

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, during this new year please give me:

A few friends who understand me and still remain my friends.

A work to do that has eternal value

An understanding heart.

A sense of humor.

Time for quiet, silent meditation on the things that really matter.

The patience to wait for these things and the wisdom to recognize them when they arrive.



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We are so glad you have come here to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! If you are visiting us today we want to especially welcome you here and invite you back the next opportunity you have. We would also ask if you would remain after services so we might get the chance of meeting you in person. If you have a question of us, looking for a church home, want to set up a bible study or are in need of some assistance feel free to get with us, we would love the opportunity of serving you.

After a break during the holidays we are pleased to bring back our fellowship luncheons. So please join us after services at the SLC for a potluck dinner. If you are visiting please stay and be our invited guest we would love to have you stay. Also come and thank and say our "goodbyes" to Terry and Jeanette Ball who will be leaving us to be closer to family in the coming weeks. We all LOVE them and wish them well and May God bless their work as they start a new chapter in their lives. WE LOVE YOU!

Family is a wonderful gift from God. We that are gathered here that are Christians are considered family. The bible speaks of it in terms we understand as brothers and sisters. But what happens when "WE" wander? How important is it to go and get them? James chapter 5 speaks of this in verses 19-20 "My brethren, if any among you who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins". Today lets examine the importance of our role in the family.

**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: .....58  
Morning Worship: .....79  
Evening Worship: .....37  
Mid-Week: .....30  
Ladies Class: .....9  
Contribution: .....\$5,126.00  
Weekly Budget: .....\$4,084.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Opening Prayer:.....Weldon Flanagan  
Closing Prayer: .....Shane McLaury

Scripture: .....Eric Sharum

**Sunday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Tommy Bowden  
Closing Prayer: .....Perry Warren

**Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Keith Parrish  
Closing Prayer: .....Joshua Sharum

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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 FOLLOWING:**

Bobbie Mullins is still in intensive care. Prayers have been requested for Nathan McBride the 4 month old great grandson of Charlie & Sidonia who is still in the hospital in Tulsa. Karla McLaury who will be starting kemo treatments. Kathy Cain as she recovers from shoulder surgery. Dwaine who is having back problems. Jeannie Montague's 3 month old grandson, Luke, is doing better. Please keep the ones on the continued prayer list in your prayers.

**SYMPATHY:** We extend our deepest sympathy to June Hanna in the death of her husband Joe on Friday. His funeral will be this Friday, January 16 at the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel at 12:30 p.m

**THANK YOU NOTE:** Many years ago I turned away from God. My mother always talked to me and I'm sorry I did not ask God to forgive me until after she passed away. I wanted to come back to church at University so April 2008 I came in and met the Valdez's they made me feel welcome and have helped me a lot since. I Thank God every day for the church and all my Christian friends. It has been sad for me the past four years. If it hadn't been for all of you I wouldn't have made it. Thanks for all your concern and prayers also to the church for the dinners you've given me even Santa brought goodies. I count my many blessings everyday for all of you. As the New Year faces us let every one keep your faith in God so that when it comes the great day we can all meet in Heaven. God Bless everyone. In Christian Love, Jean

**NEW ROOM NUMBER:** The new room number for David Kelsey's mother Dorothy is 49 at Village on Lee.

**SENIOR SAINTS:** The 8th and Lee church of Christ Senior Saints Luncheon will be this Friday, January 16th from Noon to 3 p.m. in the Fellow-

ship Room. Please bring a finger food and a game and join us for a great time of fellowship.

**CACHE CHURCH OF CHRIST - JANUARY 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 MONTHLY LUNCHEON** is this Sunday, January 18th, after the morning service at the Student Learning Center. Everyone make plans to attend.

**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, J.L. & 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.

**1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**

In the early 1800's a preacher gave a message to call men to join him on the mission field in Africa. In the audience were only a few women along with a boy. The man knew that few women were expected to volunteer to face harsh African jungle conditions. However, he gave the message anyway; and no one responded. What he didn't realize was that he had touched the heart of a little boy who would grow up to spend the rest of his life ministering to Africa's unreached tribes. This young boy was touched by the faithfulness of a man who still preached and gave his message even when he thought maybe nothing would become of it when there seemed to be no obvious fruit from its delivery — and that made all the difference! The lesson is this: we are not in charge of results, but only responsible to be faithful to what God has given us to do. You may not be seeing any fruit from your obedient labor at the moment — it may appear next week, next year or a century from now, but in its time the fruit will appear, and may be greater than you could have ever imagined. Heaven will, one day, reveal the fruit of lives we have touched by our faithfulness! Be encouraged — and don't give up. Your faithful stewardship will produce its true harvest which will never fade or pass away!