

Sunday, April 25

Morning Assembly

Opening Prayer	Mark Young
Sermon	Dan Rouse
<i>Evangelism</i>	
Announcements	Rob Wallace
Closing Prayer	Darren Perry
Nursery Attendants: Sue & Hannah Perry	

Evening Assembly

Opening Prayer	Dean Goss
Devotional	Dan Rouse
Closing Prayer	Chuck Jones
Communion	Jerry Clark
Brother's Keeper	

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	Room 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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Being added to the Church is God's job
by Barrett Vanlandingham

Occasionally, I hear someone talking about which church they decided to join. This subject always gets my attention since Jesus died for only one church. Which one? Well, we can only assume that he died for the one described in the New Testament of the Bible. I will leave the line-drawing among denominations to God, as to which ones He approves of, and which ones he disapproves of. Our God is sovereign, and really doesn't need any help from any of us deciding this issue. All we can do is trust fully that God's inspired word, the Bible, accurately describes the things we need to know about what is pleasing to our Creator, compassion being right at the top.

Beyond that, I will say this: In Acts 2, Peter preached the first Gospel sermon. He told thousands who were present that they really had crucified the son of God, and that they needed to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins. Acts 2:41 says, "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." This is the first example of a group of people in the New Testament gathering as common believers in Christ. The next few verses tell of the fellowship and worship that took place when the believers were together. Then the writer says, "... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Other New Testament passages pinpoint the elements of what Christians do when they gather such as the Lord's Supper, prayer, singing, Bible study, giving, and encouraging.

So, is it possible to join a church? According to scripture, the answer has to be no. God is the one who adds us to his church when we obey his plan of salvation. When we are baptized, we do not join a particular denomination of the Lord's church located in a particular town. Neither are we voted in by existing members. We are actually added to the Lord's church, the global church, the only church, by guess who? The Lord, God himself!

So, what do we do with the fact that there are many different places of worship that do things so differently, even right here in Fort Gibson? Well, there are obviously going to be personality differences and cultural differences in how worship is "done." We must all be careful about rushing to judgment regarding the rightness or wrongness of traditions in worship, unless they contradict clear Bible teaching on the matter.

As for this word "join," it is important for Christians to identify themselves, or place membership with a local body of believers so they can encourage and build one another up (Hebrews 10:25). It is only human nature to try harder at anything when you are being held accountable for your actions. Meeting together gives us the opportunity to see close up what our Christian family is struggling with. It would be easy to let each other slip through the cracks spiritually if our only interaction was through the internet.

May God bless you richly in your spiritual journey as you reap the rewards of seeking His face (Heb. 11:6), and experience of joy of having let God add you to His number.

Randy Branscum is the Elder
for the Month of April

Dates to Remember

- April 25** Mexico Mission mandatory parent meeting 4:15 p.m. in fellowship hall.
- April 25** Brother's Keeper groups meet in homes after devotional.
- April 26** Mission service project at the building 5 -7 p.m.
- April 28** Baby girl shower for Elvia Leal in the parlor following Bible Class on Wednesday night. She is registered at Wal-Mart.
- May 1** Ladies Brunch in the parlor 9-11 a.m. Entertainment and Secret Sister revealing are scheduled.
- May 2** Mission Sunday (a.m.)
- May 2** Wedding shower for Kara Kelley in the fellowship hall at 3:30 p.m. She is registered at Dillards, Target, and Wal-Mart.
- May 2** Senior Night 5 p.m.
- May 5** Cinco de Mayo 5:30 p.m.
- May 7-8** Mission's Yard Sale - You may start bringing itmes for the sale Wednesday night May 5th.
- May 16** Baby boy shower for Betina Perry in the parlor at 3:30 p.m. She is registered at Wal-Mart.
- June 14-18** Vacation Bible School
- June 19-26** Mexico Mission Trip

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Jan Thornhill in the loss of her brother-in-law Bill McGuirk.

Congratulations on U.S. Citizenship!

Anthony (Tony) David Legg is scheduled to appear for a Naturalization Oath Ceremony on Friday, May 14th 2010

US Dist Court Eastern Dist of Oklahoma
5th and Okmulgee Streets
Muskogee, OK 74401
Room 210, Room 208/
9:30 a.m.

Notes of Appreciation

When life seems difficult P.U.S.H. (Pray Until Something Happens!) I want to thank all those who prayed and sent cards to me during my recent surgery. Always looking up, Belinda Charries

Dear Church Family, On many occasions, we have sat in our pew and listened to notes of appreciation from those of you who have lost loved ones. Each note conveys the sentiment that "words cannot express how much your acts of kindness mean." We never fully understood that until now. Throughout Helen's illness and recent passing, your support has been amazing. Please know that every act of kindness was not only a comfort to us, but a testimony to those around us. To those of you who took off work to come to the funeral, we offer a special word of thanks. Your presence was a breath of air for us. To those of you who sent cards and flowers, text messages and e-mails, and to those who petitioned the Father on our behalf, thank you so much. We are grateful and blessed to be a part of this body of believers. We love you all, Glen and Robin Elliott

Attention Graduating High School Seniors!

Senior night is scheduled for May 2nd at 5 p.m. Each senior will have a memorabilia table set up in the foyer. A special slideshow presentation is scheduled. Following services we will honor our seniors with a reception in the fellowship hall.

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| Cole Berkenbile | Micah Henry |
| Kacy Cook | Zak Kelley |
| Katie Coombes | Maritza Leal |
| Ashtyn Corrothers | Montana Leal |
| Kinsey Dortch | Keely Richey |
| Michel-Ann Dray | Casey West |

Burnt Cabin Christian Camp

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| Junior Camp | June 1 - 4 (Tues - Fri) | 4th - 6th Grades |
| Mini Camp | July 7 - 10 (Wed - Sat) | Ages 7-9 |
| Teen Week | July 18 - 24 (Sun - Sat) | 7th-12th Grades |

Applications are available at www.ftgchurchofchrist.com or at the youth booth.

April 11, 2010

Sunday Morning	335
Bible Class	209
Sunday Evening	149
Wed. P.M.	189
Contribution	\$9,899.51
Baptisms	2

Response: LeeAnn Slay came forward making the following statement: "I've lost sight of where I'm going in my spiritual life. I know that God is in control at all times, I just wish that I could know his plan for me. I am not in control of so many things. Please pray that I find my way."

Care and Concern Pantry Items

Kool-Aid
Tea Bags
Coffee

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)

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
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
Ronnie Keeling
Rosie Kisner - Ruben's mother
Terri King - Janie Copeland's friend
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
Aimee Norman - Barbara Wilson's nephew's wife
John Norman - brother-in-law of Barbara Wilson
Nina Mullins - Kelly Cook's aunt
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
Brad Sears - friend of Jim Hill
Judy Self - Mele Lone's grandmother-in-law
Travis Shumard - friend of Jerry D. & Vicki Walker
Shirley Slay - mother of Lee Slay
Mike Smith - brother-in-law of Diane Fleming
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
Steve Voss - son of Morna Voss
Mary Young - friend of Nancy Steveson
Harvey Young

Updates on Family

I.B. Branscum continues to heal at home. He is on an antibiotic right now for an infection.
John Burdine is scheduled to begin radiation treatment next week.
Ronnie Keeling began radiation treatments this week.
Marion Kerns has been diagnosed with small cell cancer in his lung. He will begin chemo treatments Monday at the V.A. Hospital in Muskogee.
Dan Rouse had an ultrasound Wednesday that revealed blood clots all up and down his right leg. He is being treated with medication.
Matthew Seabolt is scheduled to spend the night at MRMC April 21st for a sleep test.
Ted Taylor is regaining a little strength.
Barbara Townsend fell and broke her arm requiring a cast.
Harvey Young is waiting on bone scan results. He reports he has felt better this week.

Extended Family and Friends

Talmadge Bell - brother-in-law of Ethel Huggins.
Donnie Branscum was released from the hospital Monday. A vein burst from his diverticulitis, it sealed itself off and no surgery was necessary.*
Dorothy Billings mother of Lisa Vanlandingham is recovering from a fall.*
Shelly Branscum - daughter of Vicki Green has staph infection that has settled in her lungs.**
Gene Caldwell - son of Frosty - health.
Theda Coombes - mother of Roger - health.
Albert Davenport - step-brother of Charlie McDaniel, health.
John & B.J. Heidebrect - parents of Jan Thornhill - health.
Jessica Hendricks is having pregnancy complications. She is on bed rest due to high blood pressure.*
Brandon Lechner - brother of Bethany Walker is in the hospital recovering from neurosurgery and is in critical condition.*
Jo Marler - sister of Jan Thornhill - health.
Kenneth Marshall - main artery split. Friend of Kenny Lashley.**
Raymond Royle - brother-in-law of Jimmy Thouvenel - health.*