

PERSPECTIVE

Don Vinzant, Senior Minister



Everything worked together Sunday for a wonderful worship, a great evening service led by our college students, baptism and other responses and all ended with a New Member Fellowship. Our sister, Sally Gary, did some excellent presentations in introducing us to CenterPeace.

This Sunday we look forward to the powerful conclusion Paul gives to the great, cheerful book of 1 Thessalonians on Sunday morning and to an inspiring Sunday night service followed by our annual Ministry Fair. At the Ministry Fair we get to make it known the area of service in which we would like to concentrate for next year.

Our next sermon series is built from the wonderful qualities included in "the fruit of the Spirit" from Galatians 5. Of all the more that a dozen virtue lists in the New Testament, none exceeds the grace and beauty of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

My sincere congratulations to our own Alan Martin, just chosen to be the Dean of the College of Bible at Oklahoma Christian University. Alan, a diligent student and effective teacher of Scripture, will be a living example of scholarship, service and humility as he combines academia and unashamed devotion to Christ and His Church. May God bless you, Alan and Linda, as you move into this new role in God's Kingdom. And may God bless the Edmond church of Christ as we continue to be the church home of the Alan Martin Family. Let Alan and Linda know how proud we are of them and their children!

Don

MINISTRY FAIR

THIS SUNDAY EVENING MAY 2



LEARN ABOUT OUR MANY MINISTRIES
AND SIGN-UP TO BE INVOLVED!
SEE MATT BURTON OR KENT RISLEY FOR DETAILS.

MUFFINS WITH MOM



Sunday, May 9
9:00am

in the Chapel

All mothers and their children are invited!
Hosted by the Children's Ministry

FAMILY LIFE MINISTER



RANDY ROPER

Thank you for the wonderful response to Sally Gary and last weekend's CenterPeace workshop. Several gathered for Sally's informative and inspirational sessions, and we received good feedback and support for our efforts to address a sensitive, yet very relevant, issue. I want to thank the

Willises, Parks, Essarys, and Ramseys for their planning and preparation on the workshop. I would also like to recognize our elders for their vision and guidance with CenterPeace.

Hopefully last weekend was just one step in creating a culture within the Church that actively "makes a place at the table" for anyone and everyone who needs Christ, no matter who they are, where they come from, or what their struggles. Where else are people going to find Jesus if not among those who wear his name and strive to be his ambassadors? God's love, demonstrated at the cross, is big enough to forgive any and all of our sins, and His power, demonstrated at the empty tomb, is strong enough to transform any and all of our lives!

Let's work together to be instruments of His peace and messengers of His love, and may God continue to help us reflect the heart of Jesus in our dealings with other people.

On another note, my congratulations to Alan for being named Dean of the Bible department at OC. I can't wait to see how God uses Alan and Linda in this new role to impact lives and build the Kingdom!

NEW MINISTRY LEADER TO WORK WITH THE KIDS' PLACE



After four years of serving The Kids' Place in an official capacity, Angela Alsup will step down as ministry leader this month. While making improvements to the ministry, she has helped maintain the mission of providing support groups for

children and teens experiencing grief, offering a safe and supportive environment where children can recognize their feelings and learn to share them.

"I appreciate the level of dedication, professionalism, and compassion with which Angie carried out her important duties, and we wish her all the best as she wants to have more time for her family," said family minister Randy Roper.

The new ministry leader will be Jen Foster, a group facilitator at The Kids' Place for several years. Foster has been working closely with Alsup over the past few months, and is ready to transition into the leadership position.

"I am so excited to serve as the ministry leader at The Kids' Place. There is a real need for grief support for children in this community, and I am thrilled to help in getting that need met," Foster commented.

The Kids' Place always needs good volunteers with a heart for children and willing to invest two nights a month. To volunteer, visit The Kids' Place table at the Ministry Fair or call 844-KIDS. For more information, visit www.edmondkids.org.



BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 1
8:00 am - noon

Sign up with Doug at 341-9888 or
online at www.obl.org

BAPTISM



Ryley Gee

CONGRATS



Dr. Alan Martin,
Oklahoma Christian's new
Dean of the College of Bible

MISSION: NICARAGUA MAY 12-19

If you would like help contribute to Mission Nicaragua,
please contact Kyle Mauck.

COLLECTED SO FAR: \$5,573 GOAL: \$6,800

Thank you for your generous support.

OUTREACH MINISTER



ALAN MARTIN

The Proverbs (16:9) writer penned these meaningful words: *In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.*

In my OC office, on a corner coffee table right next to my bronze-looking eagle, I have displayed a little booklet that was given to me by a family in Michigan. I keep that little booklet in

sight to remind me of something very, very important and biblical... GRATITUDE! On its cover is a picture of a young, blond-headed boy standing next to a swimming pool with raised arms. I can tell that he just had a cool-off dip in that refreshing pool on a sweltering, hot day - he was grateful! Inside, every page and every line exclaim people's voices of gratefulness without any type of commentary. For 164 pages, the author had recorded people's words and expressions of gratefulness. I love this booklet!

On page 23 I could not help but identify with the person who expressed her gratefulness. She wrote: "...my parents decided forty-one years ago to leave Cuba and come to the United States so my brother, sister, and I could live in a free country full of opportunities." This lady's last name, by the way, is MARTIN!

This past week, since my appointment as Dean of Bible at OC, has again reminded me of the privileges my family and I enjoy in this wonderful country called the USA. There is no country as blessed, giving, open, and privilege-granting as this one. I give God honor and glory, and I will continue to serve the people of this great country with all humility and with a huge GRATEFUL HEART. God bless America!

SPOTLIGHT on Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is well used, by people in this congregation, residents of Reed's Landing, and in the community.

We have changed the structure of donations for the pantry because the current one is not yielding as much food as we need. There will be a short list of items each week, in the bulletin and worship program, for the whole congregation to bring. You can still drop your items off in the box in your Bible class. You can also donate funds, mark your check clearly and drop it in the drop box by the conference room or give it to Barbara Matthews.

Please try and bring one item a week. Just pick up one thing when you go shopping; it will make a difference to someone's family. Some weeks we help as many as 12 families!

Watch the bulletin and worship program for the items needed. This week's items are pancake mix, syrup & canned chicken or tuna.



YOU'RE INVITED TO...

The wedding ceremony of

Kelly Tomasi & Kelci Thomas

May 7, 2010
7:30 p.m.

Park Plaza Church of Christ

YOUTH MINISTER



KELLY TOMASI

This is going to be an exciting month for the Edmond youth group. As many of you know Jeremy and I will both be getting married in May, so that immediately makes this month an exciting one for us and our fiancés. However, there is so much more going on that we hope you can all celebrate with us.

May will be an exciting month for many reasons, and I know that God will bless the people that are transitioning into new phases of their lives. First, Jeremy starts full-time. We have been anxiously awaiting May 1, Jeremy's official first day. I know that God will bless his transition, and I pray that all will be blessed by this great experience. Second, our seniors will be celebrating as they graduate from high school. This is a milestone in every student's life and I know their families will be celebrating with them. I pray for each of them as they move on to their next phase of life. Third, our 6th grade class will be starting their journey with the youth group. This is a joyous occasion and I am definitely praying for everyone involved. Please keep all of these young people in your prayers and we hope you can celebrate with us!

ASSOCIATE MINISTER



KENT RISLEY

Let me add my encouragement for you to participate in the Ministry Fair this Sunday following our evening assembly. Matt Burton helps facilitate this event that informs us of the many ministries as well as provides opportunities for our involvement in those ministries that match our God given abilities. You will learn about

various missions and ministries that are new and others in which we have been involved for a long time. Plan on coming to the fellowship hall Sunday evening following our time of worship. There is something for everyone. I hope you join us and encourage others to come with you.

God continues to open new doors of opportunity for our work in Aquiles, Mexico. One of the newest developments is La Sierra Campamento Biblico, a Christian Youth Camp for teens there. The camp uses the same campgrounds in Aquiles that our students use each spring break. Our pilot program last summer was a success and we are expanding to two weeks this August. This will allow us to reach out to a total of 80 campers. The campers and teachers are from Mexico with the counseling and support staff coming from the USA. La Sierra Bible Camp has many of the same characteristics that summer Bible camps have had over the years here in the States. There will be Bible classes taught by Humberto and others, crafts, sports, devotionals and more. Your prayers for this endeavor are cherished as we follow God's guidance in this wonderful new opportunity.

BIRTHDAYS

Carrie Cutshall	2	Landre Oglesby	6
Rita Dees	2	Barbara Risley	6
Kellan Glavan	3	Mae Holleyman	6
Marlyce Martin	3	Michael Hurlbut	6
Emily Davis	3	Dean Niles	7
Mackenzie Stephens	3	Ryan Widerstein	7
Aaron McDonald	4	Jason Snyder	7
Quinn Rayner	5	Taylor Williams	7
Clyde Vallion	5	Lindy Ewing	7
Daniel Jones	5	Jennifer Hayes	7
Brayden Vanover	5	Melissa Huston	8
Austin Warrington	5	Conner Campbell	8
Ron Walker	5	Russell Warrington	8
Cora Lee Isbell	6	Edith Avera	8
Jim Yates	6	Ryleigh Cho	8
Mary Harris	6		

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Helen Pickens	2	Preson & Sara Watterson	4
Cedric & Melanie Hawley ...	2	John & Glendell Norman ...	5
Roger & Lindy Ewing	3	Mark & Patti Hamlin	5
David & Kim Romero	4	Shannon & Paula Reed	6
Chris & Lacy Gee	4	David & Monika Paden	7
Peter & Michelle Sheldon ...	4	Jeremy & Carrie Roberts	8

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible School – 9:30a.m.

Worship – 8:15a.m. & 10:40a.m., 6:00p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Class (Sept.-May) – 9:30

Wednesday

Mid-week Classes – 5:00 & 7:00p.m.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

April 25, 2010

AM Worship Total	1146
PM Worship	652
Bible School	810
Preschool.....	96
Grades K-6.....	117
Grades 7-12.....	56
College	0
Pathfinders	0
Honeymooners.....	20
YMCA.....	26
Young Marrieds.....	33
Young Families	41
Transformers	59
Sowers	47
VIP	80
Upwards.....	22
Primetime.....	81
39'ers & 60's.....	51
Community	33
Builders.....	22
In Depth Bible Study	16
Spanish.....	10

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Weekly Budget	\$32,980.00
Contribution	\$28,897.47

MINISTRY STAFF

Evan Burkett
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Randy Roper
Don Vinzant

Brenda Gordon
Alan Martin
Jeremy Robertson
Kelly Tomasi

MISSIONARIES

Dave & Debbie Hogan *Singapore*
Mack & Lois Lyon *Search Television*
Reuben & Maureen Kapaale *Zambia*
Roger & Diane Saumur *Montreal, Canada*
Raymundo & Victoria Delgado *Mexico*

ELDERS

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Louis Boyce
Jerry Campbell
Mark Coleman
Ron Goodnight
Sylvan Gordon
Lyle Kelsey
Dale Lollar
Jack Lowry
Dave Miller

Larry Miller
Dean Niles
Glover Shipp
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NEWS & NOTES

RESPONSES:

Requesting Prayers

Rusty Matlock

Nicole Sanders

Dusty Austin

Baptized

Rylee Gee

HOSPITAL:

Valir Rehab – Lisa Spencer

Edmond Specialty – James McConnell

OU Med Center – Charles O'Donnell

Edmond – Andy King

PRAYER LIST:

Nursing Homes: Leon Coleman, Louise Hardin, Leona Inman, Athan Mayhugh, Marilyn St. Aubin, Mary Wood

Assisted Living: Margaret Luce, Olive Wright, George & Clara Mae Bryan

Shut in at Home: Dorothy Collier, R.A. & Crystal Fielden, Ron Metheny, Leon Tester, Phyllis Ford

Those in the Military: Chris Gehri, Doug Dedon, Joe Sanders, Marc Davis, Trevor & Jason Nance, Glenn Lollar

CONTINUED PRAYERS:

Rick Johnson, Caren Bush, Priscilla Alley, Linda McAdams, Jeanne Haislip, Esther

Davis, Linda Walts' brother, Mary Lou Daniel, Kathy Smith's brother, Dolores Cooley, Tracy Jordan, John Werhun, Matt Goad's father, Lucy Stansberry, Glen Craft's mother, Jan Kelley, Janice Ewer, Margaret Herber, Lily Cail's mother, Abela family, Loretta Willis, Lorrie Renfo's father, Cameron Potter, Shirley Dowers, Hawker family, Carolyn Waggoner, Rex & Benita Avera, Crystal Kelsey, Dentons, Michelle Sheldon's mother, Margaret Parker

SYMPATHY:

...to Becky Isbell & her family in the death of her father.

SHOWERS:

...bridal shower for Ashley Reall, bride elect of Jeremy Robertson, on May 2 at 2:30 in the Parlor. She is registered at Target & Kohl's.

MONDAY FOR THE MASTER: The menu is spaghetti & meatballs, breadsticks & salad. The Upwards, Builders, In-Depth & Sowers classes are responsible for set-up, clean-up and dessert.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY: Small trinket boxes with lids, Paper egg cartons & Toilet paper rolls. Drop items in teachers' workroom.

SONSHINE SCHOOL PROGRAM

will be Thursday, April 29 at 7:00 in the Auditorium.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT: Men's class in the children's Bible Hour Room. Ladies' class in room 220. Everyone welcome.

THANK YOU for all the prayers, cards, visits and food in response to my father's illness and death. Special thanks to Verlyn Reneau and all those who prepared and served the meal to our family before the service.

Glenn & Jean Teague



SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

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KSBI-TV Channel 52 Oklahoma City 7:30 a.m.

May 2

"How God Speaks Today"