

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness,
goodness, faith, meekness, temperance”

GALATIANS 5:22-23



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We want to take this time to welcome each one that is here this day, the Lord's day where we come to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. If you are visiting we are so glad you have come our way and invite you back the next time you are able. If you are visiting we invite you to remain after services so we might get the chance of meeting you in person and welcoming you here. Again Welcome!

If you have a question of us? Would like a bible study? Looking for a church home? Want to know how you can be a part of the work that goes on here? We would love to meet with you!

As we head into a new year many of us like to focus on things we can improve on going forward. Maybe it's a new goal to reach in a certain area of life. Today I want to help us with a phrase the Apostle Peter uses in his letter of being "Sober minded" what does that mean? What does that look like? And how can we look for ways to be more sober minded in the upcoming year? Lets examine some thoughts about this subject today of how we can develop more of having a sober Spirit.

Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:

Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH.....Eric Sharum

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....Tim Curtis

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:	32
Morning Worship:	58
Evening Worship:	27
Mid-Week:	
Ladies Class:	
Contribution:	\$3,588.00
Weekly Budget:	\$4,084.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:.....Tommy Bowden
Closing Prayer:Klaus Mueller

Scripture:Eric Sharum

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Charles Kelsey
Closing Prayer:Ed Valdez

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Keith Parrish
Closing Prayer:James Brennan

If you would like to see a past sermon you can go to our web site and click on the weekly sermons tab.

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR THE FOL-

LOWING: J.L. Bolton has pneumonia. Kenneth Gregory is in Southwestern Hospital with a blood infection. Earline said he is supposed to go home on Tuesday. Kathy Cain's shoulder surgery on Tuesday went well and she is doing good and resting at home. James Brennan is having back trouble. Bobbie Mullins has been in the hospital and may be released on Tuesday. Claudine Bolton is having knee problems, Debbie Bowden, Weldon Flanagan, Kaiden Higgins, Karla McLaury, Leroy & Pat, Brad & LaDonna and Sue Peddy's daughter Beckie who had foot surgery.

MARRIED: Richard Squires and Elizabeth Walton were married on Saturday here at the church building. We wish them all the best.

WORK DAY THIS SATURDAY MORN-

ING, JANUARY 3RD at **9:30 a.m.** at the church building. David Byrd needs help from the men of the congregation to put in new ceiling tiles in the two classrooms that had water damage.

NEW ROOM NUMBER:

Coy Watson wrote on his card Sunday that he has a new room number at the Chateau. Room 115.

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES

BIBLE CLASS will resume on **Wednesday January 7th, 2015 at 10:30 A.M.** All ladies and friends are invited.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTION-

AL HAS BEEN CANCELLED and the New Years Eve Party has been cancelled.

CACHE CHURCH OF CHRIST - JANU-

ARY 18, 2015 - GUEST SPEAKER: PHIL SANDERS who is the regular speaker on the TV program "In Search Of The Lord's Way". They are asking area preachers and elders to come from **1:30-2:30 P.M.** for an update on In Search of the Lord's Way for 2015.

THE AFFIRMING THE FAITH SEMINAR

in Oklahoma City will be **February 27-28** at the North MacArthur congregation. The topic will be "Christianity: God's Blueprint for Living."

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Trena Burch
- 3 - Donna Caldwell
- 10 - Jerry Golson
- 12 - Taryn Higgins
- 17 - Taylor Ryans
- 18 - Pat Doughty
- 19 - Steve Morris
- 25 - Cody Barrington
- 27 - Kenneth Gregory
- 31 - Jesse Stoner

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST:

Roy Bennett, Claudine Bolton, Debbie Bowden, Joslyn Burch, Kenneth Gregory, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Karla McLaury, Bobbie Mullins, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook, Beckie Wiseman, Dwaine Zacharias, Kim Warren, Eric's sister Nikki & uncle Al, and Nicole Hall during her pregnancy.

In Case You Missed It

Last week we celebrated Christmas and there was a lot said of Jesus, a manger, a star, wise men and Shepherds but I think there are many who are not aware of the very deep significance of Bethlehem, Jesus' birthplace. Everyone knows that Bethlehem was a place where shepherds grazed their sheep, and where the Messiah was to be born, but do not realize that it was a town designated as the birthing place for lambs which were used for the Passover sacrifice. More interesting symbolism you think and the Scriptures give significant details about this little town lying slightly south of Jerusalem. In Micah 4:8 we read about it being the "watchtower of the flock". This watchtower stood as a place of protection for the city from approaching enemies, but it was also utilized by shepherds to watch over the specific flocks from which sacrificial Passover lambs were taken. The shepherds who were tending these particular flocks were no ordinary shepherds. They were specifically trained by the Rabbis for a holy task. They had to insure that, as much as possible, every lamb was free of any blemish or injury, in order to be used for the Passover sacrifice. Since they were instructed by the Rabbis, they almost certainly knew of those ancient passages associating the birth of the Messiah. Those shepherds had strong hints of the Messiah in the very town where they lived, so that when the angelic host appeared announcing his arrival, they responded immediately and went to worship Him. We too are to be looking for His Second Coming. Are we also prepared to respond? Our readiness to act in faith and worship will show how well we understand what we are to be on guard for as He said He would come as a thief in the night so let us stay awake and be prepared just like those shepherds of Bethlehem waiting and watching and not like so many that did not notice the Son of God in their very presence. Two types, those who are ready and those who are not which one will we be?