

Happy Birthday!

FEBRUARY

1 – Melva Meyer
 4 – Linda Young
 7 – Sharon Blankenship
 10 – BJ Johnson
 18 – Peggy Fitzhugh
 19 – Jean Lunsford
 21 – John Frenzel
 22 – Dennis Rash
 23 – Roana Petrie
 26 – Juanita Parker
 27 – Tom Bradford
 28 – Karen Leopard

MARCH

1 – Andrew Flowers
 8 – Nancy Brakebill
 10 – BJ Johnson
 14 – Cathy Cosner
 18 – Bob Harmon
 18 – Brigitte Bewer
 19 – Kay Hankins
 21 – Roy Turner
 28 – Joann Anthony
 29 – David Hankins
 31 – Tom Cosner

If we missed your birthday, call us and add it to our list (Month & Day Only) - (870) 247-3300

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 OASIS Ministry
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SENIOR'S BANQUET TO BE HELD JANUARY 30th

The OASIS Ministry will be holding its first event on January 30 at 5:30 P.M. The seniors banquet will feature a menu of pulled pork, side dishes & blackberry cobbler with ice cream for dessert.

Our music ministry will provide entertainment including some southern gospel! A video presentation featuring a look back through the years will be a highlight along with generational trivia.

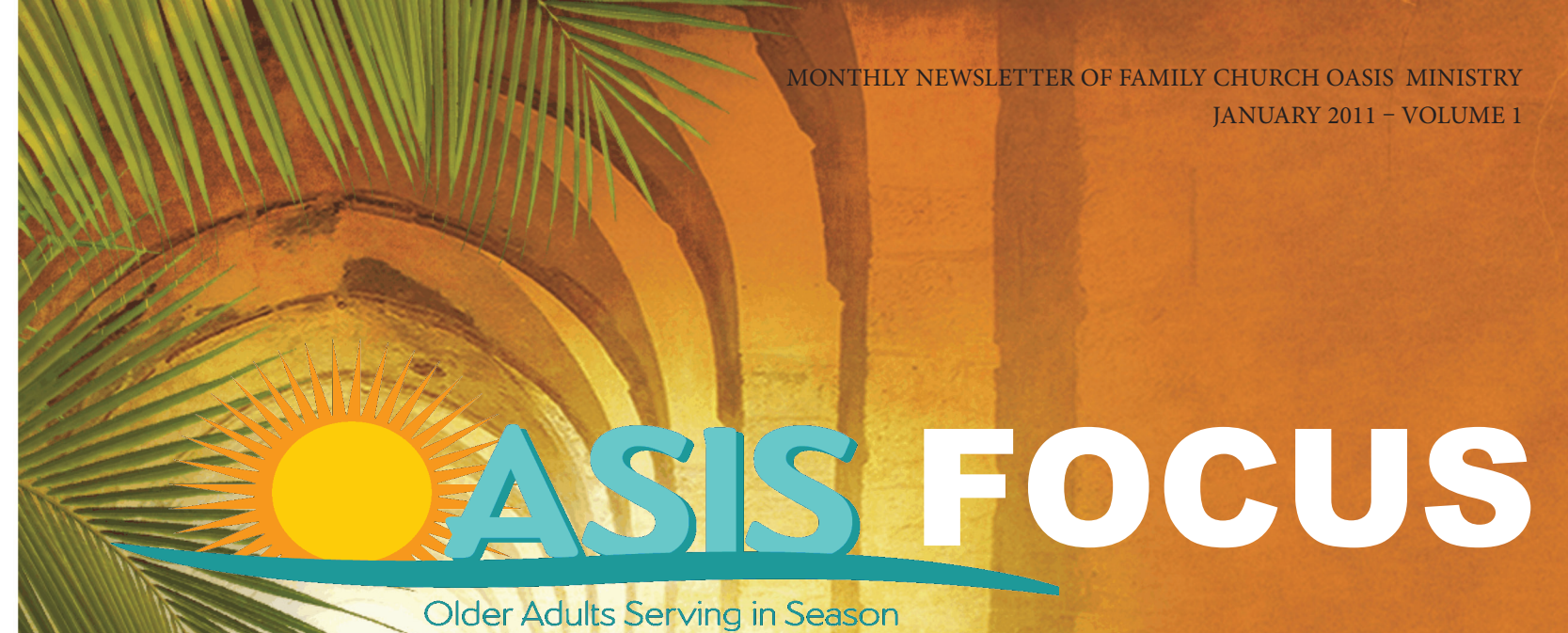
Pastor Cadell Welch will speak briefly followed by Pastor Bill Fitzhugh's vision for the OASIS Ministry.

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. He that loves not, knows not what?
 - a. Himself
 - b. God
 - c. Compassion
 - d. Friendship
 - e. His brother
2. Elijah ran from Jezebel to which mountain?
 - a. Mount Hermon
 - b. Mount Moriah
 - c. Mount Sinai
 - d. Mount Horeb
3. Who was Solomon's mother?
 - a. Hannah
 - b. Bathsheba
 - c. Abigail
 - d. Haggith
4. After whom is the city of Samaria named?
 - a. Omri
 - b. Ahab
 - c. Shemer
 - d. Lutni

ANSWERS: 1-b, 2-d, 3-b, 4-c

WORD SEARCH HIDDEN MESSAGE --
 "BLESSED ARE THE MEEK"



OASIS – The New Ministry for Family Church Seniors

Family Church is kicking off the new year with the putting in place of Cadell & Joyce Welch as Pastors of our new seniors ministry. It will be called the OASIS Ministry.

Our Pastors and leadership value the seniors who belong to Family Church and recognize the potential contributions that our seniors have to offer. We look forward to big things happening in our and your OASIS Ministry!

The OASIS Ministry exists for the purpose of providing Christ-centered activities that foster, first and foremost, evangelistic outreach, spiritual growth and health, age-level educational pursuits, and wholesome fellowship events and address social needs of church members and friends age 60 and older, and their spouses. The OASIS Ministry will promote strong focal points of need so that people may be involved in an area that interests them. All seniors age 60 and over, and their spouses regardless of age, are welcome to attend our once-a-month meetings, to be held during the day and duplicated in the evenings for those who are still working and can't attend daytime meetings.

We will enjoy dinner programs and birthday celebrations, take trips to places of interest, and sponsor informative presentations geared toward resources, advice and services pertaining to senior citizens. The goal is to get every one of our seniors involved in our activities, both in planning and, of course, the enjoyment of participating. We'll have get-togethers for lunch or breakfast. We'll sponsor guest speakers from many different areas of interest, including crafts, sports, technology, finances, and, especially spiritual matters. We'll go camping and shopping. The OASIS Ministry will be composed of Focus Teams for the various areas of interest and need and our seniors will be invited to participate in these teams. Finally, we will always have evangelistic outreach to our community foremost in all that we do in the OASIS Ministry. And, don't worry if you can't participate in every event. The OASIS Ministry is designed to get all our seniors involved in one way or another, but not necessarily in every aspect. So, feel free to get involved wherever you want.

The Calendar At A Glance

- Jan 30 – OASIS Seniors Banquet
- Feb 9 – Monthly Daytime Meeting
- Feb 22 – Monthly Nighttime Meeting
- Feb 25 – Pack Your Bags, We're Going to China!
- Mar 9 – Monthly Daytime Meeting
- Mar 19 – Old Washington Daffodil Festival
- Mar 22 – Monthly Nighttime Meeting
- April 1-2 - Heart to Heart - Prescilla Shirer
- April 13 – Monthly Daytime Meeting
- April 15 – Friday Day Trip - Old Mill, Little Rock
- April 18 - 22 – Passion Experience
- April 26 – Monthly Nighttime Meeting
- May 11 – Monthly Daytime Meeting
- May 12 -14 – Branson Trip!
- May 24 – Monthly Nighttime Meeting
- June 8 – Monthly Daytime Meeting
- June 28 – Monthly Nighttime Meeting

A Message From Our New OASIS Pastors

This is a very exciting time for both Joyce and me. As retirement has become a reality so have our dreams come true. We have dreamed of a time since the early days of this church when we would be able to serve our Lord in a more effective way.

If you have known either of us very long, you know we love to serve. We love to serve our church and we love to serve our fellow members, many of whom have become near and dear friends. The relationships that we enjoy today are so very important to us and we do understand what a precious gift they are from God. I have heard it said that in a lifetime a man will only have a few friends, maybe only two or three. The Bible says in I John 4:11 that if God loved us, we ought also to love each other. In I John 4:7 we are told to love each other because God is love and tells us that this love is evidence that we belong to Him. Certainly we will have friends that we are closer to than others, but isn't it wonderful to know that in the body of Christ, we can, should and are expected to have many friends.

As Joyce and I dream of a senior ministry, the one thing we want to establish

across this group of people is relationships. The world we live in today is becoming more and more isolated. Too many people are working too many hours. And there is this thing called TV. And how about cell phones, ipads, ipods, and internet. All these things have made for a faster paced life that tends to take quality time away from the relationships that God meant for us brothers and sisters in Christ to experience.

Don't think that I am just a fuddy duddy who hates technology. I really am a huge fan. But I think you will agree with me that all these things have made it more difficult for us to spend intimate time with each other. Intimate time and having fun with each other is what Joyce and I dream about within our new senior ministry "OASIS" - Older Adults Serving In Season.

It is very gratifying for me to be named pastor over this exciting new ministry and I will totally commit myself to leading each and every one of you into a ministry that will lend itself to serving people, building relationships and having more fun than we ever dreamed possible. We will be a 60+ ministry so be thinking of members or

unchurched people over 60 who might be interested in spending a little time with us. (By the way if you are a couple and either of you are 60 or will turn 60 this year, we would love to have you join us. This applies to singles who will be 60 this year also.) I hope all of you are as excited as we are. Come join us with in all the fun we have planed in the coming year. Love in Christ, Bro. Cadell

When Cadell and I helped start "Family Life Community Church" in September 1991 we were 43! Can't believe it's been almost 20 years. Never really thought about being old. But as the church grew and younger people kept coming, we just kept getting older. And one day I woke up and I'm a senior citizen! Wow! We looked around and there are a lot of us....old people!

The Humor Corner

A pious man who had reached the age of 105 suddenly stopped going to church services. Alarmed by the old fellow's absence after so many years of faithful attendance the Pastor went to see him.

He found him in excellent health, so the Pastor asked, "How come after all these years we don't see you at

Proverbs 22:17

Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise,
And apply your heart to my knowledge;

The book of Proverbs shows what the god-fearing man in this world shall seek and what he shall avoid. The book also teaches that man irrespective of his spiritual blessings under the government of God will reap what he has sowed. It contains the advice of divine wisdom for daily life of a god-fearing man in all his difficulties, trials, dangers and joys of his way over this earth.

"Proverbs" by Arend Remmers

Ha! There's lots of things that come with being old and lots of jokes out there... but one thing is wisdom. Webster says wisdom is learning by experience. Sometimes I think wisdom is doing everything wrong and being able to tell other people what not to do.

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services anymore?"

The old man looked around and lowered his voice.

"I'll tell you, Pastor" he whispered. "When I got to be 90, I expected God to take me any day. But then I got to be 95, then 100, then 105.

So I figured that God is very busy and must've forgotten about me, and I don't want to remind Him!"

Message Cont.

Watching the younger generation taking their place in the church is so exciting. I smile and joy fills my heart. But, I ask myself "Does my church need me any longer?" And I know with everything that is in me, the answer is YES!

Those younger people need me and I need them. I have something to offer. God has prepared me for "such a time as this". I know I've taken some of the hard knocks for them and yet some, they will have to take themselves.... so they too can have wisdom when they get old! (ha!)

I'm looking so forward to our new senior ministry. I can't even begin to tell you how excited I am. I want to have fun, play games, travel, develop friendships, study the word and give like I've never given before.

Psalms 62:1 & 2

1 My soul finds rest in God alone;

my salvation comes from him.

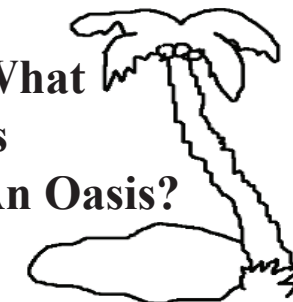
2 He alone is my rock and my salvation;

he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.



God told Joshua, "you may be old but I'm not finished with you yet. I have more for you to do." (Joshua 13:1 - JW translation!) I don't want to miss out on what's left that God has for me. Calling all 60+: Join us in this new season of ministry as we begin our new journey with Older Adults Serving In Season. - OASIS. Looking forward to serving in season with you. Joyce Welch

What Is An Oasis?



In geography, an oasis (plural: oases) or cienega (Southwestern United States) is an isolated area of vegetation in a desert, typically surrounding a spring or similar water source. Oases also provide habitat for animals and even humans if the area is big enough.

An oasis is an island of life in an ocean of temperature extremes and they make it possible to survive long treks through the desert.

In large deserts such as the Sahara, towns cluster around sources of water such as oases and rivers. For example, Jericho is located near an oasis. In the context of the OASIS ministry, an oasis is a place for refreshment, fellowship, learning and enjoyment away from our everyday concerns!

Puzzle of the Month Hidden Message Word Search

"Be Attitudes"

S S E N S U O E T H G I R
B L M O U R N F U L E S T
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E E K B H C E B G L R P A
Z W P Q Y V K L M I Y E E
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P V T L A F W S T R T S N
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M E W O M E C T B Z Q T U
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SEARCH WORDS --

MEEK
MOURNFUL
PERSECUTED
PURE IN HEART
RIGHTEOUSNESS
MERCIFUL
PEACEABLE
POOR IN SPIRIT
REVEILED

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Interest Team Assignments

The following are our current leaders for the various areas of interest in OASIS:

Card Ministry - Michele Jones & Brigitte Brewer

Shut-In Ministry – Laura Pierce & Betty Kline

Nursing Home Ministry – Brigitte Brewer & Ramona Matthews

Special Speakers - Toni Bradford

Devotional Speakers – OD Jones

Short Travel & Quarterly Trips – Donna Stewart, Kathy Bowers, & Karen Leopard

Big Travel Trip – Laura Pierce, Rose Tooke & Gloria Maxwell

Calendars & Newsletter – Tom Cosner & John Henry

Record Keeper (Night Mtg) – Ramona Matthews

Record Keeper (Day Mtg) - vacant

Golf for Men – Roy Matthews, Jimmy Brewer, Larry Brakebill & John Frenzel

Line Dancing – Karen Leopard

Ministry of Helps – Phil & Beebe Fenters

January Banquet – Larry & Nancy Brakebill

Photo Album – Linda Nichols

Outreach – vacant

Games – vacant

Telephone/E-Text/E-Mail – Kathy Bowers, Rose Tooke & Beebe Fenters

Crafts – Melva Meyer, Roana Petrie, Maxine Butler, Cathy Cosner & Laura Pierce

Caring Voices – vacant

Ministry of Helps - Jean Lundsford, Gwen Henry & Beebe Fenters

Transportation – Roy Kline, Jay Nichols & Bill Petrie

Every one of these teams will need volunteers as well as leaders.