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Please Pray For:

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| Wade Huckleby—Healing | Vanessa Taylor—Support |
| Mike Adams—Healing | Jim and Cynthia Lemons |
| Sheila Scott—Healing | Youth Pastor search |
| Lucille Accord—Healing | Randy Cook—Healing |
| Valorie Barrett—Healing | Prather Family—Bereavement |
| Morgan Allen—Recovery | Wayne Teafatiller—Healing |
| Our Troops | Adam Schreur—Recovery |


Adult Valentine Party
Saturday, February 11th at 6 pm
\$10 per person for Barbeque Dinner

Singer/Evangelist John Hall
Sunday, February 26th
Morning and Evening Services



The Connection

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Pastor Kent & Tammy Jensen

In his book, "Point Man", author Steve Farrar tells about a photographer for a national magazine who was assigned to take pictures of a great forest fire. He was advised that a small plane would be waiting to fly him over the fire.

The photographer arrived at the airstrip just an hour before sundown. Sure enough, a small Cessna airplane was waiting. He jumped in with his equipment and shouted, "Let's go!" The tense man sitting in the pilot's seat swung the plane into the wind and soon they were in the air, though flying somewhat erratically.

"Fly over the north side of the fire," said the photographer, "and make several low-level passes." "Why?" asked the nervous pilot. "Because I'm going to take pictures!" yelled the photographer. "I'm a photographer, and photographers take pictures." After a long pause, the confused "pilot" replied: "You mean, you're not my instructor?"

Life presents all of us with some unexpected events. It's certain, most of us will never find ourselves in an airplane with an inexperienced pilot at the controls, but all of us will experience times in life when we find ourselves in dire situations. We can expect times when it feels like the situation has deteriorated beyond our control. When we find ourselves in such circumstances we have two options. We can panic, or we can lean on hope.

Hope is a powerful thing. Particularly when it is rooted in the knowledge of God's promise. The New Testament writer of Hebrews refers to this kind of hope as an anchor for the soul. In the uncertain circumstances of life there is no reason for a child of God to panic, because God is ever the same. This promise is repeated frequently throughout the New Testament in various ways. One of the most powerful reminders is found in 2 Timothy 2:13. There Paul writes, "if we are faithless, he (God) will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself. In Romans 15:13, the Apostle Paul calls our God the "God of Hope." It's comforting to know we serve the one true God who not only gives us hope, but who is called the God of Hope.

Our world is filled with people who do not know or understand our God of Hope. Their lives are characterized by chaos, confusion and concern. The live with uncertainty about tomorrow and have no hope that life is going to change. These are the very people that God longs to reach with the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. In the midst of life's despair God gives us opportunities to joyfully share Him and the hope we possess. Through hope our God sustains us, and the really wonderful news is, He knows how to pilot the plane!

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- 5th—Missions Sunday
 - 7th—Leadership Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 - 11th—Wedding Shower for Andrea Rhoads & Dustin Dale at 1 p.m.
 - 11th—Adult Valentine Party at 6 p.m.
 - 18th—Men's Fellowship Breakfast from 8-9 a.m.
 - 19th—Building Fund Sunday
 - 19th—Communion during the a.m. Service
 - 23rd—Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 - 25th—Winter Jam at BOK Center
 - 26th—Special Services with Singer/Evangelist John Hall
 - 26th—Women's Ministries Day
 - March 3rd—Royal Ranger Sport-A-Rama
 - March 25th—Annual Church Business Meeting

Dear Friends let us love one another for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

(1 John 4:7-9 NIV)

We will receive communion during the morning worship service on February 19th. Communion is open to anyone who has accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. Please feel free to share the Lord's Supper with us.



COMMUNION

Adult Valentine Party

Make plans to bring your sweetheart to the Adult Valentine Party here at the church on Saturday, February 11th, at 6:00 p.m.

A barbeque dinner will be catered for \$10.00 per person. Babysitting and pizza will be available for \$6.00 per child.

If you plan to attend, please sign-up in the foyer and purchase a ticket so arrangements can be made for food and child-care.



Building Fund

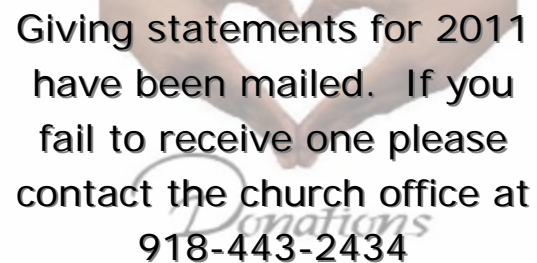
The third Sunday of each month has been designated as Building Fund Sunday.

Our goal is to be debt-free as soon as possible so that we may begin the second phase of our "Reaching Beyond Ourselves" expansion project.

The Building Fund Chest will be on the platform the third Sunday of each month. Ask the Lord what He would have you and your family do toward growing His kingdom.

God bless you for giving.

Giving statements for 2011 have been mailed. If you fail to receive one please contact the church office at 918-443-2434




Men's Fellowship Breakfast

When: Saturday, February 18th

Where: At the church

Time: 8:00 until 9:00 A.M.

Bring a guest and join us. Don't forget to sign for you and your guest on the sheet in the foyer.

Women's Ministries Day

Sunday, February 26th, is National Women's Ministries Day. Special offering envelopes will be available to provide you an opportunity to help our ladies with the missions and benevolence projects they support throughout the year.

We appreciate our ladies and the work they do for our church, the community and world missions.

Women's Ministries
unlimited.
Winter Jam 2012

The OAG Youth will attend the 2012 Winter Jam concert at the BOK Center in Tulsa on Saturday, February 25th. Tickets are \$10. Vans will leave the church at 4:45 p.m. Questions and concerns may be directed to Rusty Seratte, 918-693-4097 or Sarah Noble, 918-803-1438.



On Saturday, March 3rd, the Royal Rangers will host an all-day Sectional Sport-A-Rama here at the church.

Sport-A-Rama is a whole day of fun with age-appropriate games and sporting events for boys. There will be ribbons, trophies and prizes for the winners.

If you are available to help with games, concessions, set-up, clean-up, etc., please contact Senior Commander, Jim Stratton.

Wedding Shower

For Andrea Rhoads & Dustin Dale

Saturday, February 11th

1:00 P.M.

at the church

You will find a list of decorating colors and registries in the foyer.

Annual Church Business Meeting

Make plans to attend our Annual Church Business Meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 25th, at 6:00 p.m.

We are receiving nominations to fill the positions of Secretary and Deacon on the church board. Members are invited to place their nominating ballots in the container provided in the foyer.

Please join us as we pray for God's guidance in the election of new officers.

Special Services



On Sunday, February 26th, we will be privileged to have Singer/Evangelist John Hall ministering in both the morning and evening worship services.

Brother Hall is a talented singer and a very capable minister of the Word.

Don't miss these services. Bring a guest and come expecting to be blessed. You won't be disappointed.