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It is great to have you here today to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you are visiting us today we are so glad you have come our way and invite you back the next time you are able. 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, want to set up a personal bible study, if you are looking for a church home or are in need of assistance please get with us we would like to be able to serve you.

After moving the date a little this month we are proud to have our fellowship luncheon today directly after services at the SLC. We moved the luncheon to this date so we can honor and say our "farewell's to Steve and Sherrie Morris. We hate to see them leave but Steve will be taking a promotion with his job and leaving for Canada. "Hey" (Canadian speak) We will miss the family and Mason as they start a new chapter in their lives. Good luck and Gods speed and see you back soon. If you are visiting you are our guest please stay and be a part of our fellowship with one another.

Why does the church exist? It's a question not asked that much. Who is it here for? What is its mission? Now our first answers may be that it exists so we can worship God. Its for worship, for edification, for encouragement for our learning, for benevolence for evangelism. All are correct answers but what do you personally feel its here for? We will look at some startling trends and see if we can refocus our answers and find what God has set His church up for.

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:.....Weldon Flanagan

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:	48
Morning Worship:	64
Evening Worship:	33
Mid-Week:	43
Ladies Class:	
Contribution:	\$3,002.00
Weekly Budget:	\$4,084.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:.....David Byrd
 Closing Prayer:Jerry Golson

Scripture:Eric Sharum

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Glen Wampler
 Closing Prayer:Charlie Kelsey

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:James Brennan
 Closing Prayer:Greg Ray

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 FOLLOW-

ING: Denice Ross fell in Texas last week and had to go to the hospital. She is at home now. Janna Barrington is doing well after her surgery. Sue Peddy will have her surgery on Monday, March 23rd. Claudine Bolton will have her surgery on Tuesday, March 24th. In Okla. City.

CONGRATULATIONS to Keith and Dana Parrish on their first grandchild born to Amy and Jack last week. Hannah Lynn, 7 lb. & 1 oz., 2 1/2 inches long was born on March 13th. Jean Parrish is the great-grandmother and Allison is the proud Aunt.

THE LUNCHEON FOR MARCH will be this **Sunday, March 22nd** so we can say our good-byes to Steve, Sherrie and Mason Morris who are moving to Canada. Everyone make plans to attend.

NOTE: We are updating the directory. If you need to make a change in your address, telephone number, cell phone number or your e-mail please call the office.

LADIES DAY - Rose Hill Church of Christ - April 18, 2015 - Theme: Matters Of The Heart - RSVP by March 30, 2015.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - David Byrd
- 5 - Bryan Cain
- 6 - Pat Horn
- 7 - Kenny Richardson
- 12 - Barbara Bolton
- 13 - Travis Repp
- 21 - Debbie Bowden
- 22 - Cleo Harper
- 23 - Klaus Mueller
- 23 - Todd Stoner
- 25 - Wyatt Stoner
- 28 - Roy Bennett

5TH SUNDAY PREACHER’S EXCHANGE

will be on Sunday March 29th. Rodger Schwenn will be here at University and Eric will be at Northwest.

THE WESTVIEW BOYS’ HOME: The grocery list from Westview. They will be picking up the groceries the week of **April 13th.**

Shopping List:

- Coffee
- Cookies
- Kool-Aid
- Pop Tarts
- 100% Juice
- Asparagus
- Flour Tortillas
- Beef Jerky
- Slim Jims
- Picante
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Bottled/Powdered Gatorade
- Bottled Water
- Canned Soda
- Mandarin Oranges
- Tropical Fruit
- Pineapple Chunks

Non-Food:

- Fabuloso
- AA Batteries
- 39-Gallon Trash Bags

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, J.L. & Claudine Bolton, Joslyn Burch, Kathy Cain, Kenneth Gregory, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Karla McLaurry, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Travis Repp, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook, Lesley Wirt, Dwaine Zacharias, Randy Hill, Nathan McBride, Kim Warren, Eric’s sister Nikki & uncle Al.

In Case You Missed It

Acts 2:42,47

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”

The past two decades have witnessed a dramatic increase in the number of large churches, including “megachurches” (congregations of 1,000 or more), around the country. In an article entitled “The Myth of Church Growth” David Dunlap cites some troubling statistics. For example, during the very time megachurches have sprouted across the landscape, the proportion of Americans who claim to be “born again” has remained a constant 32 percent. According to Dunlap, growth isn’t coming from conversions but from transfers—up to 80 percent of all growth taking place today. I would suggest that one reason they don’t work is because churches tend to approach church as if it were a business. For example, some church growth experts are saying that their “customers” no longer attend to commune with God, but to “consume” a personal or family service. In a survey of 1,000 church attenders, people were asked, “Why does the church exist?” According to 89 percent, the church’s purpose was “to take care of my family’s and my spiritual needs.” Only 11 percent said the purpose of the church is “to win the world for Jesus Christ.” A business-driven response may make things only worse. In the long run, if we train consumers instead of communers, we’ll end up with customers instead of disciples. It might fill up an auditorium, but it will never turn the world upside down for Christ. A careful reading of Acts 2:42-47 shows that the early church didn’t make bigger and better their business. Instead, they focused on five priorities: worship, prayer, evangelism, learning, and loving. The passage ends with the words, “And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved”. The first church didn’t have a problem with growth because God took care of the growth as they took care of honoring His principles. Church growth is ultimately God’s business, not ours to control. Our commission is to live out the gospel individually and whole-heartedly in community. Then, in keeping with God’s will, “the Lord added to the church daily” will become the success story of our church.