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## First Christian Church Newsletter

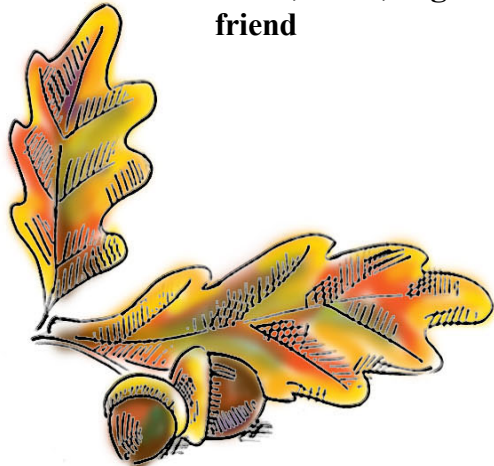
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### FELLOWSHIP DINNER - OCT. 16, 2011

The October fellowship meal will be potluck and will be held in the Charlton-Hulme Fellowship Hall. The date is October 16 following the worship service. **Everyone is invited to bring either a salad, meat, vegetable or dessert dish to share. Bring a friend**



*Autumn*



## Robnotes

On Sunday, October 2nd, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday.

This day has taken on new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined efforts towards peace, justice and reconciliation .

We will celebrate the unity we all share in knowing Jesus Christ as we gather around the Lord's Table remembering Christians from all around the world who are also participating in this celebration. At the Lord's Table we will present and partake the basic and essential food source, bread, from a variety of countries.

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 1936, the first Sunday in October was celebrated throughout Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. It was designed with the intent that other denominations could join in.

The Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) was first associated with World Wide Communion Sunday in 1940 when the department's executive secretary, Dr. Jesse Bader, of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), led in its extension to a number of churches throughout the world. On Sunday, October 2nd, we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday.

Plan on being here with us as we gather around the Lord's table on this wonderful day. I encourage you to invite family and friends to join you.

See you in Worship. Blessings, Pastor Rob

### NORTHEAST AREA ASSEMBLY

**Saturday, October 8**

**East Side Christian Church**

**1438 S. Indianapolis, Tulsa**

8:30am Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00am Morning Prayer and Praise

10:00am Break

10:15-1:15pm Workshops

1:15pm Lunch

1:45pm Business Meeting

2:30pm Break

2:45pm Worship Service

**Keynote Speaker is Rev. R. Wayne Calhoun Sr.** Workshop presenters are Rev. Ray Hickman, Rev. Bethany Albrecht. Registration cost is \$10 per person. For further info and to register check with the church office or register during the coffee hour.

### **ON THE ROCK OPPORTUNITIES**

**Looking for tutors after school from 4:00-4:45pm Mondays or Tuesdays or Fridays starting the end of September for elementary and middle school students. Information meetings Mon. Sept. 19, Tues. Sept. 20, and Fri. Sept. 23 at 4:00pm. Call On The Rock Office at 918-336-2636 for further information.**

**Oklahoma is the fourth hungriest state in the nation,** according to the latest USDA annual report. Oklahoma is ranked fifth in food insecurity, meaning that at times during the year there is not enough money for a household to purchase food that is needed. Food pantries throughout eastern Oklahoma are experiencing a 40 percent increase in the number of people seeking food assistance.

**Items for CONCERN**  
for the Month of  
**October**

**"Spaghetti Sauce or Ravioli"**

Please place in the basket near the alley door. We will deliver items to the CONCERN Center.

Barbara Creel  
 Elizabeth Cook  
 Page Harshfield  
 Ann McCleskey  
 Q & Etta Montgomery  
 Frances Gardner  
 Barney Morris  
 Charlotte Spencer  
 Barbara Parsons  
 Helen Stead  
 Doris Hamilton  
 Corinne Hutchison  
 Jennifer McKissick  
 Chester Spencer



Michele (Johnson) Uhlig  
 Sue Sharp (Emily Hays)  
 Leonard & Elaine LaRue  
 (Roger & Suzanne Shiflet)  
 Greg Mueggenborg (Margery Maple)  
 Charlie Chaffin (Debbie Lansford)  
 Gordon Grant  
 Scott Fooshee (Harriett Lansford)  
 Allyson Perry (Debbie Lansford)  
 Howard Jones (Margery Maple)  
 Jerry Smith (Chester & Charlotte Spencer)  
 Lisa Walker (Bill & Billie Walker)  
 Stephanie Austin (Barbara Anderson)  
 Dana Howard (Margery Maple)  
 Toly Artunoff (Margery Maple)  
 Bobby Hindman (Steve Seger)

Jarand Kennedy (Claire Meredith)  
 Jim Cyrus (Faye Marlowe)  
 Gary Heinz (Barbara Anderson)  
 Dr. Stan DeFehr  
 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)  
 Jennie Nider (Ken & Sharon Armstrong)  
 Armed Forces  
 Steve O’Gara (Jr. & Barbara)  
 Chester Spencer’s nephew’s family



**CWF Day Group will be meeting on Thursday, October 6th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.** Corinne Hutchison and Frances Aldredge will be serving as hostesses. Devotion will be by Barbara O’Gara and the program will be updates on Bridges Out of Poverty. **The CWF Night Group and any other church members** who would like to volunteer will be meeting at 5:15pm at 1st Presbyterian Church to help serve the meal at Bridges Out of Poverty.

**NOTE FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Worship Committee has made a decision to give you a choice of fresh flowers or silk flowers that some of our members have offered to arrange. This discussion came up after a raise in the price of the flowers we have been buying plus an added delivery fee. We will still have memorials or dedications to loved ones and all that is requested is that you make a donation to the flower fund, which will be used to make more arrangements. You may let Frances Aldredge know what your preference is if you have already been scheduled to give flowers. We will still use the live poinsettias at Christmas time.

**Please help our SPCA shelter**

I am an animal lover. I am trying to help the local shelters here in town. I know there are all sorts of worthwhile causes out there but I want to ask your help on one that is local and dear to my heart. The shelter. Animals are abandoned in the city and county everyday. It is shocking to hear the statistics... Yet we can help. Our local shelter needs a number of things and of course donations are always welcome. The shelter does not receive funding from the government except for the animals that Dewey and Bartlesville animal control bring in and give to their care. I believe good stewardship includes caring for all God’s creation and creatures.

If you have any of the following and you wish to help, simply bring the item(s) with you Sunday and give them to me . Thank you. The SPCA for example has placed over 11,500 pets in adopted homes in the last decade. Pastor Rob

**They need the following:**

bath towels, blankets, bleach, laundry soap, paper grocery bags, standing fans, metal pot scrubbers, glass cleaner, water hoses ( 75-100 feet), heating pads, humidifiers ( for sick animals ), stainless steel dog/ cat bowls, 6' table cloths, manual can openers, blankets, long handled squeegees, tools - standard and metric wrenches and socket sets, All sorts of cat or dog treats, cat or dog toys, scratching post for cats, cat litter.



Chester Spencer on the death of his nephew’s father.

We recently received word that Evelyn (Edwards) Chase passed away on August 6th in Mesa, Arizona.



Dear Church Friends,

Our heartfelt thanks for all the many acts of kindness you have shown us at this time. The hospital and many home visits were very meaningful and deeply appreciated. Our sincere thanks for all of your cards, lovely church flowers and to the CWF for the delicious brunch to help us on our way. Thanks, too, to the Transportation Committee headed by Jim Anderson and Ken Armstrong who were always there to help when needed. You are all wonderful people!

God Bless you! Eileen Palmer and The Palmer Family

A big thanks to all who made my 90th birthday celebration a great success. Especially Frances McKissick, Ruth Ann Matthiesen, Debbie Lansford and Sharon Armstrong for all their hard work. Clarence Rutherford

Several staff members have talked about how much they enjoyed having the group from your church here at Nitro on Fridays. They were really grateful for the help and excited about how well they interacted with the kids. It was a great blessing to have them here. Thank you so much for organizing that outreach here at The Rock and the ice cream social. Let me know if you want me to send you volunteer application forms as well. Sandy, On The Rock

**WANTED:** We need chalices, plates, candles and candle holders (tapers are ok) for World Communion Sunday. **ALSO:** We need Bread Makers. We need 4-5 different types of bread. See Rob for information.

**2011-2012 CWF/MEMBERSHIP YEARBOOKS ARE READY.** If you have not picked your copy up, there should be one on the table by the alley door with your name on a copy. If you don't find one with your name on it, come by the church office or let me know and I will see that you get a copy. Lou

**BLUE ANGELS:** If there is anyone that would like to be a substitute Blue Angel to fill in when the regular Blue Angels need to be gone we would welcome your help. Just let Lou know, (918)336-4520. They usually just work either in the afternoon or morning, about 2-3 hours.

**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 additon:** Pastor Rob can be contacted at 918-397-4471 (cell)



Congratulations to Martha Ferguson on the arrival of her great granddaughter, Raylee Marlow born September 6th in Owasso. Parents are Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Cole.

**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:** Chester Spencer  
**Nursery Attendant:** Retta Seger



The deadline for articles for the next newsletter will be Monday, October 24th by 9:00 a.m.

