

# Sunday, April 11

## Morning Assembly

Opening Prayer Budo D. Perry  
Sermon Dan Rouse

*Parables That Pack a Punch*

*The Unforgiving Servant Mt. 18: 23-35*

Announcements Steve Clinkenbeard  
Closing Prayer Anthony Christian  
Nursery Attendants: Gean & Hannah Hackworth

## Evening Assembly

Song Leader Johnny Kerns  
Opening Prayer David Perry  
Sermon Dan Rouse

*Learning From a Crook Luke 16:1-15*

Closing Prayer Jim Hill  
Communion Paul Day

## 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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**Spring into a new season of faith**  
by Barrett Vanlandingham

My daughter, Gracie, brought home a bouquet of wild yellow daffodils a few days ago she picked from the field that sits between the Christian Church and the Church of Christ. The flowers are in a clear vase sitting on my supper table as I write. It's heart-warming to imagine that those flowers were planted years ago when a house still stood there on the old Wallace and Ludy Huggins place across from the high school gymnasium. And even though all those years have passed and no one lives there anymore, the flowers are no doubt as beautiful today as they were back then. You can drive by and see for yourself. And the smell, as Gracie says, is wonderful. I have to agree.

It's truly amazing to experience the beauty of God's creation in something as simple as a yellow flower with a tender green stem that reappears year after year. After all, I can't even create a dandelion or a blade of grass. Isn't it fascinating that God spoke into existence every petal and every leaf we see. If that weren't enough, He also thought into existence every vibrant stroke of color and every dull shade too which provides the perfect compliment.

I guess what really causes me to ponder God's power is that He not only created the simple as well as the complex things we enjoy, He also designed a way for all living things to stay alive for a period of time. We don't always agree with God on what that period of time should be. But as God reminded Job so long ago, "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? What is the way to the abode of light? And where does darkness reside? Can you take them to their places? (Job 38:4,19)"

I think I can safely say that would be a great big NO for all of us. And yet, we worry, fuss and fret over so many things when we really just need to enjoy even the "smallest" of blessings.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? (Matthew 6:28-30)" Despite the oddity of the last day of winter hitting 70-something degrees and the first day of spring dropping into the 30's, the sun still rises and sets every day. The seasons still change (eventually), and springtime still makes us feel like breathing in deeply to experience that invisible quality that God so freely gives through nature. Praise Him! Praise Him! Have a great week, and know that our God is alive this spring and always!

**Randy Branscum is the Elder**

**for the Month of April**

**Dates to Remember**

**April 9-10** Ladies Retreat @ Camp Tulakogee

Theme: Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You

**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 13** Free Golden Ager Breakfast at Fort Gibson High School cafeteria at 8:30 a.m. Please call Community Education Dept to make a reservation 478-4034. There will be door prizes and entertainment. The breakfast is sponsored by Community Education's Advisory Council, Armstrong Bank and Whitlock Packaging.

**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 Dillard's, Target and Just Imagine.

**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.

**May 2** Wedding shower for Kara Kelley in the fellowship hall at 3:30 p.m.

**May 5** Cinco de Mayo

**May 7-8** Mission's Yard Sale

**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.

Cole Berkenbile  
Kacy Cook  
Katie Coombes  
Ashtyn Corrothers  
Kinsey Dortch  
Michel-Ann Dray

Micah Henry  
Zak Kelley  
Maritza Leal  
Montana Leal  
Keely Richey  
Casey West

**Notes of Appreciation**

I could never begin to list all that this church family has done for me and my family this past year. Thanks so much for all the calls, cards, food and prayers. I am so thankful to be blessed with a spiritual family as caring as you.

Love,  
Beth Wilson

A big thank you goes out to the Local Outreach Ministry and all volunteers who helped in any way with the 2010 Easter Egg Dash. A special note of thanks goes to Mark Seabolt for recruiting all the sponsors to donate prizes for the eggs and Charlie Dortch for being our Easter Bunny.

Approximately 200 children participated. Follow up cards inviting the children and their families were mailed to all the visitors. Thanks again to everyone for their hard work and love for the community and God.

**Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy to Glen Elliott and family in the loss of his mother Helen Day. Funeral services are scheduled for April 9th at 11:00 a.m. in Pawnee, OK at the First Baptist Church.

**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

## April 4, 2010

Sunday Morning	419
Bible Class	213
Sunday Evening	114
Wed. P.M.	210
Contribution	\$10,988.99
Baptisms	2

## Visitors

Janet & Tom Atkins  
Berlin, VT

Andy & Kenna Brannon  
Fort Worth, TX

Tommy Cookson  
Fort Gibson, OK

Heath England Family  
Fort Gibson, OK

Carol Evans Family  
Sallisaw, OK

Alydia Fontenot  
Tulsa, OK

Erik & Tara Friend  
Muskogee, OK

Nikki & Evan Holmes  
Muskogee, OK

Courtney & Chancie Jinkens  
John & Betina Perry  
Medicine Park, OK

Jeremiah Perryman  
Yukon, OK

Stephanie & Jaden Rouse  
Wichita, KS

Jesse & Jamie Stillwell  
Muskogee, OK  
Max Stillwell  
Fort Gibson, OK

Steve Thames Family  
Fort Gibson, OK

Raymond & Cameron Thornhill  
Tulsa, OK

Becca Townsend  
Tahlequah, OK

Delman Wilkie  
Fort Gibson, OK

## Care and Concern Pantry Items

Canned Pork and Beans  
Canned Chicken Noodle Soup  
Canned Tuna  
Canned Ravioli

## 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  
**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, Elliots 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

**I.B. Branscum** - is in St. John room 1014. He continues to slightly improve each day. He has been up walking around and is eating solid foods.  
**Belinda Charries** home recovering from back surgery.  
**Jeff Dortch** is recovering from shoulder surgery.  
**Judy Higley** is undergoing testing on her heart.  
**Ronnie Keeling** scan showed the cancer has not spread to his bones.  
**Ted Taylor** is in room A-9 at Broadway Nursing Home.  
**Bob Townsend** is home recovering from surgery.  
**Harvey Young** began his new medication and has felt a little better this week.

## Extended Family and Friends

**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.  
**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. \*\*\*  
**Aimee Norman** - Barbara Wilson's nephew's wife has been diagnosed with stage four cancer and is undergoing chemo treatments.  
**Chuck O'Laughlin** - step-brother of Bill Tibbles - critical condition.  
**Bea Rouse** - Dan's mother, fell and broke her arm. Her arm will be immobilized for 6-10 weeks. She is also recovering from a sinus infection and pneumonia. \*  
**Travis Shuamrd** - 15 year old son of college friends Jerry & Vicki Walker has been diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.\*  
**Millard Scott** - father of Patty Boulter, critical condition in Jonesboro hospital.\*\*\*