

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for
WHERE FRIENDSHIPS



IN CHRIST

OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

1201 N.W. Tenth Street * Oklahoma City, OK. 73106 * (405-235-4696)

Dr. Steve Kern – Pastor

December 6, 2018

The Pastor's Heart...

We had around thirty people attend the church council meeting last Sunday at 4 pm. We met in the parlor, and it was close to full. I was pleased with the turnout. We discussed ways to overcome fragmentation and help members feel included as bona fide members of the church. We also discussed whether two worship services are needed to meet diverse music styles that people respond best to in this day in time. On that issue it seems there was some consensus that a more diverse service would be better than two services. The staff will put together a survey which will include questions about what we discussed in the meeting. Two important points were made. The first was that we all need to be in prayer about our church and seeking the Lord's will. The second point was that we all have to examine our hearts to make sure each of us is wanting what is best for the church as a whole, rather than our own personal agendas. Our focus needs to be our love for the Lord Jesus and our love for each other as we move forward with our discussions about where we go from here as a church.

For the time being we are going to enjoy Christmas. I felt last Sunday's service was well done with congregational singing, special music, and Dawn Boyes' testimony and song. She will be spending the next year in Thailand helping the Mowerys educate their children and participating in other ministry activities. We need to do what we can to help her raise the funds to cover her costs for the year. We also announced that our World Mission offering goal for next year is \$11,000. As we give a little extra each week, by the end of March we can reach our goal. All the money given goes specifically to support our missionaries around the world and across this nation. It is all about doing what we can to help spread the gospel.

Just a reminder, my Doc Kern Bluegrass gospel band will be performing next Saturday evening at the Country Western Hall of Fame building in Del City. It is on Southeast 29th St., west of Sunnyslane, across from the cemetery. The doors open at 6 pm. The first band starts at 6:30 pm. My band will be the second show, starting at about 7:15. The cost is \$8 for adults. If you come in a bus, the driver is free, and the riders are \$5 each. It will be a good time of entertainment.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

Dec. 10 – Dec. 16

10 – Tom Erwin

13 – Alva Lee Holmes

Dorothy Nolen

Our Church Teaching

Dec. 2nd Sunday school 101

OUR CHURCH GIVING

Budget, 2018

THIS WEEK THIS YEAR

Req. \$5,574.00 \$267,552.00

Rec. \$4,302.50 \$247,834.95

\$(359.49) (19,717.05)

Total To Date

Missions

Year to Date \$650.47

Next Generation Campaign

To Date \$78,891.64

OLIVET OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, December 9th

9:30 Sunday school

10:50 Ch. Choir Presentation

2:00 Cole Birthday Party

3:00 Youth Christmas Trip

**5:00 Intercessory Prayer
Visitation**

6:00 Bible Study

7:00 Hand Bell practice

MONDAY, December 10th

2:00 Ostomy 211

Integris Clinic

(By Appointment)

TUESDAY, December 11th

5:30 Whiz Kids

WEDNESDAY, December 12th

4:45 Meal

6:00 Power Time

Men's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study

Youth on Mission

7:30 Adult Choir Practice

SATURDAY, December 15th

10:00 Prayer Walk

December 12th

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Turkey Pot Pie

**Please make or cancel
reservations by noon Monday
(Menu subject to change)**

Seventy

Marie's 70th

Birthday Celebration

Sunday, Dec. 9th

2-5 pm ~ Come and go

Olivet Parlor

Hosted by:

Donald, Becky, Brad, & Sarah

(405)834-3942

WOMEN ON MISSION

Our next meeting will be Tuesday,

Dec. 11th at 10:00 am in the Parlor.

**We will be observing the Week of Prayer for
International Missions. Our special guest
will be Dawn Boyes to share more with us
about her joining the Mowerys in Thailand.**

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Our goal this year is \$11,000.00

**Every church, every church member, has a
critical role to play in bringing the gospel to
the world by their prayers and giving.**

REGARDING PRAYER...

Jesus said, "If you abide in me and my word abides in you, ask what you wish and it will be done for you." PRAYER CAN BRING DOWN THE GREATEST POWER IN THE UNIVERSE!

Olivet's prayer walkers meet in the church auditorium every Saturday morning at 10:00 am for corporate prayer followed by prayer walking throughout the church, touching each chair, asking God to bless each person who will be present on Sunday. Some will walk outside the church, asking God to send us people to fill our church. Pastor Kern has requested that every department and church organization be represented in this endeavor. Will you join us?

A special thanks to Natalie Jones, Rey Dove, Sterling Arntzen, and Stuart Boyes who will fill -in for Sr. Adults on December 6, 2018. God bless you!

We are dedicated to: Pray Until Something Happens!

Kathy McKinney, Prayer Coordinator