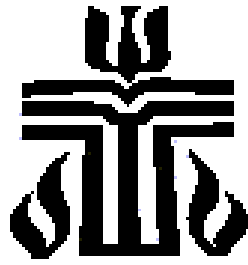


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF OWASSO



The Presbyterian

SPIRIT

“Come Experience God’s Grace”

February 2011

Our Vi- sion

**We are a
church...**

Seeking
to love and
glorify
God,

Growing
in love,

Serving
others

New
Address?
phone?
e-mail?

PLEASE
Notify
the church:
272-1063

Dear Friends,

Why join the church? It’s an interesting question that many people face while attending a church of their choice. Why join? We certainly don’t force anyone to join. And we don’t make it difficult. All that is required in the Presbyterian Church is profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. So why join?

Well, membership in a particular family of faith is considered a joy and a privilege. It is a commitment to participate in Christ’s work in the world through our church. Here at First Pres Owasso it is a commitment to be **Seeking, Growing, and Serving**. (our vision). Seeking means regular worship together, giving, and a personal relationship with Christ. **Growing** means joining a study group of some kind. And **Serving** is taking advantage of the many different opportunities for ministry (see pg 3).

In December our Presbytery approved, and others are still voting on, a New Form of Government to update the Book of Order. In it is a similar description of what it means to become a member of a church. Here are some highlights: *participating in the church government, supporting other members in prayer & concern, and the church through giving of time, money, and talent; working for peace and justice; studying scripture together; serving; demonstrating a new way of life; sharing the good news; considering ways your participation in church can be increased and more meaningful.*

So why join? The same reason we make commitments of any other kind. Because we love the church, and we want to truly be involved. For all of you who are members, I encourage you to reflect on your own membership. For those who are visiting, but not yet members, I hope to hold a new member class very soon—and I would love to visit with you about joining the church! Just give me a call.

See you Sunday,

Natake W. Ford

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Calendars and newsletters available on our website.

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February Worship

6	Light of the World	Matt 5
13	Choose	Deut 30
20	Turn Other Cheek	Matt 5
27	Don't Worry	Matt 6
Mar 6	Least of These—Min Alliance Day	

**NEW Adult
Sunday School Class
9:30 am
The Life You've Always
Wanted
Led by Dorothy Stevens**



**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

Matthew's Gospel

Check out our website!

www.fpcowasso.org

Thanks to webmistress—Teresa Herleth



***What are YOUR gifts?
What do you ENJOY? What makes you SMILE?***

As Christians we have each been given ‘gifts’ to use for the common good of the church (1 Corinthians 12). These gifts are the abilities we have that bring us joy and help the church. Sometimes they are obvious talents and things we know we enjoy, other times these gifts are revealed to us only after we take a risk and try a new kind of service!

Opportunities abound for service at our church, in several different areas of ministry. We have 7 different teams or committees that do ministry, and you are welcome to join any of them, no invitation is required! Just contact the leader or Pastor Natalie and dive right in!

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| Fellowship | <i>Amy Crowder</i> 918-272-5299 amycrowder@sbcglobal.net
planning, decorating, cooking, clean-up of monthly fellowship events—great fun! |
| Mission | <i>Teresa Herleth</i> 918-272-5904 bherleth@cox.net
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| Outreach | <i>Sheri Burnes</i> 918-272-9980 sheri.burnes.inil@statefarm.com
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February Missions



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 today!

Did you know? Human Trafficking is a BIG PROBLEM in OKLAHOMA?

Slavery Still Exists—right here in our state!

Come learn about **O.A.T.H.** (Oklahomans Against Trafficking of Humans)

Sunday Feb. 20th 2pm

Owasso Disciples Christian Church

(Corner 66th St. N/129th E Ave)

Our Pastor's Fund is Running on Empty.....

And oh what an amazing gift it is to those in need in Owasso! Just last month a man and his family lost their home in a house fire. The Red Cross stepped in to help with some emergency needs, but the family had no renters/house insurance, so they were left homeless. The Ministerial Alliance stepped in and through our Pastor's Fund and the other funds of our sister churches, we were able to get him settled into a new rented home, and help with expenses and other needed items! What an amazing gift it was! Thank you to all of you who generously give to the Ministerial Alliance. We fill in the gaps where OCR and other agencies are simply not able to help those in need.

***You can help 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.**





Talent Show 2011 is coming!!!

Dinner and Show

Saturday, February 26th

5:30pm

Get your act together NOW!!!

Sign up in the foyer today!

PLEASE Sign up if you can bring a Dinner Dish or Dessert!

ANY talent can be an act!

Bebe is still out of the office recovering from back surgery. Please be patient with phone calls, Rev. Ford will return them as soon as possible. If you can help in the office, call Pastor Ford.

Thank you!

Elders—Session Meeting

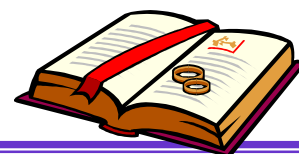
Monday, February 7th

6:30 at the Lutzes

Wed Night Bible Study

6:30-7:15pm

Gospel of Matthew
Come join us for study
& fellowship



Stewardship Update!

We currently have 32 pledges for \$95,669.00, for our budget of \$142,000 in 2011. It's not too late to bring or send your pledge.

Remember!

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 before making a purchase for church..Tax exempt letters are available for businesses.

Cyber-Bullying Seminar

Wed Feb 9th

5:30pm

Owasso Mid-High

For Teens, Parents, Anyone
Speaker: Kirk Smalley
(lost his son to suicide in Perkins,
OK after being bullied online)

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

Thursday Dinner
February 10th



Taco Night
Sunday, Feb. 27th



LOCK-IN! Nerf-War!
Sunday Feb 20th 9:00pm
(no school Mon Feb 21st)
Parent Permission required
\$10/teen—for food

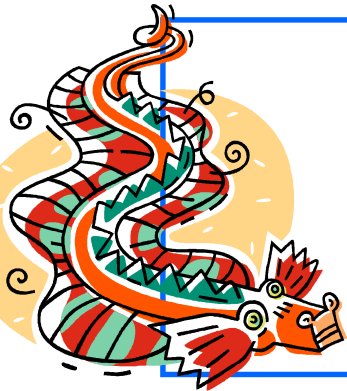
Save the Date!
Wednesday, Feb 9 5:30
Anti-Bullying Seminar
For
Teens, Parents, Anyone!
Owasso Mid-High

After School Fellowship
Wednesday, Feb 2, 16th
2:30—4:00pm

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



**Golden Agers
will meet at Buffet City
Wednesday, February 9th at 12:30**
to celebrate the Chinese New Year.
Please let Dorothy Stevens
(272-2623) know if you plan to attend.

February Birthdays

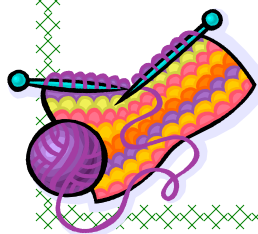
- 3 Laura Brewer**
- 5 Betty Lutz**
- 6 Tammy Keeter**
- 12 Paulette Calkin**
- 14 Matt Brooks**
- 17 Ashley Brooks**
- 19 Bob Mooney**
- 19 Ethan Merritt**
- 23 Anne Sheaff**
- 26 Kelly Thomason**
- 27 Lindsey Crowder**

Congratulations!

Join the Needleworkers

Meet other women monthly for
Fellowship and support

1:30 pm
February 14th and 28th
Here at the church!



Contact Suella Barnett: 272-
0277

Or Berniece Ziegler: 553-6230



***Our Choir Needs
YOU!***

*Can you carry a tune?
Even in a bucket?*

*Come join us! We love to sing to the
Lord, and we enjoy great fellowship!
Wednesdays at 7:15pm*

Interested in Exercise?

Tuesdays at 6am

Call Laura Brewer 272-3173

