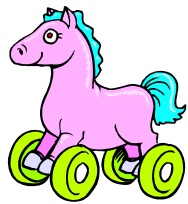


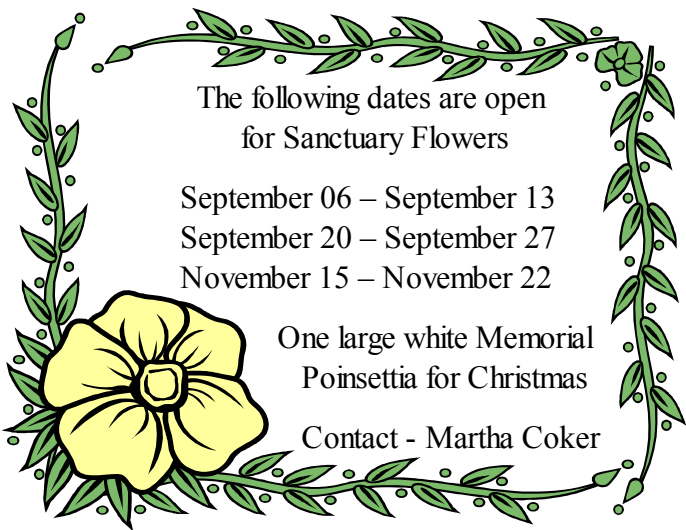
RUMMAGE SALE



The spring toy shop rummage sale will be held April 3, 9am-5pm & April 4, 9am-12pm at the Museum garage. If you would like to work the sale, please contact Trina Madden, <madd_tr@ascog.org; Connie Roebuck, <keithroebuck@sbcglobal.net or Jamie Webb, Jamie.Webb@Halliburton.a-com.

Rummage may be brought to the garage on Thur. April 2. In the past this has been a fun sale. Everyone is invited to come, work, browse and bring stuff.

Church Women United - Martha Coker,



The following dates are open for Sanctuary Flowers

September 06 – September 13
September 20 – September 27
November 15 – November 22

One large white Memorial Poinsettia for Christmas
Contact - Martha Coker



Saturday ~April 25
3:30 PM

A Special "Welcome Home" Buffet for Participants & Staff Members of the Oklahoma Presbyterian Pilgrimage # 41
Conducted at Canyon Camp March 11-15, 2009.

This is the time to enjoy another Chef Looney's Gourmet Spaghetti Dinner. Visit with old and new friends. Hear stories and see the love of God that was poured out at this meeting and witness the changes it has made in many lives.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us for this gathering.

You will not find horns or halos on anyone's head. We are all a work in progress.



Happy April Birthday!

Let's Pray Prayers of Joy for These People on Their Special Day!

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| 04/03 Bill Dewey | 04/17 Jeff Postlethwaite |
| 04/07 Amy Florence | 04/20 Julie Postlethwaite |
| 04/08 Abby Green | 04/20 Rick Trent |
| 04/08 Margo Jones | 04/21 Dan Flanders |
| 04/09 LaJuan Fleming | 04/22 Madison Caldwell |
| 04/09 John Hruba | 04/24 Aubrey Steil |
| 04/13 Charlie Coker | 04/26 Nancy Postlethwaite |
| 04/16 Larry Harris | |



A lunch honoring April Birthdays will be held at Sweet Bay at noon on Wednesday, April 15th. Please call in your reservation to the church office.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

BILL AND ROSELLA MCQUAIN

RON AND MARY ANN POWELL/KAMINSKI

APRIL 20, 1957

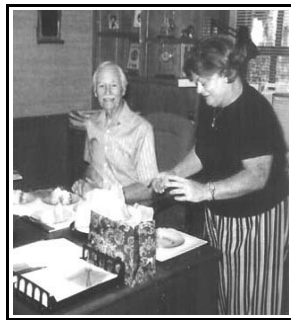
APRIL 24, 1992

Youth Food Harvest

The April canned "Food of the Month" is **ANYTHING GREEN** (Each month will have a new food). Please bring your food to the church on the **third Sunday** of each month & the youth will take it to the Christians Concerned Food Pantry.



36,000 Sunday Morning Bulletins Later



On February 26th the family & friends of Vicky Benson all gathered in Fellowship Hall to celebrate her 12 years of service to the church as Office Manager.

Aluminum Pull Tabs will be taken to Ronald McDonald House on Wednesday, April 22nd. Please have your Tabs at the church by April 20th. Thanks, Martha Coker, PW

The session of First Presbyterian Church, Duncan met on March 24, 2009. Following are some highlights of the meeting.

- Opened the meeting with devotion and prayer by Steve Reasor.
- Moderator led a brief officer training module.
- Confirmed the Treasurer's request that shortfalls in the budget will be covered by memorials, then building fund, then from reserves.
- The session will be revising the budget. Last year the budget required approximately \$5,000 per week (\$20,000 per month) for on-going ministries. The session asks members to prayerfully consider their gifts and tithes to the church in light of this.
- Approved the request for an Automated External Defibrillator to be located near the Sanctuary.
- Approved request from Chisholm Trail Hospice to host a Memorial Service on April 16.
- Approved request from Lonnie McCain to host spaghetti dinner.
- Approved Maundy Thursday worship service for April 9.
- Made plans for Home Communion to home-bound members on April 10th and 11th.
- The meeting was closed with prayer for the congregation and for the work of the session.

Full copies of the minutes are available in the office.



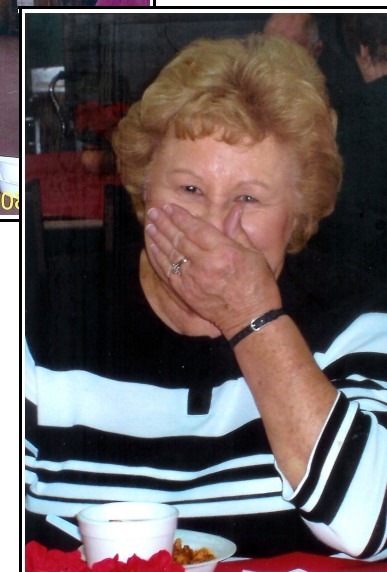
The Chili Was Hot!



Hot!



Fun and games and everyone was a winner at the March Chili Cook Off in Fellowship Hall



Really Hot!



John Calvin (and We) Celebrate 500 Years

A study of John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion* has been provided by Princeton Theological Seminary at <http://www2.ptsem.edu/coned/calvin>. John Calvin's axioms were: "...that there is one God, who is just and good by definition; that Jesus Christ is God's Son and the Bible is God's revelation (renewing and expanding what was made known in creation but lost to sight by the fall); that because the Bible is God's Word, it cannot materially contradict itself and must all fit together in such a way as to be practicable." [1]

"Book Two. The Knowledge of God the Redeemer" Chapters 1-5

John Calvin asserts that "...the whole man is overwhelmed – as by a deluge – from head to foot, so that no part is immune from sin and all that proceeds from him is to be imputed to sin." [2] Katherine M. Douglass writes that John Calvin indicated ignorance is not the cause of corrupt behavior; rather the power of sin "...causes us to do that which is evil and unjust." [3]

John Calvin also notes that "Whether you will or not, daily experience compels you to realize that your mind is guided by God's prompting rather than your own freedom to choose." [4] According to D. Paul La Montagne, "Calvin does not say that human will is not involved for the salvation event. But the will that is required for salvation is the will that is first moved by God, not itself." [5]

References:

[1] McKee, Elsie, "Reflections for the week of January 1-4". *Calvin 09 - Read the Institutes*. Princeton Theological Seminary. January 1-4, 2009. Web. 22 Jan. 2009. <<http://www2.ptsem.edu/ConEd/Calvin/archive/>>.

[2] Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Ed. John T. McNeill. Trans. Ford Lewis Battles. 2 vols. Louisville, KY: Westminster Press, 2006. 253. Print.

[3] Douglass, Katherine M., "Reflections for the week of March 9-14". *Calvin 09 - Read the Institutes*. Princeton Theological Seminary. March 9-14, 2009. Web. 19 Mar. 2009. <<http://www2.ptsem.edu/ConEd/Calvin/archive/>>.

[4] Calvin 315. Print.

[5] La Montagne, D. Paul, "Reflections for the week of March 16-21". *Calvin 09 - Read the Institutes*. Princeton Theological Seminary. March 16-21, 2009. Web. 18 Mar. 2009. <<http://www2.ptsem.edu/ConEd/Calvin/archive/>>.

Notes:

1. All citations from the *Institutes of Christian Religion* are from the published form of the book.

2. I will attempt to use inclusive language, and neither male nor female. However, should text and clarity suffer, a singular pronoun may suffice with the understanding that it precludes neither male nor female.

Submitted by Lynn Weinck

Update From the Treasurer

Year to date Profit & Loss,
February 28, 2009

Total Income: \$23,087.95
Total Expenses: \$47,367.73
*Net Loss: \$24,279.78

*Loss covered by prior year carryover of \$22,474.70 and reserves of \$1805.08

~ Thank You ~

Nancy and I would like to thank our church family for their concern and cards during my father's illness and surgery. It has kept us strong.
Thank You! Mike & Nancy Grantham

Chisholm Trail Hospice will host a memorial service at First Presbyterian Church at 7:00 pm on Thursday April 16th

~ Thank You ~

Dear Friends,
Thank you very much for your generous gift of \$208.33 we received in today's mail. Thank you so much for your faith in us and our work here at Goodland.
Your Servant in Christ, David L. Dearing, CEO

~ Thank You ~

Thanks to Susan Duell for inviting Colton Absher to the March 22nd worship service. The special sacred music provided by his vocal performance of *Panis Angelicus* was truly inspiring.

And a special thanks to Colton. You will always be welcome at First Presbyterian Church.

Sally Barthell - For All of Us

~ Thank You ~

A special thank you to all the people who worked so diligently to make the Toy Shop Spud Lunch a great success on March 10th. The food that you brought to the church, money donations and physical labor given so freely was greatly appreciated by all.



LET US REMEMBER

Heartland

415 N. Chisholm Trail Pkwy.

Joe Griffith

Duncan Care Center 700 Palm

Estella Trapp

Altterra Sterling House

915 W. Plato

Wylla Leonard

Chisholm Trail Retirement Ctr.

625 N. Chisholm Trail Pkwy

Lavina Hofmann Ted Legg

Country Club Care

1904 Hwy 81

Beulah Calloway

Carroll McClellan

Wilkins Nursing Center

1205 S. 4th

Ben Hill

A Note from the Administrative Commission

We have been with you for almost a year. We have learned quite a bit about you, your congregation and its history, and the process in which we are engaged. Here is where we stand.

Pastoral leadership has changed as you welcomed the Rev. Tracy Evans as your interim pastor; and the severance time has ended.

The personnel committee of our commission is in the process of updating all the job descriptions, and changing some staff relationships to focus on a shift from full time to part time office staff, reviewing other staff needs to reflect change in the active membership of the congregation.

Lay leadership has changed. The bylaws have been simplified to better reflect congregational life as opposed to corporate structure. The number of officers has been cut nearly in half to reflect the change in the active membership of the congregation.

Dr. Peter Steinke has been among you twice, you have been invited to comment on his observations of four foci to undergird the congregation's future:

To deal with divisions in the church

To embrace a focus for mission in the name of Jesus Christ

Not only to develop leadership but also to develop respect and trust of the church's leadership

Viability is not just about survival; it includes how you will understand what God is calling you to become as the body of Christ that is First Presbyterian Church, Duncan.

Dr. Steinke will continue to work with the Action Plan Team, the session and congregation as spring progresses.

The Commission anticipates remaining active through 2009 and into 2010 as the interim relationship with Tracy Evans progresses and the Action Plan begins to be implemented.

We are still charged with oversight in membership, discipline and personnel matters. We are still engaged with the session to restore health, bring about reconciliation and to help the session and congregation move forward in constructive ways. We look forward to being witnesses of transformation with you.

We live in sure and certain hope of resurrection through the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ. May the promise of new life be especially potent with all of you this Eastertide as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the hope of renewal he brings!

Reminder to bring:

Campbell Soup labels, box tops for schools coupons, empty pill bottles, aluminum pull tabs and empty ink jet cartridges to the church office.

Please email your articles for **FAITH-AT-WORK** to salsroom@jimbarthell.com, place them in my church office box or call me at 470-9933. The deadline is **April 24th** for the May issue.

Thanks, Sally Barthell