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Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain... When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level? How do you handles adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean? May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy. The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way. The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches. When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying. May we all be like the COFFEE.



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WELCOME!

A warm welcome to each of you as we come together to remember Jesus Christ and His great sacrifice for each one of us and truly know and share the knowledge that without Him we would have no hope. We are glad you are here to worship the Lord and if you are visiting invite you back. If you are visiting we would also ask if you would remain after services so we might get to meet and greet you in person.

Have a question? Want to know more about following Jesus? Has anyone asked you to follow Him? Looking for a church home or in need of assistance? How about setting up a small group study? For any of these please feel free to get with us we would love to sit down and visit with you.

Remember our postcards get mailed out this week to 5,000 addresses near our building. Please be praying for this effort and if you have some people in mind that you would want to mail out to please pick some up in the foyer or see us in the office throughout the week.

Have we forgot our first love? Its a interesting question that is even raised about the church in Revelation even after all their good works are mentioned. We have a great opportunity to spread the "Good News" if we will! Jesus Christ and Him crucified is all that matters. Are we waiting and wanting to pass along the hope or have we hid our light? Today I will suggest we do more of that and review how could those in the first 300 years of the gospel do so much more and accomplish more than most of us do today. What's the difference? Lets start to examine our approach a little more as we look to the first century for our example of putting Christ first.

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:.....Eric Sharum

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:38
Morning Worship:75
Evening Worship:36
Mid-Week:50
Ladies Class:.....
Contribution:\$3,670.00
Weekly Budget:\$3,908.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:.....Charles Kelsey
Closing Prayer:Klaus Mueller

Scripture:Eric Sharum

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Charlie Kelsey
Closing Prayer:Tommy Bowden

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Keith Parrish
Closing Prayer:Greg Ray

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

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOW-

ING: Claudine Bolton who is in McMahon Tomlinson Nursing Center for rehab. Roy Don and Letha Owens niece, Jerrie Williams, who is in ICU at Southwestern Hospital. Prayers needed for Leroy and Pat, Sue Peddy and Jeannie Montague. Please keep all of our sick and shut-ins in your prayers.

THE WEDNESDAY LADIES' CLASS will kick off with a devo and salad luncheon next **Wednesday, September 9th**. The study this fall will be "Becoming a Woman of Strength". All the ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 18 - Denice Ross
- 22 - Danny Shook
- 23 - Debbie Brandon
- 25 - James Bolton
- 27 - James Clay

MONTHLY EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER:

- September 9th - Wednesday Ladies Class
- September 14th - MNFTM
- September 20th - monthly luncheon
- September 20th - Jim Conner will speak at the Sunday morning class.

SEE YOU SUNDAY

QMCC LADIES' FALL RETREAT - OCTOBER 2-3, 2015

- Sowing The Seeds Of Spiritual Growth - **SPEAKER:** Joan Willis, Childress, Texas - Hosted by the Ladies of Elm & Hudson Church of Christ, Altus, Ok. The information is posted on the back bulletin board.

LADIES DAY - Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. - Registration & Brunch at 9:00 - Speaker - Jackie Jordan - "A Little Humor Along the Way" - Hosted by ladies at Prairie Hill Church of Christ, Rt. 2 box 413 [179476 N 2820 Rd] Comanche, Ok. 73529-9662 - RSVP by September 14, 2015 email mpineda@pldi.net or (580)439-6665

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, Velma Shook, Lesley Wirt, Dwaine Zacharias, Randy Hill, Glenda Kinney, James Marcum & Nathan McBride.

EXTENDED CARE:

Kenneth Gregory is in Willow Park in room 14 B

Joyce Ray is in Cedar Crest in room 115.

In Case You Missed It

A young woman went to her grandmother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her - her husband had cheated on her and she was devastated. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as soon as one problem was solved, a new one arose. Her grandmother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil; without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her granddaughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see." "Carrots, eggs, and coffee." she replied. Her grandmother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The grandmother then asked the granddaughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard boiled egg. Finally, the grandmother asked the granddaughter to sip the coffee. The granddaughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The granddaughter then asked, "What does it mean, grandmother?" Her grandmother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water; it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water. Which are you?" she asked her granddaughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean? Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat?" (Continued on page 4)