

## **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  
Eugene Jenkins (Jamaica Missionary)  
Evans Family (Memphis Missions School/Tanzania Missionary)  
Gary Fallis (Bear Valley Extension School Tanzania)  
House to House, Heart to Heart  
John Grubb (Asia Missionary)  
Michael Purdom & Trinidad Preaching School (Trinidad & Tobago)  
Monthly Food Pantry  
Online Academy of Biblical Studies (OABS)  
Ron Hass (Prison Ministry)  
Search TV  
Stacy Ferguson (Pacific Islands Bible College)  
The Gospel of Christ Program (TGOC)  
Voice of Truth International  
West View Boys Home  
Zambia School of Biblical Studies

### **Those Honored to Serve Today**

#### **AM Service**

Announcements: A. Cash  
Singing: Swearingen  
Opening Prayer: G. Carns  
The Lord's Table:  
V. Smith & R. Duncan  
Lord's Table Speaker: C. Nelson  
Scripture Reading: L. Brown  
Sermon: R. Earl  
Closing Prayer: W.D. Jackson

#### **PM Service**

Singing: Swearingen  
Opening Prayer: E. Coats  
Lord's Table: R. Duncan  
Sermon: R. Earl  
Closing Prayer: A. Cash

#### **Wednesday PM**

Singing: D. Jackson  
Opening Prayer: E. Coats  
Closing Prayer: G. Carns

## *Oologah Informer* Oologah Church of Christ, Oologah, Oklahoma September 30th, 2012

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| Evangelists:       | Vance Smith<br>Russ Earl  |
| Phone Number:      | 918-443-2025  |
| TV Programs:       | SEARCH Program (TV 47/Cable 7)  |
| Meeting Place:     | 13800 S. 4080 Rd<br>On Hwy 169<br>South of Oologah  |
| Service Times:     | <b>Sunday</b><br>Bible Study 9:30 AM<br>Worship 10:30 AM<br>Worship 5:00 PM<br><br><b>Wednesday</b><br>Bible Study 7:00 PM  |
| Website:           | www.oologahcofc.org   |
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| Sermon Videos:     | www.oologahcofc.org/sermon-videos.html  |
| Today's Lesson's : | <b>A.M. Bible Class:</b> "Prayer" – R. Earl<br><br><b>A.M. Sermon:</b> <u>Sermon Series: When God Seems Hidden</u><br>#3 of 3 "I Have Come To Deep Waters"<br>(Ps 69:1-2) R. Earl<br><br><b>P.M. Semon:</b> He Is My Everything (Ps 56:4) - R. 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.

## Gospel Singing

There is a gospel singing in Vinita, OK at 2 p.m. today.

## Youth Devotional

We will begin having monthly youth devotionals after the evening services on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Our first youth devotional will be after evening services on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012. See Russ for details.

## 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 Smith's sisters, are not doing well.
- **Patti Payne's daughter's father-in-law** will be having surgery on Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. **Patti's mother in law** had surgery and is still in a lot of pain. Please keep both of these in your prayers.
- Please keep **Ryan Payne** in your prayers. He is asking those who write to him to please write in print.
- **Ida Williams** (June Williams Mother in law) is not doing well.
- **John Babb** (Grace Babb's brother-in-law) his cancer has returned.
- Russ Earl's cousin (**Skylar Neese** 16 yrs old) from West Virginia hasn't been seen since July 6th. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- **Gary Evans** is recovering from his surgeries in a recovery center.
- **Roy Dean's** brother is having eye problems please keep him in your prayers
- **Doris Potts** has been having back pain, please keep her in your prayers.

## **Straddling the Fence**

**Landon Rowell**

(Ramona church of Christ, Ramona, OK)

As a young boy I found myself in many peculiar situations. On one particular day my family and I were visiting my aunt and uncle. They had a "farm" and for city slickers like us it was an amazing place. It just so happened that my uncle had an old motorcycle. Being as adventurous as I was I asked if we could drive it around. My uncle conceded after much begging and my brother and I set off to enjoy a day of driving around; it was just in circles around the pasture but it was exciting. Like many stories go with those that are driving motorcycles I ended up, on the last go around, wrecking the bike and hurting my knee. As I was picked up and taken back toward the house there was a point that I will not soon forget, if ever. While I was being passed over the electric fence my uncle slipped and I found myself straddling it. Fortunately I did not touch the fence but the fear from being in that position was enough. The idea of straddling the fence has never, as you can imagine, appealed to me too much and I think that is a good thing. God makes clear His feelings about those that straddle the fence in Revelation 3:15-16 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot...So then, because you are lukewarm...I will vomit you out of My mouth." Let us each make sure we never straddle the fence.

## **Christians are not meant for Hibernation**

The poet T. S. Eliot in his famous poem "The Wasteland," calls April the "cruellest month," because the showers of April stir up the dull and dormant roots of trees and flowers to begin bursting forth with new life instead of allowing them to remain comfortably asleep in the frozen ground of winter. Yet the sleep of tree roots and flower bulbs is the sleep of hibernation, not of rest. Trees were meant to put out green leaves; tulips were meant to push up through the soil and produce beautiful blossoms.

Christians are also meant to grow, to mature, to blossom, not to hibernate in the frozen sleep of lethargy or unconcern. Peter says that we are meant to grow – "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18). He also said that we are to be "as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2). Christian are a lot like corn in the field – the moment the corn stops growing it begins to die, and so it is with Christians.

Many Christians go into hibernation by not attending services like they once did, or by not being as active as they once were. "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (1 The. 5:4-6).

\*Taken from "The Preachers PC" by Tom Moore of the Park Heights church of Christ, Hamilton, Texas\*