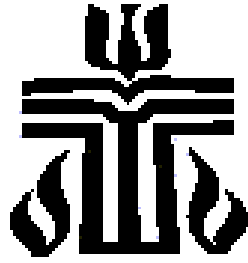


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF OWASSO



The Presbyterian

SPIRIT

“Come Experience God’s Grace

January 2012

Our Vision

**We are a
church...**

Seeking
to love and
glorify
God,

Growing
in love,

Serving
others

NOTE:

New office email:
fpcowasso@att.net

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[fpcowassopas-
tor@att.net](mailto:fpcowassopastor@att.net)

Dear Friends,

Happy Epiphany! On Friday, January 6th we celebrate ‘Epiphany’, the 12th day of Christmas, the journey of the wise men who followed the star to Jesus. Epiphany means a *sudden appearance, light or revelation* from God. The great star was not only a great light, it was a revelation from God for the wise men.

We have our own revelations, don’t we? Ever seen or experienced a ‘sign’ from God? A moment when you knew that something and someone bigger than you was guiding and leading your way? God speaks to us in a myriad of ways. Just this morning I called someone and we realized that it was a ‘God-moment’, an answer to a question that had been asked! When I went to visit someone else in the hospital I saw another opportunity for God to speak, right there during the prayer time. Sometimes God gives signs in a simple nudge of the heart, or a conversation, or maybe in an actual ‘sign’!

But these revelations from God compete with all kinds of other ‘stars’ in our lives. Stars that call us to follow, stars like jobs, power, success, popularity, or wealth. How do we turn from them, and follow the real star—the star of our Savior, Jesus Christ?

First we admit to what and whom we are following. Then we ask God to speak to us, to give us a ‘sign’ if you will. This might be a message to us in the Bible or a devotional, or from a trusted friend. It might be a gut feeling, or the powerful presence of God in prayer. It might be a voice, or a strange turn of events orchestrated by God. To be open to these revelations from God is to follow the star of Jesus Christ in our lives.

May we each one, turn our hearts to the One True Light, the Star of Christ, shining in our lives today. Happy Epiphany.

See you Sunday,

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Calendars and newsletters available on our website.

Rev. Natalie Ford

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Friday is Rev. Natalie's Sabbath

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Adult

Sunday School Class
9:30 am

“The Ten Commandments from the Back Side”

Led by Mark Hrachovec

New study coming soon!
Come see what's happening!



January Worship

Jan 1	Guest Minister	
Jan 8	Epiphany	Matt 2:1-12
Jan 15	Baptism of Jesus	Mark 1:4-11
Jan 22	Follow Me	Mark 1:14
Jan 29	Real Power	Mark 1:21

Join us for coffee and fellowship @ 10:00am Sunday mornings



Volunteers Needed

Lay Reader—assists in leading the service once every few months. Training Provided.

Usher—you know what they do! Just serve occasionally.

Sound Technician—on an emergency basis. Be trained in advance

Sunday School Teachers & volunteers for Children's Church

Please call the Office: 918-272-1063

New Wednesday Nite Adult Bible Study, Jan 18th, 6:30 pm Studying

“The Book of Isaiah”

Sign up for a book with Rev. Natalie

Check out our website!

www.fpcowasso.org

Thanks to webmistress—Teresa Herleth

January Birthdays

Jan 1 Janet Mozley
 Jan 4 Pam Thirion
 Jan 6 Debbie Reed
 Jan 9 Nancy Herdman
 Jan 11 George Sheaff
 Jan 13 Ken Allen
 Jan 13 Tori Thomason
 Jan 14 Earleen Printz
 Jan 15 Ruth Hespe
 Jan 17 Lacey Taylor
 Jan 17 Tyler Herdman
 Jan 20 Kathy Brandon
 Jan 21 Danny Thirion
 Jan 25 Rod Taylor
 Jan 25 Doug Hespe
 Jan 26 Arley Owens

Congratulations!



Session Meeting

Monday, Jan 16,
6:30 pm



Interested in Exercise?

Tuesdays at 6 am
Call Laura Brewer:
918-272-3173

Don't pay that TAX!

The church has tax exempt accounts and cards for Reasors, Wal-Mart, Big Lots, Hobby Lobby, Lowes, Office Depot, Sam's, Mardels and Cokesbury. Please check with Bebe for the cards before making a purchase for the church...Tax exempt letters are available for all businesses.

Keep Saving Those Labels!

Save the UPC for Best Choice and the entire Campbell's Soup Label

for Goodland Boys Academy in Hugo, Oklahoma,
Our Presbyterian Boys Home and School

Budget Report 2011

2011 Expenses: 161,285.47
2011 Giving: 153,909.88

Giving includes:

Pastor's Fund: 14,591.50
Other specials: 12,872.53
Bldg Fund: 1,577.88
Reg budget: 124,967.97

Join the Needleworkers



Meet other women for
Fellowship and support

1:30 pm
Jan 9th and 23rd

Suella Barnett: 918-272-0277
Don't know how to twist that yarn?

There are expert teachers here
Plan to learn a new skill in 2012.

January Mission

EMERGENCY INFANT SERVICES

Mills Elementary

Our adopted school needs
YOU

Just an hour a week---
at a time of your choice!
To read to/with a 1st grader.
Please talk to Rev. Ford
Or Sign-up in Foyer

Continuing Needs:

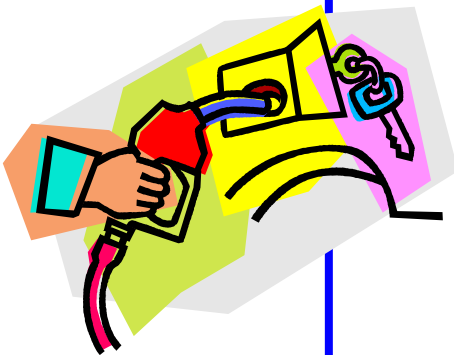
Mittens and Hats birth-size 8
Gowns/sleepers newborn & small
Diapers—newborn or large
Diaper rash ointment
Baby wash and shampoo
Baby clothes—to size 8 child
Baby food stage 1-3 or formula
Coats—for toddler girls, size 4,5 and 6.

You're a wonderfully generous People of God.

You made Christmas brighter for 12 children by adopting angels from our tree. You've brought generous gifts for Emergency Infant Services. In 2011, you helped over 100 families with emergency assistance for utilities, rent and gasoline. But, in the one week after Christmas, we had 4 requests for utility assistance and 2 needs for gasoline to get to work or to doctor appointments. And the requests continue to average two a day.

**Our Pastor's Fund is getting low!
We don't want to turn people away !**

**You can help—just write 'Pastor's Fund'
on your check.**



News for the Front Pews

Youth Sponsors:

Rev. Natalie: 918-671-7203
Hap Pinkerton: 918-371-9896

Parent Meetings

Youth Parents (6th-12th grade) Sun, Jan 8th, 11:30

Parents of Children (Kth grades), Jan 15th, 11:30

The Personnel Committee will meet with the parents briefly after worship on both Sundays to discuss the needs of our children and youth. We regret the loss of our Youth Director and send our best wishes with Sarah as she devotes more time to her studies.

Parents, please be here. We need your input!

Children's Church

For Pre-K through 3rd grade
With Jennifer Pinkerton
After the Children's Sermon
During worship

Kids (prek-5th)

Sunday School 9:30am

Join us for ROCK SOLID Bible Study



**Sunday January
15th, 5:00pm
Movie Night**

Movie Night at the
Pinkerton's
New House!

YOU CAN SERVE!

Youth, we need you
as Liturgist, Acolyte,
or Usher



Second Sunday Worship

An exciting new worship experience

Sunday, Jan 8, 5:00pm

Come experience God in a fresh new way

*Have friends or family that don't come to morning service?
Bring them to Second Sunday!*

Golden Agers Celebrate
the Chinese New Year
at Buffet City!
Monday, Jan 23rd, 12:30



RSVP: Dorothy
Stevens:
918-272-2623

Save the Date!

February 24-25, 2012

Women's Retreat in Wilburton, OK,
With First Presbyterian of Stillwater
(and Associate Pastor Leah Hrachovec)

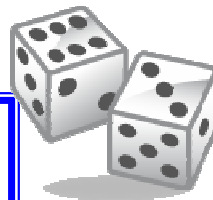
Keynote Speaker: Tangela Ekhoﬀ

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 22, 11:30 am

To review year 2011, elect officers, and
approve 2012 budget

Please plan to stay after worship for this
important meeting.



Saturday, January
28th, 6:00pm

Bunco Party

Bring a snack to share, a
friend, a sense of humor,
and join in the fun and
games!



Courtyard Pergola Update!

Many thanks to our Eagle Scout Tyler Herdman and
the many men of our church—Dave, Lue, Ken, Rod, Phil, Bob Bass,
and many others—who worked tirelessly to create the beautiful court-
yard pergola. You may still donate to this beautification of
our church. Just note "Courtyard" on your check.

Lay Liturgist Schedule 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lay Liturgist</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Lay Liturgist</u>
Jan 1	Jane Bass	Jul 1	Sheri Burnes
Jan 8	Darci Merritt	Jul 8	Teresa Herleth
Jan 15	Kathy Brandon	Jul 15	Alan McBroom
Jan 22	Alan McBroom	Jul 22	Debbie Reed
Jan 29	Sheri Burnes	Jul 29	Mark H.
Feb 5	Teresa Herleth	Aug 5	Amy Crowder
Feb 12	Debbie Reed	Aug 12	Sheri Burnes
Feb 19	Mark Hrachovec	Aug 19	Darci Merritt
Feb 26	Kathy Brandon	Aug 2	Kathy Brandon
Mar 4	Darci Merritt	Sep 2	Teresa Herleth
Mar 11	Amy Crowder	Sep 9	Debbie Reed
Mar 18	Alan McBroom	Sep 16	Alan McBroom
Mar 25	Teresa Herleth	Sep 23	Mark H.
Apr 1	Debbie Reed	Sep 30	Amy Crowder
Apr 8 (E)	Alan McBroom	Oct 7	Kathy Brandon
Apr 15	Kathy Brandon	Oct 14	Darci Merritt
Apr 22	Sheri Burnes	Oct 21	Sheri Burnes
Apr 29	Mark Hrachovec	Oct 29	Teresa Herleth
May 6	Amy Crowder	Nov 4	Alan McBroom
May 13	Darci Merritt	Nov 11	Debbie Reed
May 20	Sheri Burnes	Nov 18	Mark H.
May 27	Teresa Herleth	Nov 25	Darci Merritt
June 3	Alan McBroom	Dec 2	
June 10	Mark H.	Dec 9	
June 17	Kathy Brandon	Dec 16	
June 24	Darci Merritt	Dec 23	Alan McBroom
		Dec 24	Sheri, Mark
		Dec 30	Teresa

Please call the church office: 272-1063, early in the week, if you are unable to serve on the Sunday you're scheduled. For last minute emergencies, please arrange for a substitute.

Sunday Classes: 9:30 am
Coffee & Fellowship: 10:00 am
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am



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