



CCC News

Connecting People With Christ

April 2010 Events

- *Attention all ladies!* We have been invited to Parkview Christian Church in Chickasha Thursday **April 8** for a very special Ladies Day involving chocolate!! Registration begins at 9:30 am, \$12.00 per person, concluding at 3 pm. This includes lunch & other fun things. Contact Beverly or Barbara if you'd like to go with us.
- *Ladies Retreat* This is for all the ladies who need a weekend of relaxation, christian fellowship, Bible study, shopping, games, snacking!, etc. Join us at the Cavett's lake house at Lake Texoma between Durant & Kingston, Oklahoma **April 15, 16, & 17**. Sign up in Beth's office & check the day you're able to get away.
- *Men's Meeting* Monday, **April 19** at 6:00 pm Whether you're an elder, deacon, church member or visitor this meeting is for you. Supper is provided.
- *Camp Sooner Work Day* Saturday **April 24** 10 am - 3 pm Men & Women are invited to get our camp ready for the summer. If you have knowledge in the area of plumbing, electrical, and/or drywall we need you. Bring chain saws if you have them. Also will be working on the lawn. Meet at the church at 9 am.
- *Congregational Meeting & Dinner* **April 25** after the morning service. It was announced on March 28 that at our annual congregational meeting information regarding our church will be shared and we will be voting on Elders, Deacons, Sunday School Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer, Church Clerk, & Trustees. Nominations for these positions will be accepted no later than April 4.
- *Ladies Meeting* Thursday **April 29** 6:30 pm Supper will be provided followed by Bible study & business meeting.
- *Is there something you would like to see in the newsletter? Or maybe you would like to submit an article? If you have any suggestions for the newsletter, please inform Tonilyn or Beth.*



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Thoughts on Easter

Easter is about hope. Hope eternal, and a knowledge knowing that God is with us and in control. Our duty is to trust and do what He given us to do with the talents He has given us. With this thought I relate this from a sermon I read from John Ortberg:

On Easter Sunday 2009, our nation was reeling. The mortgage crisis was in full swing. The rollercoaster nature of Wall Street was making everyone sick to their stomach. Long—trusted financial institutions were being shut down or bought out at an alarming rate. Unemployment rates were skyrocketing. Sensing heavy hearts in his congregation that Easter, John Ortberg, pastor of Menlo Park Presbyterian in Menlo Park, California, and author of a number of best-selling Christian books, offered a powerful reminder about the hope of Easter—a reminder that would serve us well still on Easter Sunday 2010. Ortberg said:

I cannot think of an Easter in recent memory where there was a bigger need for hope, for something that would breathe life into the human spirit. A year ago, so many people ... felt like they were on pretty solid ground. [Now they] find themselves in circumstances they never would have predicted.

A lot of people ... are feeling anxious. They have pressures ... that they did not have [before]. They [regret] decisions they've made over this last year. They wonder where things will stand a year from now.

Nobody ever wants a season of hard times ... to come, but when they do, they have a way of making you ... ask, What am I really counting on? Am I building my life on a foundation that's solid enough that circumstances beyond my control cannot take it away? That's why I've been looking forward to Easter ... [a time when] we gather to remember the only hope capable of sustaining a human life through everything.

People have not gathered for the past 2,000 years to say, "The stock market has risen. It has risen indeed." They have not gathered to say, "The dollar has risen. It has risen indeed." Or, "the employment rate has risen." Or, "the gross domestic product has risen." Or, "General Motors has risen." Or, "The value of your 401(k) has risen." Here's the one hope that has held up human beings across every continent and culture for two millennia of difficult times of poverty, disease, pain, hardship, [and] death itself: "Christ is risen. He is risen indeed."

John Ortberg, in the sermon "Resurrection: Metaphor or Miracle?" Menlo Park Presbyterian Church (Menlo Park, CA) (preached 4-12-09)

Upcoming Events

- **May 3** Area Men's Cook Out This is on a Monday Come meet men from our sister churches in the area. Guest speaker is Mark Christian
- **August 21** Car Show Put this on your calendar now!! Be asking businesses you frequent if they will donate an item or service to be given away at our drawing. A celebrity will be entertaining us that day, never seen before!!! Beth will have fliers for us to hand out and give to businesses that donate. Be thinking about entering your car or getting in touch with someone who might like to enter a car show - it's lots of fun. Our own members here at CCC have won prizes - you can too!

Called To Serve

Worship Leader.....Danny Cavett
Thought for Today.....John Whitson
Communion/Offering Reading.....Danny Cavett
At the Table.....Vernal Johnson & Layton Urquhart
Servers.....John Kent & Casey Mongold
Audio/Visual.....Randy Decker and Beth White
Greeter.....Tanya Ethington
Communion Preparation.....Barbara Smith
Open/Lock up Building.....Mike Smith

Servants in the Nursery April

4 Alice Young & Gayle Mongold
11 Freida Kent & Anne Murray
18 Betty Howze & Kim Blum
25 Judy Heck & Elaine Snodgrass

Praise Teams

Team #1 = Jeanie Cavett,
Elaine & Dan Snodgrass
April 4 & 18

Team #2 = Alice Young, Tonilyn
Armenta, & Kim Blum
April 11 & 25

Missions Report

No one could have predicted at the beginning of basketball season that we would finish second in the regional tournament. It became less likely mid-season when we lost our best player. However, our girls stepped up their efforts, worked hard and not only finished second in the regional, but earned a berth in the state tournament. Their theme this year was, "Keep the faith!" According to Hebrews 11:1, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen." James says, in chapter two, "Faith without works is dead". Thanks to you we are able to teach and practice these truths not only during basketball season but throughout the year and in all aspects of our children's lives. I wish you could have been with me this year during basketball season. I witnessed students who had previously dropped out or flunked out of school, work hard enough to achieve a C average, and become eligible to play. Others overcame inactive sedentary habits and made significant contributions to the team efforts. Some confronted, "I can't..." self talk and took on a "no excuse" attitude about their life. One 8th grader, who had never played basketball before, was selected to the All Regional "Tournament Team. One of our team members accepted Christ and was baptized as an expression of her growing faith. In all cases, faith fueled the focus, action, intensity, trust, and hustle needed to achieve steady improvement not only in their basketball skills, but also in their attitude, belief in God, acceptance of God's love and hope for the future. Your gifts are appreciated and an essential part of making these and other "faith building" opportunities available to more children and families in crisis. Thank you and may God bless you generously.

Rick Bayless
Executive Director, Cookson Hills

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Craig Schmitz 25
Peggy Cloukia 26

Anniversaries

Jack & Tanya Ethington 7
Casey & Gayle Mongold 21

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"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior...."
Isaiah 43:10, 11

Elders

Danny Cavett.....799-3857
Earle Young.....799-9353

Deacons

Randy Decker.....794-5854
Phillip Armenta.....703-3893
James Ipock.....455-3656
Justin Tuck.....759-2837
Dan Snodgrass.....619-7705

VISION

Community Christian Church will be known for connecting people of all ages and backgrounds with Christ.

MISSION

The mission of Community Christian Church is to connect people with the love of Christ through the experience of prayer, teaching, fellowship, and outreach. Conveniently located, we are a prime provider of a warm, friendly, and caring atmosphere found in the Unity of the Body of Christ, and extending out to the community.

CORE VALUES

Faith, Hope, Truth, Love, Spirit, and Family