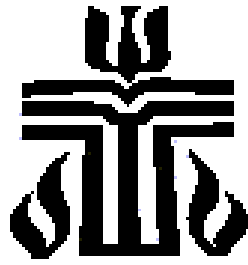


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF OWASSO



The Presbyterian

SPIRIT

“Come Experience God’s Grace”

July 2011

Our Vision

**We are a
church...**

**Seeking
to love and
glorify
God,**

**Growing
in love,**

**Serving
others**

NOTE:

New office email:
fpcowasso@att.net

Rev. Nat email:
fpcowassopas-
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Dear Friends,

Last week I talked about surrender....it was the story of Abraham about to sacrifice his son Isaac. Not an easy story in the Bible. At the outset, it looks like a story of child sacrifice....but actually it put an end to it. It looks like God is asking the impossible....but the story is actually about something more.

The story in Genesis 22 is about faith. Faith that the Lord will provide. Reread the story, and you'll find that phrase a few times in the short story. "The Lord will provide." Even when Abraham tells his friends to wait while he and Isaac go up the mountain to the altar, he says "We will go and worship, and WE will come back." He doesn't know how God will provide for them both to come back, he doesn't know how God will provide the sacrifice other than Isaac, but somehow he believes that God will provide.

The story teaches us about faith to surrender those things that are precious to us, Those things that we THINK are the keys to all our dreams, Those things that help us to rely upon ourselves, Those things that we feel we could never live without.

It's not a story about a father about to kill his son; .it's a story about faith, and allowing God to be in charge of our lives even when we have no idea how everything is going to turn out!

It's a story about walking up the mountains of life not knowing what the future holds, but believing as Abraham did, that the Lord will provide.

Faith that God will provide. This very faith is something that we can ask of God, when faced with our own mountains of life, our own difficult trials and tests. Faith that God will provide, even when we have no idea how—that is the Faith of Abraham, that is the faith that God will give to each and every one of us, if only we ask.

Faith is not an easy road, but it is THE road to life.
See you Sunday,

Natalie

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Adult
Sunday School Class
9:30 am
Led by Dorothy Stevens
When the Game is Over, it All Goes Back in the Box
 By John Ortberg

July Worship

July 3	Come to Me	Matt 11:28-30
July 10	Hymn Sing	
July 17	Why Church?	Sarah Mahaffey leading
July 24	Dr. Charles Freeland leading	
July 31	The Sower & the Seed	Matt 14:18-23



Join us for coffee and fellowship @ 10:00am



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

Wednesday Nite Adult Bible Study
Will not meet in July

Check out our website!
www.fpcowasso.org
 Thanks to webmistress—Teresa Herleth

Pastor Natalie Gone

Natalie is having surgery on July 5th (hopefully outpatient) and will be recovering for 3 to 4 weeks. Please keep her in your prayers.



Pastoral Care during Natalie's absence

In case of a pastoral emergency July 5-31st, please call:
Dr. Charles Freeland: 918-272-9819 (our pastor emeritus) or
Alan McBroom: 405-802-2750 (hospice chaplain at St Francis)

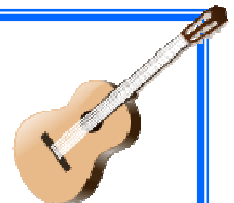
Also, please call the church office, so that we can pray for you, and/or get the prayer chain started. You may also call Dorothy Stevens: 918-272-2623 to start the prayer chain directly.



Hymn Sing Sunday July 10th

Don't miss this opportunity to sing the favorites you submitted!

***Choir on break
through the
month of July.***

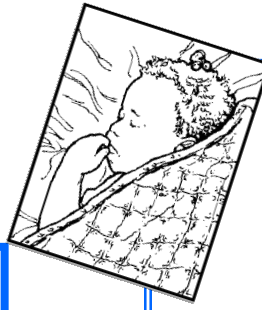


*If you can
help provide
special music,
please see
Cara Grant!*



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.



Choir Party

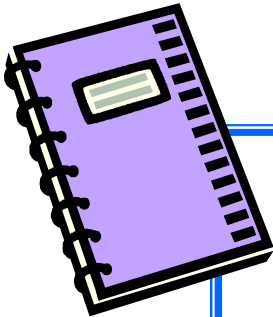
Sat, July 9th

6:00 pm

At the Hespe Home,
10011 N 103rd E Ave

July Mission Joplin Tornado Victims

In lieu of 'White Elephant' gifts, please bring a baby item for Sarah Mahaffey's cousin in Joplin, who is expecting in October. She and her husband lost everything in the tornado.

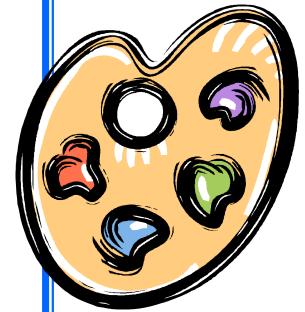


Classroom Donations to Joplin

We're donating toys collected at VBS to Jane Bass' niece and her second-grade class in Joplin, MO.

Thanks you for your donations! We plan to deliver the toys to Joplin mid-July.

Please contact Teresa Herleth:918-272-5904 if you want to go to Joplin.



You can help the Needy in Owasso!

In the first 6 months of this year, we've assisted 30 families with rent, utility payments or gasoline. Many were facing cut-off of several utilities, but we and the other helping churches could provide only limited help. Some were working, but minimum wage could not be stretched far enough to cover all needs. One young lady had to quit work because her baby was due. She had been without electricity for over a week. **Can you imagine being pregnant without air conditioning in this heat!** The need is great, but with your help, we are meeting a small part of it. **They also ask for prayer.**

Thank you for your generosity. Please, keep up the good work.



***You Can
Help!***

July Birthdays

- 1 James Thirion
- 13 Tina Crawford
- 14 Lila Marie Pinkerton
- 15 Phil Lutz
- 20 Sherry Sossamon
- 21 Bob Bass
- 26 Trevor Mott
- 27 Dorothy Stevens

Anniversaries

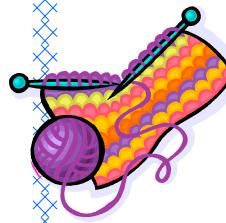
- 1 Dan & Pam Thirion
- 3 Phil & Betty Lutz
- 4 Floyd & Dorothy Stevens
- 24 David & Suella Barnett

Congratulations!

New E-Mail Addresses

**fpcowasso@att.net
fpcowassopastor@att.net**

**No Session Meeting
In July**



o *Join the Needleworkers*

Meet other women
for Fellowship and support

**1:30 pm
July 11th and 25th**

Contact Suella Barnett:: 918-272-0277

**New Ways to Serve!
Committee Days-3rd Sun of the Month
11:30-12:00**



***Join us Sunday, July 17th
Fun! Fellowship! Service!***

Pick a Room, Pick a Ministry to Join!

**Owasso Fireworks Night
July 1st 7:30—10:00 pm**

Bring your lawn chairs & homemade ice cream!

Enjoy the food, jumpers, games for all ages.

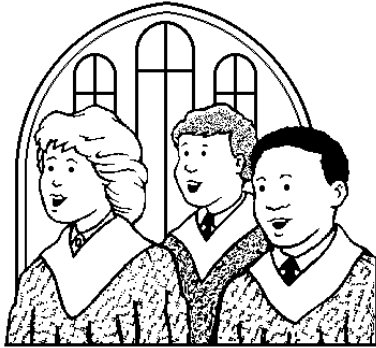
A fundraiser for our missions!

So bring your friends and neighbors—and join the fun!

Can you help?

Call Amy: 272-5299

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



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