

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF OWASSO



The Presbyterian

SPIRIT

“Come Experience God’s Grace”

December 2010

Our Vision

**We are a
church...**

Seeking
to love and
glorify
God,

Growing
in love,

Serving
others

Dear Friends,

Have you ever wondered why God brought our Savior into the world as a baby?

Listen to this great devotional from our *These Days* magazine (December 7, 2010): Miriam Kishi writes, *I have noticed that God continuously says, 'I am with you', from God's call to Abraham to assurances in Psalms to Isaiah's prophecies.*

But we didn't get it, so God tried something new. Who doesn't notice a baby? God knew you would either want to hold it, like me, or change your seat on the plane. *But you do notice a baby.*

During this Advent consider how God has always wanted to be with you. Open yourself to the wonder of God coming as a baby, hoping to get your attention, past your defenses, so you could bask in the baby's smile and finally know God is with you. God wants to be with you through the ups and downs of your life. That's Emmanuel—God is with us! Notice the baby, and listen for God's message to you, saying 'I love you'.

It's true—everyone notices a baby. I pray that we will all take time to notice the baby Jesus coming to us this Christmas. A baby that wants to love us and change our lives. That's what Advent is all about. It's not about the gifts, the company, or the celebrations...it's about Emmanuel—God with us.

May we all know just how much God is with us,

See you Sunday,

Natale

New
Address?
phone?
e-mail?

PLEASE
Notify
the church:
272-1063

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December Worship

| | |
|----|------------------------------|
| 5 | Children's Christmas Pageant |
| 12 | Choir Christmas Cantata |
| 19 | The Scandalous Birth |
| 24 | Christmas Eve Communion |
| 26 | First Sunday of Christmas |

**Adult
Sunday School Class
9:30 am
More parables from the
Back Side
Led by Mark Hrachovec**



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



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: 272-1063

**Wednesday Nite Adult
Bible Study
6:30—7:15 pm
Where Did Our Bible Come
From?**

Check out our website!

www.fpcowasso.org

Thanks to webmistress—Teresa Herleth



Christmas Caroling
Wednesday December 15th
6:30-8:00pm

*Bring your voice and your smiles, and join us for singing, and hot chocolate afterwards.
Everyone—all ages—Invited*



Christmas Caroling

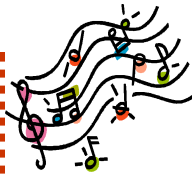
Christmas Party



All Church Adult Christmas Party
Saturday,
December 18th,
6:00pm

*With Phil & Betty Lutz,
15318 E 79th Pl N
272-5975*

*Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share
And an inexpensive 'white elephant' gift to exchange!*



Choir Cantata
Sunday,
December 12th
During worship

*Hear the sounds of Christmas
From our sanctuary choir*

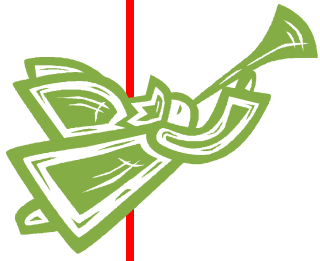
Christmas Card Exchange

Save time, save stamps!
Bring your Christmas cards here for the card exchange boxes on the table by the office and check for your own cards weekly.



Candlelight Communion Service
Christmas Eve
7:00pm

A service of Lessons and Carols for the whole family

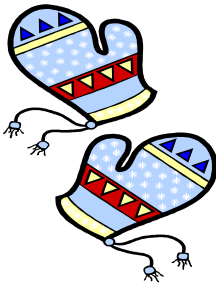


December Missions

OCR Christmas Angels Due Dec 9th
Thank you for being an 'angel' to our 'angels'
from Mills Elementary!

Emergency Infant Services (EIS) Mitten Tree

Put under Tree in foyer:



- 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—infant to child size 8



Did you know?

That an 'angel' named Zack from Blackwell Presbyterian Church dropped by the week before Thanksgiving with 5 Turkeys for us to put to good use? We gave them to needy families and used one for Nov 21st dinner! Praise God!



You Can Help!

***You Have Helped the Needy in Owasso!
Thank you for your generous donations!***

We, and other Ministerial Alliance churches, help needy people who come to our doors for utilities, rent, emergency shelter, gasoline and other needs after OCR has exhausted their resources.

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

Budget Report

Thru 11-30-10

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Expenses | 129,585.04 |
| Income | |
| Program | 99,503.79 |
| Special | 13,339.47 |
| Capital | 1,598.82 |
| EOP Subsidy | <u>4,750.00</u> |
| Total Income | 119,192.08 |

Updates to 2010 Church Directory

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Please make these changes to
your October Church Directory.

News for the Front Pews

Youth Sponsors:

Rev. Natalie: 671-7203

Hap Pinkerton: 371-9896

Youth Director:

Sarah Mahaffey: 899-6664

sarah.mahaffey@okstate.edu

Kids (prek-5th) Sunday School 9:30am

Join us for ROCK SOLID Bible Study

*Youth—It's HAP'enin with Hap
Youth (6-12) Sunday School 9:30am
in the youth room
Get to Know your Bible
Free Food and Fellowship
for the Soul*

Jesus Bible Study

Thursdays 5:30 pm

Dec 2, 9, 16th



Caroling

Wed, Dec 15th @
6:30 pm

Come join in—your voice is
needed!



Christmas Party!

Monday, Dec 20th
6:00pm

*Bring a gift and some
party food to share!*

After School Fellowship

Wednesday, Dec 8th

2:30—5:00

Help make ornaments for
shut-ins!

YOU CAN SERVE!

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

PARENTS!

We need your help too---
to help plan and chaper-
one activities

*Our Youth Group is on
Facebook!*

& Check out our Church
Website

fpcowasso.org

Attention Golden Agers!

(and everyone else who likes a good time!)

**Christmas Lunch at the home of
Floyd and Dorothy Stevens,
7602 N 127th E Ave.**

Wednesday, December 15th at 12:30.

Please RSVP to Dorothy at 272-2623 to coordinate food.
Please bring a non-perishable food item for OCR.



December Birthdays

- 3 Lindsey Brewer**
- 5 Jeff Crowder**
- 9 Ronald Brewer**
- 9 Mackenzie Crowder**
- 11 Dave Smith**
- 20 Brenda Coulter**
- 24 Gary Baxter**
- 28 Kerry Hartley**
- 30 Judy Owens**

Anniversaries

- 5 Hespes**
- 21 Basses**
- 29 Hartleys**

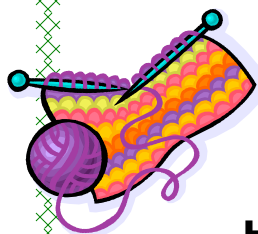
Congratulations!

Stewardship Update!

We currently have 31 pledges for \$94,169.00. It's not too late to bring or send your pledge.

Join the Needleworkers

Meet other women monthly for Fellowship and support



**1:30 pm
Dec 13th**

Here at the church!

Contact Suella Barnett: 272-0277

Or Berniece Ziegler: 553-6230

For more info!

For All Kids & Families—invite your friends

A Family Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 12th
4:00-6:00pm**

Come for Christmas activities, crafts, snacks, the nativity, and a visit from old St. Nick



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



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