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The Shepherd's Voice

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May 11, 2004

The Week in Preview

Wednesday, May 12

Prayer Group 9:00 am
Pastor K @Camp Summit Mtg. @
Disciples Center 10:00 am
Emmaus Reunion Group 6:30 pm



Thursday, May 13

Pastor Jeff @YLBS 10:00 am



Sunday, May 16

Traditional Style Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
Contemporary Style Service with
Children's Church 10:30 am
Shepherds Meeting 12:45 pm
Steering Team Mtg. 2:00 pm
Acolytes Small Group 5:30 pm
@John Miller, 9909 S. Country Dr.



Monday, May 17

Staff Meeting 9:30 am



Tuesday, May 18

Bible Study 7:00 pm



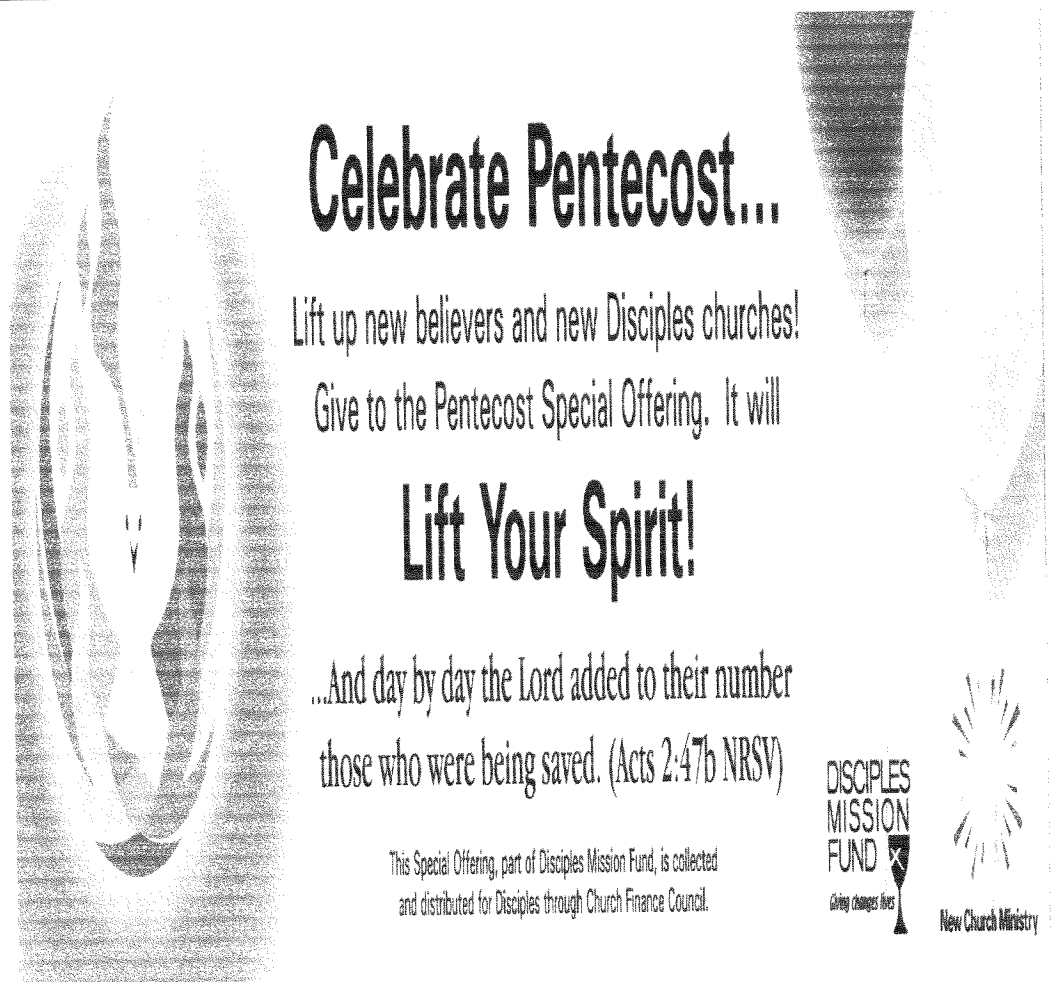
Wednesday, May 19

Prayer Group 9:00 am
Emmaus Reunion Group 6:30 pm



Thursday, May 20

Pastor J @ YLBS 10:00 am
40+ Group 6:30 pm



Celebrate Pentecost...

Lift up new believers and new Disciples churches!
Give to the Pentecost Special Offering. It will

Lift Your Spirit!

...And day by day the Lord added to their number
those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47b NRSV)

This Special Offering, part of Disciples Mission Fund, is collected
and distributed for Disciples through Church Finance Council.

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Be sure to come and celebrate the birth of the Church on Pentecost Sunday, May 30. Sunday School for all ages starts at 9:15 am followed by Worship at 10:00 am. After worship we will have our **Cake, Cookout, and Comedy** and of course what is a birthday party without balloons.

Invite, and bring **FRANK: Friends, Relatives, Associates, Neighbors, and Kids** to this very special and exciting affair.

Prayers and Preparation

We Are Praying For You

(for prayer request needs contact Mona Thayer @495-1793 or email talkin2Him@self-serv.net)

- Daniel McGowen: serving country in Iraq
- Mickey & Penny Hampton: traveling to Memphis
- Church Custodian
- Intercessory Prayers
- Natural Church Development Implementation Team
- Scot Wainscott friend of Pastor Kathryn: motorcycle accident
- First Christian Church in Moore and Pastor Cliff Forrester
- Mustang Christian Church in Midwest City and Pastor Phillip Sellars

New Member!!

Welcome to our newest member Allen Gharet. Allen joined GSCC on May 2. Be sure and introduce yourself next Sunday in church.

Scriptures for Sunday,

May 16, 2004

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

John 9:1-41

Sermon Title

“Blind Man’s

Testimonial Approach”

Scriptures for Sunday,

May 23, 2004

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-21

John 17:20-26

Luke 5:27-32

Sermon Title

“Matthew’s Interpersonal Approach”

The Next Week in Preview

Friday, May 21

Cub Scouts 6:30 pm



Sunday, May 23

Traditional Style Service 8:30 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

Contemporary Style Service with Children’s Church 10:30 am

Lunch Bunch @ 12:30 pm

Acolyte’s Small Group 5:30 pm



Monday, May 24

Deadline for

Newsletter Articles 7:00 am

Staff Meeting 9:30 am



Tuesday, May 25

Newsletter Team 6:00 pm

Bible Study 7:00 pm



Wednesday, May 26

Prayer Group 9:00 am



Welcome Guests

We are so glad the following people joined us as special guests in worship.

We hope we blessed your day as much as you blessed

ours and that you will join us in worship in the coming weeks.

The following per-



sons registered as guests on Sunday, May 2: Paul Moody, Dana Moody, Monica Shultz, Rusty Meyers

May 9: Sam Culver, John Gharet, Charles Stanford, Ann Stanford, Darrin Stanford, Kenneth Stanford

Donate Now—You Can Make a Difference!

Good Shepherd Christian Church had been invited to participate in The Great Cell Phone Drive. Organizations through out eth metro area are joining together to collect used cell phones that will be put to a greater use. This effort is being organized by The

Referral Center here in Oklahoma City. This is a non-profit organization that helps over 2,000 individuals each year start new lives. These used cell phones will help to provide care and counseling to these individuals and their

families.

So as you tackle your spring-cleaning, keep your eyes open for a used cell phone that you can donate to this effort. A collection box will be in the lobby through the month of June.

Kathy Evans

“Mow Teams Mow!”

These are the mowing teams:

Lee Sparks’s team:

- John Miller
- Dan McGowen
- Derrek McGowen and Dustin McGowen

Junior Warden’s team:

- Dale Meyers
- Bruce Layne

Jeff Nevel’s team

- Dan Thayer
- Mickey Hampton

Mowing Teams and Schedule:

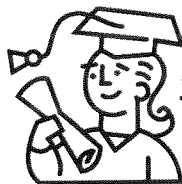
- May 15: Lee’s
- 22: Junior’s
- 29: Jeff’s
- June 5: Lee’s
- 12: Junior’s
- 19: Jeff’s
- 26: Lee’s
- July 3: Junior’s
- 10: Jeff’s
- 17: Lee’s
- 24: Junior’s
- 31: Jeff’s

- Aug 7: Lee’s
- 14: Junior’s
- 21: Jeff’s
- 28: Lee’s

If you are unable to be there on any given week, please find a substitute and let your team captain know who your substitute will be. If you feel called to serve by mowing, please call Lee Sparks at 790-0798 or 848-1014.

Graduation Recognize Day

Everyone be sure and remember Sunday, May 23, 2004. On this very special Sunday we will recognize some very special



people. Our seniors who are graduating. Join with us on that Sunday as we Congratulate Stephanie Ponder and Bobby Stan-

ford for all of their hard work and wish them the very best as they begin the journey of new life in whatever avenues that God leads.

Lookin' Down the Lot Line: Property & Grounds

"Lookin' Down the Lot Line" is the name of a column in the newsletter of First Christian Church, Loveland, Colorado, where I grew up. Ken Keeler's whimsical column tells about the property and grounds efforts of that congregation. In one column, he complained about having too many 40-year-old widows in the church that needed replacing. In the next issue he had to apologize, because what he meant to say was that there were too many 40-year-old WINDOWS, not widows (spell check cannot catch every thing).

In any event, let's look down the lot line at Good Shepherd:

* We had a **great workday** on April 10. Dale Meyers, Junior Warden, Bruce Layne, and yours truly cleaned all HVAC filters in all three buildings. Bob Nelson removed many a stain in the Activity Center. Jeff Nevel, John Miller and Nadine Anderson got the sanctuary ready for Easter and vacuumed. Dan McGowen and Dustin McGowen cleaned each and every exterior window inside and out. Mickey Hampton braved the wet and cold to replace the storm drain between the buildings and repair parking lot posts.

* **Thank you "Old Red"** – After many, many years of dedicated service, the red Snapper mower lovingly named "Old Red" was retired, but may still be used from time to time. Dale and Junior helped yours truly select a new

rider mower that was purchased on sale and works great, which leads to . . .

* **Thank you Dan Thayer** and other mowers. Dan has generously donated some unexpected free time to serving God by mowing, mowing, and mowing some more. He has come up on several weekdays to get some of the mowing done. Thank you mowing teams for the work so far this seasons. Please look elsewhere in this issue for the summer mowing schedule.

* **The mowers cannot get it all done . . .** To use a military metaphor, sometimes you need the artillery because the infantry can go only so far. On May 8, the "artillery" rolled in with Raymond Ballard, his tractor and his brush hog. Raymond generously donated his time, fuel and even the cost of repairing his tractor's flat front tire to run his brush hog over the acreage. Raymond is Jeff Nevel's stepfather. We SALUTE you Raymond, and THANK YOU!

* **It's not all about running gasoline-powered engines . . .** Flowers and shrubs have been lovingly maintained in the scorching Oklahoma summers by Nadine Anderson, Vicky Gallas, and others. Please help them this year with planting, weeding and watering.

* **The great indoors**

needs attention, too. "There are many rooms in my Father's house" . . . and they all need cleaning and repairs. They have been getting them by the help of Dale Meyers in plumbing repairs, Rustin Walker with electrical repairs, and Kathy Evans, who came in during a laid off day at GM to thoroughly vacuum carpets, clean bathrooms, etc. Dan Thayer ran the vacuum, too.

* **Gladys Carr's family** generously donated the wheelchairs and walkers temporarily in the Activity Center for use either at GSCC or to be donated to appropriate persons or groups.

* **Your trustees and yours truly met with the Christian Church Commission** on April 29 at the Oklahoma Disciples Center to change the state of the title to these beloved 10 acres. The Commission also graciously gave its permission and blessing to remove the restriction on conveyances to give us freedom to sell some of the unused acreage in the future, even though NO offers are now being considered or solicited. Keep in mind that without the Commission, we would not be here in the first place. Thus, it would be gracious on our part to support the Commission's mission, which is to find and purchase land for new congregations. **Enough for now . . . keep looking down the lot line.**

Lee Sparks

Mark Your Calendar!!!

A request for your help has come from the Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity. Some unavoidable delays have prevented a deserving family from achieving their dream of owning their own home. But we can help fulfill this dream!

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 22nd to help with finishing the details needed prior to moving in.

This will include installing locks, hanging window blinds, landscaping, clean up and finishing details. These jobs are suitable for all participants over the age of fourteen and no skill is needed—just the desire to reach out to someone else in need!

We will meet at GSCC at 8:45 am and then

carpool to 226 NE 1st in Moore. (That's just 1 block NE of Main & RR tracks) Please prayerfully consider helping to support this Christian housing ministry and help make dreams come true!

A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby or please call Kathy Evans @691-0501 for more information.

What's Going on with the Disciples Women?

The Disciples Women had our May meeting, Monday 14, 2004 and did some planning. Upcoming event is Encounter held at Edmond June 25-27. We have 4 ladies signed up to go. If anyone else is interested, contact the church office or Monica Miller (692-8905).

We still are trying to find the best carpet cleaning business with the best price

for cleaning the Activity Building. We also discussed other projects to be attended to in the near future.

We invite all ladies of the church and friends to join us in the activities of this group. We enjoy the special programs, the events for learning, worship and close fellowship. Come join us, our next meeting is

July 12, 2004, at 6:30 pm in the Activity Building. We serve a light supper. I'm sure that we will start planning for the Big Garage Sale in October.

Come be a part of this.

Nadine Anderson
Secretary

Spiritual Growth



race, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here God is calling you again! He really wants to be in touch with you. And your prayers keep the two of you in touch. When you are in touch with God, you influence

the world. First of all pray for all people. Others and yourself. Plead for God's mercy upon them and give thanks.

Mona Thayer
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Good Shepherd's Mission Statement

The ministry of GSCC is to respond to God's call, as revealed through Jesus Christ, in ways that restore and/or build faithful relationships with God and one another. This response is shaped by the guidance of scripture.

- to REACH out to the world by sharing the Gospel in ways that attract people to Christ;
- to TEACH in an atmosphere of love, openness, accountability, and encouragement, ways to grow stronger in our relationships through the use of the disciplines of study, prayer and stewardship;
- To SERVE with the spirit of unconditional love as shown by Christ in order to meet the needs of God's children

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Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
8:30-11:00 am, 12:00-2:30 pm

Stephanie Ponder

We, the Norman North
High School
Graduating Class of 2004
Wish to announce our
Commencement
Ceremonies
to be held in the afternoon,
on Saturday the 29th of May
at 3:00 PM
Bloyd Noble Center
Norman, Oklahoma

A New Baby

Name: Alexander Kyle Allen
Date of Birth: April 17, 2004
Weight :7.5 lbs
Length: 21 inches
Proud Parents:
John & Karen Allen

Flyer Contest

It is not too late to enter
your entry to in our create
an invitation flyer contest..
This flyer will be used to
introduce our neighbors to
all of the exciting things
that God is doing here at
GSCC.

Garage Sale

In honor of May being National Foster Care Month the Independent Living & Foster Care Program is sponsoring an event to raise awareness and funds for teens and foster care.

This is an event for the whole family from garage sales to moon walks and lots of other goodies. The event is being held at 1325 N. Janeway this Friday, May 14, at the Summer Snow location.

Come and have some fun and show your support everyone is welcome.