

<u>WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS</u>		
<u>Sunday, September 20</u>		<u>AM Assembly</u>
<b>Elders</b> Mike Dusenberry Butch Lecrone Tim Maxcey Jim McLeod Dick Stites	<b>Welcome</b>	Kyle Dusenberry
	<b>Congregational Singing</b>	Tim Maxcey
	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Rick McCracken
	<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
	<b>Communion:</b> Brent Bundy, Kyle Dusenberry, Charlie Ellsworth, Fred Ingraham, Clem Santine, Nicholas Santine, Mike Morgan, Gary Kennedy	
	<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b>	Dick Stites
	<b>Contribution</b>	
	<b>Message</b>	Bob Young
	<b>Prayer for Responses/Needs</b>	Dick Stites
	<u>Sunday, September 20</u>	
	<u>PM Assembly</u>	
	<b>Song Leader</b>	Fred Ingraham
	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Gary Kennedy
	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Kyle Dusenberry
	<b>Bus Driver this week</b>	Mike McDonald
<b>Deacons</b> Kyle Dusenberry Kermit Peters Clem Santine Bobby Scott James Vercelli		
<b>Pulpit Minister</b> Bob Young, D.Min		
<b>Youth Minister</b> Alan Middleton		
<b>Secretary</b> Laura 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**  
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... **Small Groups—Ready, Set, Go!**

Our small groups are scheduled to begin with introductory meetings on Sunday, September 27 at 6 p.m. Group lists will be available this week to reflect the changes we received. If you have questions or see information that is incorrect, please contact the church office (or if you wish to change groups). Although the first introductory meeting is on the last Sunday of the month, group meetings are tentatively scheduled for first and third Sunday evenings.

One goal for this fall is to increase the number of group facilitators who will help guide the discussions. The facilitators are not teachers, and are not expected to prepare and present material or lectures. Each study has numerous questions, and the role of the facilitator is to help the group work through the questions with the involvement of as many as possible within the group, and to help the group complete the study in the time allotted. If you are willing to serve as a facilitator (regularly or periodically) please contact Bob.

We will also need group hosts and hostesses. Please consider how you can serve as a host—in homes, at the church building, or in other locations (area dining establishments, etc.). Two (possibly three) groups can meet at the church building on any given Sunday evening. Preference will be given to groups with children and larger groups that have more difficulty identifying meeting locations. The church office will help arrange locations for the first meetings, but each group will be responsible for their own arrangements thereafter.

## Persistent Prayer By Bob Young

*[Note: I have two October assignments. One is to present some ideas from Nehemiah at a men's retreat activity. The first thing I noted from the book is the importance of prayer for Nehemiah. The second assignment is to present an evangelism/missions seminar to assist a local church in incorporating evangelism and outreach into their ministry system. In my list of characteristics of a highly evangelistic congregation and highly evangelistic or mission-minded members, prayer rose to the top of the list. From these preparations came this brief article about prayer, evangelism and missions.]*

I am not good at persistent prayer—at least not as good at it as I would like to be. Jesus praises persistent prayer in parables like the parable of the persistent widow. I am confident I do not pray enough about the salvation of those I love. I know that Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:44). I understand that salvation requires divine initiative. But God has given his children the critical role of prayer. Jesus taught his disciples to pray and never to give up (Luke 18). He told them to keep on asking (Matthew 7:7; Luke 11: 5-11).

Prayer moves the world—or at least it moves it hand of the one who moves the world. Prayer is essential in evangelistic churches. Prayer is a part of the work of evangelism and missions. Do not give up praying for someone after a few weeks. It might take a lot longer. George Mueller prayed throughout his lifetime for five friends to know Jesus Christ. The first one came to Christ after five years. Within ten years, two more of them received Christ. Mueller prayed constantly for over twenty-five years, and the fourth man was finally saved. For his fifth friend, he prayed until the time of his death, and this friend came to Christ a few months after Mueller died. For this last friend, Mueller had prayed for almost fifty-two years.

God does not view time in the same way we do. He hears every prayer you pray, and He desires that you persist. At times you will want to give up. Don't! God is hearing your prayers and is pleased with them. In His time the answer will come.

## 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.*

### September 15

Mary Jo Raburn was released from the hospital today and is now recuperating at home. Mae Bell had 2 stints inserted and she will be home tomorrow. Keep her in your prayers.

### September 14

Al Williamson (father of Georgia Cain, grandfather to Jessie) passed away about noon today. Services will be 10:30 am, Saturday, September 19, 2009 at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Checotah, OK. Please keep Georgia, Dee Dee, and Jessie in your prayers. [Details are at <http://www.eboards4all.com/728165/messages/1765.html> ]

### September 13

Shawn Kidd was unable to have his MRI due to a respiratory infection. Continue to remember him in prayer. Alta Goodson was seen in ER this morning, but is now back at Walnut Grove, with some changed medications to treat her infection.

### September 11

Paula McGee's aunt, Dorothy Griggs, passed away last night about 9:00 p.m. "Thank you for your support and prayers. Please continue to remember my family during this time." [--email from Paula McGee

### September 10

Please add Charles Moore to your prayer lists. Charles is known to this congregation as the son-in-law of Cad and Mildred James. He continues to battle multiple health issues based on declining health, which affects the ability of the doctors to fully treat the health issues. The family asks that we pray for him.



**Sunday, October 4, 2009**

*You are invited to a wedding shower honoring Kevin & Rachel Bundy. It will begin at 3:00 pm in the church parlor. They are registered at Target, Dillard's, and at [www.rei.com](http://www.rei.com)*

### NEW PHONE NUMBER

**Ingraham, Fred & Joyce 918-429-0779**

### Mark Your Calendars

**Saturday, October 10, 2009  
Main & Oklahoma's Ladies Day  
Guest Speaker: Phyllis Allen**

### 2009 STATS

**Wednesday, September 9**

**Bible Study 96**

**Sunday, September 13**

**Bible Study 73**

**AM/PM 118/60**

**Weekly Budget: \$4,502**

**Contribution: \$3,538**

**Year to date: \$160,094**

**Baptisms --**

**Prayers 10**

**Identified 1**