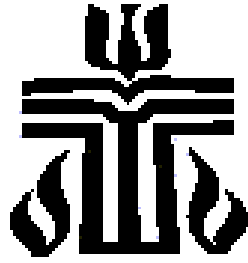


FIRST
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The Presbyterian

SPIRIT

Our Vision

**We are a
church...**

**Seeking
to love and
glorify
God,**

**Growing
in love,**

**Serving
others**

“Come Experience God’s Grace”

July 2010

Dear Friends,

Someone has discovered that the green apples on our tree by the parking lot are ripe and delicious and free for the taking—so eat up!

I eat a lot of fruit in the summer. You probably do too. It’s some of God’s great creation. Last week I preached a sermon called “*Bearing Fruit (with a little manure)*” on Luke 13:6-9, and Galatians 5:22-26. I was talking about that other kind of fruit, the kind that comes from our hearts, those ‘fruits of the Spirit’, like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, generosity, faithfulness, and self-control.

Jesus once told a story about a fruitless tree that was in danger of being cut down. But a man offered to fertilize it for one more year, to see if it could bear fruit. You know what he was really doing—piling on the manure to make it fruitful.

I believe that something similar happens with those fruits of the Spirit that come forth from our hearts. God uses the ‘manure’ in our lives, Paul refers to this as all the ‘fleshly’ stuff, the dead stuff, the mess, the suffering and hardship, the ways we are crucified with Christ.....and that manure actually helps us grow and bear fruit.

The question is if we will allow God to be the master gardener and cultivate our hearts. If we will hand over the mess in our lives, the pain and agony we face, and allow it to be used in some way to change us and make us into the people God wants us to be. That’s not easy. It’s far easier to just sit in the mess. To be overcome by fear, anxiety, or complaint.

But God has not given us a spirit of fear (2 Timothy), or anxiety, or complaint (Phil 4). If we turn ourselves over to God’s loving care, to the loving Savior, God gives us the Spirit of Christ, and these gifts of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, generosity, faithfulness, and self-control.

I’m glad that we have a God who can use the manure in our lives for some good! May we give our hearts to the hands of the master gardener,

See you Sunday,

New
Address?
phone?
e-mail?

PLEASE
Notify
the church:
272-1063

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July Worship

4	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:24-37
11	The Power of Suffering	Romans 5:1-5
18	Mary and Martha	Luke 10:38-42
25	Hymn Sing	

Sunday School
9:30 am

**If You Want to Walk on
Water You Have to Get
Out of the Boat**

Led by Dorothy Stevens

Join us for coffee and
fellowship

@ 10:00am
Sunday mornings



Fellowship

**Wednesday Evening
Bible Study will resume
August 25th**

Volunteers Needed

Counter—requires about 15 minutes after church once every few months.

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

Please call the Office: 272-1063

Check out our new website!

www.fpcowasso.org



**Choir on Vacation
Until August 25th.**

**Look for special solos &
ensembles in worship!**

**Please consider joining the choir
this fall.**

Remember!

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

Wish List for our Kids & Youth—Can You Help?

- New TV (larger size) for Youth Room
- Small Flat Screen TV for Sunday School Room
- Dart Board for Youth Room
- Round or square 'mod' coffee table for Youth Room



Hymn Sing

July 25th, 10:30 am

Come Enjoy the Old Favorites

Call out your Favorite!

Bring your neighbors

**Session meeting
July 20 6:30 pm
At Rev. Natalie's**

**Budget Report
YTD**

Expenses	\$70,910.23
Income	
Program	55,139.25
Special	6,938.70
Capital	904.76
Total Income	62,982.71

***How Can I Help the Needy in Owasso?
Donate to Pastor's Helping Fund!***

We, and other Ministerial Alliance churches, help needy people who come to our doors for utilities, rent, other emergencies, after OCR has exhausted their resources. You can help—just write 'Pastor's Fund' on your check.



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 9:15am

Join us for ROCK SOLID Bible Study

Sunday, July 11th

Noon to 4 pm

Big Splash

Bring \$20.00
plus snack money



6 pm Pizza and Games

With visiting youth group

Adult sponsors & drivers still needed

RSVP to Sarah by Friday, Jul 9th

Summer Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

Come for dinner, too.

Great food, lots of fun,
questions answered,
memories made!

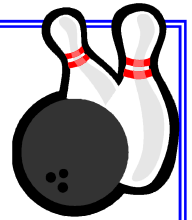
Glow Bowling

Friday, July 23rd

Meet at church at 8:30

Home about midnight.

Bring \$20.00 & friends



Youth—It's HAP'enin with Hap

Youth (6-12) Sunday School 9:15am

in the youth room

Get to Know your Bible

Free Food and Fellowship

for the Soul

YOU CAN SERVE!

Youth, we need you as Liturgist, Acolyte,

PARENTS!

We need your help too---to help plan and
chaperone activities

*Our Youth Group is on
Facebook!*

& Check out our Church
Website

fpcowasso.org

Sarah will be on vacation July 16-20.
She will be here for both Wednesdays,
Jul 14 and Jul 21st.

Something for Everyone

July Celebrations

- 01 James Thirion**
- 04 Steven's Anniversary**
- 13 Tina Crawford**
- 14 Lila Marie Pinkerton**
- 15 Phil Lutz**
- 20 Sherry Sossamon**
- 24 Barnett's Anniversary**
- 25 Jerry Price**
- 26 Trevor Mott**
- 27 Dorothy Stevens**

Congratulations!

**Habitat for Humanity
Women Build**

Come join us on July 10th as we 'build together' with area women!

Contact Marcia 272-9412

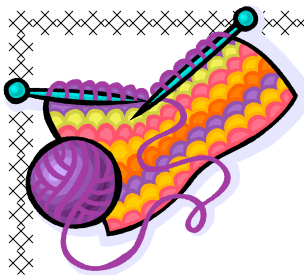
***To My Church Friends:
Thank you so much for the beautiful plaque. It is nice to be appreciated!
Dorothy***



Friday, July 2nd, 8 pm
join us on the church lawn for fireworks, fun and ice cream!



Bring your own lawn chair and ice cream if you can. Fireworks furnished by the City of Owasso at Owasso High School, starting about 9:45.



Crochet/Knit Group

Join other-women twice monthly for fellowship and support

1:30 pm

July 12th and July 26th

Contact Suella Barnett: 272-0277

Exercise w/ Laura

Tuesday mornings

6:00am

at the park



Walking! Pilates! Yoga!

Interested?

Call Laura: 798-5969

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



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