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	Sunday Morning – July 11, 2010		Elders
Schedule of Services	Opening Prayer	Jim Stacy	Robert Hamm
	Song Leader	Doug Lalli	Ralph Jackson
Sunday	Scripture Reading	Mark Tucker	-
Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.	Closing Prayer	Jason Riggs	Carl Lee
Worship – 10:00 a.m.	Communion	Carl Lee	Brent Taylor
Worship – 6:00 p.m.	James Stewart/George Ketchum/Doug Sanders/Steve		Terrel Taylor
<b>1 1</b>	Hinnergardt/Lee Brittenham/Brent Hammer/Bill Reeder		Deacons
Wednesday	Greeters: North Door	Greeters: North Door – Ralph & Margaret Jackson	
Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.	East Door & Lobby Monitor – Howard & Sue Rawlins		Steve Hinnergardt
• •	<b>Operate Overheads:</b> Rick Pollard		Don Jesch
M			Don Keheley
<b>Measures of Love</b>	Pick up cards: Luc Lalli/Ethan Rawlins		Vernon Lakey
			Chuck Martz
<u>Sunday, July 4, 2010</u>	Sunday Evening – July 11, 2010		Steve Meadors
Bible Class - 103	Opening Prayer	Ralph Jackson	Doug Sanders
A.M. Worship - 156	Song Leader	Joe Bushong	Ron Schoonover
P.M. Worship - 80	Closing Prayer	Lee Brittenham	Jim Stacy
Wednesday, June 30, 2010	Communion	Bud Lohmann/Homer Scott	Ryan Stratton
Bible Class - 89	Lobby Monitor	Bill Reeder	Mark Tucker
			Wark Tucker
Budget - \$6,602	Wednesday – July 14, 2010		Preacher
Contribution $-$ \$4,741	Opening Prayer	Robert Hamm	Tony Lalli
	Song Leader	Greg Norris	
YTD Avg \$6,058	Closing Prayer	Mark Tucker	Youth Minister
Loan Balance – \$64,877	Lobby Monitor	Steve Meadors	Jimmy Hyde

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### The Simplicity of the Gospel

Albert Einstein said, "If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough." How true. The simplicity of a message is frequently lost in too much detail.

Maybe this is the point Paul was making when he wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:1,2, "And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified."

People so often become bogged down with 'religion' without knowing "Christ, and Him crucified." This is the crux of the matter. Around this revolves all of what God had planned from before the beginning of time. Sin entered the world and a sacrifice would have to be given to counteract the sin and bring reconciliation to God.

Paul expands on this later in his letter to the Corinthians when in chapter 15:1-6 he says, "Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time..."

There is a statement in 2 Thessalonians 1:8 that says God will deal out "retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus." I should, then, know how to obey this gospel Paul describes to the Corinthians. He reminded the church in Rome what they had done to obey this gospel. He said, "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin." (Romans 6:1-7)

Dying to sin, burial in baptism, resurrected to a new life. The likeness of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection is how Paul describes it. The gospel and obedience to it in order to become a new creature - a Christian - is not complicated. It is easy to understand if we just read the words of God's servants like Paul, Peter, and others who simply conveyed the message of Christ and Him crucified.

The way to understand the simplicity of salvation is to let God's word speak for itself. See you when the saints meet, Lord willing.

Love, Tony

And so do we



Hope you had a nice Independence Day holiday. We had several gone but were blessed with several visitors. It was another wonderful day Sunday to meet together and encourage each other in worship and fellowship.

Welcome to **Faye Davis** who let us know Sunday that she desired to be a part of God's Family here at Dewey. Faye is Alicia Hinnergardt's mother and has recently moved here from Muskogee. She lives in Ochelata. Welcome, Faye. We look forward to getting to know you better.

Several had the opportunity to visit the session of camp at Osage Hills last week. What a great trip down "memory lane" for those who were campers there several years ago. It is good to see the camp get started there again. The goal is to have a junior session there again next year and then begin senior sessions in 2012. Several of the "oldtimers" said things haven't changed much at all except they have added air conditioning to the cabins and dining hall.

Thanks to those who serve as greeters at both entrances to our building. You have the opportunity to present a good first impression to our visitors and give cheerful welcomes to all who enter. It is an important ministry.

Let us give thanks to our Father for the refreshing rains we have received. Isn't it amazing how many ways God blesses us?!! Have you counted your blessings lately?



"The one who loves his brother abides in the Light and there is no cause for stumbling in him." - 1 John 2:10 **Prayer Requests:** *Rebecca Denali*, Jimmy Hyde's sister, is in the hospital with an infection. *Jack Stephenson* is having some health problems. *Orval Stafford's* heart tests were fine; he's to start rehab to regain his strength. *Pauline Moore*, Linda Schoonover's mother, is struggling with her health and *Peggy Moore*, Linda's sister, is trying to care for her. *Orville Johnson*, brother to Lois Notley and Henretta Beal, is in the hospital in OK City with cancer. *Dillon Lamb*, Star Kimrey's cousin, is in St. Francis Children's Hospital with cancer. *Stormy Ward* is dealing with severe chronic pain and depression. *Sandra Hartzfeld* continues to struggle with her health. *Dian Price*, Angela Lalli's aunt, is being treated for cancer. *Adam Emert*, Angela Lalli's co-worker, was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and is being treated at MD Anderson. *Doylene Myers* is doing better. *Slick Norris*, Greg's dad, is now in a Parsons, Ks nursing home for rehab. They send their thanks for all the support these last 7 weeks. Continue to remember *all those with continuing health problems* who are listed on the back of your monthly calendar. Remember our *missionaries and our shut-ins*.

**Our Military:** Chris Wadsworth (Hopkins' nephew), Joel Newton (Hopkins' grandnephew), Steven Reed (Wanda Chapman's grandson), John Theobald, Bryan Sheets (Ann's grandson), Ryan McNair (Ray and Doylene's grandson), and Steven Wagasky (Ray and Doylene's grandson-in-law).

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## Hope Harbor Children's Home sends their thanks for the help with groceries and supplies!

<u>Ladies Birthday Lunch</u> - To celebrate July birthdays, we will meet at Bambino's Bistro on Tuesday, July 13 at 11:30. Please sign the sheet on the lobby bulletin board if you plan to go. See Margaret Reeder if you have any questions.

<u>WBS News</u> - For the month of June, we sent out 68 lessons, 19 Bibles, 16 Eye Glasses, and 1000 Communion Cups, and we received 5 Baptism requests. Keep up the good work, teachers! Thanks to Becky for all you do!

# Iawn Mowing - Thank you to all the men who keep our yard mowed and trimmed! Most of the dates on the sign-up sheet are filled! If you would like to fill the remaining ones, see the sheet on the lobby bulletin board to choose your dates. See Roy Hopkins if you have any questions.

<u>New Member</u> - Please add Faye Davis to your member directory. She lives at 393300 W 2900 Rd, Oche-

## The Shepherds Staff

## Helping Others!

Every year we see several natural disasters: earthquakes, floods, tornados, and hurricanes. It is right plus encouraging to see God's people and many Americans respond to help victims they have never met or expect to meet. It is great to see big trucks parked at those disaster sites with signs on their sides: "Churches of Christ Disaster Relief!" Other churches and organizations from all across the land send and go to help the helpless and homeless! We all sacrifice because we have learned from Jesus Christ and His Word that this is what one does when others are suffering! (Luke 10:25-37; James 2:14-17) It is noteworthy that the American Atheist Association nor the financially well-endowed ACLU have never sent a dime for such relief. I thank God for first loving us and for teaching us to love others! Way to go, Dewey church! Thank God for opportunities!



## This Weekend Friday the 9th

We will meet from Noon to 5 in the Family Life Center. We have several small projects to work on. We will eat lunch together at the church building, then travel in the church van to the other projects. Parents can pick their kids up at the Family Life Center at 5. If you have any questions just ask.

## Osage Hills Christian Camp

I want to thank all those that helped make camp for our elementary age kids a great blessing. God truly worked through His people to bless the 65 campers we had for camp. A BIG thank you to Dave Hammonds for getting this camp going again and for directing.

## For the Week of July 11th to 17th D.Y.G. Devotional

This Sunday, the 11th we will meet in the Family Life Center immediately after evening services for our devotional. Everyone needs to bring \$2 for food, a Bible, and an appetite for some great fellowship. We will finish up around 9 O'clock. See you there.

### Burnt Cabin Camp is in 1 week

**Robert Hamm** 

Camp will begin on the 18th, so if you plan on getting to camp 6th through 12th graders, get your camp applications in as soon as possible.