



Mission: To create a loving, growing community that honors and worships God; strives for a broader understanding of the nature of God; proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ; challenges its members to live in commitment to that Good News; reaches out to those in need; and promotes Christian unity.

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February



COMMUNITY LENTEN SERIES

The annual series of Community Lenten Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Services will be held every Wednesday during the seven weeks of Lent prior to Easter Sunday. Pre-service music begins at noon, worship service is from 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.

Each week a different speaker will deliver the message. Musicians in the community will provide the music. A light lunch will be available beginning at 11:30 a.m. each Wednesday and will be served after the service as well. A nursery will be provided.

THIS YEAR'S THEME: "The Glorious Impossible"

February 22	Impossible Grace
February 29	Impossible Truth
March 7	Impossible Righteousness
March 14	Impossible Power
March 21	Impossible Peace
March 28	Impossible Sacrifice
April 4	Impossible Love

Robnotes



"I will plod." said William Carey (1761-1834).

William Carey is remembered as the father of modern missions, a man who, by God's grace, pioneered an awakening in the country of India. Carey faced many horrible obstacles and devastating setbacks, yet in spite of these, his ministry was used mightily by God.

Carey might have said plod but I really think if he were speaking in current English vernacular, Carey would say "pursue"

Is plodding—humble as it sounds—really what we ought to be doing for God? Is it not more important to engage in bold advances for the Kingdom?

First Christian Church continues the search for God's will as we converse with First Presbyterian Church. We will have obstacles and even setbacks, hopefully nothing horrible or devastating. We will not only plod to use Carey's term but we will pursue. Where our journey leads I can honestly say, "Only God knows." This is a dynamic pursuit, active and exciting and, as my daughter says, "Awesome."

Please continue to pray and share as we continue this endeavor. God may lead us into new avenues that we do not even know about yet. First Presbyterian Church or some other Christian group may be our partner in the future. Or perhaps God will show us an entirely new way we never dreamed about in which we should pursue. Truly, it is more than plodding in 2012. *Grace and Peace, Rob*

February 12, 2012 - Fellowship Dinner

(following the worship service)

The Trustees Committee is in charge of set-up and clean-up

The Meat will be provided

Everyone is invited to bring a Vegetable, Salad or Dessert.



Following the meal there will be a movie

(you won't want to miss this fun afternoon)

Membership/Evangelism/Education Committee is in charge of movie entertainment

A Starry Night with the Allied Arts and Humanities Council Awards Banquet and 40th Anniversary Celebration

(February 23, 2012 at 6:30 pm.) Hilton Garden Inn

Honoring: Becky Hobbs, Out of Town Award.

The Three Old Broads; Margery Maple, Dolores McCreary and Diana Farris, Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations Girls!!!

Susan Murphy, Janice Albro and Ann Dougherty, Local Bart Awards.

Barbara Creel
Elizabeth Cook
Page Harshfield
Q & Etta Montgomery
Frances Gardner
Barbara Parsons
Helen Stead
Doris Hamilton
Jennifer McKissick
Wilda Chew
Ann McCleskey



Michele (Johnson) Uhlig
Sue Sharp (Emily Hays)
Leonard & Elaine LaRue
(Roger & Suzanne Shiflet)
Greg Mueggenborg (Margery Maple)
Charlie Chaffin (Debbie Lansford)
Gordon Grant
Scott Foosee (Harriett Lansford)
Allyson Perry (Debbie Lansford)
Howard Jones (Margery Maple)
Jerry Smith (Chester & Charlotte Spencer)
Stephanie Austin (Barbara Anderson)
Toly Artunoff (Margery Maple)
Jarand Kennedy (Claire Meredith)
Jim Cyrus (Faye Marlowe)

Carilu Robinson (Faye Marlowe)
Isaac Watkins (Mary Lou Bray)
Dean Marlowe (Faye Marlowe)
Tim Ingram (Lee & Gay Cooper)
Mike Margul (Lee & Gay Cooper)
Kyle Lansford (Harriett & Debbie)
Armed Forces
Those Incarcerated in prison
Molly Bechtelheimer (Emily Hays)
Marje Zumalt (Billie Walker)
Shirley Davidson (David Davidson)
Anne Lott (Faye Marlowe)
Louise Gunn (Jim & Barbara Anderson)
Laurie Hassen (Debbie Lansford)



The CWF Day Group will be meeting on Thursday, February 2 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Dorothy Elliott will be giving the devotion and program. Hostesses will be Sharon Armstrong and Harriett Lansford. The CWF Night Group and any other church members who would like to volunteer will be meeting in the evening at 5:15pm at 1st Presbyterian Church to help serve the meal at Bridges Out of Poverty.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

If you wish to give flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please sign-up on the sheets available during the coffee hour or call the church office and request a certain Sunday. A small donation to the flower fund would be appreciated if using the artificial flowers. If you prefer to give live flowers, please make arrangements with the florist of your choice and let the church office know of your decision so that it can appear in the church bulletin and we can make sure that Sunday is available.

Leadership Training School 2012

The annual training day for all Disciples is Saturday, Feb. 4, at the First Christian Church, 3700 North Walker, in OKC. Cost is \$8 each or \$50 for entire church. They offer many classes to choose from; childcare if needed; lunch (limited to 125); fellowship with other Disciples, and more. They have some very interesting classes offered; they even offer a class on handbells. Interested? Go to www.okdisciples.org or contact Myrna Ranney at 405-528-3577.

Oklahoma Regional Church Assembly (April 26-28, 2012)

First Christian Church, Duncan, Oklahoma

Registration forms available in the church office. Entire weekend cost is \$50

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Michael Mooty

Workshop Leaders: Dr. Brandon Scott, Rev. Dr. Disa Davison, Rev. Dr. Mady Fraser.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

If you have 45 minutes one day a week. If you can commit to 13 weeks. If you can work one-on-one with a student. We will provide: the student (3rd-7th grade), computer lab, materials to tutor, training necessary, on-site support. You provide the: willingness to serve and invest in a young person's life. Tutoring with elementary students Mondays or Tuesdays 4:00-4:45 or 5:15-6:00 or with middle school students on Fridays 3:00-4:00. Contact Sandy Dossett at On The Rock Ministries: 918-336-2636. E-mail: ontherockministries@gmail.com.

Transforming Life's Traumas Conference at Tulsa Marriott, Feb. 3-5

Dr. James Finley will lead a conference on "Transforming Life's Traumas" at the DoubleTree Hotel Warren Place in Tulsa on Feb. 3-5. A former trappist monk who studied under Thomas Merton, Finley is an author, a practitioner of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition, and a practicing clinical psychologist. For more information on this retreat or to register online, visit <http://www.jfctulsa.com>

Item for CONCERN
for the Month of
February
"Tomato Sauce or canned Tomatos"
Please place in the basket near the alley door. We will deliver items to the CONCERN Center.



On behalf of the staff and clients of CONCERN I send our heartfelt thanks for the support you gave our Mountain of Food drive last fall. Before the drive, our pantry shelves were often nearly bare. The “transfusion” you gave us with your generous donation made a huge difference to so many. As one of our founding churches, your consistent support has enabled this ministry to continue for decades. You bless us in countless ways! Thanks so much. Jane Fisher, Board of Directors

Thank you from the Bartlesville Chapter of Gideon’s International for your generous \$278 gift. Ron Pruitt, Gideon



BABY SHOWER for CJ (Jeff) Seger on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at First Christian Church. Registered at Walmart and Baby R Us. RSVP to Erin Ashe at 918-914-9192 or Carol Stearns at 918-636-4394.

The following was approved at the Congregational Meeting on January 8, 2012

- First Christian Church pursue the possibility of partnering with First Presbyterian Church of Bartlesville. While operational details are yet to be determined, it is anticipated that the two churches would share pastoral and other staff, have some but not all services together, work together on local mission efforts and Christian education, and maintain, yet share, their current facilities.
- The partnership’s structure be modeled after The Pawhuska Ecumenical Parish. The PEP, formed in 2004 by the First Christian Church of Pawhuska and First Presbyterian Church of Pawhuska, has successfully ‘merged’ the two congregations while maintaining the individualism of each, thus strengthening and enhancing both.

**The following Task Force will be representing First Christian Church:
Ken Armstrong, Faye Marlowe and Claire Meredith.
Please keep this Task Force in your prayers.**

WINTER IS HERE....

How to check if CHURCH is CANCELLED due to INCLEMENT WEATHER...

Please check the Bartlesville AM radio station (1400) for updates. Steve and Pastor Rob will decide by 7:30 a.m. if Church services are cancelled and will call the radio station. However, a good rule of thumb to our members is this... Please remember ICE AND SNOW means DON’T GO....

OFFICE HOURS:

Office Manager office hours

Monday through Thursday-8:30am - 4:30pm
(closed for lunch 12 noon - 1:20pm)

Pastor Rob Scofield’s office hours

Drop in Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9am - noon.
Appointments: Tues., Wed., & Thurs. afternoon and Friday morning and afternoon.
In addition: Pastor Rob can be contacted at 918-397-4471 (cell)

Bartlesville’s newest bus system, the City Ride Circuit has been in operation since the 3rd of this month. Hours are 7:00-11:00 a.m. and 2:00-6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost is 25 cents, with children 12 and under riding for free. Copies of the route map and schedule are at the Welcome Center.

Sunday Worship Schedule:
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Staff:
Intentional Interim Pastor: Rob Scofield
Music Director: Margery S. Maple
Office Manager: Lou Brown
Custodian: Billy Rogers
Nursery Attendant: Retta Seger



The deadline for articles for the next newsletter will be Monday, February 20th by 9:00 a.m.

