

News & Notes

Visitors

We would like to extend our welcome to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Also, please fill out a visitor's card located in the pew in front of you.

Please remember in your prayers:

Ed & Barbara Coats, Ruth Corbett, Allen & Joyce Cash, Mary Ann Haugh, Patrick Brown (cancer treatment), **Steven Andrews**, our **military forces** throughout the world, and always remember to pray for one another.

Other News

- Please keep **Austin Lankford** in your prayers. He is back at Hillcrest and is undergoing chemotherapy.
Room # 7602, Floor 7, Elevator 5 (918) 579-6702
- Emma and Ruth, **Darla's sisters**, are not doing well.
- Cheryl Winn (**The Winton's Daughter**) is now at home recovering and is doing better. Roy Dean is also doing better.
- **Larry Brown** has been going through tests to determine some health concerns, but seems to be doing better.
- **Pat Wallace** will be having knee surgery soon.
- **D.J. Shields** is doing well and is back at work.
- **Pattie Payne's** daughter's father-in-law, has a twisted colon and is scheduled to have surgery soon. **Pattie's** husband Kenny, is at home recovering after having a heart attack.

CHECK IT OUT!

The church's website has been completely redone. Be sure to visit our site. A big thanks to Chris for this work.

Men's Business Meeting

Saturday May 5th at 8 A.M.

Vacation Bible School

Sunday June 17th - Wednesday June 21st 2012

Oologah Informer

Oologah Church of Christ, Oologah, Oklahoma

April 15th, 2012

Address:	P.O. Box 527 Oologah, OK 74053
Evangelists:	Vance Smith Russell Earl
Phone Number:	918-443-2025
TV Programs:	SEARCH Program (TV 47/Cable 7)
Meeting Place:	Hwy 169 South of Oologah
Schedule of Services :	Sunday: Bible Study 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Wednesday: Bible Study 7:00 pm
Website:	www.oologahcofc.org
Today's Sermon's:	A.M. Sermon: "Lest they also come to this place" (Lk 16:19-31) - Bro. Russ P.M. Sermon: "If we ..." (1 Jn 1:5-10) Guest Speaker – Chuck Northrop

Remember!

- Our **2nd Sunday Potluck** has been moved to today and is in conjunction with a baby Shower for Ross & Tia.
- **The Food Pantry** is the 21st of April at 9 a.m.
- ***Holding to the Traditions Seminar***
Hosted by the Wagoner Church of Christ
Saturday, April 21, 2012

The Family As God Would Have It **Jack Williams**

“So, you are ready to be married and have a family. Are you ready for the fighting, suspicion, unhappiness, discouragement, sorrow, weariness with one another and the like that must come?”

Isn't it sad that some think that the above describes the family as it must inevitably be in today's society, a society filled with so many negative and frightening things. Obviously many do feel that way, and as a result, they become part of the statistics — the FBI states that the leading cause of injury to women age 14–44 years is domestic violence; in 2002 the Census Bureau projected that 50% of marriages being currently formed would end in divorce. Among the top reasons divorce lawyers give for the causes of divorce are change in priorities, lack of commitment to the marriage and infidelity — not a pretty picture of the family at all is it? Thankfully, there is a way which is better if we will but seek it — God's way. Far from the distressing outlook for marriage that many today have, God expects us to rejoice with the one we marry (Proverbs 5:18) and with our children (Proverbs 23:24-25). The family God desires for us, and which we can have, is to be a joy in the midst of a society filled with sorrow, a haven of rest to the weary, a place of safety in a world of fears, and a stepping stone which will help lead to success in all areas of our life. By now you may be asking, “How?! ... How can I

have a family like that?” If that is your question, then you have taken the first step, that is, you desire to make your family as it ought to be and have not fallen prey to the attitude of “giving up and getting out.” Let's look at just two attitudes, which if we determine to put into our life, will make our family as God desires and we long for.

First, have a common love for the Lord. One of the hardest things to do is to keep harmony within a family that is divided in their love for God. But if we love God as we ought, then we will follow His commands (John 14:15). And if we follow His commands, our marriage *will* be fashioned after His desires. We must determine to do as the well known song proclaims — “all to Jesus I surrender.” The things which divide families in our society — the roles each member will fill (Ephesians 5:22-6:4), commitment to one another (Matthew 19:5-6), purity in the relationship (Colossians 3:5) — these and many more things will cease to be a problem, for they will be fashioned in God's will instead of man's lusts.

Second, have a common love for one another. Some may think it odd to even mention this, for surely those in a family love one another. But the love we speak of is far deeper than the “feelings” we have for one another. The supreme love the Bible speaks of is that we love one another as Jesus loved us (John 15:12), a sacrificial love that seeks the good of another. This love (from the Greek word AGAPE) is the love that seeks not its own (1 Corinthians 13:5). This love will bring into our lives and families the qualities of the golden rule: “whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them” (Matthew 7:12). Imagine the joy and benefits in a home absent of selfishness and self-serving attitudes! God's way removes them.

What kind of family do you desire? Do you want to become another statistic of unhappiness or divorce, or do you desire a family filled with goodness, joy and blessing. God desires that you have the latter. The choice is ours as to which we will have.