

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

## TOY SHOP



The annual fall Toy Shop rummage sale fund raiser will be held at the Stephens County Fairgrounds on **Thursday, October 6, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.** and **Friday, October 7, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Donated items may be brought to the fairgrounds on Monday - Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also needed is a lot of help to unpack boxes and get the sale items on the tables during that time. If you would like to volunteer to help please let Kathy Snider at 255-9552 ([kjsnider@cableone.net](mailto:kjsnider@cableone.net)) or Lynn Samples at 252-5966 ([lsamples@samplesgruop.com](mailto:lsamples@samplesgruop.com)) know when you can work.

Last year over 1000 children received gifts from the toy shop. Some would not have had any presents at all if it had not been for the Church Women United Toy Shop. It is the custom to spend 30-40 dollars on each child and the pleasure it gives these children is well worth the effort of each fund raiser.

*Submitted by Martha Coker*

## Clerk's Corner

Busy night at Session...A report was heard from the Appreciative Inquiry Team and was enthusiastically received. It will be used as a basis for our mission statement as we proceed with our request to form a pastor search committee for a Designated Pastor. Hopefully the search will be on VERY soon. We have all waited a long time for the process to reach this point. So, keep the session in your prayers as we begin this important part of our journey. We will keep you posted on the progress.

A decision was reached to allow the Boy Scout Troop to utilize some rooms upstairs in the education wing for cub meetings. Their troop is growing and we have been partners with them for nearly 60 years now.

A new raccoon has moved into the education wing and it is hoped we can effect a move to an appropriate location for him in the very near future.

The Ice Cream Social was a great success and \$520 was sent to Goodland for more supplies.

All Session members were present along with our COM liaison Rev. Henslee and member Martha Copland and Leah Berning of the AI Team.

July average attendance was 40. The Lord's Supper will be observed Sept 4, 2011.

Shalom, Rosella McQuain, Clerk of Session



## FINANCAL UPDATE AS OF 08/22/2011

Yearly **Income** to date: \$138,052.69  
Yearly **Expense** to date: \$138,528.78

## Presbyterian Women Circles

The circles of the women of the church will begin their fall and winter study in September. **Circle II will commence on Thursday, September 8 at 1:30 pm** and **Circle I starts at 10:00 am September 9.** Circles keep the women of the church drawn together in fellowship, faith, Christian love, prayer and Bible study.

The Horizon's study this year is "Confessing the Beatitudes" by Margaret Aymer, an ordained Presbyterian minister. She is associate professor of New Testament and is the chair of Biblical Studies at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. She is serving within the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

Anyone who desires a study book should contact Charlotte Utley.



*Submitted by Martha Coker, Vice Moderator*

## LET US REMEMBER

*Carroll McClellan*

*Lavina Hofmann*

Country Club Care

1904 Hwy 81, Duncan, OK



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*Audrey Waggoner*

Chisholm Trail Assisted Living

625 Chisholm Trail Pkwy, Duncan, OK

## PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our friends and family

in our prayers

\*Jason Kramer – Army

Rachel Livingston

Doris Stokes

Carroll Goss

Elizabeth Steigleder

Sam Thompson

Mary Bennett

Lu Morgan

Helen Sue Lowe

Vicky Benson

LaJuan Fleming

Sue Beall

Pat & Colleen Winn

Ron Twelves

Susie Grantham

Jessica Jones

Mary Cearley

Barbara Black

Lucille Fleming

Gene Florence

Quannah Cox

Ted Elam

Jacob Helms

Tom Thomson

\* Currently serving our country

## Thank You

Dear First Presbyterian Women of the Church,

Thank you for the \$50 you gave to Gabriel's House. Your donation came at a perfect time as we are in the process of purchasing many supplies for the upcoming year! We appreciate your continued support of our program!

Sincerely, Karla Buchanan, Administrative Director

## Thank You

Dear First Presbyterian Women of the Church,

On behalf of Women's Haven Staff, Board of Director's, and Volunteers, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your donation. It's through such support, that we are able to help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Again, we say thank you.

## Thank You

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of Christians Concerned through the donations of food you have made. The food that is distributed to those in need is available to them because of the generosity of people like you. Many thanks!

Sincerely, Pam Kendrick, Christians Concerned

## Thank You

Dear First Presbyterian Church and members,

We appreciate you and your members agreeing to combat domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking by donating to our cause in the amount of \$25.00.

Sincerely, Julie Cole, Women's Haven Secretary

## Thank You

To First Presbyterian Church from:

Christians Concerned for the gift of \$119.67.

## Thank You

We would like to thank Sally Barthell for all of the hard work she has put into the Faith at Work. What a wonderful publication it has become. We all thank you for your efforts. It is greatly appreciated!

Mike & Nancy Grantham

## 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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**ELDERS**

<u>Class of 2011</u> Bennie Drake Steve Reasor	<u>Class of 2012</u> Lonnie Helms Rosella McQuain	<u>Class of 2013</u> Jerry Fleming Vicki Zimmerman
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**Treasurer** – Linda Helms    **Asst. Treasurer** – Jerry Fleming



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday, September 4th during the worship service.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST**

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Dear Friends,

In honor of school beginning, here are some pieces of information for you.

Did you know...that the Appreciative Inquiry team has completed its work? Their finds are available in the office.

Did you know...that your Session is requesting permission to form a Pastor Nominating Committee from the presbytery's Committee on Ministry?

Did you know...at the end of 2010, there were 10,560 congregations in the Presbyterian Church (USA)? And that the average size congregation has 191 members?

Did you know...that on August 24<sup>th</sup>, there were 518 ministry positions (primarily churches looking for pastors) listed on the PC (USA) website?

Did you know...that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is present in disasters nationally and internationally? PDA has responded to the tornado in Joplin, floods in Nashville, hurricanes on the coast and fires in local churches, to name a few. They are at work with partner agencies in the Horn of Africa, in Japan and New Zealand, again to name but a few. We support PDA through our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. If you would like to support a particular disaster response, go to our website ([www.fpcduncan.com](http://www.fpcduncan.com)) for a link to PDA.

Did you know...your Interim Pastor once served on the Advisory Committee to PDA and is a big fan? Some of the best work in the denomination, in my humble opinion.

Did you know...that we have a new Form of Government in the PC (USA)? Voted on at General Assembly a year ago, and approved by a majority of presbyteries, it went into effect in July. While most people "in the pews" will not notice change, church leaders will find it to be more missional and adaptive to a variety of church settings. We'll be looking at it in-depth in seminars in November.

Did you know...Bible literacy is on a steep decline? A recent study indicated fifty-five percent of adults could not name the four Gospels, 66 percent do not know who delivered the sermon on the Mount and 12 percent identified Joan of Arc as Noah's wife. And no, I'm not making that last one up.

Did you know...God loves you very much and there's not anything you can do to change that? Now, that's Good News!

Grace and peace,

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