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**Schedule of
Services**

Sunday Bible
Classes, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning
Worship, 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Afternoon
Worship, 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Evening Bible
Study, 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study
is postponed until
spring.

*If you have any
additions or
updates
for the bulletin,
please contact
Paul Epler at
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SERVING SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Song Leader Adam Stratton
Heading Lord's Supper Selmer Schow
Bible Reading 1 Timothy 1:3-5
Speaker Paul Epler
Closing Prayer

SERVING SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Song Leader Adam Stratton
Opening Prayer
Speaker Paul Epler
Lord's Supper Selmer Schow
Closing Prayer

SERVING WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Leader Adam Stratton
Opening Prayer
Invitation/Devotional Paul Epler
Closing Prayer

ATTENDANCE/CONTRIBUTION

Bible Class	36
10:30 am Worship	47
1:00 pm Worship	19
Wednesday	24
Contribution (Budget \$1,225)	\$ 2028

At College

Brett Clements	Ty Campbell
346 West First Street	Crowley's Ridge
Box 910	100 College Drive
Norman, OK 73072	Paragould, AR 62450

Zac Shaw
FHU Box 10572
158 E. Main Street
Henderson, TN 38340

BENEVOLENCE CLOSET NEEDS:

Household cleaning agents

FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS:

Personal Hand Soaps
Personal Deodorant

LAMAR CHURCH OF CHRIST

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January 22, 2012

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Visitors are our honored guests. We hope each one goes away feeling uplifted from our worship service as we worship in spirit and in truth. Please take a few minutes to fill out a welcome card and place it in the collection basket as it is passed. If you have questions about the church or would like to have Bible study, please see any of the men in the church. **We hope you will stay for the fellowship meal after the morning worship.**

News of the Church

Selmer Schow - Mark Schow - Betty Foster - Irene Epler - Charlotte Watson - Thomas Martin - Maxine Stratton - Judy Fast - all need our continued petitions to the Father. Judy had knee replacement surgery and has decided to go home during her recovery. Irene is to begin Chemo this coming Tuesday and remains confined to home. Charlotte Watson continues to recuperate from wrist surgery. Mark Schow is wrestling with some stability problems.

Also remember: Larry Morris (see Pat Brickel); Jason Branum (see Carol Branum); Rosa Fields (see Nadine Roth); Marsha Epler (see Irene Epler); Ethel Stockstill (Truman Medical Center); Rosa Fields: Sunset Manor of Frontenac, 206 South Dittman, Frontenac, KS 66763, Room 25, 1-620-232-2974

Collection basket for the Shaws remains and they are getting their feet somewhat back onto solid ground.

Suggestion Box as Doug Parker shared Wednesday evening that the men decided to put one for all to use in bringing thoughts to the attention of the men of the church.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

January		
16	Trenton Thieman	B
18	Austin Carsel	B
19	Carrie Thieman	B
25	Tyler Campbell	B

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postponed until
Spring**

Upon The First Day of the Week

I want to invite you to come with me, in your mind's eye, to a worship service. The place is the city of Jerusalem. The day is the first day of the week (Sunday) - the time is A.D. 55. We have inquired about the church and have learned how to reach the place where they are assembled. As we draw near - the worship is just beginning.

God has, by example of early Christians and by direct command, told us what kind of song we must use in our worship to him: "*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. . . Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.*" (Col.3:16 & Eph. 5:19) Christ's words (the Truth, The Light) are to be what we sing, other words than His are to be given close scrutiny.

No worship would be complete without PRAYER. Now is the time when the children of God approach the throne of their Father together and unite their hearts in thanksgiving and praise, and supplication. It is a time in worship when the barriers of pride are broken down and sins are confessed and forgiveness is sought. The New Testament church is a praying church. God's "spiritual house" is to be a house of prayer. (For further study see (Acts 2:42; 4:31; 11:5; 12:12; 1 Cor. 14:15)

The early Christians "*continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching.*" (Acts 2:42) At this point in the worship God speaks. He speaks through his word the Bible. And faithful Christians take great delight in hearing His Will read and taught for they remember that it was because of God's word that they are saved. (Rom. 1:16) And so, reverently and with thanksgiving of heart, they listen to the "good news" preached and heed the message of God's will for their lives. (Acts 20:28)

The sermon has ended. And now several men have gathered around a table. The congregation is preparing to observe the Lord's Supper, so called because the Lord instituted it for his kingdom. (1 Cor. 11:20) **The record reads:**

"That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread; And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you; this do

in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying. This cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic feast of the greatest event in all history. The bread symbolizes the broken body of Christ on the cross, and the fruit of the vine symbolizes the blood that He shed there. Each time that we partake of these two elements it brings to our remembrance what happened that day on the hill of Calvary. The apostle Paul explains further:

"For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he comes." (1 Cor. 11:26)

Here we see that two things are proclaimed when we gather around the Lord's table:

1. We show the Lord's death - We proclaim to the world, as well as remind ourselves, that Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world.
2. We also proclaim the fact that Jesus is coming back. It is a constant reminder to us who are his disciples that he has promised to return and receive us unto himself, that where he is there we may be also.

THE PROPER MANNER

"Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." (1 Cor. 11:27-29)

The admonition of these words is that we must partake of the Lord's Supper in the RIGHT MANNER. It must not be done lightly and without thought, but we must prepare our hearts and minds with adoration and reverence "*discerning the Lord's body*" for if we fail to do so we shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

The Lord's Supper was observed by the New Testament Christians on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7 & 1 Cor. 16:1,21) And since every week has a first day, the early Christians observed the Lord's Supper the first day of every week.

Adapted from Lowell McGuire: *Be Thou Faithful*