

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



## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION**

In 1988, Women of the Church and United Presbyterian Women united to form one organization--Presbyterian Women committed to the work of Christ. Presbyterian Women put this commitment into words with the Presbyterian Women's Purpose Statement. The purpose continues to guide the organization today.

### The Purpose Statement

*Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:*

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens The Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Women in the First Presbyterian Church of Duncan, continue to live out this commitment in their daily lives. The circles satisfy all the elements of the purpose. All women in the congregation demonstrate the purposes because "we care". Many women of our congregation have worked very hard to honor this purpose

The circles satisfy the first purpose. The prayer time is meaningful and the Bible Study is satisfying. This year's Horizons Bible study is titled, " Jubilee ! Luke's Gospel for the Poor". by Dale Lindsay. We will learn about the many ways that Christ's jubilee message turned the world upside down bringing the love of God to all as found and described in Luke 4:18.

The study books are available to anyone who wishes to order one. They are \$6.00 and anyone who would like to place an order, please call Martha Coker at 255-8471. We will order soon.

*Martha Coker, Moderator, Presbyterian Women's Council*

### **Sound System Training**

Anyone, especially Deacons or Elders, who would like to learn how to operate the Church's sound system, please contact Bennie Drake, 252-1685. The Diaconate is going to set up a training program in order that we might have enough sound system trained persons for all Church functions.

### **Christians Concerned Needs your Help!**

This organization needs volunteers to fill many positions, including four office workers to answer phones one day a week from 1 to 5 pm. Also needed are two people to meet the food bank truck twice a month to help unload, four field workers to work one day a week to help with food delivery, one person to help stack food in the pantry & a Monday packer. Christians Concerned food bank provides help with food, utilities, shelter and sometimes prescription medication for many needy people. Every day, they work to provide Duncan residents with the necessities of life because "It's the right thing to do". Barbara Murphey, the program's executive director, noted that while Christians Concerned does have other needs, right now its main focus is bringing in additional help. If you can give of your time to help in any way please call 1-580-252-9120 today.

### **PRAYER CORNER**

\*Justin Ezell  
\*Matthew Fleming – Marines  
\*Monty Tanner

Dr. Bill McGarey  
Sam Thompson  
Stanley Erlenbush  
Jane (Colleen Winn's sister)  
Imogene Dove  
Jimmy & Rachel Livingston

Howard & Phyllis Helms  
Mary Pat Sousa  
Darren James

Allen White's mother  
Ron Twelves  
Katie Moody  
Evelyn Zawicki

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Marguerite English  
Everett Morgan  
Tom Thompson  
Bonnie Davidson  
Jimmy & Glenna Savage

Bob & Nadine McKee  
Stephanie Parkhurst  
Tom Carey  
Emily Marshall

David Dearing's grand-daughter  
Beulah Calloway  
Ray Ebbett

\* Currently serving our country

### *There's a New Angel on The Block*



On Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, Kaitlyn Copeland/Caldwell stepped forward to volunteer as Chairperson for the newly formed Angel Nominating Committee.

Robin Caldwell has agreed to serve as Advising Counsel to the Chair. Please contact Kaitlyn or Robin for future plans and meeting schedules.

### *Thank You*

To First Presbyterian Church,  
Christians Concerned sincerely thanks you for your gift of \$166.66. 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, Christians Concerned

### *Thank You*

Thank you to everyone at FPC for the prayers, kind words and cards during the time my brother was ill and when he passed away. Your kindness will always be remembered.

God Bless you,  
Sally and Jim Barthell

### *Thank You*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Our prayers are with you as you celebrate your Centennial today. May God bless your congregation as you enter your new century. Our best wishes for God's Blessings on Kaitlyn & Rick as they join the church and Rick is the first one baptized in your new century!

The Presbyterian Prayer Fellowship, Hobart, OK  
Claire Harris, Gwen Sims, Sue Johnson & Ann Wasson

### *Thank You*

Dear First Presbyterian Church,  
Your recent donation of food to Christians Concerned's food pantry is much appreciated. Thank you all for your continued support.  
Sincerely, Christians Concerned

*Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Jarrod Latimer who passed away on June 19, 2008*

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DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA**

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS  
JULY 24th, 2008**

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**The following letter was made available at worship on June 15 and is to be distributed to the congregation through this newsletter:**

June 15, 2008

From the Rev. Ann Wasson, Moderator of the Administrative Commission  
To the Members of First Presbyterian Church, Duncan:

At the June 1<sup>st</sup> congregational meeting, the congregation voted to refer the dissolution of the pastoral relationship back to the session with a recommendation. That means that until such time as a dissolution agreement is accepted by the pastor, the congregation and the Administrative Commission, the Rev. Dr. John McGarey remains pastor and head of staff of First Presbyterian Church, Duncan, Oklahoma.

We have since been informed by the Presbytery Stated Clerk that any amendment proposed to the dissolution agreement was out of order and the vote on the dissolution agreement should have been "concur" or "do not concur" to what was originally presented. In effect, by offering an amendment and referring the matter back to the session, the congregation voted not to concur with the dissolution agreement as it was presented. Henceforth, any new dissolution agreement presented to the congregation will be balloted upon as strictly as "concur" and "do not concur" with what is presented. Of course, discussion on the agreement will be in order.

Another agreement is being developed by the pastor, the Committee on Ministry and the session to be voted upon by the congregation and the Administrative Commission. This will take some time and we urge the congregation to be patient as negotiations continue, and to refrain from drawing conclusions before any announcement of another congregational meeting.

This Administrative commission is called to work with the session of First Presbyterian Church Duncan to restore health to the congregation, to bring about reconciliation within the congregation, and to help the session function in healthy ways; and included in its authority is to approve a severance package and dissolve the pastoral relationship. We will continue to work with the session as long as is needed to help them in their work as the spiritual leaders of this congregation.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Ann C. Wasson  
Moderator, Administrative Commission



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