

# Sunday, April 4

## Morning Assembly

Opening Prayer	Jim Huggins
Sermon	Dan Rouse
<i>The Blessing of Jesus' Resurrection</i>	
Announcements	Darrell Hamby
Closing Prayer	Dean Busch
Nursery Attendants: Leslie Cook & Brooke Walker	

## Evening Assembly

Song Leader	Wade Cothrum
Opening Prayer	Ruben Kisner
Sermon	Dan Rouse
<i>The Prodigal Son</i>	
Closing Prayer	Paul Rainbolt
Communion	Jerry Emmons

## Shepherds

Randy Branscum	Jerry L. Walker	Rob Wallace
Budo D. Perry		Mark Young

## Ministers

Dan Rouse ~ Pulpit Minister  
Barrett Vanlandingham ~ Youth Minister

## Deacons

Dowe Boulter	Everett Laney
John Burdine	Matthew Laney
Steve Clinkenbeard	Bob Loudermilk
Gary Cook	David Perry
Charles Dortch	Jerry D. Walker
Glen Elliott	Robby Walkingstick
Terry Hackworth	Chris Wilson
Jim Huggins	

## In Addition to Worship and Sunday/Wednesday Bible Classes

Mon. 6:30 p.m.	Ladies Prayer Meeting	Parlor
Tues. 9:30 a.m.	Ladies Prayer Meeting	Parlor
Thurs. 9:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Class	Nursing Home Apts.
Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	CASA Christians Against Substance Abuse	Roon 17

**SUNDAY**  
Morning Assembly 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Classes 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Assembly 5:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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As of First Importance...

*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.*  
(1 Corinthians 15:3-8 NIV)

Paul declares unequivocally in this passage the truth which lies at the very heart of Christianity – the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Think about it. While mankind likes to make a fuss about Jesus’ birth, only two of the four gospels share any information about that event at all. And, as you read through the rest of the New Testament, you’ll find very little other material concerning His birth. In contrast, all four gospels go into detail relating Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection. And the truth and implications of those pivotal events are dealt with over and over again in the rest of the New Testament.

We don’t know the date of Jesus’ birth. What we do know is almost assuredly it was not December 25th. The presence of shepherds in the field the night of the announcement of His birth implies Spring or Summer rather than the dead of winter. On the other hand, we can date with great precision when He walked out of the tomb. His resurrection is inextricably tied to Passover. The vagueness concerning the date of His birth versus the specificity of His resurrection is no accident. It is reflective of God’s view of the importance of the two events.

Folks celebrate Jesus’ birth once a year. Nowhere in Scripture are we commanded to do even that. On the other hand, we celebrate Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection every Sunday (Mt 26:26-28; 1 Cor 11:23-26). As we partake of the Lord’s Supper we remember His death, but that remembrance only has meaning in the context of His conquest of death. Many have died in behalf of others, only One has walked out of the grave in which He was laid and promised to call us forth as well (see 1 Cor 15).

So, this Sunday, many will celebrate, as they do once a year, the resurrection of our Lord. And we will celebrate, as we do every week, the power of His death, burial, and resurrection. May we never forget, and always be grateful for, what is of “first importance.”

Dan Rouse

**Randy Branscum is the Elder**

**for the Month of April**

**Dates to Remember**

**April 1** Men’s Supper in fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.  
Sign up at the welcome booth.

**April 9-10** Ladies Retreat @ Camp Tulakogee  
Theme: Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You  
Cost \$26.50

**April 11** Teen Connections hosted by Stilwell.

**April 9-11** AKOUO @ Camp Egan. Grades 9-12. Let Barrett know if you are planning on attending. Cost \$40.

**April 15** Golden Agers 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**April 18** Adopt-a-Widow project Grades K-12 in fellowship hall 6-6:30 p.m.

**April 18** Wedding shower for Brooke Berkenbile in the parlor at 3:30 p.m. She is registered at Dillards and Target.

**April 28** Baby girl shower for Elvia Leal in the parlor following Bible Class on Wednesday night. She is registered at Wal-Mart.



Saturday April 3rd

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Registration 1:00 p.m.

3 yr. olds & under begin at 1:20 p.m.

4-6 year olds begin at 1:40 p.m.

7-9 year olds begin at 2:00 p.m.

Each plastic egg will be filled  
with candy or gift certificates

from area sponsors.

**Note of Appreciation**

To My Church Family,  
I am truly blessed! I cannot put into words my gratitude for all your love and prayers on my behalf during my time of need. Our gracious Lord has given me another chance at a healthy life.

Often while I was in the hospital I thought of one of my favorite passages in the Bible. James 5 vs 13-16 ends like this; “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availath much.” For me this has never been more relevant than now.

Thank you again for your love and prayers. Please continue on behalf of our other loved ones. Nothing works better!

David Huggins

To everyone who sent letters of love, welcoming me and my children to attend the Church of Christ, you know who you are, thank you. God bless you all.

Crystal, Lakoda and Cheyenne Wickson

Church Family,  
I want to thank my Brother’s Keeper group for the gift of love Ted and I were given. Your thoughtfulness is so touching. I also want to thank everyone for all the food, phone calls and all the cards that just keep coming. Most of all I appreciate all of your prayers.

In Christian Love,  
Mable Taylor

Dear Church Family,  
Special thanks to all who sent cards, called and said prayers for me during my illness. You are very special to us.

In Christian Love,  
Carrie Jones

**Attention Graduating High School Seniors!**

Senior night is scheduled for May 2nd at 5 p.m. Please bring 15 photos of varying ages to the office.

Bring any group pictures you have also.

If possible scan and bring on a CD. Pictures will be used in the senior video.

**Congratulations!**

Steve and Faye Curry are the proud grandparents of twin girls, Addison and McKenzie Woods born March 30th. The parents are Robert and Kelly Woods of Moore. Pictures and details coming soon!

## March 28, 2010

Sunday Morning	337
Bible Class	203
Sunday Evening	192
Wed. P.M.	180
Contribution	\$13,883.61
Baptisms	2

**Response:** Ashley Henry came forward asking for prayers.

## Care and Concern Pantry Items

Canned Chicken  
Hamburger Helper  
Canned Green Beans  
Canned Mandarin Oranges

## Plastic Hangers Needed

Mark Seabolt is collecting plastic hangers to be donated to the Help in Crisis Center in Tahlequah (safe house for domestic violence victims)

## Oops!

Faye Curry's birthday failed to be listed on the March calendar. Her birthday was March 15th.

## Remember Our

### Shut-Ins

James Arnett  
Joyce Dillingham  
Raymond Killian  
Ann Murray  
Bonnie Pratt  
Catherine Havron

## Nursing Home

Margaret Cook  
James Lemons  
Joan Moore  
Arlie Perry  
Ted Taylor  
Morna Voss

## Remember to Pray for Family & Friends Fighting Cancer:

**Mallory Bryan** - niece of Margie Arnett  
**Shirley Burns** - Kathy Reich's aunt  
**Jack Carroll** - Friend of the Currys and Randy & Barbara Wilson  
**Kelly Ann Carter** - Tina Sisney's cousin  
**Lisa Clay** - friend of Jenni West  
**Tanis Cornell** - friend of the Currys  
**Barbara Cox** - great aunt of Ashley & Austin Cox  
**Gary Coward** - uncle of Cassie Blair  
**Jack Craig** - cousin of Charlie McDaniel  
**Frank Creswell** - friend of Tina Sisney  
**Helen Day** - mother of Glen Elliott  
**Jim Dixon** - father of Jenni West  
**David England** - uncle of Patsy Clinkenbeard  
**Hershel Farrow** - friend of the Strain's  
**Sharon Harris** - friend of Jacki Jameson  
**Rosie Kisner** - Ruben's mother  
**Johnny Mahan** - Cathy Slay's uncle  
**Sandi Hilbern** - Sister of Melinda Jaynes  
**Don Ingold** - friend of Mike Henry  
**Debbie Jones** - Co-worker of Mike Ward.  
**Ashley LerBlance** - wife of friend Mark Young works with  
**Kent Lashley** - Cousin of Kenny Lashley  
**Amy Maddocks** - daughter of Mark Lee, manager of Keith's Hardware  
**Tamara Metcalf** - great niece of Cindy Owen  
**John Norman** - brother-in-law of Barbara Wilson  
**Andy Osburn** - brother-in-law of Charlie McDaniel  
**Jim Owen** - friend of Lashleys, Hardins, Elliotts and Higleys  
**Hazel Reece** - grandmother of Delaney Tusia  
**Dennis Reppond** - Joyce Huggins brother-in-law  
**Judy Self** - Mele Lone's grandmother-in-law  
**Shirley Slay** - mother of Lee Slay  
**Dale Smoot** - family friend of the Walters  
**James Staton** - friend of Marcy Colley  
**Orpha Stout** - friend of Joyce Tolbert  
**Jean Sturgeon** - mother of Ernie Sturgeon  
**Bob Trousdale** - Elder at Tecumseh, OK

## Looking Ahead!

**Mission Yard Sale  
is scheduled for May 7th & 8th**

**(Please don't bring  
donated items  
until May 5th.)**

## Updates on Family

**James Arnett** is homebound on oxygen and is improving slightly.  
**I.B. Branscum** - is in St. John room 1014. He is showing improvement.  
**Belinda Charries** is scheduled for back surgery Monday at Muskogee Community Hospital.  
**Jeff Dortch** is scheduled for outpatient surgery Friday.  
**Ronnie Keeling** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is awaiting a bone scan.  
**Cathy Slay** received good news her test results showed her heart to be strong.  
**Tina Sisney** is being tested for ulcers.  
**Ted Taylor** is in room A-9 at Broadway Nursing Home.  
**Jan Thornhill** is recovering from surgery.  
**Bob Townsend** is scheduled for surgery Friday at Muskogee Community Hospital.  
**Beth Wilson** is recovering from surgery. Doctor reported Beth's liver looked good.  
**Harvey Young** will begin a new medication next week that is believed to slow down the growth of the cancer.

## Extended Family and Friends

**Bobby Beebe** - uncle of Patsy is in the hospital in Texas with pneumonia. \*  
**Talmadge Bell** - brother-in-law of Ethel Huggins.  
**Gene Caldwell** - son of Frosty - health.  
**Theda Coombes** - mother of Roger - health.  
**Albert Davenport** - step-brother of Charlie McDaniel, health.  
**Roger Heber** - friend of the Strains is recovering from double bypass surgery. He was released from the hospital Tuesday.  
**John & B.J. Heidebrecht** - parents of Jan Thornhill - health.  
**Brandon Lechner** - brother of Bethany Walker is in the hospital recovering from neurosurgery and is in critical condition. \*  
**Wayne Long** - brother of Faye Curry - spiritual needs.  
**Jo Marler** - sister of Jan Thornhill - health.  
**Kenneth Marshall** - main artery split. Friend of Kenny Lashley. \*\*  
**Bill McGuirk** - brother-in-law of Jan Thornhill - health. \*\*\*  
**Chuck O'Laughlin** - step-brother of Bill Tibbles - critical condition.  
**Millard Scott** - father of Patty Boulter, critical condition in Jonesboro hospital. \*\*\*