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From the Mess on the Desk of Van

Recently at the Homecoming basketball game here in Nowata, I watched the coronation of a lovely young lady becoming Homecoming Queen. Our beloved Youth Minister had the microphone that night and read (rather excellently, I might add) a bio and random thoughts of each attendant and her escort as written by the individual. I noticed something interesting about most of their comments and is probably the same across the country. First, they want to get an education. Usually at a prestigious school or one their parents attended. Then, there is this desire to get a good job. Nothing wrong with that. Right? We want our youth, our very own offspring to work. Finally, they want to make a lot of money. (I've whispered in my kids ears for years, they would be taking care of me someday). It's interesting that the bio's usually end there.

Let's pick it up for the sake of continuity and ask the obvious question; why? Why education, job, money? There can only be four possible reasons:

1. To provide for self and family.
2. To buy stuff.
3. To give it away.
4. To store under your mattress.

Now at first glance, those seem reasonable. Sound. Responsible. I might debate you on the future and outcome of education, job, money. I'm afraid I might end up irritating a lot of youth as well as adults, so let's move on.

What if we had students leaving high school weighing out a completely different thought process. The question that burned in each was "What does God want me to do?" Instead of cookie cutter futures that lead to a life of self-fulfillment. What if we had young adults (Continued on front)

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Valentine's Day with Jesus

Jesus does not send perfume
To linger in the air
Instead He sends salvation, sweet
To show how much He cares.

He doesn't hand out fancy gifts
Like we would send to mother
Instead He sends a message clear
To always love each other.

He doesn't bring me candy hearts
In boxes of delight
Instead He always lets me know
I'm precious in His sight.

He doesn't give me teddy bears
That whimper, "Please be mine"
Instead He gave His heart to me
I wear it all the time.

He doesn't pass out pretty cards
Trimmed in shades of red
Instead He gave His life for me
His precious blood was shed.

He doesn't give me roses, pink
For all the world to see
Instead He gave eternal life
That's good enough for me.

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who set out with bright eyes and lust for excitement to see and live out God's Will. God who creatively created you and gave you wonderful and unique gifts has an absolutely amazing plan for you. As a matter of fact, when you tap into His Purpose, His Plan, His Way, His Direction, His Will, I've discovered you will be so happy that you can't stand it.

There it is. I hit what I think we all want. The H word! Happiness. We all want happiness! It's obvious that all the pursuits of men don't leave a track record of happiness. Those who sell out to Jesus and His Lordship, now those folks, they transcend happiness. They reach this plateau of joy and contentment that oozes out of them.

Young man, young woman. Older man, older woman. What do you want? I think many, if not most of us, are living the U2 song, "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For." So I herald the words of Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God who gives the answer to U2's song. "But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matt. 6:33)

Oh folks, we have been deceived. We've bought the swamp land. We live our entire lives in pursuit of education, perfect job, vacations, career, pay increases, trophy wife and kids, stuff and big boxes called houses to buy more stuff, recognition and then we die. Satan laughs and the crowd goes "So" and the Kingdom waits for a man, a woman to seek it first.

— Van

MISSION MOMENTS

FEBRUARY 2012

One of the most effective means of evangelizing the lost is to start new churches. We've seen how effective this has been with the Orchard Group's planting of new churches in the last few years.

This month we're focusing on a group here in Oklahoma involved in planting new churches in this state.

Oklahoma Christian Church Planters formally began in March of 1994, after a couple of statewide meetings to discuss the importance of looking at the need to plant new churches over the entire state, instead of looking at regional needs by smaller area groups. Oklahoma Christian Church Planters was formed as a result of those meetings.

The purpose of OCCP is to plant and establish new independent Christian Churches in the state of Oklahoma. The OCCP is a non-profit organization. Its officers and board members are all volunteers and receive no money for their work. Support comes from churches that believe in the importance of this work, as well as individual Christians who are led to give their financial support.

In a recent letter from Gary Jenkins, Director of OCCP, he states: "One of the wonderful things about working and praying with other believers is that we value many of the same things. Primarily, reaching the "lost, outside of Christ" with the Good News of the Gospel. . . We are glad to work side by side with you."

OCCP, along with NOEA, is making plans to start a church in western Oklahoma. Gary Jenkins said this, "The good news is we are very close to announcing a new minister family. . . It's been hard for us to be patient, but the excitement is building. Can you feel it?"

Hillside Christian Church has a part in this new church plant through our support of this ministry.

The address for OCCP is: Gary Jenkins, OCCP Director, 14816 SE 79th, Choctaw, OK 73020.

Thank you, Hillside, for your support of this vital ministry in our state.



From the Desk of Larry Osborn

I want to start by expressing my gratitude to all who have been and are going to be a part of the mentoring process here at Hillside. Margie wrote a great piece for the bulletin a few weeks back that help to put a perspective on what has been happening on Wednesday nights. There is a great need here in this community to touch the lives of these young people for Christ. I am very thankful for those who have been using what gifts they have from God to honor Him and minister to the needs of these students. As we continue to minister to the students that God provides for us, please be in prayer for all involved on the Wednesday night time.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kevin Lowe for being named as one of the December Students of the month. He is also the basketball Homecoming king (must be an honor for mom and dad to know that the children are king and queen).

The Nowata girls' basketball team finished 4th and received the sportsmanship award in the Caney Valley Basketball tournament. The Boys finished 6th.

The Oklahoma Union Girls finished 2nd and the Boys finished 4th in the Caney Valley Tournament.

Carryn Osborn was selected to sing Ault 2 in the All-State Women's Chorus and performed at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center on Saturday the 21st.

Katie Wright made the Nowata Middle school 8th grade Honor Roll. Making the Principals roll were, 6th grade - Sherri Corle, 7th Grade - Jakob Barnes,

Courtney Hobbs, Cody Smith, and Micaela Staehle, 8th grade - Cole Youngblood.

Beans



and Cornbread

Everyone Welcome!

Plan on staying after

Morning Service on February 12th for an "old fashioned beans and cornbread" dinner. If you would like to bring a dessert, please feel free to do so, but it's not necessary.



Super Bowl Party

February 5th from 3:00 pm until game is over.

At the Town & Country Christian Church for 6th thru 12th grade. Cost is free but please bring snacks. See Larry to sign-up!



RECENT BAPTISM

We are especially pleased to introduce our new sister in Christ, Karen Crisp. She was baptized on December 18, 2011. Karen and her husband Joe live 7 miles east of town on a ranch with a variety of livestock and pets. They have three children: Paige is married to David and they have three energetic young boys, Anthony, Christopher and Jonathan and they all live in Collinsville. You will see them many times with Karen at church. Her son Nick lives in Kansas and her other daughter Megan lives in Florida. Karen is already loved dearly by so many of us and she has loved us so much as well. You will see her helping with the mentoring of our teens on Wednesday night and smiling through the entire worship service on Sunday morning. Please for your own sake, get to know Karen and her family!

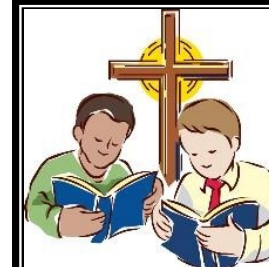
Notes of Thanks

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the college care package I received. It was so great of you guys.

Cody Workman

Dear Hillside family,
Thank you for all the cards, letters, phone calls, thoughts, and prayers during this time. I appreciate each and every one!

Virginia Stipe



BIBLICAL ELDERSHIP

Elder Mentoring classes lead by Van will start on

Sunday, March 4th from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm.