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**ALL-CHURCH
VISION BANQUET
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
5:00 PM**

Wonderful Food! Great Fellowship!

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2018 Annual Meeting!

**Vision Shared
New Committees Submitted
Budget Presented!**



**FOOD
BASKETS**

Items we need are...
canned green beans, canned corn,
canned fruit, cranberries, stuffing, cornbread mix,
chicken broth, evaporated milk, and canned pumpkin.

You may give an offering and mark it "Thanksgiving" and it will be used to purchase food items.

Bring items to the Church anytime...
There is a table by the office.

**DELIVERY DAY WILL BE NOVEMBER 18th AT 10 AM
MAKE PLANS TO BE THERE!!! Don't miss the blessing!**

Pastor's Pen...

Paul gives us these words, *Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* (Phi 3:13 ESV) Paul had a lot of stuff in his past; some of it was very bad; some of it was good. Does this mean he completely forgot all that happened? Surely not or he would have not remembered his training as a Pharisee and the skill with which he wrote letters to the early church. He would not have remembered the marvelous grace that saved him.

One of the keys here is the word remember. It does not mean to erase from memory, but to overlook or neglect something. It is used in Mark 8:14 where the disciples forget to buy bread. It does not mean they no longer realized that they needed bread, just that they neglected to get it. It is used in Heb. 13:2 where the early church is reminded not to overlook or neglect those in prison. It is used in Heb. 13:16 where the early believers were told not to neglect the doing of good.

Paul is teaching us that we have a living faith that moves us forward in Christ. That faith was embraced in the past when we were saved, but that faith is living and active today. We cannot live on what happened back then. Jesus always moves us forward. Many of us remember many great experiences of the past with Jesus, but we cannot survive living on memories. Sometimes it may be the evil past that tries to overwhelm us. Sometimes it may be a longing for the "good ole days." Paul testifies that he wants his life to be shaped by a vital living relationship with Jesus Christ. The call of Jesus is ever before us leading us forward. It is the future that should excite us...not the past. Where is God working in your life that gives you more passion and enthusiasm for tomorrow than for yesterday?

See you in Worship and Bible Study this week,

Dennis

THANK YOU

Thank you for the visits, cards, phone calls and continued prayers for me the last months. I appreciate my Church Family so much.

LIFT Women's Ministry



December 2nd Miss Scarlet's Tea Room
in Sapulpa

January 13th Movie Night & PJ Party
(at the Church)

February Progressive Dinner & Recipe Exchange

*Times for these events will be available soon.
Just put them on your calendars!!!
Girls under 16 are invited along with an adult.*

We are in need of Christmas Trees and park benches for the Christmas Village. If you would share with us, please call the office and we can make arrangements to come pick up.

You may contribute to Food for Kids anytime!!!

There are many children in our own community who are hungry. This ministry allows us to share food with some of them on the weekends when they are not receiving free lunches. Simply mark your contribution envelopes "FFK."

The View From Here ...

Christmas Village is fast approaching! This outreach project will be a gift to our community as we celebrate our Savior's birth. To get all this ready we are going to need a number of volunteers and listed below are all the ways that you can help.

The Bake and Soda Shoppe (Help needed for Hazel and Peggy in getting drinks ready and keeping those cookies comin')

World Wide Travel Agency (Need volunteers to man the booth and be familiar with the "Evangelism Cube"we are looking to have a power point slide show of our Mexico and China Trips)

The General Store and School House (Need volunteers to collect the food pantry and Food for Kids items and hand out candy. Also, Jodie will need help with the crafts for the children.....craft material will be ready...we will need hands-on helpers to work with the kids)

Living Nativity (The Home School group will be manning this booth.....but we are looking for a lamb and some straw for this booth)

Quilt and Craft Showcase The craft and quilt showcase will need volunteers to answer any questions our visitors may have about the crafts.)

Town Square (Kary and James will need some tech help setting up mics and making sure all of our guest groups are in place and ready to go)

Welcome Center (we will also need volunteers to man the two entrances of the Christmas Village and hand out brochures for the evening and also to answer any questions our visitors may have about our church)

We will need a "village" of carpenters and other workers to help make this a success.
For more information contact me at (918) 777-6906 or the church @ (918) 756-7880.

In His Love,
Bro. Monty

A WORD FROM JOSH

Wow! Can you believe that the month of October is coming to an end? This month has flown by, but it has been an amazing and a spirit-filled month for the youth.

During the month of October, we started a sermon series called "Elementary". This series is hitting the basics (a synonym for Elementary) about Christian faith. The first week, we discussed who Jesus is, and what He did. And I then discussed about what Jesus did for me. I'm not going to lie, I did get a little emotional that night. But God was able to use me and my story as a vessel and not one, not two, not three, but FOUR students gave their lives to Christ that night!! CAN I GET AN AMEN!?!?!?

The second week of October, we talked about the Bible, and how to use it as a guideline for our lives. We also did something a little bit different after our worship service that night and broke up into small groups; allowing the students to get personal with our adult volunteers and ask questions about what was discussed. And church family, it went really well! I got great feedback from adults and students, and they really enjoyed their time together.

The third week, we attended Fields of Faith at Morris High School. We combined with churches and schools across our county and had a worship service on Morris's football field. We took 24 of our students, which helped combined 200+ students attending the event. Levi Wright got the opportunity to share his testimony to the students and challenged the students to pursue Christ rather than earthly things. It was a great night, and students from all over our county made life changing decisions.

As you can see church family, the month of October has been simply amazing. God has been moving this past month in the student's lives, and I'm so very blessed to be a part of it. Please, keep us in your prayers as we move into the month of November, and pray that God continues to move in our students lives. I'm so excited for what God has in store for us!

-Josh Donato

**Coming in December.....Our Missions Banquet will be December 3rd and will feature Will Nichols.
Our first Christmas Village will be held December 8-10 in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact Monty to be involved in this Community Ministry.**

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Sunday Morning Worship may be viewed Live on fbcokmulgee.org each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Mission Statement:
To glorify God by leading people to become mature believers in Christ.



If you would like to share a prayer request with our email prayer chain, please call the Church office or send a request to jayme@fbcokmulgee.org

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November 2017



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Youth Bonfire at the Fox's Home 6:30 p.m. 	2	3	4
5 	6 B.A.L.L. Group Program Covered Dish 11:00 a.m.	7	8	9 Sophomore Pre-ACT Testing Fellowship Hall Women's Leadership—Nashville	10	11
12 Church Vision Banquet 5:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16	17	18 THANKSGIVING BASKET DELIVERY 10:00 AM Victim's Impact Panel 3:30 pm Great Room
19 Fellowship Brunch 8:15 a.m.	20	21	22 No Evening Activities	23 	24 Church Office will be closed	25
26	27	28	29	30		

NOVEMBER EXTENDED SESSION

BABIES - ONES

TWOS

THREES & FOURS

5	Don & Beverly Henson	Kim Priegel	Janet Taylor
12	Ginny Holder & Lawana Giddings	Janet Taylor	Mandy Flanary & Claire
19	Gael Nichols & Kris Siegenthaler	Janet Taylor	Vicki George & Pam Wilson
26	Laura & Taylor Talbot	Janet Taylor	Marilyn White & Joyce Thomas

PLEASE CONTACT JAYME AT THE OFFICE OR JANET IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK YOUR SUNDAY

