

# 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 and pick up a **Visitors Pamphlet** on the table in the foyer.

## Please remember in your prayers:

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

## Other News

- Emma and Ruth, **Darla's sisters**, are not doing well.
- **Pattie Payne's** daughter's father-in-law, has multiple health problems please keep him in your prayers.
- **Russell** is recovering from a torn Achilles tendon.
- Please continue to keep **Austin Lankford** in your prayers. He is out of remission as the cancer has returned. He is currently at home taking medication.
- Ida Williams (**June Williams Mother in law**) is not doing well.
- Rachel DePrimo (**Niece of Dicie**) is sick.
- **Johnny Winkle** has been having stints put in due to some blockages. Please keep him in your prayers as he is awaiting another procedure.
- Please keep the brother of **Allen Cash** in your prayers. He is in ICU at St. Francis Hospital
- **Ed Coats** hasn't been feeling well please keep him in your prayers.

## **Those who visit our Food Pantry who are seeking Prayers**

- Dorothy Kimball who is having hip surgery July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Levina Smith might loose her foot.

## **Prison Ministry Contact**

A gentleman Vance has been studying with needs clothing.  
(Pants 38x32 or 40 x32 & Shirts 2XL)

# Oologah Informer

## Oologah Church of Christ, Oologah, Oklahoma

### June 24th, 2012

Address: P.O. Box 527  
Oologah, OK 74053

Evangelists: Vance Smith  
Russ Earl

Phone Number: 918-443-2025

TV Programs: SEARCH Program (TV 47/Cable 7)

Meeting Place: 13800 S. 4080 Rd  
On Hwy 169  
South of Oologah

Service Times: **Sunday**  
Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 5:00 PM

**Wednesday**  
Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Sermon Videos: [www.oologahcofc.org/sermon-videos.html](http://www.oologahcofc.org/sermon-videos.html)

Today's Lesson's : **A.M. Bible Class:** – The Promises Cont'd – G. Carns  
**A.M. Sermon:** "A different kind of Hero" (John 1:4-5)  
Russ Earl  
**P.M. Sermon:** - "Is Salvation by Faith Only?" Vance Smith

**Be Fair When Interpreting the Bible**  
**Eric Lyons – Apologetics Press**

Twenty-first-century Americans think very little about how contradictory our communication sounds to those unfamiliar with modern American English. Driving on parkways and parking on driveways seems very illogical given the definitions of parking and driving. Receiving shipment from trucks and cargo from ships sounds equally bizarre, though not to Americans. We have feet that smell and noses that run. We eat hamburgers made of beef and hotdogs made of pigs. What's more, we drive on interstate highways that never cross into other states (e.g., Hawaii's interstate H1), and we are programmed to read speed "limit" signs as speed "minimum" signs.

One of the most awkward questions Americans ask is, "You didn't do that, did you?" How are we supposed to answer such a question? We generally say "No," but mean "Yes," and if we mean "No," we say "Yes." Recently I asked my two young sons a similar question. One said "No" and the other said "Yes," but they meant the same thing. They simply were confused as to how to answer such a question. When one pauses to consider the many figures of speech Americans use in communication, he is overwhelmed with the number of paradoxes we regularly invoke.

It is essential for students of the Bible to recognize that the inspired writers also used many figures of speech. If we fail to identify these idioms, we may ignorantly draw the same conclusion that so many Bible critics have drawn—that the Bible writers made mistakes. In actuality, the "mistakes" are on the interpreter's part, not God's or His penmen's. When skeptics allege that Jesus lied when He stated He would rise from the grave "after three days" (Mark 8:31), because on other occasions He indicated that He would rise "the third day" (Matthew 16:21; 17:23; 20:19; cf. Acts 10:40), they fail to recognize a common figure of speech in ancient times. "After three days" and "on the third day" frequently meant the same thing (cf. 2 Chronicles 10:5,12; Genesis 42:17-18; Esther 4:16-5:1; see Lyons, 2004). Even Jesus' first-century enemies used these expressions synonymously (Matthew 27:63-64).

One critic of Christ has condemned Jesus for calling His mother "woman" in John 2:4 (see McKinsey, 1995, p. 134). Allegedly, the Son of God would not use such an impersonal noun in such a disrespectful way. In truth, however, though this expression may sound rude in the 21st century, 2,000 years ago it was used in a most respectful manner (cf. Matthew 15:28; John 19:26; 20:15). If Bible critics would pause to think of the plethora of figures of speech we use everyday (which to some sound perplexing at best, and contradictory at worst), likely far fewer alleged discrepancies would be levied against the Bible. A fair approach to Scripture is one that takes into account its many figures of speech, rather than simply assuming the worst of its writers.

**Those Honored to Serve Today**

**AM Service**

Announcements – C. Nelson

Singing – Swearingen

Opening Prayer – E. Coats

The Lord's Table

G. Carns & A. Cash

Scripture – L. Brown

Sermon – R. Earl

Closing Prayer – D. Jackson

**PM Service**

Singing – Swearingen

Opening Prayer – G. Carns

Lord's Table – E. Coats

Sermon – V. Smith

Closing Prayer – W. D. Jackson

**Wednesday PM**

Singing – D. Jackson

Opening Prayer – C. Nelson

Closing Prayer – V. Smith