

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

## Clerk's Corner

The Diaconate and Session met in their Annual Joint Meeting, November 15, 2011. After the short joint meeting, the officers held their own meetings.

Session approved adding a Communion on Sunday, December 6, in addition to the Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service.

A great deal of activity took place surrounding the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee. As this group moves forward in the search for the minister God has lined up for us, the Session would ask for your prayers and patience. They are moving along on schedule and will have good news for us as soon as possible.

The nursery project is coming along and new carpet will be installed soon, along with a new baby bed. The mural the Edge is painting is looking really nice. Stop by the nursery and have a look.

Any time you have a question, please feel free to ask an Elder and they will be happy to clear up any item of interest.

Don't forget to attend the Advent Sunday School Study at 9:30 am each Sunday during Advent.

Shalom, Rosella McQuain,  
Clerk of Session



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th**-Mark your calendar and be ready to have the Christmas season fill your heart! FPC and St. Paul's Methodist combined choirs will present at **5:30 pm** -

### *“Lead Me Back to Bethlehem”*

Each of you can expect a very special time as we have our 2011 Christmas Cantata.

can·ta·ta – (kən'tɑ:tə), noun: a piece of music for singers/choir and instruments that usually has several parts (called movements) and often has a religious subject

That may be the definition, but it does not do justice for how the music and words will lift you and your spirits.

After the cantata, we will have a festive finger food fellowship time at the FPC Fellowship Hall. We ask that you bring items that can be eaten with only your fingers-so we can be festive and simple at the same time. Suggestions include: sausage balls, M&M's, Chex mix, cookies, veggie trays, fruit plates-you get the drift! There will be plenty of coffee, spiced cider and other holiday punches/drinks.

*Submitted by Scott Berning*

### ***Duncan's Own Jari Askins is Principal Speaker at the Nov. 22 Community Thanksgiving Service at First Presbyterian Church***



Later, Jari enjoyed pie and fellowship with worshipers and with the local ministers who joined with her in the service.



Members of the Duncan Ministerial Alliance with Jari Askins - (L to R) Dan Fletcher, St. Paul's United Methodist; David Heitner, Good Shepherd Lutheran; Jari Askins; Greg Tolle, First United Methodist; Tracy Evans, FPC; Anita Slovak, All Saints Episcopal and Arnold Nelson, First Christian Church *(See Also: Duncan Banner article of Nov. 25)*



## FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF 11/21/2011

Yearly **Income** to date: \$183,132.39  
Yearly **Expense** to date: \$185,045.44

## LET US REMEMBER

**Carroll McClellan**

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**

**Lonnie McCain**

**Pat & Colleen Winn**

**Ron Twelves**

**Susie Grantham**

**Jessica Jones**

**Mary Cearley**

**Lucille Fleming**

**Gene Florence**

**Quannah Cox**

**Jacob Helms**

**Tom Thomson**

**Lavina Hofmann**

**Rebecca Kramer**

**Jim Barthell, Jr.**

\* Currently serving our country

## Thank You

Dear First Presbyterian Church and Pastor,

Thank you so much for allowing us to use your facility for our Memorial Service. It is so perfect!

God Bless You All, Chisholm Trail Hospice

## Thank You

To our lawn angels,

Thank you so much for keeping our yard looking so nice.

God Bless, The Cornerstone Staff

*\*Editor's Note:* lawn angels include - Leah Berning, Lonnie McCain, Jack Munn and Steve Reasor. We appreciate them for keeping the yard at FPC beautiful too! Thank you all for your hard work.

## Well Dinner Thank You's

A VERY SPECIAL “THANK YOU” to all that participated in making the dinner at The Well such a success. We served about 220 people and all the reports I received were very positive. You are a great group of people!!

Lonnie McCain

As you have already witnessed in this issue of Faith-At-Work, the community dinner at The Well on October 28 was a very blessed success. Praise God! One of the things you won't see in the pictures taken at the dinner is OUR FEARLESS LEADER of the dinner—LONNIE MCCAIN. Lonnie has been blessed with many capabilities, but ONE of them is the remarkable ability to organize and coordinate people, groceries, and timing required to feed large numbers of people. He also has a huge heart and does this for our own congregation as well as large groups of people outside our church. Best of all, he is always willing to take on a new project and get it figured out. He is also a master at delegation, thus allowing others to share in this wonderful ministry. LONNIE, YOU ARE SO APPRECIATED! Now you may ask why our “Fearless Leader” is absent from the FAW pictures? Prior to the dinner, Lonnie was helping redecorate the church nursery. You see he has enthusiasm for a lot of things! He was injured and unable to do the dinner in his normal role. However, even though he was physically hurting and out of the picture, he continued behind the scenes getting everything organized, delegating different aspects of the dinner, figuring cooking times and amounts. The dinner went on without a hitch! Thank you again Lonnie for all your hard work!

Leah Berning

Sincere thanks to Elizabeth G. Skahill, the gracious person who provided us with all the wonderful pictures of the October 28 community dinner at The Well. It was a joy to meet her and an education to watch her as she enthusiastically went from table to table, from activity to activity and from person to person, taking her photographs. I have a new friend. So do you.

Jim Barthell

**OFFICERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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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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<u>Class of 2011</u> Mike Grantham Jack Munn	<u>Class of 2012</u> Leah Berning Charlotte Utley	<u>Class of 2013</u> Robin Caldwell LaJuan Fleming
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**Treasurer** – Linda Helms    **Asst. Treasurer** – Jerry Fleming



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday, December 4 and 24 during the worship and candlelight services

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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Dear Friends,

It is hard for me to believe this is my third Advent and Christmas with you. When I first was hired by the Administrative Commission, we were unknown to each other. I entered a church sight unseen, and I had not met a single member of the church. Since that time we have grown together as we have ventured along our paths of faithfulness to God's call. I have learned from you, and I trust you have learned and grown along with me.

It is exciting to be with you again, during this Advent, another busy season.

I will be leading a combined Sunday School class for adults on Sunday mornings of Advent (November 27 through December 18). We will be using an Advent devotion titled "*Java with John (the Baptist)*", a rendering of thoughts and prayers using a present day John as a reference to what we are called in our own lives. Join us on any Sunday at 9:30 am. Study booklets will be provided.

The choir is planning a Cantata for December 18 at 5:30 pm. They will be joined by St. Paul's Methodist Church choir and musicians. There will be a "finger-food" reception following; you're invited to bring a treat to share.

The last two years I have hosted a Christmas Open House. I'm planning on it again this year, but it will be a bit different. Last year, when I was packing up my Christmas decorations, I thought I would be moving during the year, so it is all packed to move, and I don't want to do it again! (If you've ever moved, you understand not wanting to pack twice.)

Please join me at my home on Tuesday, December 13 for an Un-Christmas Party. I'll have food and drinks, but you won't find much in the way of Christmas decorations. So come for a simple gathering anytime between 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

If you would like to join the Christmas spirit, how about bringing a donation for Christians Concerned to the Open House. A canned good or two, some dollar bills or anything that can be used by this great organization would be welcome.

On Christmas Eve, we will celebrate in worship at 6:30 pm including communion and the traditional singing of "*Silent Night/Peace, Peace*". It is always a lovely service and will truly make the Christmas season complete. The next morning is Christmas, and we will have a casual celebration of the birth of our Savior.

In this busy time of year, take time to reflect on what the season means, both for you as an individual and for us as a community of believers. It is a season of miracles, if you only keep looking for them.

May you be blessed this season,

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