



Hoot-n-Toot

The Monthly Newsletter of St. James Presbyterian Church Jenks, OK

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FROM THE PASTOR



What a delight to be with you for Advent and Christmas! What a busy time we have had this new year, getting committees up and running again for the new year!. You have been gracious in introducing me to your ways, ministries and organization. If you haven't seen me with your committee yet, you will; I do not "staff" every committee, but I will visit as the first quarter of the year progresses.

Cheryl and I have made a few changes in the pastors' relationships with board and committees. Now Cheryl is the staff liaison for the deacons and the Fellowship Committee as well as Mission, Christian Education, Evangelism and second staff for the Nominating Committee. I will be staff liaison for the session, trustees (both), Stewardship, Personnel, Nominating Committees and the Transitional Team. You are likely to see both of us at these meetings from time to time.

We are fully into the transition timetable. The Transition Team has had its first "Faithful Listening" event and will be studying and working together on your contributions toward the next step of church study, inquiry into the mission and ministry of St. James church into the future.

To move toward the future, we must also take account of the past. St. James is nearing its 30th anniversary. You will find a time line in Dancer Hall this winter of those nearly 30 years. You are asked to contribute to the time line with your own memories and ideas. Signatures are not required on any comment.

1. In the time you have been at St James, what are significant personal events? (e.g. joining, marriage, baptism, etc)
2. What missions, ministries, programs and events have been particularly helpful and meaningful to you? Be as specific as possible.
3. What missions, ministries, programs and events do you believe ought to be recovered, dusted off, evaluated, continued? Is there something the church used to do that you miss?

The session met for the regular monthly meeting on January 16, 2012.

Elder Terry Kok was elected treasurer for the year 2012.

The treasurer's report for year end 2011 had offerings of \$259,698 against a budget of \$277,794, a short fall of \$18,096. Expenses were \$239,932 against a budget of \$256,016, a balance of \$16,084. This gives a short fall of \$2,012 for the year.

The Worship committee presented the communion schedule for 2012, first Sunday in each month plus Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve. February 12, 2012 will be the annual Valentines dinner as a fund raiser for the mission committee. Mardi Gras is scheduled for February 21, 2012.

The session of St. James Presbyterian Church, voted to initiate the process for Sarah Chancellor, a member of our congregation, to become an Inquirer. Some financial support will follow.

Help Wanted!

We are in need of an additional nursery/childcare worker for Tuesday mornings during the Women's Bible Study and occasional Sunday mornings. If you, or a reliable friend or neighbor can give about an hour and a half on Tuesday mornings please contact Amber in the church office.

THE JOURNEY OF LENT AT ST. JAMES

It seems we've just put away the tinsel and manger, and now it's time to think about Lent! There will be special services and classes going on between February 22nd (Ash Wednesday) and April 8th (Easter Sunday) so mark your calendars, invite your friends and neighbors, and plan to join us for the journey.

Ash Wednesday February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. - Taize style worship, chancel choir, and the imposition of ashes.



Adult Lenten Study - Stations of the Cross. Wednesday evenings beginning February 29th thru April 4th. Come learn and experience more about the last days of Jesus leading up to and including the crucifixion. A light **soup supper** will be served at 5:45p.m. for anyone in the building, and class will begin at 6:00p.m.



Fridays at noon - Each Friday at noon during Lent, beginning February 24th, we will host a short worship service featuring a different local pastor followed by a soup lunch. Our first preacher on **February 24th** will be our own **Pastor Ann**.



Maundy Thursday 7:00p.m. Communion service with chancel choir remembering Jesus' last meal with his disciples.



7:00 p.m. Tenebrae service as we remember the events from Jesus' last meal with his disciples through his death on the cross.



Easter Sunday is April 8th. Come celebrate the Resurrection with us!



Shrove Tuesday/ Mardi Gras Celebration!

Before Lent starts let's get together and have one last party! Shrove or Fat Tuesday marks the end of Mardi Gras, and is the last day prior to Ash Wednesday which begins the season of Lent. Shrove comes from the old English word *shrive* which meant to obtain absolution for one's sins (particularly those associated with "releasing one's high spirits" before the somber season of Lent began.) As we prepare for our own Lenten journey we will begin with our own Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras celebration here at St. James on Tuesday evening February 21st! Watch for details and your chance to come help celebrate. Food and fun always included.

Lectionary scripture readings for February 2012

5th Sun. after Epiphany-February 5 (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isa. 40:21-31 Ps. 147:1-11, 20c
1 Cor. 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

6th Sun. after Epiphany-February 12 (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

2 Kings 5:1-14 Ps. 30
1 Cor. 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45

Transfiguration of the Lord-February 19

2 Kings 2:1-12 Ps. 50:1-6
2 Cor. 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

Ash Wednesday-February 22

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa. 58:1-12 Ps. 51:1-17
2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10 Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

1st Sunday in Lent-February 26

Gen. 9:8-17 Ps. 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15



Once again our youth will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine to raise awareness for hunger issues and money for World Vision children. This

year we join the rest of the Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery youth for the Famine at 1st Presbyterian Tulsa. Youth and their sponsors will fast for 30 hours, from Friday after lunch to Saturday evening. In addition to learning more about hunger in other parts of the world, their community, and their own stomachs, during the Famine they will participate in a variety of service projects in the Tulsa area. You can help our St. James youth by sponsoring them with your monetary donations, praying for them during the fast or even by fasting in solidarity with them from 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 24th to 7:00 p.m. Saturday the 25th.

To donate or for more information about the Famine grab a St. James youth or Pastor Cheryl.



Faithful Readers!

Book Club meets **Sunday, February 12th at 1:00 p.m. (note the change of time for February only!)**

We will have lunch and discuss our February pick *The Apostle Murders* by local author Jim Laughter (who lives in Mounds!) All with a love of books are welcome to join us for good food and lively discussion.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dala Westmoreland, Catherine Ferrell
- 2 Andrew Iski
- 3 Ben Shermer, Madeline Noble, Isabella Miller
- 4 Amy De Los Santos, Grace Wilson
- 5 Betty Bobo, Cheryl Finch
- 7 Kyla Blackshare
- 8 Carson Nichols
- 11 Tyler Ashbaugh, Jim Murray
- 14 Hannah De Los Santos, Griffin LaFitte
- 16 Jose' Nieves, Wayne Parker
- 17 Madison Duffy
- 20 Jill Mankin
- 21 Aubrey Watts
- 22 Donna Dollahon
- 24 Melissa McCain-Noble
- 25 Julie Ferrell
- 26 Donna Walker, Nancy Young
- 27 Sheri Blaylock
- 28 Joyce Trew



A huge thank you goes out to all those that give of their time and talents by volunteer-

ing in the nursery during Sunday School and Church and to those that lead Children's Church each week. As we all know our little ones are the future of our Church and without your help we would not be able to begin their Church journey. And yes, we gladly accept the help of our Dads. Our little ones, especially the boys, love having a Dad in attendance. There are no adequate words to express my thanks and appreciation to each of you so I will just say "Thank You".

Blessings on you all,

Jo Beth



We need to update our name and address list.

Please stop by the round table in the narthex before or after worship this month. An usher will help you find your name. Please check the info for accuracy and note only corrections right by your name. During the week, the list will be in the church office so you can stop by and check it as well. Thank you for your help in keeping our communication lines up to date!