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However, he was actually given a life sentence. His brother Jeff visited him in prison, the rest of his family turned their backs and even refused to speak to him at their dad's funeral. Michael and Jeff pooled their inheritance and hired a lawyer, who did manage to get an Evidentiary hearing in Canadian county, but despite the fact that the Medical Examiner's testimony proved, without a doubt, Michael could not have been the cause of the death, nothing was done except, off the record, they said they would not protest his parole.

A year ago he went up for parole, he has a clean record, he was recommended for parole by the investigator, he has many letters of support written by church of Christ prison ministers he has worked with over the years, he has a home, a future and a goal to become a church of Christ minister. But the parole board denied him, and then most of them resigned.

Since 1995, I have been trying to correct this miscarriage of justice. I have written to the Judge and the prosecutor, sending information and asking for a meeting with them. I sent a packet of information to every Representative and Senator in Oklahoma as well as the Governor. The only response I received was from the Governor's office stating that if and when his case comes to her office the information I sent would be added to the file.

Two years ago I graduated from paralegal school with flying colors but did not get my license as I only wanted to know the law and understand lawyers, not practice it. My job, with God's help is to get Michael out of prison and into preacher's school. He was instrumental in getting the local church of Christ to sponsor services in the prison. He attends every service and is very involved. He leads prayers, serves communion and is the song leader. He has studied with many inmates and baptized over 30 men.

We visit Michael often. He and I talk on the phone daily and we study the Bible together.

In your Elder meetings, please pray for Michael to be released soon. Please ask the congregation to pray for him too. We need all the prayers we can get. Michael, Russell and I truly appreciated your prayers and interest in this case. If you wish more information please contact me.

Thank you and God Bless  
Fran Dodson M., Ed. LPC

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We want to welcome you to University church of Christ. We are so glad you are here and welcome you back the next time you are able. If you are visiting we would ask if you would remain after services briefly so we might get the chance of meeting and welcoming you here in person. Again welcome and see how you can plug "IN" with us!

This is the time for our monthly fellowship luncheon after services at the SLC please stay and join the fellowship! If you are visiting today please stay as our guest we would love the time to sit down have a meal and get to know you a little better. If you have a question of us, want to learn more about what God has in store for your life, want to set up a small group bible study looking for a church home or are in need of some assistance please take the time and visit with us.

The good news of the gospel is that it is free and open to everyone and that Jesus demonstrated while he was on earth that He will take us just as we are, that's for sure. But I will add that he loves us too much to leave us there. So many times I hear people encouraged to believe in God or a God and that's really it. They are finished with the idea of ever having to do anything again. Is that true? I want to study the what now approach after someone claims to have faith in Him. Is there other things we do? Lets take a look closer to James chapter 2 for our study in Gods word.

### 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:**.....Leroy Horn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**.....Leroy Horn

**RECORDS OF THE WEEK**

Bible School: .....52  
Morning Worship: .....90  
Evening Worship: .....33  
Mid-Week: .....43  
Ladies Class: .....  
Contribution: .....\$4,490.00  
Weekly Budget: .....\$3,908.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Opening Prayer:.....Bryan Cain  
Closing Prayer: .....Charles Kelsey

Scripture: .....Eric Sharum

**Sunday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Glen Wampler  
Closing Prayer: .....Klaus Mueller

**Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....James Brennan  
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:**

Leroy is waiting on the results of his tests. James Bolton had cataract surgery two weeks ago. He is doing good. Jerry Doughty will have cataract surgery on Wednesday July 22nd. Sidonia has been in the hospital and is at home now doing better. Sue Peddy has been moved to Monte Vista for rehab. She is in room 110.

**LUNCHEON THIS SUNDAY JULY 19** at the Student Learning Center after the morning service. Everyone make plans to attend.

**2ND ANNUAL HYMNS AT THE TRAIL:** Saturday, August 8, 2015 - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. - Homemade ice Cream After - Come, Sing And Make Melody In Your Heart!! - Chisholm Trail Church of Christ, 3204 West Beech, Duncan, Ok. Flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the back hall.

**THE REPORT FOR JUNE** from World Bible School is posted on the bulletin board in the hall by the classrooms.

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 5 - Terri Belflower
- 6 - Leroy Horn
- 11 - Becky Kelsey
- 17 - Brad McKinzie
- 19 - Cae Sharum
- 25 - Charlie Kelsey
- 29 - Claudine Bolton
- 31 - Daniel Coffey

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**Remember  
Our  
Shut-Ins**

**THE WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME:** Needed items for the boys. The Westview Boy's Home grocery truck will be back the week of August 3rd to pick up the food.

**Shopping List:**

- Sugar
- Ravioli
- Hominy
- Asparagus
- Beef Jerky
- Cooking Spray
- Vienna Sausage
- Bottled Water/Gatorade
- 100% Juice/Orange/Grape

**Non-Food:**

- Clorox Wipes
- Jet Dry/Lysol Spray
- 1 & 1 1/2 in. 3 Ring Binders
- Mechanical Pencils/Large Pink Erasers
- Heavy Duty Back Packs/Zipper Binders
- Composition Books/3 & 5 Subject Notebooks

**CONTINUED PRAYER LIST:** Roy Bennett, J.L. & Claudine Bolton, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook, Lesley Wirt, Dwaine Zacharias, Randy Hill, Nathan McBride.

**EXTENDED CARE:**

Kenneth Gregory is in Willow Park in room 14 B  
Greg Ray's mother is in cedar Crest in room 115.

Here is a letter we received last week.

To the Elders

My name is Fran Fletcher Dodson M., Ed., LPC. (Psychotherapist and Drug counselor). I am and have been a member of the church of Christ for over 60 years. I was born and raised near Berlin, Ok. The oldest of 12 children. I have been married to Russell Dodson from Sayre, OK. For almost 60 years. My reason for writing this letter is to ask for your prayers on behalf of a young man named Michael. I was asked to see him the day he arrived at Granite, as he was suicidal. He attended classes I taught and was in counseling. He also came to the church of Christ services at the OSR chapel which my husband Russell and I attended every Sunday for several years. As part of his counseling I asked him to write his life story and after reading it I was fully convinced he was innocent of any crime. In 1994, I took a job with a mental health facility. I asked him to put us on his visitors list and for permission to obtain the legal transcripts in his case. I am neither a lawyer nor do I ever want to be but it was immediately evident that the system and his court appointed lawyer had sent him to prison without cause. They just wanted the case off their calendar. His co-defendant's family hired an attorney and was found not guilty on the same evidence Michael is in prison on. Michael is the youngest of 6 brothers, his mother died when he was a teenager. His dad, a long haul truck driver was seldom at home. In December 1990 Michael was charged with murder, his court appointed lawyer told him if he went to trial he would get the death penalty. He refused to investigate or interview anyone. He wouldn't let Michael talk about it and told him the less he knew the better he could defend him. Michael's family refused to get a lawyer; his sister-in-law wrote a letter and told him to plead guilty and not go to trial and embarrass the family. He refused to plead guilty the first time and the lawyer had a fit in the hallway. But, over time and with continual pressure from the lawyer, he finally broke and took the plea. But only after the lawyer told him he would be out in 7 years.

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