



Friends
Gathered to
Celebrate
Birthdays
at Sweet Bay

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Two Anniversaries were missed in the month of April. Congratulations to:

Chris and Vicki Zimmerman, April 12, 1974

Don and Beverly Moody, April 1952

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:

Scott and Nancy Postlethwaite, May 23, 1975

Alan and Susan Duell, May 23, 1987



Youth Food Harvest

The May "Food of the Month" is **Boxed Dinner Helpers, including Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, etc.** (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.



Financial Update

The Session wants to financially update the Congregation on a routine basis. The figures below are as of April 20, 2009 and will be updated monthly.

Yearly Income to date \$42,217.83

Yearly Expense to date \$82,051.68



There are changes in the office! You'll find a new separate conference room and the secretary's desk in the main room. We have a part-time secretary who will be working 9:00 to 12:00 Monday through Friday.

Stop by and see for yourself!



Happy May Birthday!

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

05/02 Jim Barthell

05/18 Mary Ann Kaminski

05/06 Lu Morgan

05/19 Payten Ferguson

05/06 Elizabeth Pitts

05/19 Kayla Pollock

05/08 Alan Hruby

05/20 Jimmy Livingston

05/10 Dennis Wienck

05/22 Sarah Yarborough

05/11 Eloise Hofmann

05/29 Robert Johnson



A lunch honoring May Birthdays will be held at Sweet Bay at noon on Wednesday, May 20th. Please call in your reservation to the church office.

POTLUCK FAMILY NIGHT 6:00 PM SUNDAY, MAY 3RD



Bring your favorite dish and enjoy good food and entertainment

Fellowship & Renewal Committee

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SUNDAY, MAY 10

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The April meeting was opened with a devotional and prayer by Dan Flanders
- The minutes from March 24 were approved with one correction
- Session training was presented by Tracy with an exercise in helping us expressing ourselves and listening to others
- The Treasurer presented his report and discussion followed on how to better inform the congregation on our financial status. There was a consensus of the Session to publish financial information in the bulletin.
- The Financial Review Task Force has received a bid from Helen J. Garrison of Chickasha for a full financial review for the years 2007 and 2008 in the amount of \$2400. The Session voted to receive this bid and proceed with the full financial review.
- A letter was read from Jim Barthell concerning the continuation of the Angel Ceremony and the continuation of the 50 membership. After lengthy discussion the Session decided to discontinue the Angel Ceremony, but to continue the 50 year membership celebration.
- The church will have a new secretary starting Tuesday, April 28. The secretary hours will be 9 am to 12 pm Monday - Friday.
- A motion was made and carried to allow Jack Munn to increase the Mary Ann Munn Scholarship amount from \$250 to \$500.
- A motion was made to approve the Pentecost offering for May 31, 2009.
- The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Tracy.

Submitted by Jenna Bentley



ATTENTION ALL BODIES!

Is your body tired, listless, or unresponsive? Do we have a deal for you right here at First Presbyterian Church, you can energize your old tired body into a new get up and go model. How? It's simple. Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 - 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall join your friends for Body Recall. A ten week session has already begun on April 13, but all are welcome to come and join the fun. Classes are \$60.00 per student or \$100.00 per couple. Everyone is welcome to come and participate in a free class anytime. Contact Nancy Postlethwaite if you have any questions at home 252-6522, or at church, 255-5769.



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 6-13

The purposes of the Moral Law – Ten Commandments – in the Old Testament are: to call us to reverence of God and specify that reverence commanded by God; and to demonstrate our impotence and reprove us for it. [2] John Calvin enumerates the differences – including law and gospel, respectively – between the Old and New Testament, but indicates that "grace, not merit" is common to both of them. [3] It is the promise of Jesus Christ as Mediator that bridges the chasm between Old Testament and New Testament. [4] And it is Jesus Christ as Mediator that bridges the chasm between God and man. [5]

References:

[1] McKee, Elsie, "Reflections for the week of January 1-4". *Calvin 09 - Read the Institutes*. Princeton Theological Seminary. January 1-4, 009. Web. 22 Jan. 2009. <<http://www2.ptsem.edu/ConEd/Calvin/archive/>>.

[2] Battles, Ford Lewis. *Analysis of the Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2001. 120. Print.

[3] Battles, Ford Lewis. 147. Print.

[4] Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Ed. John T. McNeill. Trans. Ford Lewis Battles. 2 vols. Louisville, KY: Westminster Press, 2006. 429. Print.

[5] Calvin, John. 464. Print.

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 Wienck

~ Thank You ~

Hello everyone, I was asked to thank all the wonderful helpers that came to be a part of the Spring Rummage Sale. Connie said you all worked so hard and that it went so well. The rummage sale made approximately \$2500 which is the most ever at a spring sale. So to everyone that worked to make that happen, thank you so very much. You are GREAT! I also would like to thank those people that helped with the Robotics Spaghetti Dinner. That also raised approximately \$2500.

A lot of our Toy Shop volunteers were wonderful to help with this dinner and I know they will hope we will work with them again. I know they appreciate it more than you will ever know. They were speechless as to the support they had and how much money was made. It makes me so proud to be associated with a group of people that are so willing to do not only for ourselves but to reach out to other groups too.

Thank you from them but thank you from me too! You are a great group of people and Duncan is lucky to have you making a difference in the lives of others!

Love, Kathy Snider, Toy Shop

Disciples Class

The Disciples Class will begin a new study on May 31 at 8:45 for breakfast and 9:15 for study. The study is an in depth study of the person, life and teachings of Jesus. It is from the Disciples series of studies called "Jesus in the Gospels" by Leander E. Keck. If people want to visit the class before they purchase a manual that is great. Mike Grantham will order the manuals so feel free to contact him if you want a book.



LET US REMEMBER

Heartland

415 N. Chisholm Trail Pkwy.

Joe Griffith

Duncan Care Center 700 Palm

Estella Trapp

Alterra 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

Update from Ray Sears

Thanks for your labors with the Faith At Work. When it arrives each month I read it cover to cover. It is such a blessing to be able to keep up with all of you. We have news too. Our oldest daughter Valorie just graduated from Univ of Central Oklahoma with a degree in biology in December and is engaged to Tyler Keel also of Oklahoma City. Rachel, our middle daughter, who left your midst as a third grader in 1999 will graduate in the top 10% of the Westmoore High School class of 2009. Has it really been 10 years? You can be assured that the nurturing of her First Presbyterian family is a key element of her success. You can see her recent performance at our church after winning a superior rating at the Solo & Ensemble Contest here.

<http://www.searsr.com/bolero.wmv>

Rachel will be attending Univ of Science and Arts in Chickasha in the fall!

Blessings to you

Ray Sears

Update from Amy

Dear Friends,

As I write this I am smack dab in the middle of exam week. After we finish there will be a four day break before we start our three-week short term class. The Rhythms in Prayer class will be spending one week at a retreat center so I'm actually looking forward it that!

We are now a dog family again. After dog-sitting for some neighbors, we decided we could handle a dog in our apartment. After discussing it with Tim, he contacted some people in his church that know about a dog rescue place. By the end of the week he already found a dog for "us." When Rachel and I drove up to meet her, we realized there was no way we could break the bond they already had. So, Tim now has an 18-month, Australian Shepherd mix named Kismet ("Kizzy").

Rachel and I started our search and found a 6-year old German Shepherd mix named Siegfried ("Sig"). His name was Keith, but only since February when he was rescued from the streets of NYC. Since my brother's middle name is Keith, we decided a new name was in order. The two dogs didn't care too much for each other when they first met, but after spending a week together at Easter, they can now tolerate each other. Ah...sibling rivalry rears its head again.

Blessings to you all, Amy Florence

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 **May 22nd** for the May issue.

Thanks, Sally Barthell