

GOOD NEWS!
APRIL 23

GROUND BREAKING
After morning service

Plans have been approved by
the authorities and everything
is on **GO** for
Eastside's new facility

Addicted to Chapstick

I smile when I think about it. As a matter of fact, I am grinning while I am writing this. A year or so ago, I overheard some of the young people at church talking. No, I was not eavesdropping on their conversation. They were talking loud enough for all around them to hear. One thing they said, though, did make me listen a little closer to what they were saying.

I heard one of them say something about me. They said that I must be addicted to Chap-stick. At first I thought what an odd thing to say. I wondered what made them come to such a conclusion. Then I realized, about the only time they see me is when we are at services together. So nearly every time they see me I am putting Chap-stick on my mouth. You see, I would apply it to my lips before I'd get up to preach so that it will moisten them and keep those pesky "dry spit" globules, which are disgusting to look at and distracting to say the least, from forming in the corners of my mouth. But addicted to Chap-stick? No way!

Such a charge is unfair because the only time I use the stuff is before or after I preach or teach a class. The rest of the week I never apply it. But what those young people were saying made me think about some timely lessons for all of us.

First, all of us must realize that people are watching us -- even in the little things. We must be careful to conduct ourselves properly. Though I do not think I would cause someone else to become a "Chap-stick addict," my influence and the power of my example, if erroneously exerted in other areas, might cause one to stumble. The apostle Paul said he would even abstain from lawful things if engaging in them would cause another to stumble so as to fall (1 Corinthians 8:13). Secondly, we must all be careful not to jump to conclusions when we do not know all the facts. Some people who only see me at worship services, for example, might conclude that I always wear a coat and tie. But those who see me on a day-to-day basis know that is not the case.

We must never make any judgments about others until we know the facts. The Jews during the time of Jesus had done just that in regards to Him. They were ready to arrest and condemn Him early in His ministry. Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews who had come to Him by night, was a voice of reason in the council. He asked this august group of scholars, "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" (John 7:51).

Sadly, there are many, even some who claim to be Christians, who are quick to judge and condemn others without knowing the facts.

Let us all use our influence for good and let us not judge others too quickly.

Be a blessing!
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Approval granted

Ed Archer received word from the council this week that our application for the multipurpose building has been approved. He has spent countless hours following up on red tape and different regulatory procedures to secure this permit. In view of this, we plan to have a brief ground breaking ceremony next week after services.

This will give us an opportunity to celebrate the beginning of our new facility.

There are several things that I would like to remind you about the goal for this facility. These items have been the subject of much prayer and thought concerning the future of the work here at Eastside.

1. Approximately a third of this facility is designed to permanently house our clothing giveaway program. As our workers in this area have gotten older, it has become increasingly harder to move items all the time from storage to tables in the fellowship hall. The design of this space is for a work area and a permanent display area. This will allow a more efficient use of time and space in this ministry.

We continue to get a lot of contacts through this program. Wanda met a young woman this week who has attended the church in the past, but presently is not attending anywhere. This has given us a golden opportunity to invite her to begin making the changes in her life to become faithful again.

2. A part of the building is designated a multipurpose room. We want to be able to have everything from congregational meals, fellowships, large group meetings, teen activities, and seminars in this room. It will allow us more teaching space on ground level which will help our older members to be able to attend.

3. Our present kitchen still has the original wiring when that part of the building was built. We are long overdue to update our kitchen facilities for the many meals that are served here each week.

4. We do not know when the next tornado will strike in our state, but we do know that it is going to happen. This facility has been planned in such a way to maximize our opportunity to be a center for disaster relief in our state.

5. I thought it would be good for each of us to be reminded of the purposes for this facility. Only God knows the many ways it will be used for his glory in the years to come.

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CONGEGATIONAL CONCERNS

ELDER OF THE MONTH: **Chuck White**

PRAYER LIST:

Lucy Bridges is in Midwest City Hospital room 6632. **Charlie Lewis** had surgery on Monday and will remain in the hospital for at least two weeks. He seems to be doing well, but is still in need of our prayers. **Esther Turner** was dismissed from the hospital last Monday. **Vanessa Bryant's** grandmother, **Martha Thomason**, is in Baptist Hospital. She has inoperable pancreatic cancer. **Jack Reese** was taken to the hospital Wednesday morning.

MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS:

Gloria Simpson; Betty Carter & family; Norma Jones; Connie Bryant; Frances Stinnett; Hershel Watson; Bill Tremain; Lucy Bridges; Juanita Durnell; Nancy Haggerty; Dorothy Davis; Helen Lee; Betty Baker; Sarah Wells; Eddie & Jeanice Morgan; Inez Lairson; Helen Adair; Sue Ziegler; Betty and Dallas Bell; Cindy Bell Peters; Billie Tinsley; Pandy Moore; Tom & June Rard; Margie Swarb; Ann Wright; Susan Turner; Karen White; and Mary Solenberg.

OTHERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS:

Ruth Bean, sister of **Margie Swarb; Mike Price**, cousin of **Del Moore; Oleta Evans'** sister-in-law, **Carolyn Gregg; Hershel Watson's** brother **Roger Watson; David VanCuren**, grandson of **Jimmie & Berneice Franks; Velma Jackson's** niece, **Kay Sheid; Herman Hagan's** sister, **Inez Rainey; Denise Goff's** father, **Leon Whitaker; Catherine White's** brother, **Robert Herndon; Scott Morgan**, brother of **Jana Conrad; Connie Bryant's** father and **Pam Fox's** grandfather, **Arthur Ford; Cheryl Bellah's** cousin, **Becky Lane; Roger Parker**, brother of **Don Parker; Charles McGowan**, friend of **Ron Swarb; Susan Turner's** father, **Jim Kerr; Jim Lackey**, brother of **Jerrye Molisee, Pat McBrayer's** friend, **John Waller**, and family; **Troy Smith, Teri England's** cousin; and **Virgie Wallace's** great grandson, **Bode Alexander Whitehead.**

OUR SYMPATHIES: Are extended to **Jo Ruth Hardin** in the death of her brother, **John Stroud**, who lived in Texas. Also to **Jess & Betty DeBoard** in the death Tuesday night of Jess' niece, **Lola Fern Holder**, of Enid.

PRAYER REQUESTS: For **Ken Conway**, nephew of **Duane & Maureen Swanson**. He was admitted to Presbyterian Hospital last Sunday for tests. Also for **Melinda Murphy's** mother, **Nell Hendrix**, who is in St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa with pneumonia.

April 9, 2006

Bible Study	224
AM Worship	369
PM Worship	191
Wednesday (Apr. 5th)	216
Contribution	\$8,534
Faith Fund	\$51,588

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDS: Canned green beans, canned carrots and canned potatoes.

GROUNDS WORKDAY: Has been re-scheduled for **Saturday, April 22nd 9:00-12:00**. Everyone's help is needed for Eastside's annual clean-up. Please bring any tools that may be needed. Contact **Rodney England** for if you need more information.

WELCOME: New members **Gena and Roy Whistle**. Additional information will be listed later.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Todd & Tiffany Tramel** on the arrival of **Cadyn Tramel**, born April 7, weighing 7lbs, 7oz & 21 1/2 inches long. All are doing well.

CONGRATULATIONS: Also to **Chuck and Marty White**, the proud grandparents of **Cason Eugene** who was born April 6th, weighing 6 lb 8 oz, and 20 1/2 in. long. His parents are **Colin and Emily White**.



Remember These Dates

1. *April 23rd. Ground Breaking for new facility*
2. *May 7th. Faith Fund Sunday*
3. *June 1st-3rd. Men & Boys campout at Blue River*
4. *June 4-10th. Church Camp*
5. *July 10-13th. Eastside's VBS*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

Highland Church of Christ
Tecumseh, OK

Jim Sheerer to conduct spring meeting
April 26-29
Nightly Services 7:00PM

Ron Deal: "Building a Successful Step-family"
Northridge Church of Christ
Shawnee, OK
April 28-29th

TIPTON'S CHILDREN HOME: Truck will be here between May 1-4th. Anything will be appreciated, however some of their specific needs are corn meal, Miracle-Whip salad dressing, soy sauce, honey, cereal, Jello, Spray & Wash, glass cleaner, toilet paper, and tissues.

PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYING FOR ALL OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY, AND EXPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE OVERSEAS.

Stacy Soutter (Pat Tremain's great-nephew),
Michael Bentley, Julie & Eric Gaulin,
Nathan Hartsburg, Kenneth Jones, Colt Sawyer,
Justin Steffens, Lucas Wagner
(Mary Solenberg's grandson), Karl Wornock,
Kendall Bailey, Chris Gonzales (James & Pat Bowers' nephew, and Harley Meiki, (Hunter Moore's son).

WATCH "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"
With Mac Lyon, Sunday Mornings

Local channel 52 and
Cox Channel 9 at 7:30A.M.
Cox Channel 8 at 8:00A.M.

"OLD LANDMARKS" Radio Program
With Kermit Webb
Monday-Friday, 11:30 A.M.
On Station 890 AM

Ministers

Dale Hartman, Clay Bryant, Luke Hartman

Elders

Randy Bullock, Jess DeBoard,
Dale Hartman, Mel Stinnett, Chuck White

Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Classes - 9:00 A.M.
Worship - 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study - 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 P.M.

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