

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF OWASSO

OUR VISION

We are a church

Seeking to love
and glorify God,

Growing in love,

Serving others.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday Classes 9:30
Children Choir

Coffee and Fellowship 10:00

Sunday Worship 10:30

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Prayer Group 6:00
VBST/Youth

Bible Study 6:30

Choir Practice 7:15

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The Presbyterian

SPIRIT

APRIL 2016

Why do we celebrate Holy Humor Sunday?

Holy Humor Sunday comes from a very old Christian custom. The humor comes from early church fathers like Augustine, John Chrysostom, and Gregory of Nyssa, who preached that God played the ultimate joke on Satan by raising Jesus from the dead. God got the last laugh. More recently, Protestant theologian Jurgen Moltmann, wrote that Easter is "the laughing of the redeemed, the dancing of the liberated." In the Greek and Slavic Orthodox tradition, Easter Monday turned into Bright Week, and was a time of great joy and laughter, celebration over the resurrection of Christ and the renewal of the spiritual life of the peo-

ple. In the early days of Christianity, all of Easter Week was a feast and celebration, with special festivities: Easter games, Emmaus walks in the country, picnics, pranks and practical jokes. In many countries of Europe, pastors and parishioners would "drench" one another with water, youngsters would process in outlandish costumes, people would give children Easter eggs, pastries and sweets. In some cities, people would spray perfume on one another with friendly wishes for happiness, or the men would 'heave' the women up high on chairs while shouting hurrahs

www.TheJoyfulNoiseletter.com

"Humor becomes holy when we recognize God in between our aspirations and our limitations, ready to laugh with us, and heal us."

Blessings!

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TO CATCH LOTTERY PRAYER REQUESTS
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I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE
WITH ME FOREVER. BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT



April Birthdays

- 6 Sydney Reed
- 9 Cara Grant
- 12 David Barnett
- 17 Susan Brown
- 19 Don Ekstrand
- 20 Natalie Reed
- 22 Cheryl Brooks
- 22 Bill Perkins
- 25 Patti Perkins
- 26 Stephanie Jennings
- 30 Claudette Howe

Congratulations!



First Presbyterian Celebration Singers

Ages K—5th Grade

Sundays from 9:30-10am

The Choir is under the direction of Cara Grant, and Danny Burnes. Nursery is provided for younger siblings, and Sunday School is available for Adults!

***The Celebration Singers will offer special music on Sunday, May 8th for Mother's Day.**



Parenting Class

Parents meet on **Sundays at 9:30am.** Our Parenting Through the Bible Class with Dr. Jenny Wood has resumed in the sanctuary classroom. We will be using www.cornerstonesforparents.com as a resource.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study

Wednesday nights at 6:30pm

Come join us! We are studying the books of *Ezekiel* and *Daniel*!

Youth Activity

Youth (6-12th) are going to Incredible Pizza! **Sunday, April 24th at 5:00pm** we will meet at the church. Email Mary Frances if you plan to attend!

Youth Group

Youth Group is on Wednesday nights, from 6:00-7:30pm, for students in the 6th-12th grade!
Join leader Kat Hale for crafts and Bible study!



VBS Twilight

VBST is on Wednesday nights, from 6:00-7:30pm, for ages 4—5th grade!
We provide a free meal, and kids earn prizes! Sign up in the foyer to volunteer or attend!

Contacting the Staff

Office Phone: 918-272-1063

The office is open Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM-2:30 PM.

Rev. Natalie Bell can be reached Monday-Thursday at the Church or on her cell. Friday is Rev. Natalie's Sabbath.

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To submit information, please contact the Office.

Calendars, newsletters, sermons and giving options are available on our website.

Worship This Month

3rd	Holy Humor Communion / Luke 15:1-10
10th	Do You Love Me? John 21:1-19
17th	A Loving God John 10:11-18
24th	Love One Another John 13:31-35

Ladies Lunch!

All the women of the church are invited to join Pastor Natalie for lunch at the

OpenTable Café on Thursday, April 28th at 11:30am.

No agenda, just food and fellowship! Please RSVP to Pastor Natalie: 918-671-7203 or fpcowassopastor@att.net

Golden Agers

The Golden Agers will meet for breakfast at Trail's End on **Wednesday, April 13th at 9:00am**

Please contact Dorothy if you plan to attend by April 11th!

Meetings

VBS Mtg - April 10th at 11:30am

Committee Day - April 17th at 11:30am

Session Meeting - April 19th at 6:30pm

2016 Directories

We have updated the church directory! Please pick up your new copy in the foyer!

April Worship Volunteer Schedule

Communion

Servers: Mark Hrachovec (Intinction)

Greeters

April 3 Bill & Patti Perkins
April 10 Bill & Patti Perkins
April 17 Jeff & Amy Crowder
April 24 Ken & Becky Allen

Counters

Marcia Taylor & Kerry Hartley
 Marcia Taylor & Suella Barnett
 Brian Thomason & Bill Herleth
 Bill Perkins & Laura Brewer

Ushers

April 3 Kerry & Toni Hartley
April 10 Lue & Kristi Buster
April 17 Dorothy Stevens & Barbara Moore
April 24 Patti Perkins & Susan Brown

Sound Technicians

Kerry Hartley
 Hap Pinkerton
 David Herdman
 Bob Bass

Liturgists

April 3 Amy Crowder
April 10 Hap Pinkerton
April 17 Mark Hrachovec
April 24 Anne Sheaff

Mowers

4/7 Brian Thomason & Kerry Hartley
4/14 Rod Taylor & J. Pat Reed
4/21 Brian Thomason & Bill Herleth
4/28 Jeff Crowder &

Pastor Natalie's family, Amanda Holland (Suella's daughter), Melissa Meyers, Trish Tackett (shoulder surgery-friend of Perkins), Ron Brewer, Les Harding (colon cancer- friend of Rod Taylor), Theresa Jankosky, Shannon Latchem (friend of Perkins), Nicole (Rev. Natalie's sister), Phyllis Diane (Kat's cousin), Brad Baron, Suella & David Barnett, Debby Dodd (Doug Hespe's sister), Cheryl Brooks, Patti Perkins, Sandy McFadden (Eileen's daughter), Dana Sheaff, Kay Browning (Shirley Baxter's sister), Cheryl & Michael Arthur, Carol Cassmeyer (Ron Brewer's mother), Barry & Mary Beth Ward, Yvonne Phillips, those seeking jobs, encouragement, or assistance, victims of storms and violence worldwide, our leaders, our service men and women, as well as our veterans, our sister church in Malawi, Africa .

***Please email the church or Pastor Natalie to update prayer list!
 Let us know of any changes!**



If you cannot serve on the date scheduled, please arrange for a substitute, and let the office know, or call the office early in the week.

Worship Attendance

Mar 6 60
Mar 13 46
Mar 20 77
Mar 27 101



UBS Pie Auction

April 24th at 11:30am

After the worship hour we will host a pie auction benefitting the Children & Youth departments! Make your best pie and help us raise money!



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