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From our Pastor

Beloved,

Do you enjoy God? Some of you might be thinking, "Pastor Russell, that sounds sacrilegious! Enjoy God?" My belief is that God wants His children to enjoy Him. Question one in the Westminster Shorter Catechism asks, "What is the chief end of man? The answer is "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever."

We don't usually think about enjoying God. We think about worshipping God, giving to God's work, praying to God, talking about God, but enjoying God? The dictionary defines enjoy in this way, "to experience with joy." Look up the word enjoy in a thesaurus and you will find words like "love, delight in, hold, possess, relish." Don't words like these convey what it means to be in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ?

Christianity was never meant to make your life constricting and miserable. Jesus said in John 10:10, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Peter said in 1 Peter 1:8, "...you believe in Him (Jesus) and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory." Psalm 16:11 reminds us, "In Your presence is fullness of joy."

So why aren't more of God's people enjoying God? Too many of us are half-hearted in our quest for God. The compromising, carnal, nominal, worldly believer is always miserable. You cannot enjoy God from a distance. You need to get close to Him. All the gifts of God are for us to enjoy, but the greatest gift is to enjoy God Himself!

Yours for enjoying God,

Pastor Russell



Sunday School

Appreciation Luncheon

(for all S. S. workers & families)

Sunday, April 27 Noon Fellowship Hall

TRANSPORTATION LUNCHEON
Sunday, April 20 at Noon
Fellowship Hall

This is an insurance required training session for all FBC van drivers.



WEE SCHOOL Pre-Registration for FBC Elk City members

continues through Friday, April 25

Our goal is to have a 1-year, a 2-year, and a 3-year old class for 2008-09.

Pre-registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

You may pre-register at the church office Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



Wee School Substitute Teachers are needed now. We are also looking for Fall Wee School Teachers. If interested, please contact Katy Womack.



National Goal:
\$61 Million
Our Church Goal:
\$14,000
Rec'd to date:
\$10,950.35

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!**

By Baptism



Savannah Kauk
721 N. Elk



Will & Sissy Burch
Tyler and Caitlyn
Rt 4, Box 205
Sayre, OK



Doc's Notes

Graded Choirs
[4yr. old – 6th grade]

The combined 1st-6th grade choirs will present *POWER* on Sunday evening, May 4. The 4-5 yr. olds will be featured at the beginning of the service. Parents, the 3 yr. old choir will have a special program with their families beginning at 5:15 p.m. Invite your family to attend!
DRESS REHEARSALS for "POWER" [meal provided at each rehearsal]

1. Wednesday, April 30th - Y.M. in sanctuary, 4:30 –6 p.m. [1st-3rd grade soloists/actors ONLY]. All sound & lighting personnel needed!
2. Sunday, May 4th – Young Musicians meet at 4 - 6 p.m. – ALL 1st-3rd grade choirs meet in sanctuary at 4:45 p.m.

A Special "THANKS" I would like to thank all those who are helping with the following programs:

1. April 27 [combined youth choirs]:
 - 1) Debbie Beaty – direct combined FBC/Homeschool choirs.
 - 2) Natalie Butcher –pianist [combined choirs], direct Homeschool Bells # 2.
 - 3) Homeschool Bells # 1 – Nathan Hamilton, director.
 - 4) FBC Bells – Debbie Beaty.
2. May 4 [Spring program..."POWER"]:
 - 1) Jamie Shaw – director.
 - 2) Lori Daubenspeck – directing drama
 - 3) Cindy Miller – direct [1st – 3rd Grade Choir]
 - 4) Sets – Karen & John Graham, Lacy Hagerman, Cecil Wilber, JL Poff, Kelly Ogle & Channel 9.
 - 5) Sound and TV – Danny Ogles

"FALL" Foliage Trip

Travelink has suggested that we be on a "waiting list" for our NE Trip! Letters will be sent out in the near future [after I recover from surgery]. Thank you for your response to this trip and I feel encouraged that we can plan FUTURE adventures for our community!

Doc

Extended Session:

Babies:

Laura Barber/Sandra McClure

1 year olds:

Marisa Moran/Julie Knutson

2 year olds:

Jenny Kauk/Shelia Sutton

3 year olds:

Rodney & Sara Cloud

4 year olds:

Misti DeGarmo

Terri Chervenka

Weekly Report

April 13, 2008



The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults	275
Youth.....	59
Children.....	86
Preschool.....	68
Fellowship.....	24
Hispanic Mission.....	7
Total.....	519
New S.S. Members.....	0
Enrollment:.....	1359

The People Gave...

Budget Needs	\$28,258.00
Received.....	\$25,415.56
Below.....	\$2,842.44
Building Need.....	\$3,462.00
Received.....	\$1,834.00
Below.....	\$1,628.00

And the Lord Added...

By Letter	0
By Statement.....	0
By Baptism.....	5
Professions of Faith.....	5

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....	18
By Statement.....	0
By Baptism.....	29
Total.....	47

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$423,870.00
Received.....	\$488,859.44
Above.....	\$64,989.44
Building Need.....	\$51,930.00
Building Received.....	\$61,488.95
Balance on Note.....	\$0

**ACTIVITIES
BUILDING
SCHEDULE**



Open Gym Hours:

April 21	3:30-7:00 p.m.
April 22	4:00-8:00 p.m.
April 23	5:00-9:00 p.m.
April 24	3:30-5:30 p.m.

**Men's Church League
Basketball each Thursday
from 6:30-10:00 p.m.**

April 17 at 6:30 p.m.
FBC vs. Erick Fellowship

Coming Events

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| April 20 | 9:30 a.m. Sunday School |
| | 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship |
| | Noon Transportation Luncheon, FH |
| | 3:00 p.m. Elkwood |
| | 4:30 p.m. Youth Bells/Choirs |
| | 5:00 p.m. Graded Choirs |
| | 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship |
| April 21 | 6:30 p.m. CARE Outreach Team R |
| April 22 | 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall |
| April 23 | 4:00 p.m. Young Musicians |
| | 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meals |
| | 5:45 p.m. Weekly Teachers Mtg, AD6 |
| | 6:00 p.m. AWANA; Yth Teach. Mtg |
| | 6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; Regenerate; The Island |
| | 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal; ESL Class |
| April 24 | 6:00 p.m. DivorceCare, Parlor |
| April 25 | 1:30 p.m. Leave for Men's Retreat at Falls Creek |

THANK YOU'S

Have been received from the following:

- Susan Grabeal
- Delores Finley & Family
- Pam Jackson & Family

Look for them on the bulletin board near the elevator.