

# GOD'S PEOPLE DOING GOD'S WORK IN GOD'S WORLD

## Report From Inside Ministries

Thanks to all who participated in the Pentecost Service, Sunday June 19. They all did a great job and it is nice to have a lay led service every once in a while.

**July 31.....Mark your calendar because you don't want to miss the Ice Cream Social, 6:00 pm. in Fellowship Hall.**

Ice cream will be provided and there will be sugar free ice cream available. We will be making our own sundaes and it is up to you to bring your own favorite toppings.

For fun and fellowship, we will be packing backpacks for the younger boys at Goodland. We will have things to pack and bags to pack. We need your help. HOWEVER..if you would like to help purchase things for the bags, or the bags for that matter, please let us know (in the office) and we will be happy to have you bring your own supplies. We will have a list in the office of things the boys will need. If you can furnish a backpack or supplies that would be great, but come eat a sundae and we will have work to do. We will each write a letter to a boy to encourage them for the coming year, so put on your thinking cap and think of a good joke, appropriate for a boy grades 1-6, or just something to say to them. They are all boys, so don't bring pink frilly things, just boy stuff. See you on the 31st for fun, fellowship and good eats.

We still need volunteers to be nursery assistants. You only have to be there, No diaper changing, no playing ball, no games of chase...just be there to be a friend of a child and to show that we care for them. Amanda is quite skilled in child care, but we need to get to know these little ones. If you would like to spend an hour on Sunday morning with a precious child, the sign up sheet is in the office and often on the coffee table in the narthex. You will be blessed and you can hear the church service in the nursery. Twice blessed..it can't get any better than that!!!

*Submitted by Rosella McQuain,  
Inside Ministries Co-Chairperson*

## Independence Day 2011 Two Flags to Fly

The fourth of July is here again.



This year, 2011, we celebrate the 235<sup>th</sup> birthday of our nation. It's a time to fly our nation's flag, the Stars and Stripes; a fitting symbol of our pride and the love we have for our country.

Happy Birthday, America!

This year here in Oklahoma we will probably be flying a second flag on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July – A Red Flag. This flag is flown as a warning to all of us that our state is brutally hot, windy and tinder dry – ready to explode in a storm of wildfires. Any ignition source, however small, even a single fireworks display, could result in the tragic loss of life, in the scorching of thousands of acres of grassland and in the loss of homes and property. Not such a Happy Birthday after all.

Fireworks safety, the strict observation of codes and regulations and plain old common sense have never been more important. Please do your part to make your nation's birthday party safe, sane and wildfire free.

Have a wonderful holiday! It's a time to enjoy family picnics & gatherings! Safe cookouts! Flags! Parades! and Concerts!

Make this Fourth of July one to remember and not one that you would like to forget.

*Submitted by Jim Barthell*

### Thank You

A special thank you to the "cookie bakers" of First Presbyterian Church: Sue Beall, Sally Barthell, Martha Coker and Charlotte Utley. We furnished 13 dozen cookies for the Toy Shop fundraiser. **Wow!**

*Submitted by Martha Coker*

Pentecost Sunday was really nice. The speakers did a marvelous job. Rosella McQuain found the liturgy in a book entitled Fire and Bread. Who would have known those Scots were so entertaining? Actually, my dad's heritage is English and Scots. And I never found them that entertaining. Well, maybe the accents.

The Sunday service before Pentecost was also wonderful. Barbara Hunt did a really nice service and communion.

Blessed and Serving, Vicki Zimmerman

### Thank You

Dear First Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you so much for your gift to Children Are Reading, Earning, Succeeding (C.A.R.E.S.).

We really appreciate your generosity and support. With your help, we will be able to provide students in Honduras with books to read and the means to better their lives through education. Your gift really does make a difference.

Thank You!

Sincerely, Catherine Gillette, (C.A.R.E.S.)

## PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our friends and family

in our prayers

**Rachel Livingston  
Doris Stokes  
Carroll Goss  
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Sam Thompson  
Mary Bennett  
Lu Morgan  
Helen Sue Lowe  
Vicky Benson  
Terry Evans  
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Mary Cearley  
Barbara Black  
Lucille Fleming  
Patye Mason  
Gene Florence  
Quanah Cox  
Jacob Helms  
Tom Thomson  
Susan Jackson**

### Thank You

Christians Concerned sincerely thanks you for your gift of \$123.67. Christians Concerned helps others because we believe God calls us to care. We consider it a privilege to do what we can to meet the needs of others in the name of Jesus Christ.

God bless and keep you, Karen Kaley, Secretary

### Thank You

Thank you for the clothes hangers.  
Women's Haven Staff

### Thank You

Thank you so much for everything you've done. We appreciate the support and generosity you have for our school.  
Thank you so much from The Edge

### Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your generous gift of \$229.17 we received in today's mail. Your thoughtful & generous support is greatly appreciated!

One of our staff here at Goodland told me a rather touching story. Our swimming pool opened up this month and the staff and boys enjoyed the year's first swim. As this staffer was resting after swimming a lap, one of our young boys, Tyler, approached him. He sheepishly said, "can you teach me how to swim? I want to be able to swim!" The staffer gladly began showing him methods of swimming. Shortly after practicing with Tyler, an older boy, Jesse, approached the staffer, "I'd like to learn to swim as well, I didn't have anyone to teach me". The staffer gladly accepted & started an impromptu swimming lesson. Afterwards, the young man doggy-paddled back to staffer with a big smile. "Thank you so much! Now I have a chance to swim at boy scout camp," Jesse exclaimed. These young men never had anyone at home to spend the time working with them on these skills. However, your support made this moment of joy possible for these young men.

Your Servant in Christ, David L. Dearing, CEO, Goodland Academy

### Reminder to bring:

*Please bring your Campbell Soup Labels, box tops for schools coupons, aluminum pull tabs, empty pill bottles (labels removed) and empty inkjet cartridges to the church office. These items will be used to help others in need.*

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We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday, July 3rd during worship service

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS  
FRIDAY JULY 22, 2011**

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Dear Friends,

Our presbytery, the Presbytery of Indian Nations, had a regular meeting on June 10-11 in Stillwater. This is not particularly noteworthy; the presbytery meets at least three times each year. But this meeting was a special one for First Presbyterian Church of Duncan. It was at this meeting that FPC's Administrative Commission was dissolved. After more than three years, they are no longer functioning as part of our congregation's governing body. We are "on our own" in one way, though always tied to our denomination.

In this mailing of the Faith at Work, the session wanted to include the full report so that it is available to everyone with an interest in FPC. It was written by the Commission members over the past few months as together they prayerfully and thoughtfully reflected on their process and on the events and life of this congregation.

It is not a report full of only positive, glowing words. It does not gloss over the conflict and trouble that are part of our history. It shows who we are, warts and all, and reflects some scars that we have incurred.

There will be those who are uncomfortable with naming what has transpired over the last few years. But when we name an issue that is present among us, we take away its power. Hiding problems, pretending they don't exist or have never existed, will never foster healing and wholeness.

Are we perfect? By no means. But God doesn't seek our perfection. God looks to see if we are working to be true to our calling.

These past few years, and especially the past few months of our Appreciative Inquiry, are helping us define who we are. Not who we were, or who we pretend to be or want to be, but who we are here and now. Very shortly, maybe even in the next couple of months, you will begin your search for a new pastor. While this is an exciting time in the life of the congregation, it is not one to be taken lightly. The work of the Administrative Commission, the work of the Session and Deacons, and the work of the Appreciative Inquiry team will all help define who we are as we seek to find the person God is calling for ministry in Duncan.

Please read through the attached report. If you have any questions, concerns or thoughts, do not hesitate to speak with me or a session member. Our goal is to be transparent in what we do.

Grace and peace,  
Tracy

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