

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

DORENE PARRACK-02
SHELBY ROGERS-02
KAYCEE UNDERWOOD-03
SHELBY LIPPS-05
TAMARA RUSSELL-07
GEORGE PERRY-09
JACK BROWN-11
SUE LODOR-17
RONNIE PENDLETON-17
DANNY STUEART-17-
SARA BROWNING-18
STEPHANIE RENFRO-19
GREG BROYLES-20
DANIELLE WILSON-20
KATIE SIKES-20
JESS LITTLEFIELD-21
BETTY BROWN-21
MEGAN PRATER-21
LUKE McCLYMOND-21
DANNY GIPSON-25
BETH MORRIS-23
GARY BROWN-24
DANA KAY MCKENZIE-28
LAUREN VICKERS-29
GRACIE NICKLAS-29
ZACH WILLIS-31

CONDOLENCES

Christian condolences are extended to Jean Hayworth and family on the death of her son, Michael, on October 4, 2015.

PRAYER CONCERNS

ANNETTE BOAZ
JOHN AND CAROL CONNALLY
LEVI ADAMS
CONNIE ALLEN
JACK BROWN
RONNIE AND SUSAN PENDLETON
BETTY JEAN SALKINS
SHELBY LIPPS
PAIGE TOWNSON
JEAN HAYWORTH AND FAMILY

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

GARY AND KAY TATE-friends of Patty Walker
IRIS PATTERSON-Lisa Langford's mother
ANDREA LOVE-Andy Morris' daughter and Beth's step-daughter.
EDDIE KENDRICK-cancer has returned and he is undergoing treatment.
GAYLA AND JIM WALKER-Gayla is undergoing treatment in Tulsa.
JACK ROGERS-This baby is a great-great - nephew of Sue Lodor.
COBY MEINZER-cousin of Juana Ash. Diagnosed with ALS.
DENNIS LODOR
BONNYE ISENHOWER-friend of Sharon Toland
JOHN BOLE-Cindy Barefield's dad
CONNICE MERSON-friend of Billie Harrison has had a stroke. Daughter-in-law of Becky and Ron Downing
RAYFORD FOGLEMAN-grandfather of Lynn Richardson
RICK CARR-tests being done

TURKEY DINNER PIE BAKING

October 7, 2015
8:30 a.m.
Pie Baking

October 14, 2015
8:30 a.m.
Pie Baking

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

AUSTIN BURKHALTER-Scott Air Force Base, Illinois grandson of Larry and Jinger Mahan
MICAH CLAY-Navy, Cypress, Texas-son of J.R. and Julia Clay.
JASON GRAHAM-deployed to Kuwait, cousin of Melissa Trammel.
ARIC HOLLY-Fort Worth Naval Air Station. Son of Sherry Strickland.
ZACHARY KARL-Fort Hood. Grandson of Elaine and Bobby Goswick.
PFC DIEHLAN KEY-Fort Hood, son of Michael and Nickie Leveridge. Grandson of Mike and Rosa Leveridge.
MAJOR JEFF MATSLER-deployed to Afghanistan
ROBERT RICHARDSON-Fort Hood, son-in-law of Rick and Sharon Pendleton

SHARON MENDOZA, SALLY MENDOZA, SHEILA TONNE AND ELAINE MOORE



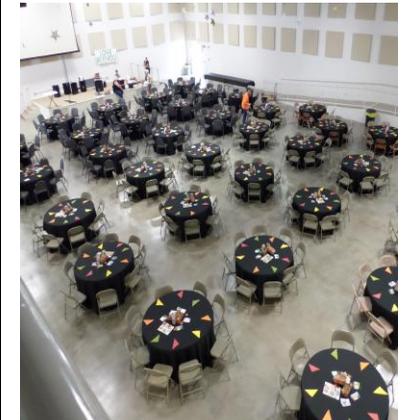
CONDOLENCES

Christian condolences are extended to Joe Lechner and family on the death of Joe's father, Dean, on September 29, 2015 in Minnesota.

TURKEY DINNER PREPARATIONS

It's time to start thinking about Turkey Dinner, so all you crafters and bakers, let's get busy and fill up our Country Store with some new and ingenious items that will entice people to purchase their Christmas presents with us. Plan now to bake some baked goods or freeze some casseroles to sell in our Bake Sale and be on the lookout for great items for our Silent Auction. Let's make this the best Turkey Dinner/Country Store/B Sale/Silent Auction yet!

Tables decorated for the Chamber of Commerce Annual Award Banquet held in the CLC October 1, 2015.



PASTOR'S COLUMN
OCTOBER, 2015

Do you ever wonder about how our church pays its staff or its water bill? Most people don't stay awake at night worrying about it. Many of our church family are regular givers, and we have some very generous church tithers.

I want to share some information about our church budget. For eight months now, we have received an average in offerings of \$14,195.10 per month. The best month was March (when we celebrated Easter) with \$21,624.61. The worst month was July with \$12,031.87.

Now, let us look at our monthly expenses. For eight months, our expenses have averaged \$21,791. When you do the math, you will see that we come up short on an average of \$7,596 a month.

You may find this disturbing and ask, "Then how do we stay afloat?" The answer is that we are blessed to have other sources of income in addition to our church offerings. We receive income from some oil leases. We also have folks who donate to specific ministries like Café Love or VBS or other ministries. Our church is blessed to have been the recipient of some generous estate gifts from those who included our church in their will.

When a Finance Committee looks at the red balance each month, the first knee-jerk reaction is to cut expenses. The only problem with this approach is that, unlike a business, the main purpose of the church is not to make a profit or to accrue money. The main purpose of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Most churches seek to be financially sound by keeping track of offerings and expenses. Our church does a good job of managing our resources. We choose to pay our bills, pay staff and pay our monthly "beyond-our-doors missional ministries" to our conference and our worldwide ministries, even if it causes us to go in the red each month.

Another reason we stay afloat is due to year-end gifts that we receive in December. Our church conducts an annual Turkey Dinner to raise money for our church budget. I must be

crystal clear about this next statement. Just because our church has some alternate sources of income does NOT mean we don't need your regular gifts to our church budget. More than one good church has been torn apart because someone says, "Well, our church received a big gift of \$100,000 from the so-and-so estate. They don't need my money anymore."

After 33 years in the ministry, I have never found a church that didn't need regular supporters to fund the church budget. Paying the light bill and the water bill is not very glamorous, but we need to close the monthly gap between our offerings and our expenses by doing a better job of inviting people to worship and making more mature disciples of Jesus Christ who have enough faith to tithe their income.

If our church received a major financial gift from an estate, would you quit giving to the church budget?

See you Sunday,
Pastor Cal

Next 5th Quarter October 16th

We will need folks to help host the next 5th Quarter so mark your calendars and save the night. In addition to warm bodies we will need cookies, chips, drinks, and snacks. We will open the CLC after the game so please bring your snacks by the kitchen a couple of days beforehand.

Fall Festival coming Wednesday, October 28

Look for the Fall Festival sign up notebook on Sunday mornings. We need lots of folks to set up the booths and games, run the games, and just come and enjoy the fellowship. We will gather at 4:00 pm Tuesday 27th to set up the CLC. Let's get ready to host all the "monsters, ghosts, and goblins" and provide a safe place to have some good old fashioned fun, food, and fellowship.

Other Dates of Importance

Health Fair-Saturday, October 24th from
7:00 – 11:00 am

Open Door Banquet-Monday, October 26th
from 6:00 – 9:00 pm

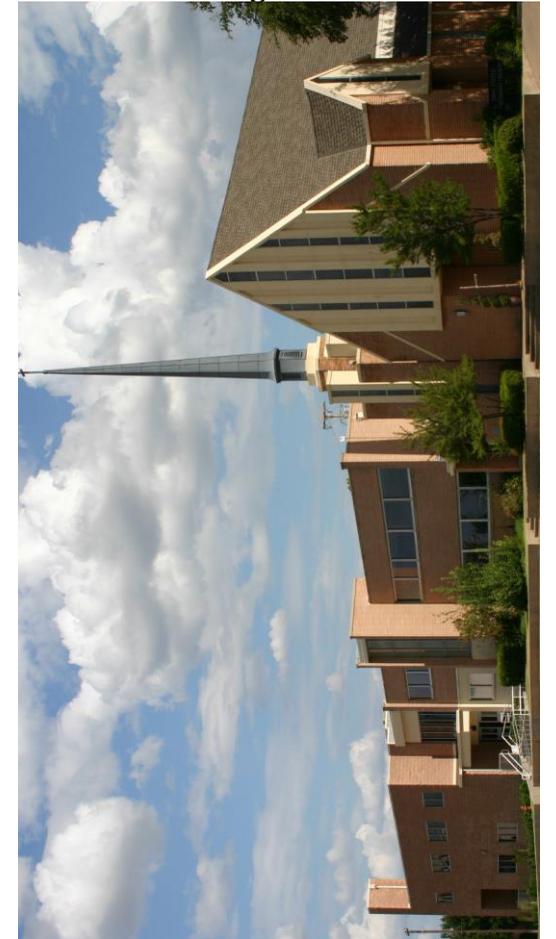
Charge Conference- Sunday, November 1 in
Eastland

Turkey Dinner-Thursday, November 19th
from 11:00 – 1:30 pm

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