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From our Pastor

Beloved,

With Valentines day approaching, I want to share a story with you related by J. Allan Petersen in his book The Myth of the Greener Grass. It was about a wife who came into a Pastor's office full of hatred toward her husband. "I do not only want to get rid of him, I want to get even. Before I divorce him, I want to hurt him as much as he has me."

The Pastor suggested the following plan. "Go home and act as if you really love your husband. Tell him how much he means to you. Praise him for every decent trait. Go out of your way to be as kind, considerate, and generous as possible. Spare no efforts to please him, to enjoy him. Make him believe you love him. After you've convinced him of your undying love and that you cannot live without him, then drop the bomb. Tell him that you're getting a divorce. That will really hurt him."

With revenge in her eyes, she smiled and exclaimed, "Beautiful, beautiful. Will he ever be surprised!" And she did it with enthusiasm. Acting "as if." For two months she showed love, kindness, listening, giving, reinforcing, and sharing. When she didn't return, the Pastor called. "Are you ready now to go through with the divorce?" "Divorce?" she exclaimed. "Never. I discovered I really do love him."

Petersen went on to say, "Her actions had changed her feelings. Motion resulted in emotion. The ability to love is established not so much by fervent promise as often repeated deeds." Love is a verb, not just a noun. Love is a commitment, not just a feeling. 1 Corinthians 13:3 says in The Message, "So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love."

Pastor Russell


Business Meeting

**Sunday,
February 15
5:30 p.m.**




**ALL-CHURCH
VALENTINE'S
BANQUET
February 15
6:00 pm in the Gymnasium**
Tickets are required & SOLD OUT

<p>GriefShare Classes Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in Adult 4. This study will be facilitated by Danny Ringer.</p>	<p>Lenten Services Wednesdays 12:00-12:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church Beginning February 25 Through March 19 Each week a different minister will lead the service.</p>
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**Can't find the pie plate
or the casserole dish
you know you own? It
may be in the church
kitchen!**
**Please, please pick up any dishes you
have left for funeral meals SOON!**



*We have an opening for 1 child
in our 1 year-old Wee School class.
We need nursery workers!!! Please call Katy
Womack if interested.*

*We are in need of 3 AWANA Cubbies & 3
AWANA Sparks leaders. If you are willing to
help, please contact Ann Koonce.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

By Letter
Dennis Spears
Rt. 2, Box 9A
Canute, OK



By Baptism



Baylor McDonald
141 Eagle Circle

MOVED Betty Smith has moved in with her daughter, Lois Degan. Her new address is 1724 Willard Drive Altus, OK 73521 Home Phone 580.477.4599 E-Mail cecilbettysmith@sbcglobal.net


Donations Needed

Clean used clothing for children sizes 2T-6T
*Shirts
Pants
Underwear*



These items may be left in the Preschool Area Sundays & Wednesdays or the Church Office Monday- Friday

ACTIVITIES BUILDING SCHEDULE



Gym Hours:
Feb 16 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Feb 17 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Feb 18 5:00-9:00 p.m.
Feb 19 4:00-6:00 p.m.

THANK-YOU'S
Have been received

Pauline Hill

Joe, Lynn, Joseph, Chris & Brian Sapp

J.R. & Gladys Simmons

Henry & Vivian Seidner

Doc's Notes



EASTER program, Sunday evening, Apr. 5 [rehearsals remaining]:

- 1) Adult choir –“6” rehearsals.
- 2) Youth choir and bells – “5” rehearsals.
- 3) Adult handbells – “5” rehearsals.
- 4) 1st- 6th Grade choirs - “6” rehearsals before we sing with the Adult choir and as separate choirs for the Easter program. Parents, this is the first Easter program that these two Graded Choirs have ever performed for Easter!


Singing Churchmen “CD”
Rick Wheeler and Doc are selling Churchmen CD'S for \$10 each to help offset additional costs for the Singing Churchmen's Mission Trip [Armenia & Israel, April 15 – 30]. We have a total of 60 CD's recorded in 2002 “All Praise Rising” and 2003 “Live from Sidney” [Disc 1 and 2].

Live Embers
Our noon luncheon “entertainment” is scheduled for 2009. Our special guests for March 12 will be the Heart of Western Ok. Homeschool Youth Choir, handbells and chimes.

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” Sunday evening, April 5
YOUR family still has time to join the Adult / Youth and Graded Choirs for their combined concert on Sunday evening, April 5. The music is inspiring and the choirs are enjoying learning their different music selections.

Doc

Coming Events



Feb 15 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
3:00 p.m. Elkwood
4:00 p.m. ESL; GriefShare, AD4
4:30 or 7 p.m. Esther Study, AD6
5:30 p.m. Business Meeting
6:00 p.m. Valentine's Banquet
Feb 16 6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E.. Outreach Team R
Feb 17 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, FH
Feb 18 10:30 a.m. Feed the Sayre BCM
4:00 p.m. Graded Choirs
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meals
5:15 p.m. Preschool Choirs
5:45 p.m. Weekly Teachers Mtg, AD6
6:00 p.m. AWANA; Yth Teachers Mtg, Yth Rm
6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; Regenerate; The Island
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Feb 19-22 Key Men's Conference, Wichita Falls, TX

Extended Session:

Babies:
Carolyn Comer/Linda Crow

1 year olds:
Steve & Cathy Hooper

2 year olds:
Lou Ford

3 year olds:
Donna Womack/Linda Beals

4 year olds:
Jone Duck/Karen Carrell

Weekly Report
February 8, 2009



The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	302
Youth.....	142
Children.....	91
Preschool.....	81
Fellowship.....	22
Total	637
Hispanic Mission.....	42
Total *incl. mission.....	680
New S.S. Members.....	5
Enrollment:	1397

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....	\$29,380.00
Received.....	\$31,546.10
Above.....	\$2,166.10
Bldg Received.....	\$1,384.50

And the Lord Added...

By Letter	1
By Statement	0
By Baptism	1
Professions of Faith.....	6

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....	40
By Statement	3
By Baptism.....	27
Total.....	70

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$176,280.00
Received.....	\$180,321.61
Above.....	\$4,041.61
Building Received.....	\$15,588.50
Balance on Note	\$169,575.47
Principal Paid.....	\$34,424.53