bus driver this week	Carol Rosso

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
MON.DAY - 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... Study Shows Changing Beliefs about the Bible

According to a research report released recently (October 2009) by the Barna Group, a significant variation exists according to age groups with regard to how the Bible is perceived, specifically measured in attitudes about the Bible and usage of the Bible. Barna defined the following age groups for the study: Mosaic generation as those who are 18 to 25, Busters as those who are 26 to 44, Boomers as those who are 45 to 63 and Elders as 64 and older. The report deals with differences in six general areas. This article reports some of the results in each area followed by my observations.

The Bible is a sacred book. While the majority of Americans (84%) see the Bible as sacred, that idea is accepted by 90% of Elders and only 67% of Mosaics.

Worthy of note is that fully 1/3 of the current young adult generation does not see the Bible as sacred. This suggests that these see the Bible as secular literature. I take this to mean that these see the Bible as little different from any other piece of literature.

The Bible is accurate. While 58% of Elders believe that the Bible is totally accurate in all the principles it teaches, only 46% of Boomers and only 30% of Mosaics embrace this view.

This phrasing has been used in previous Barna reports and may present a difficulty because of its ambiguity. What does it mean that "the Bible is totally accurate in the principles it teaches"? The phrase can be understood in several different ways. Nonetheless, the responses to this question of biblical accuracy point to an area of concern. Even among those over 64, barely over half affirm the accuracy of the Bible. The Bible affirms for itself inspiration and completeness. While Barna does not include these terms, an inaccurate Bible hardly seems consistent with the affirmations of Scripture.

The Bible is different from other religious books. With regard to the idea that the Bible, the Koran, and the Book of Mormon all offer the same spiritual truths, 67% of Elders disagree and 44% of Mosaics disagree. Considered in the form in which the question was posed, 56% of Mosaics agree that the Bible, the Koran and the Book of Mormon all offer the same spiritual truths, compared to 33% of Elders.

This item again demonstrates a continuing decline in the way the population perceives the Bible, especially as to whether it is the unique communication from God or is only one religious book among many with no unique authority.

The Biblical manuscripts are dependable. Mosaics and Busters are more likely to be skeptical about the original manuscripts than Boomers and Elders.

The results in this area of the research are not surprising to me, but I believe that they reflect the fact that this area of biblical study is not taught as frequently as in the past. Coupled with less information being presented by churches concerning the development of the Bible, there has been a surge in the number of books that question which manuscripts should be included.

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

Regular Bible reading. The younger the person, the less likely they are to read the Bible on a regular basis.

This item presents no real surprise. It is likely (although not a part of the research project) that regular Bible reading or study is generally proportional to the importance one places on the Bible.

Desire for more Bible knowledge. In a possible departure from the other trends of the study, 19% of Mosaiscs said they would like to increase their knowledge of the Bible while only 12% of Boomers and 9% of Elders made a similar claim.

What the research does not address is the reason for the desire for more Bible knowledge. Some may want to know more simply from curiosity or as an acknowledgement that they know little about the Bible. The results reported in this item may not be inconsistent with the other results. There is a possible bright spot in this item as churches consider how to reach out to the younger generations in our culture.

The research was based on five separate studies conducted between 2006 and 2009. You can find the full report at www.barna.org.

*edited and expanded from the Barna report and a report in Preachers Weekly Bulletin

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 18-Last Mid Week Meal for this year.

Wednesday, November 18-Alzheimer's Support group meets at 12 noon in parlor.

Saturday, November 21-The 55+ will have their quarterly potluck luncheon at 12 noon.

Sunday, November 22-There will be a Lock-In for Kindergarten-6th graders in the FLA.

November 23-27-THANKSGIVING BREAK

Small Group Information

Connectors-November 8-Location TBA

Encouragers-November 8- Parlor

Koinonia-November 15 – Tim & Charlotte's

Responders-November 8– Bobby & Carol's

Seekers-November 15-Bob and Jan's

Sermon Topics: Sunday, November 8, 2009

AM - Joy to the World

PM - People Jesus Touched: A Synagogue Ruler, a Women, and a Girl

Mid Week Manna Menu

Wed., November 4 - Beans & Cornbread

Wed., November 11- Taco Pile Up

"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.

From Our Knee-Mail Web Page

Talmadge Bell was admitted to the hospital Monday night (MRHC-ICU-5). The preliminary diagnosis is that he has had some additional strokes and has pneumonia.

Jim McLeod is in MRHC-228 following his knee replacement surgery.

Charles Tipps had another test but it did not show enough blockage to indicate the need for surgery.

Jo Glover received her biopsy results this week. She is quite concerned--please remember her in prayer.

Continue to remember Tommie Patterson as he recuperates from his knee surgery.

As reported Sunday, Randy Raburn came through his eye surgery well.

Note: Quite a number have been ill with various flu-like and respiratory symptoms. In view of the outbreak of flu-like problems, we will not try to list every person who is sick. We will list those prayer requests that are submitted or those who suffer continuing respiratory health problems.

November 1 UPDATES

Cancer: Carol Durant, Diane Segelquist, Marsha McAbee, Junior Wilson, Shawn Kidd, Joe Keller, Robert Utle, Robert Petty, Kathy Swope, Chuck Tippitt, Wayne Higby, Joe Chappel, Ora Dawson, Brian Weatherford, Jay Benson [Note that cancer prayer requests are forwarded and updated monthly unless updated information becomes available. Please assist us with updates as you receive information.]

Homebound: Note also that your monthly calendar includes a list of those homebound and in special need of prayer, cards, calls and visits. Paul and Carrie Adams, Mary Carlton, Bettie Chapman, Alta Goodson, Juanda Gossett, Brian Hayes, Bobbye Jones, Rena Kerr, Katherine McLeod, Blanche Ray, Birdie Riggs.

Sunday, November 8, 2009

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring Terri and Sharron (Lalli) Scott. It will begin at 2 pm at the North Town Church of Christ in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Wal-Mart.

Sunday, November 15, 2009

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring Scott Allen and Ansley Peters. It will be held in the parlor at 3 pm. They are registered at JC Penney, Pottery Barn, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Wal-Mart.

2009 STATS

Wednesday, Oct., 28

Bible Study 105

Sunday, November 1

Bible Study 96
AM 143
PM 88

Weekly Budget \$4,502
Budget YTD \$198,088
Contribution \$5,110
Contribution YTD \$188,991