

## **WORKS WE PROUDLY SUPPORT**

Caleb Jacobs (Eagleville Church of Christ, Eagleville, MO)  
Chuck Northrop – Bible Institute of Missouri Instructor  
Cliff Lyons – Murmansk, Russia  
Don Iverson – India Missionary  
Monthly Food Pantry  
Gary Fallis (Bear Valley Extension School Tanzania)  
Gospel of Christ Program  
House to House, Heart to Heart  
Micheal Purdom (Trinidad)  
Online Academy of Biblical Studies (OABS)  
Ron Hass (Prison Ministry)  
Search TV  
Truth for the World (John Grubb)  
Voice of Truth International  
West View Boys Home  
Zambia School of Biblical Studies

## **Those Honored to Serve Today**

### **AM Service**

Announcements: C. Nelson  
Singing: Swearingen  
Opening Prayer: E. Coats  
The Lord's Table:  
W.D. Jackson & D. Jackson  
Lord's Table Speaker: R. Earl  
Sermon Scripture: L. Duncan  
Sermon: M. Purdom  
Closing Prayer: A. Cash

### **PM Service**

Singing: Swearingen  
Opening Prayer: W.D. Jackson  
Lord's Table: C. Nelson  
Sermon: R. Earl  
Closing Prayer: R. Duncan

### **Wednesday PM**

Singing: D. Jackson  
Opening Prayer: E. Coats  
Closing Prayer: Swearingen

## *Oologah Informer*

### Oologah Church of Christ, Oologah, Oklahoma July 29th, 2012

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Service Times:	<b>Sunday</b> Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM  <b>Wednesday</b> Bible Study 7:00 PM
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Sermon Videos:	www.oologahcofc.org/sermon-videos.html
Today's Lesson's :	<b>A.M. Bible Class:</b> Guest Speaker: Michael Purdom  <b>A.M. Sermon:</b> Guest Speaker: Michael Purdom  <b>P.M. Sermon:</b> "When a King leaves the Lord " (1 Kings 11:9-10) Russ Earl

## 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.

### **Wednesday Night Summer Series**

Dan Fredman will be our guest speaker this week.

If you would like a copy of these lessons please tell Russell or Vance.

### **Summer Workers**

If you need some help with basic yard work this summer please let Russ know. Our youth are willing to help.

### **New Materials**

New tracts, handy outlines & charts are available in the foyer. The new tracts are on the bottom row of the tract rack.

### **Guest Speaker**

**Michael Purdom** and his family are with us today. Michael will bring the morning lessons; he is a missionary to Trinidad.

- We will be having potluck after morning services.\*

### **The Boys are back!**

Our youth are back from a great week at Green Valley Bible camp.

### **Dinner with our Gospel Meeting Speaker**

If you wish to have dinner with the John Grubb at your home while he is here please sign the sheet in the foyer.

### **Don't Move By Jack Williams**

One of the wonderful parables our Lord gave to us is the parable of the

prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32). There are many wonderful lessons which can be learned from this parable, but one of the most challenging is the lesson of the expectant father. His son had entered in to "riotous living" (13) ending up then involved in caring for swine (15), something no self respecting person of his heritage would do. Finally this young man finally "came to himself" (17) and desired better things in his life. We are told that he said: *How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee.* (17-18)

In that statement there is a great confidence in this young man's heart.

- He knew that his father would not have also given up on the life he lived, but would still be the same leader of good things he was when he left.
- He knew his father was expectant of his son returning from the bad things he had engaged in, back to the right things. That his concern was for his repenting of sinning against heaven and his family.

In short, he knew that his father had not moved, as he had, from the kind of life he should be living before heaven. And sure enough, the parable records that the father was right where the son expected him to be (20)!

What a wonderful, inspiring, encouraging account! But sadly there are those who, when family or friends or loved ones go astray, fail to live up to the father's example in the parable. Instead of remaining in the same place spiritually so that if their family or friends "come to themselves" and decide to return, they themselves have moved, right along with their loved ones. Imagine what the parable would have been like if the young man had come to himself, determined to return to his father – only to look and find that his father, just as he, was feeding the swine. It wouldn't have been much of a parable. Nor is it much of a life.

If you have loved ones who have gone into riotous living - don't move. Continue to live the godly life they once knew. Live a life ever watching for, and expecting their return as you continue to let your light shine (Matthew 5:16). Live a life in which you can joyously receive them back to a spiritual life that is just as they grew up with and observed. Don't move – give them something to come back to.