

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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COME EXPERIENCE GOD'S GRACE

*The Presbyterian*

# SPIRIT

MAY 2016

## *God-Sightings*

Dear Friends,

Recently our Elders were asked to answer this question:

***What difference has our church made in your life?*** Here's what Worship Elder Susan Brown has to say:

*The difference the church has made in my life is that it has given me a place of comfort and belonging. No matter how bad my day or week is going, coming here makes me feel a sense of peace. The congregation is always warm and welcoming, and the many generations gives you a different perspective on life, and how everyone's view matters. First Presbyterian is definitely my place of comfort.*

How has the church made a difference in YOUR life? I'll be asking more of you to answer that question, in worship, and in our newsletter and bulletin. It's great to hear the testimonies of people in our church about what God does in our lives through this congregation! It encourages the rest of the body of Christ to hear it!

Do you realize that God has done amazing things in each and every one of our lives? Sometimes we see it right away, and other times we notice it looking back. When have you seen God's hand at work in your life? We know that just by following Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit is at work in us. The thing that I love is that we can experience such joy and

peace when we recognize the presence of God. We can receive such guidance and direction when we pay attention to God's leading. Whether we find it in our Bible reading, or worship, a devotional, prayer times, or fellowship with other believers—it is life-changing to know that God is the light of your life, your defender, protector, provider, and the one who loves you more than any human being! Just think about the power of what we've experienced in worship this past week, the Spirit is alive and well in First Presbyterian of Owasso!

I pray that we would all have the hearts to know and experience our Living, Loving God.

*Natalee*

# Under Construction

Please pardon our construction in the south hallway! We are expanding a classroom and adding a music closet to help our Music and Children/Youth Ministries!

Thank you to all our men of the church who are helping with the construction and to Bob Bass for his leadership!



## May Birthdays

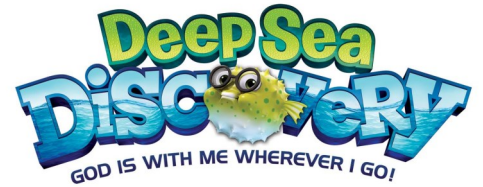
- 8 Charles Evans
- 10 Jenny Wood
- 11 Sharon Volz
- 12 Matthew Burnes
- 21 Harrison Wood
- 26 Mary Baxter
- 27 David Herdman

Congratulations!



## Honor our Graduate

We will honor our Owasso graduate, Marjorie Sheaff, on May 22nd in worship and at 11:30am with a reception in her honor. Marjorie plans to attend the University of Tulsa and study Music and Chemistry! Come and give your best wishes!



## Deep Sea Discovery

VBS June 13-16th  
6:00-8:30pm

Sign up today outside the office to volunteer and bring needed items! Contact Mary Frances for more information!

## Teacher Appreciation

Wednesday, May 4th @ 7:15am

Teachers come at 8:00am

Join us at Mills Elementary as we honor the teachers of our adopted school! Sign up in foyer or with Becky Allen to bring a dish or help!



# 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, then have an end of semester party on Sunday, May 13th. We will break for the summer!**



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SAVE THOSE  
LABELS!

Save the UPC for Best Choice and the entire Campbell's Soup Label for Goodland Boys Academy, the Presbyterian Boys Home and School in Hugo, OK.

## 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! **\*Youth will not meet May 25th.**



## 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! **\*VBST will continue through the summer, except May 25th**

## Parenting Class

Parents meet on **Sundays at 9:30am** for our Parenting Through the Bible Class with Dr. Jenny Wood. We use [www.cornerstonesforparents.com](http://www.cornerstonesforparents.com) as a resource. This class will go on summer break after May 13th.

## Wednesday Adult Bible Study

**Wednesday nights at 6:30pm**

Come join us! We are studying the books of *Ezekiel* and *Daniel*! Next we will look at the Gospels & study 'The Jewishness of Jesus'.

## 2016 Directories

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

**VBST will not meet on May 25th!**

**Youth Group activity - Sunday, May 15th - TBA!**

# Sundays

Classes 9:30

Coffee and Fellowship 10:00

Worship 10:30

# May 2016

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 9:30—Children's Choir 9:30—Adult Classes 10:30—Worship			7:15—Teacher Appr. Breakfast at Mills 6:00—VBST/Youth 6:30—Adult Bible Study 7:15—Choir Rehearsal	6:00am—Nat'l Day of Prayer Breakfast 6:00pm—Gathering on Main		
8 <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:30—Children's Choir 9:30—Adult Classes 10:30—Worship/Kids sing	9	10	11 6:00—VBST/Youth 6:30—Adult Bible Study 7:15—Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14
15 <b>Day of Pentecost</b> 9:30—Children's Choir Party 9:30—Adult Classes 10:30—Worship 11:30—Committee Day	16	17 6:30—Session Mtg	18 6:00—VBST/Youth 6:30—Adult Bible Study 7:15—Choir Rehearsal	19	20	21
22 9:30—Adult Classes 10:30—Worship 11:30—Honor Grads	23 6:30—Bingo at the Open Table Cafe	24	25 NO VBST/YOUTH 6:30—Adult Bible Study 7:15—Choir Rehearsal	26 11:30—Ladies Lunch at the Café	27	28
29 9:30—Adult Classes 10:30—Worship	30 <b>Memorial Day</b> Offices Closed	31				

# May Worship Volunteer Schedule

## Communion

**Servers:** Mark Hrachovec

### Greeters

**May 1** Bill & Patti Perkins  
**May 8** Bill & Patti Perkins  
**May 15** Jeff & Amy Crowder  
**May 22** Ken & Becky Allen  
**May 29** Patti Perkins & Susan Brown

### Counters

Laura Brewer & Suella Barnett  
 Bill Perkins & Bill Herleth  
 Brian Thomason & Bill Herleth  
 Marcia Taylor & Suella Barnett  
 Bill Perkins & Bob Bass

### Ushers

**May 1** Susan Brown & Suella Barnett  
**May 8** Lue & Kristi Buster  
**May 15** Dorothy Stevens & Barbara Moore  
**May 22** Patti Perkins & Susan Brown  
**May 29** Jeff & Amy Crowder

### Sound Technicians

Hap Pinkerton  
 Kerry Hartley  
 David Herdman  
 Bob Bass  
 Bill Perkins

### Liturgists

**May 1** Mark Hrachovec  
**May 8** Kathy Brandon  
**May 15** Amy Crowder  
**May 22** Susan Brown  
**May 29** Sheri Burnes

### Mowers

**5/5** Hap Pinkerton & Lue Buster  
**5/12** Bill Perkins & Charles Evans  
**5/19** David Herdman & Ed Bell  
**5/26** Bob Bass & Mark Hrachovec  
**6/2** Brian Thomason & Kerry Hartley

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

## Worship Attendance

**Apr 3** 51  
**Apr 10** 51  
**Apr 17** 50  
**Apr 24** 54

## Remember in Prayer

Terri Hibberd (shoulder surgery/ health issues-Laura Brewer's sister), Nanci Darst (brain tumor-Kathy Brandon's sister), Amanda Holland (Suella's daughter), Melissa Meyers, Trish Tackett (shoulder surgery-friend of Perkins), Les Harding (colon cancer- friend of Rod Taylor), Shannon Latchem (friend of Perkins), Nicole (Rev. Natalie's sister), Phyllis Diane (Kat's cousin), Brad Baron, Suella & David Barnett, Debby Dodd (Doug Hesper'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!**





# National Day of Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 5th

6:00-7:00am

The annual National Day of Prayer event will be hosted by Owasso First Assembly of God. Come and pray with over 20 churches in the Owasso community and enjoy breakfast for only \$5/person.



## Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8th

Join us as we honor our Mother's during worship! Moms will receive a special treat from the children!

## Open Table Café Bingo Fundraiser

Monday, May 23rd

6:30-8:00pm

Come join Phil Lutz and others as we play Bingo and support OpenTable Café! Cards are \$5/each. Refreshments and prizes are provided!



## New Website

[www.fpcowasso.org](http://www.fpcowasso.org)

Check us out online - we have a newly designed website! You can find current events, sermons, newsletters, a regularly updated calendar, and even online giving! \*We will soon be accepting PayPal Donations online for those who want more options!

## Ladies Lunch at the Café



Thursday, May 26th  
at 11:30am

No agenda! Just food and fellowship with Pastor Natalie. Please RSVP!

## Thank You!

Our Pie Auction for Children's and Youth Ministry raised \$2,300!

*Thank you for your generosity!*



**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.

The Presbyterian Spirit is published by First Presbyterian Church of Owasso each month to inform members and friends of church activities.

To submit information, please contact the Office.

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

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**Worship This Month**

- 1st **Living Water**  
Communion
- 8th **More than Enough**  
1 Kings 17:8-16
- 15th **Pentecost**  
Acts 2:1-21
- 22nd **Hope/Trinity Sunday**  
Romans 5:1-5
- 29th **God to the Rescue**  
1 Kings 18:20-39

**Pentecost**

**Sunday May 15th**

Help us celebrate the "Birthday" of the Church—*Wear Red!*

**Meetings**

- Committee Day—May 15th—11:30am**
- Session Meeting—May 17th—6:30pm**

**Out of Office**

**Monday, May 30th**

Church offices will be closed due to Memorial Day!



Happy  
Mother's Day



**Sunday, May 8th**

Join us as we honor our Mothers in worship service!

We have a special gift for all our Moms from Heifer International!



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