March 1, 2009

Elders/ Deacons/Ministers

The elders, deacons, and ministers are scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 3rd, at the building at 6:30 pm. The elders ask you to make every effort to be present at this meeting.

Leadership Banquet

“Preachers, Elders, Deacons, Ministry Leaders” and their spouses are invited to the annual leadership dinner at Lakeview Church of Christ when they host the event on Friday, March 6th, from 6:30-8:30 pm. The theme this year is “Bound by His Blood” by Trey Morgan of Texas. The cost is $10 per person for brisket/chicken with salad, sides and dessert. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 1st, so the office can call in the count.

Gospel Meeting

Wewoka Church of Christ is hosting a gospel meeting March 15th-18th, 2009. The speaker is Dr. David Lipe.

“To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted” (Titus 1:15 NIV).
The richest fishing area in the world is in the Atlantic Ocean, just east of Canada. Even though it is tightly regulated under international treaties, fishing trawlers from all over the world crowd into the region to lift tons of fresh fish from the icy sea. It is hard work in dangerous conditions. And sometimes bad things happen.

On Sunday, February 22, the Spanish fishing trawler Monte Galineiro caught fire 250 miles east of St. John’s, Newfoundland. The fire spread and the ship began to sink, forcing the 22 crew members to abandon ship. A distress call was received by the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Canadian Coast Guard immediately contacted its nearest ship, the Leonard J. Cowley, with the information.

The Canadian Coast Guard Ship swung around and raced to the scene. Since she was patrolling nearby, she arrived within 10 minutes. Most of the Spanish crewmen were in life rafts, but a few had been forced to jump into the frigid waters. In the north Atlantic winter, life expectancy in the water is measured in minutes.

Of the 22 crewmen aboard the fishing boat, one needed treatment for smoke inhalation and one needed treatment for hypothermia. All were successfully rescued from their ship, which sank shortly after they were picked up. Facing death by fire or death by freezing, they owe their lives to the quick work of Canadian professionals.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly (Romans 5:6 NIV).

We never want to think of ourselves as “ungodly.” We prefer to think that we’re pretty nice folks who perhaps make a mistake from time to time. If we have not given control of our lives to God, though, we have chosen a way of life different from His. That makes us, in any sense of the word, ungodly. And puts us in crisis.

The crisis is just this: if we will not live with God now, we will not live with Him in eternity, either. Just think: if a person is not interested in knowing God and living by His word now, why would that person want to spend all eternity living with God?

So, there we were. Our own choices and selfish habits put us in jeopardy, facing the eternal fire. And at exactly the right moment our Rescuer appeared. Even though our sin earned us death, Jesus accepted that penalty in our place, allowing us the opportunity to start over with God.

Our part in this rescue is to accept the hand that is offered to us. We must give up the delusion that our way is better than God’s way and start living by His will. We must bind ourselves to God by identifying with Jesus so closely that we imitate His death, burial and resurrection by being baptized so our sins will be forgiven. We can do nothing to deserve rescue—it’s all from the compassion of God. Facing death in fire, we must seize our Rescuer.
Taylor Harjo, grandson of Bob and Glenda Griggs, is to have outpatient surgery on Monday, March 2nd. Please remember Taylor and his family as they prepare for this procedure.

Howard Vanlandingingham; Toby Aldridge; Faye Crum; Debbie Crane’s brother, Fred Baxter; Joseph and Nicole Ernst, nephew and niece of Larry and Debbie Ernst; Rachel Evans’ family, Kenneth and Diana Pope, having health problems and her sister, Christa and two nieces; Bill Marquis; Thomas and Syble Sanders, parents of Sue Walker; William H. McDonald and Betty Boggs, son and daughter of Bill McDonald; Kathryn Collings’ son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Elaine Collings; Ola Davis’s son, Doyle Davis; Laura Autrey, Lisa Dixon and Shirley Carson, friend, daughter and sister of Wayne and Jeanie Maxwell. Joe Gilmore’s e-mail address is joe.gilmore@us.army.mil.

Let’s remember the shut-ins: Ruby Coy, Wilma Cox, Daisy Davis, Juanita Dixon, Mary Parker, Bonnie Lee Parks, Inez Ridings, and Dixie Smith.

**Divorce Care**

The Northridge Church of Christ has begun their Divorce Care program. It begins this Wednesday from 7:15-9:00 pm through May 20th. There are 13 lessons in the course. Topics and dates are posted on the office window.

**Hope Harbor**

**Change Cans**

Please pick up a can to fill, then return it to the office for them to pick up. There is a place for you to fill out if you would like to claim your donation as a tax deduction.

**Mission Trip**

Wayne Maxwell and Keith Street have returned from the Cancun Mission trip. We look forward to hearing Wayne’s report on how the Cancun churches are progressing.

**Involvement Sheets**

We still need involvement sheets turned in. If you haven’t filled one out (or just haven’t handed it in!) please do so. There are involvement sheets available on one of the tables in the foyer.

**Congratulations!**

We congratulate Howard and Sue Rankin on the marriage of their son Dale Rankin to Jan Parks. Dale and Jan were married last week in Texas.

**Sympathy**

We extend sympathy to Bill McDonald in the death of his sister-in-law, Marlene Harris. Marlene died Monday, February 23rd, at Elk City. Marlene’s memorial service was Thursday in Elk City.

**Arpoika’s Up-Coming News:**

**THANKS**

I would like to thank Chris and Connie for having the youth group in their home on the 15th. Connie fed us very well and Chris showed many of us stars in a whole new way. Thanks again.

**SPRING BREAK SKI RETREAT**

I need to collect the rest of everyone’s money by next Sunday, March 8th. I also need everyone’s Rental Liability Release Form and medical release forms for all minors.

**QMCC**

I have Summer Camp applications in and you can fill them out at your convenience.
In Charge: Lee Stilwell (405-382-1713)

Greeters: AM  Stacy Kinsey
          PM  Vic Richardson

Song Leader: Steve Johnson

Scripture Reader: Jim Hardin

Bus Driver
Brent Mercer
380-8082
Please call if you need a ride.

Lord's Table

South
Orvel Malone (Bread)
Brent Mercer
Mike Vanlandingham
Bill Cathey
Stacy Kinsey

North
Steve Lashley
Fred Clough
Dan Dearing
Greg Parker
Dan Reynolds

Heritage House

March 5th
Peggy Jackson and Jo Marquis

Prayers
Opening AM: Palmer Smith
Closing AM: Tommy Mills
Opening PM: John Williams
Closing PM: Larry Branscum

Bible Class Greeter
Leon and Shelby Hughes

Worship Service Greeter
Paul Smith and Don Martin

South Door: Bob and Glenda Griggs
North Door: Orvel and Peggy Malone

NURSERY ATTENDANTS
Sunday: AM  Suzanne Hardin and Debbie Crane
        PM  Judy Smith
Wednesday: Kay Lashley