

WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR GRADUATES!
 Graduates will be honored during Worship on May 1st
 A church-wide meal will follow Worship to continue the celebration
 Come be a part of this special day as we congratulate these young people
 and their families for their accomplishments.

ALL LOGOS VOLUNTEERS ARE INVITED TO
 ATTEND AN END OF THE YEAR EVALUATION
 DINNER TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM FOR
 THE 2010/2011 YEAR

WE NEED ALL YOUR HELP TO MAKE NEXT
 YEAR AN EVEN BETTER YEAR WITH YOUR
 FEEDBACK.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 11th at 6:00 pm


WHERE: The Alley Cafe

A prompt RSVP to the church office by
 Wednesday, May 4th to inform the restaurant is
 greatly appreciated.

YOUTH LOCK-IN
 Friday, May 6th 8pm till 7 am Saturday
 morning
 6th grade - High School
 Bring a snack to share or a 3-liter drink of any
 flavor
 Meet at the YMCA at 8:00 pm for a laser tag
 competition. We will go to the church at
 10:00 pm. Doors will be locked and no one
 will be allowed in or out (except for parents.)
 Questions? Contact Delma at 717-7413

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May 2011

Dr. George Sweeting tells of an incident in the early 1920's when Communist leader Nikolai Bukharin was sent from Moscow to Kiev to address an anti-God rally. For an hour he abused and ridiculed the Christian faith to a mostly silent audience. When questions were invited an Orthodox Church priest rose and asked to speak. He turned, faced the crowd, and said "He is risen!" Instantly the assembly stood up and the loud reply came back, "He is risen indeed!"

Sometimes the world around us is in complete shambles, torn down by others, wrecked by our own poor decisions, or broken by random acts of nature.

We have just celebrated Holy Week and marked Christ's journey from a triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the lonely and painful crucifixion on Friday.

Had Jesus' story ended at Calvary on Friday, I would not be writing you today. Yet we are Easter people who follow the One who showed us the power of the resurrection. He not only offers us eternal life for tomorrow but restores relationships today.

When you arrived on Easter Sunday you saw the ancient declaration of Good News that never gets old. Remember it, embrace it, live it— "Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!"

John



Sunday School for all ages
 Sundays at 10 am

Worship Service
 Sundays at 11 am
 We would love for you to join us.

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Prayer Concerns

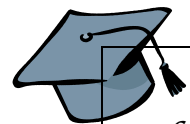
Our church prayer partner, Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lubbock
 Lenora Morton, Nursing Home
 Gary Griffin, rehabilitating in Houston
 Moody Mulkey, recovering from work-related accident
 Shirley Martin, Susan Riseling's mother, recovering from heart surgery
 Those affected by wildfires
 Peggy Haynes, recovering from car accident
 Reid Riseling, recovering from surgery
 Linda Folsom, recovering from surgery
 Maria Cordero, Doel's mother, ulcers in her foot
 John Conley, tests
 Larry Ebell, surgery
 Brent Loflin, diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis
 Brian Smith, ill health
 Henry McKiel, Joe & Kathy Shockey's grandson, health issues

Those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Morgan & Shannon Heck, the loss of his mother, Ann Heck
 Mandy Nevius, the loss of her great-grandmother, Lucille Veatch
 The Villa family, the loss of 2 family members, their home
 & possessions in a house fire
 Cathy Burnett, the loss of her husband, David Burnett
 The Valdez Family

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6



Congratulations High School Graduates Class of 2011

John Brunson
 Sarah Carrel
 Ashley Lance
 Derek Molina
 Kaitlin Sullivan

ATTENTION PARENTS AND YOUTH GRADES 5TH - HIGH SCHOOL

You are invited to a special youth night on Wednesday, May 18th at 5:30 pm downstairs in the fellowship hall for a drug awareness presentation from Carmen Napp of the Moore County Crime Stoppers. Come join us for an evening of important information all parents and kids should be aware of. Dinner will be provided.



Serving in the military:
 Ryan Nevius
 Jerod Maxwell, Carl & Maxine's grandson

FINANCIAL FOCUS 2011

	March	January-March
PLEDGES	\$16,387.65	\$52,027.15
YOUTH PLEDGES	1,048.00	2,994.00
INTEREST INCOME	1,935.28	6,942.65
OTHER INCOME	2,550.88	12,495.41
TOTAL INCOME	\$21,921.81	\$74,459.21
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>-21,936.63</u>	<u>-72,417.23</u>
NET PROFIT/LOSS	\$ -14.82	\$ 2,041.98

Happenings Among the Youth

I would like to thank all those involved in making our Mission Trip Fundraiser Lunch and Silent Auction a success. Thank you Laura Brunson, Sharon Molina, Lisa Flood and Doel Cordero for all the help in the kitchen. A special thanks to all those who found it in their heart to donate items for the auction: Cindy Williams, Peggy Sloan, Margie Brookmole, Maxine Bittner, Patsy Long, LaKrisha Williamson, Laura Brunson, Carol Ledbetter, Natasha Coffin, The Chocolate Pantry, and Sissy G's Boutique. And last, but not least, all the youth that donated items and worked the dinner. This fundraiser was a success because of all the love and cooperation from so many in our congregation. THANK YOU!

Our annual Youth Work Day was also successful. This is always great practice before going on a mission trip to see how well we all work together to help others in our community.

The Jr. High Youth spent a Sunday afternoon at the movies watching Soul Surfer. This was an incredible movie with an amazing message for kids of all ages. I would highly recommend anyone who has not seen this movie to watch it. Thank you to Laura Brunson and Lisa Flood for driving the youth and teaching this group during LOGOS.

We had a wonderful time with the Sunday School Easter Party on Easter Sunday. The kids were able to go through the story of Easter while participating in several activities including an Easter Hunt for Jesus. I could never do any of this without the help of other adults and youth that I can always count on to help. Thank you Sharon Molina, Hilary Cordero, McKenzie Eudy, John Brunson, A.J. Williams, Ashante Zirker and Dre Zirker for the helping hands.

Parents, please be looking for the activity calendars in the mail for all the activities with the youth. Next on the agenda will be a youth lock-in on May 6th. Any adult volunteers who would like to come up during the evening and just walk around and be an extra set of eyes are welcome to come and "hang out" with the youth.

I know I said a lot of thank yous in this article, but I am so grateful for all those adults in our congregation who continue to support this youth group and the kids of our church. I am so proud to be able to call this church MY church family. May the Lord continue to bless this wonderful church. ~ Delma Stokes

A word of thanks long overdue...

The beautiful bulletin covers for the last year have been designed by Carolyn Stallwitz. Using her artistic expression through graphic arts media in creating these covers not only saves the church money, but by customizing the covers, she aids us in focusing on events and occasions especially meaningful to us as Presbyterians preparing for worship.

THANK YOU, CAROLYN, FOR YOUR TIME AND TALENT.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Rev. Conley reported that he is to meet with Presbytery Executive Rich Schempp and other pastors of the Presbytery to discuss the proposed amendment 10A and the nFog (new form of government) that is being voted on by individual Presbyteries. The Palo Duro Presbytery did not pass amendment 10A or the nFog, but it seems probable that a majority of Presbyteries will pass both amendment 10A and the nFog, which result in a revision of the Book of Order. Rev. Conley did not believe that the adoption of the amendment or the nFog would result in changes in the structure or standards of our church.

- Elder Doel Cordero noted that there will be training in the operation of the sound system on April 26 at 4:30 p.m. in the choir loft.

- The curriculum has been chosen for Vacation Bible School which will be in the evenings July 11 – 14.

- Plans have been made for one youth outing a month during the summer. The first outing is a trip to Groom to see the cross.

Session approved the following requests for use of the building or van:

◇ Esprit, Etc.—parking lot—Saturday, May 7, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for geranium sale.

◇ Basement for the Sartain baby shower on Sunday, April 10.

◇ Maria Hernandez, the custodian, basement for a baby shower on Saturday, May 21, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

◇ Laura Brunson (approved driver), Lisa Flood—van to take Jr. High youth to Amarillo after church April 17

The baptism of Hayden Lorrence Coffin was approved by Session. Hayden was baptized by Rev. Conley during church services on April 3.

The Fellowship and Nurture Committee approved a donation to the American Cancer Society in memory of Morgan Heck's mother.

There are signup sheets in the narthex for the Mexican Pile On lunch following services on May 1, Graduation Sunday.

The all-church pool party will be at the Sunray pool on July 15; the annual church picnic is scheduled after the hymn sing church service on July 17.

Greeter and worship leader training scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27. There is a signup sheet in the narthex for those who wish to attend.

The average attendance for church services in March was 70.

Session scheduled a time for prayer at noon Friday, April 15, to pray for the church and the congregation.

The Logos program was discussed and a suggestion was made to evaluate the Logos program, discuss problems that arose during the year, and discuss how to address unresolved issues of the program.

The Worship Committee approved elimination of the third hymn from the Sunday church service order of worship. Joyce Snow, organist, and Shelly Burnett will work on including contemporary music into the worship service.

There will be a Called Congregational meeting at 11:00 a.m. May 1 (at the beginning of the church service) to elect elders to fill the vacancies on session.

Nominees of the Nominating Committee are Tennille Cariker and Jim Lovell.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday, May 1, 11 am ~ Graduation Sunday!

Scholarship presentations

Communion

11 am ~ Called Congregational Meeting

Election of Elders

Meal following Worship in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 3 ~ Noon Bible Study

Friday, May 6 ~ Junior High/High School Youth Lock-in at 8:00pm - 7:00 am. Meet at the YMCA.

Sunday, May 8, 11 am ~ Worship *Mother's Day!*

Tuesday, May 10 ~ Noon Bible Study

6:15 pm ~ Stated Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 11 ~ LOGOS Evaluation Dinner for all LOGOS volunteers at the Alley Café - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 17 ~ Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, May 18th ~ Youth Night with presentation from Moore County Crime Stoppers - 5:30 pm

Sunday, May 22, 11 am ~ Worship

7 pm ~ Mission Trip Meeting

Tuesday, May 24 ~ NO NOON BIBLE STUDY

Monday, May 30 ~ Memorial Day—Church office closed

Tuesday, May 31 ~ Noon Bible Study

Congratulations

Scholarship Award Recipients

2011-2012

John Brunson Ashley Lance

Derek Molina Kevin Sartain

Callie Sims Ross Sims

Nathan Taylor

May Birthdays

- 1 Sarah Carrell
- 3 Gene Ann Dreyer
- 5 Billie Gracey
- 12 Alexa Maples
- 13 Brenda DeBons
- 15 Betty Whitson
- 16 Evelyn Bose
- 19 Carol Ledbetter
- 20 Diane Hoefling
- 21 Delma Stokes
A.J. Williams
- 28 Donna Sue Boles

May you all have a blessed day full of joy and happiness!



Anniversaries

- 6 Jim & Karen Owens
- 11 Gary & Lynnette Ward
- 17 Milt & Diane Hoefling
- 20 Dillon & Laura Ferguson
- 25 Ben & Alexa Maples