

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF OWASSO



The Presbyterian

SPIRIT

“Come Experience God’s Grace”

November 2011

Our Vision

**We are a
church...**

Seeking
to love and
glorify
God,

Growing
in love,

Serving
others

NOTE:

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Dear Friends,

What is stewardship?

It’s the realization that everything we have belongs to God. All of life is a gift, entrusted to our care. We have choices about how to use our talents and our resources. We can look to the biblical models, and to our own time with God, for guidance in how to do that. At the core of stewardship is giving. This is what Jesus taught again and again as the ‘remedy’ for our love of money and its power in our lives.

As we consider the biblical model of tithing 10%, many people believe it important to give ‘proportionately’ to God, whether it be a tithe, or whatever percentage is possible. And the scripture urges us to give our ‘first fruits’ of whatever we have, not what is left over. This shows God is a priority in our lives.

Giving to God is a spiritual decision. It is not about a church budget, or raising money. It is an act of worship, of gratitude and trust. When we give we are growing in our relationship with God. Time and again, people who give to God find that God takes care of them in ways they never dreamed possible. Giving opens their lives to blessings they might have missed otherwise. When we *grow* in our giving, it is taking an important step of faith in our relationship with God. Our ‘*Grow One*’ *Challenge* encourages all of us to take that step of faith, and grow spiritually through our giving.

Why pledge?

Pledging is not mandatory, it’s a personal commitment. And in some ways it’s like other public promises that we make, such as when we join the church, get married, or baptize our children. Some people are hesitant to pledge because they fear circumstances will change. But we know that’s just the way life works sometimes, and a pledge falls under God’s grace just as any other decision we make.

This year we’ll bring our pledges on *Sunday Nov. 6th*, in worship (or mail to the office), and they will be ‘sealed’ for a year, symbolizing our faith in God for 2012. I know that God will lead you in your giving commitment, and I hope you will prayerfully consider growing in your giving.

Natalie

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Adult
Sunday School Class
9:30 am
“The Ten Commandments from the Back Side”
 Led by Mark Hrachovec

November Worship

Nov 6	I Timothy 6:17-19	Stewardship Commitment
Nov 13	Matt 25:1-13	Be Ready!
Nov 20	Matt 25:31-46	Christ the King
Nov 27	Mark 13: 24-37	Advent-Waiting



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, 6:30 pm Studying “The Book of Romans” Sign up for a book with Rev. Natalie

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

November Birthdays

Nov 16 Eli Ford
 Nov 16 Jane Bass
 Nov 18 Cameron Printz
 Nov 21 Angie Mott
 Nov 29 Brandon Mott

Anniversaries

Congratulations!

Nov 5 Rod & Marcia Taylor
 Nov 25 Ken & Becky Allen

New Ways to Serve! Committee Days-3rd Sundays

11:30-12:00

***Join us Sunday, Nov 20th
 Fun! Fellowship! Service!***

Fellowship w/ Amy	Sanctuary
Worship w/ Earleen	Adult Sun School
Finance w/ Bill	Office
Mission w/ Teresa	2nd Youth Room
Building w/ Phil	1st Youth Room
Christian Ed w/Jenn	Craft Room
Outreach w/Sheri	Pastor's Office



Interested in Exercise?

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

Join the Needleworkers



Meet other women for
 Fellowship and support

1:30 pm
Nov 14th & 28th

Suella Barnett: 918-272-0277

Grow One Challenge, Nov 6, 2011

What and why are you giving to the Lord? We give a percentage of what we've been given, hoping to reach that tithe of 10% and beyond, because of our **love** for God, our **gratitude** for blessings, and our belief that God will **provide** for our every need!

It's not about fundraising for the church, or keeping a budget.

We give based on our relationship with the Lord.

Let's all look at our giving, and 'grow' for 2012!

Can you grow 1 more percent this year?

This year we'll bring our pledges on Nov 6th, "seal" them—and leave them sealed all year—relying on faith for our 2012 budget!

Your pledge is your commitment to God.

Let's all Grow One for 2012!



November Mission

OCR Thanksgiving Baskets

Once again, we have committed to make 2 overflowing Thanksgiving baskets, not including cash donations. You can either supply any of the items listed or donate \$40.00 which will take care of a basket and the contents.

*\$40 Donations must be received by Nov 13th
Food must be received by Sunday Nov 20th*

*We can also use volunteers to help deliver baskets to Friendship Baptist Church
Sunday, Nov 20th, from 2:00-4:00 pm*

Minimum Requirements:

- 1 12-14# frozen turkey
- 1 laundry basket/tub
- 2 pkg rolls
- 2 cans corn
- 2 cans green beans
- 2 boxes/1 bag stuffing
- 1 pie or crust and canned filling
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 2 cans/jars of gravy
- Instant mashed potatoes

Suggested Items to Add:

- canned sweet potatoes
- canned carrots
- canned peas
- cake or brownie mix
- mayo and bread for sandwich
- mac & cheese
- canned baked beans
- fresh or canned fruit
- Jello

Thank You!

for your continuing contributions to our Pastor's Emergency Fund.

The need is ongoing and we can help only a little, but that little can make a big difference to those in desperate need. You are truly following Jesus's command that those who love him must care for his sheep!

**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

Youth Director:

Sarah Mahaffey-Pickup: 918-899-6664

Kids (prek-5th)

Sunday School 9:30am

Join us for **ROCK SOLID**
Bible Study

Children's Church

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

Youth Campout

Nov. 12th-13th to Robbers Cave.

Male sponsor needed!

Please contact Sarah to volunteer:
918-899-6664 or
smahaff@ostatemail.okstate.edu

Christmas Pageant 2011

Sunday, Dec. 11th, 10:30 am

*Parents! Please RSVP to Pastor Natalie if
your child will be participating. We welcome
all children and youth to participate*

Rehearsals: after church on Nov 20th,
Dec 4th and 9:30am, Dec 11th.

After School
Fellowship

It's cool-it's
growing-bring friends

Wed, Nov 9th, 2:30—5:00



YOU CAN SERVE!

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

The Grow One Challenge

Stewardship 2012

How can you Grow One Step in your giving?

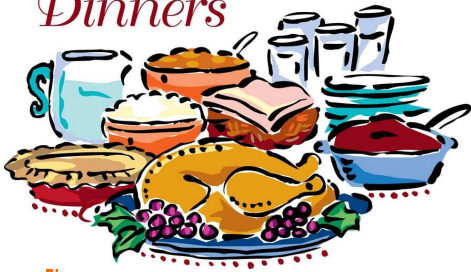
Consider growing your giving one step each year, towards a tithe.
 Look at the Grow One Monthly Giving Chart, find your annual income and current giving, and move one space to the left.

Gross Annual Income	Tithe 10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%
\$150,000	\$1,250	\$1,125	\$1,000	\$875	\$750	\$625	\$500	\$375
\$125,000	\$1,042	\$938	\$833	\$729	\$625	\$521	\$417	\$313
\$100,000	\$833	\$750	\$667	\$583	\$500	\$417	\$333	\$250
\$90,000	\$750	\$675	\$600	\$525	\$450	\$375	\$300	\$225
\$80,000	\$667	\$600	\$533	\$467	\$400	\$333	\$267	\$200
\$70,000	\$583	\$525	\$467	\$408	\$350	\$292	\$233	\$175
\$60,000	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150
\$50,000	\$417	\$375	\$333	\$292	\$250	\$208	\$167	\$125
\$40,000	\$333	\$300	\$267	\$233	\$200	\$167	\$133	\$100
\$30,000	\$250	\$225	\$200	\$175	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75
\$20,000	\$167	\$150	\$133	\$117	\$100	\$83	\$67	\$50
\$10,000	\$83	\$75	\$67	\$58	\$50	\$42	\$33	\$25

Join us as we take the Grow One Challenge
Your stewardship team
 Eileen Croslin, Marcia Taylor, Betty Lutz
 Mark Hrachovec, Rev. Natalie

Will you take the Grow One challenge?
Please bring your pledge on Sunday, Nov 6th.

Thanksgiving Dinners



All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 20th @ 5:00

Turkey, rolls and drinks provided—
Please bring a side dish or dessert.

For our church family and anyone needing a holiday meal. Let's bring extra food this year, as we invite those needing assistance to join our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Bring your friends and family, too, and join us for food and fellowship.

Can you provide a turkey? Please call Amy Crowder: 918-272-5299.

Please sign-up in Foyer

What's happening in the Courtyard?

As an Eagle Scout Project, Tyler Herdman is re-landscaping the courtyard and installing an overhead pergola for shade. This renovation will provide for space for outdoor fellowship and reduce energy costs in the summer. Tyler is using volunteer labor and donations to accomplish his project. He needs your help with installation, meals and monetary donations.

Come to the **Congregational Meeting, Sunday, Nov 13th**, after Worship to learn more.

Dwight Mission Capital Campaign

Those of you who've enjoyed Dwight Mission over the years can help improve Dwight by donating to their capital campaign. They plan to renovate the old schoolhouse into conference rooms and offices and rename it *The Heritage Center*. The Walton Family Foundation has donated a One Million Dollar Challenge Grant for the renovation. Plans are also to build hotel-style lodging.

If you'd like to help, just write a note on your check to the church and we'll forward it on to Dwight.

Budget Update

As/of 10-30-11

Income YTD:	122,664.60
Expenses YTD	139,564.48
Deficit	16,899.88

Second Sunday

An exciting new worship experience

Sun, Nov 13th, 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!



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

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