

# Fresh Start Connection

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Official SHAREFEST day is April 17th.
- Acoustic Café is back.
- The Youth are on the ROAD to IYC.
- Special Holy Week Services

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**WE'RE COMING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 17TH  
The official  
**SHAREFEST DAY!****

*But we've already started and here's how you can serve:*

- *Commit to praying for SHAREFEST (Start Today)!*
- *Donate Copy Paper for Kelley and Central Elementary Schools (ends Feb. 28th).*
- *Serve as Testing Monitors at Winding Creek Elementary (the week of April 12th).*



- *Remodeling of Winding Creek Elementary School Teacher's Lounge (during the month of April; project to be completed on April 17th).*

- *Design/construction of Lost and Found Bins for Winding Creek Elementary (project to be completed on April 17th).*
- *Landscaping Park for the City of Moore (takes place on April 17th; materials will be provided by City of Moore).*
- *Donation of Material or Funds (in progress).*

*For more information, contact Pastor Jamie Storie @794-7313 today!*

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY**  
**LORENA DAVIS, SENIOR ADULT PASTOR**

Are you "young at heart"?

Take this quick quiz:

- 1) Do you enjoy times of fellowship with other believers?
- 2) Do you like to eat?
- 3) Do you like to play games?
- 4) Do you like to sing or shake peoples' hands?

If you answer yes to one or more of these questions, you are Young at Heart.

Fresh Start's Senior Adult Ministry is not about age. Anyone can come to our monthly events. Every 4th Thursday, we sing at the Somerset Assisted Living Center. Every 2nd Friday night is game night and the

last Friday of the month is game day.

Be on the look out for more information regarding a Nerfs Tournament coming up this summer.

If you would like to get involved in planning our activities, email Lorena Davis at [twistedstraight@cox.net](mailto:twistedstraight@cox.net).

**MONDAY NIGHTS AT FRESH START**  
 MAIN CAMPUS 6:30 TO 8:30 PM  
 JAMIE STORIE, ASSIMILATION PASTOR

**EQUIPPING U** our Monday night *Discipleship Group Studies* got off to a great start last fall! Our first study, "Making Sense of Spirituality" focused on the distorted views we often have of God and the correct biblical view of Him.

That study was followed up by, "The Lamb" led by Ken Adams. In this study, Ken showed us how scripture reveals God's love for us from varying points of view.

These group studies will repeat on a regular basis throughout the year. Look for new ones covering a variety of topics to be added as well.

**EQUIPPING U** is a great way to deepen your walk with God. These studies are geared for individuals searching for something in which to believe, those who have recently said Yes to God, and anyone who loves

to dig into what the Bible has to say to us today!



**LAWN / GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**  
 ROY BAILEY, LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
 GROUNDS REPRESENTATIVE

*"...spring is just a few months away!"*

Winter is still hitting us at every turn! Snow, ice, freezing temperatures, it seems like it's going to be a long time before we need to mow or trim our Church grounds. But, spring is just a few months away!

Our church lawn maintenance is done by volunteers.

If you have been involved in caring for our church lawn we look forward to your continued assistance. If you have not had a chance to help on the lawn and would like to, contact Pete Peterson or Roy Bailey. We have several kinds of mowers and weed eaters available and provide gas, oil and other

supplies needed to get the job done.

Work on cleaning and clearing the rough sections of our land is going very well!!! Our goal is to have as much land as possible ready to mow before the growing season begins in the spring.

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**SPRINGTIME AND CHILDREN**  
 CHERI LONG, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
 ADMINISTRATOR



Spring offers an enormous opportunity for outside fun activities to do with your children. No one needs to be bored for a second. Beneath the shining sun and in the flower-scented fresh air, all sorts of fun things are just waiting for you to make them happen.

Here are some exciting things to do:

1. Plant a garden. Let the children help choose whether it is to be vegetables or flowers. Go on a planned shopping expedition to buy the seeds. Show them how to use small garden tools. Do it together as a family.
2. Build a birdhouse. Lowes and Home Depot have all

the necessary materials you need. Children can learn about measuring with adult supervision. Teach them about respecting tools. Everyone can help paint it.

3. Go fly a kite. Spend time creating your own or go buy one and have a blast at the park.

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## TWO PERSPECTIVES, ONE GOD!

DAVE DOOLEY, SENIOR PASTOR



One of my clearest childhood memories was of a car accident my mom and I were in. We were within a mile of home and were singing "Jesus Loves Me" when out of nowhere we were struck by a car on the driver's side of our vehicle. A

grandmother was sitting with her two grandchildren in a parked car that was still running. She was stunned when the young boys knocked the car out of gear, which caused them to head down the hill straight for the River that happened to be on the other side of our vehicle. When they hit us, they were actually saved from going into the river.

My first reaction, as a mature 5 year old, was to scream, "Jesus doesn't love me anymore."

When I think of my reaction as a

child, I realize it is the same reaction many of us still have as adults. When our journey is interrupted we often blame God for His role in our pain instead of trusting Him to show us His presence in the midst of the pain.

When we see a situation strictly from our own perspective we often miss the whole picture thus missing how God's hand was at work. If we were to look at my accident from the perspective of the other family, the view would be different.

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## CONNECTION GROUPS ARE THE PLACE TO BE!

JAMIE STORIE, ASSIMILATION PASTOR

Come on Sunday Mornings to the main campus, get the kids settled in their classes, grab a donut and a cup of coffee and get ready for a lively discussion and exploring of God's Word! We get started around 9:15 and wrap up at 10:10am.

We've got groups for 20 and 30 Something Couples, Young Adults, and groups that are a mix of several generations and life styles! If

you are interested in strengthening your marriage, like to dig into the Bible for help with specific life situations, or just want to know what God's Word is all about - there's a group for you!

### Weekly AM and PM Groups

If you can't make a Sunday morning **Connection Group** we've got morning and evening groups on Sunday and during the week in which you can participate!

The church is a community and there's no better way to share in that community and to grow that community than by **Connecting** in a small group atmosphere!

Check out all the groups that are offered on page 4 of this publication, online at [www.freshstartok.com](http://www.freshstartok.com), or give Pastor Jamie Storie a call at 794-7313.

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## THE YOUTH ARE ON THE ROAD!

LEE BROWN, STUDENT MINISTRIES PASTOR

Fresh Start's youth group exists to connect our young people with God, others, and each other. Our goal is to provide an environment in which the youth can forge their friendships and take those friendships to new levels of devotion and discipleship.

It's an exciting year for the youth. Starting in January, we began DISCIPLE 2010,

which looks at the most basic elements of Christianity and hopefully will lead to our youth knowing more fully Who God is, What this thing called life is about, and what role they have as a **DISCIPLE!**

Starting in March, we'll even have discipleship groups offered to the youth that will allow some of our fantastic leaders to share their lives

with the youth and show them the ropes.

In addition to this, we are fully on the **ROAD TO IYC 2010**. We've already hit some detours and bumps in the road, but over the next 6 months a group of 15 to 20 youth...

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**CONNECTION GROUPS: OUR SMALL GROUPS FOR YOU, YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR NEIGHBORS**

JAMIE STORIE, ASSIMILATION PASTOR

Sunday 9:15 to 10:10AM on the

Main Campus

*20 & 30 Something Couples Class*

Led by Brian and Crystal Marlett

*Young Adults*

Led by Alisa and Tojoe Goss

*Mixed Generations*

Led by Thomas Long and Jamie Storie

*Couples and Singles*

Led by Pastor Lorena Davis and Pam Simpson

Weekly Connection Groups - Sunday PM

Couples' Group - Led by Scott and Amy Ethridge

Liquid - Led by Pastor Dave and Anna Dooley

Monday 7:00 PM - on the Main Campus

Ladies' Group - "Love Revolution" by Joyce Meyers- Led by Cheri Long

The Truth Project - A study on a Biblical worldview

Equipping You - Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey - Led by Clay Griffin (**coming in April**)

Tuesday AM

Women's Group, Led by Doris Fox

Tuesday PM

Fresh Start Singles of all ages, "Liquid - The Ten" Led by Cindy Beard-Vieta

You can check out times and locations for all groups online at [www.freshstartok.com](http://www.freshstartok.com)



**THE YOUTH ARE ON THE ROAD CONTINUED ...**

*"Be sure to stop by after church, the last Sunday of every month for connecting, food and some fundraising."*

...will be doing what it takes to get their minds (and youth accounts!) ready for a week and a half on the road to one of the most life changing events they've ever experienced.

Monthly fundraisers have already begun! Be sure to stop by after church the last Sunday of each month for connecting, food and some fundraising. And keep your

eyes open for more ways you can help the youth hit the road this summer!

There's a whole world of things happening and coming up. Be sure to check the youth calendar regularly for more updates.

**TWO PERSPECTIVES, ONE GOD! CONTINUED...**



"...view life through God's lens and not our own."

They would see the accident as God's hand of provision keeping them from entering the river which could have caused death to the grandmother and two boys. If it wasn't for our vehicle they would have went over the embankment into the river.

Two perspectives, one God!

This scenario teaches us not to view life strictly from our perspective but to see it through the eyes of God!

My prayer is that all of us would seek to view life through God's lens and not our own. May we not judge people or situations too quickly but rather look for

opportunities to experience and share God's love even in the roughest of circumstances! Whether we are the injured or the protected, may we see that in the midst of it all that "Jesus Loves Me."

**HOLY WEEK**

**CHUCK WHETSTONE, SENIOR ASSOCIATE /  
WORSHIP ARTS PASTOR**



Palm Sunday, March 28, begins a week-long remembrance of the last days of Jesus during

His earthly ministry. We have planned two events that we invite you to come and worship our Lord!

Wednesday, March 31 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary is our annual Communion and Foot washing service. We will begin with songs of praise and worship then celebrate the

Lord's Supper. Following this time of worship the men go to the Fire-side Room and the women remain in the Sanctuary as we observe the ordinance of Foot washing. This is always a special night as we serve the Lord and each other, fulfilling what Jesus told us in the book of John.

*And if your Lord and teacher has washed your feet, you should do the same for each other. I have set the example, and you should do for each other exactly what I have done for you. I tell you for certain that servants are not greater than their mas-*

*ter, and messengers are not greater than the one who sent them. You know these things, and God will bless you, if you do them.*

*John 13:14-17 CEV*

And something new this year, will be a Good Friday worship service in the Sanctuary at 12 noon on April 2. We will spend some time remembering our Lord's sacrifice through songs, prayer and scriptures. This will lead us into a joyous Easter Celebration on Sunday, April 4th.

**SPRINGTIME AND CHILDREN  
CONTINUED...**

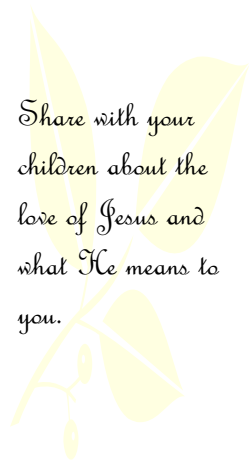
4. Go to the Zoo. Check out all the "new" animals that have come to the Zoo.

All of these and more are great ways to spend time with your children and have great interaction. These are great times to share with your children about the love of Jesus

and what He means to you. There is no way your child will be bored.

**Children's Ministry Events**

- Spring Break- March 15-19
- Egg Stuffing Party for Eggstravaganza - Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. 7 pm.
- Easter Eggstravaganza - Saturday, April 3 from 10-12.



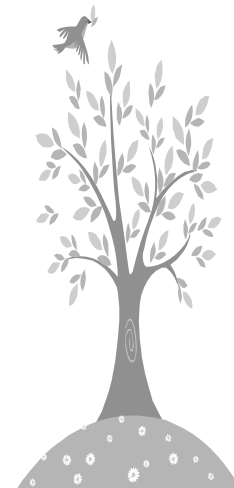
*Share with your children about the love of Jesus and what He means to you.*

**LAWN / GROUNDS MAINTENANCE  
CONTINUED...**

Mowing the cleared sections of land will keep vines like poison ivy under control and also open it up so that neighborhood kids are not tempted to misuse these areas. Also, the work we do will show the neighborhood that we are striving to be good neighbors by continually improving our property!!!

Our hours to work are Tuesdays from 8am to 12pm and every odd Saturday from 8am to 11am.

Contact Roy Bailey if you would like to know more, or if you would like to have someone to work with on different days or times.  
Home (405) 799-8508  
Cell (405) 517-1174



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**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
 CHUCK WHETSTONE, SENIOR ASSOCIATE /  
 WORSHIP ARTS PASTOR

*"The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him" Nahum 1:7*

The first Thursday each May is the National Day of Prayer. The theme chosen for May 6, 2010 is **Prayer - For Such A Time As This**.

The Sanctuary of the Main Campus will be reserved for prayer all day from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, but we will also have special times designated when you may want to gather:



- Early Prayer - 6:00 am - 7:00 am led by Rev. Ken Adams & George Hanohano
- Midday Prayer #1 - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm led by Pastor Jamie Storie & Rev. Cliff Adams
- Midday Prayer #2 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm led by Pastor Peggy Choate & Pastor Lorena Davis
- After Work Prayer - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm led by Pastor Chuck Whetstone & Willie Davis

- NDOP Kickoff - Wednesday Evening, May 5 at 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)

Join us as we come together to pray, for such a time as this!

**WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY EVENTS**  
 CHUCK WHETSTONE, SENIOR ASSOCIATE /  
 WORSHIP ARTS PASTOR

*"The Acoustic Café is back for one night in the spring."*

**Connecting with Others**

There will be a WAM Fellowship for all team members and their spouses on Friday night, March 5 from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm in the Fireside Room.

We will share a Potluck Meal and enjoy a night of games and connecting. Members are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for our Food Pantry.

Childcare is provided. WAM members please sign up online.

**Acoustic Café**

The Acoustic Café is back for one night in the spring. On three different Friday nights last summer we had such a great time together sharing music, desserts and coffee. On Friday, April 16 the A/C is back from 8:00 -

10:00 pm in the Fireside Room. There will be coffee provided, but we encourage everyone that attends to bring their favorite finger food to share. And, yes, the Acoustic Café will be back this summer for three nights. Please sign up online.

**FREEDOM FROM HURTS, HABITS AND HANG-UPS**

PEG CHOATE, CELEBRATE RECOVERY PASTOR

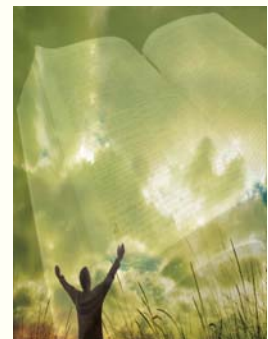
Celebrate Recovery welcomes you to work on being free from your hurts, habits, and hang-ups. By drawing closer to God, we become ready and able to allow Him to remove our character defects and inadequacies. Having freedom from our pains allows us to live a fuller, more meaningful life and better serve the kingdom of God. CR pro-

vides a safe atmosphere to share our experiences, strengths, and hopes and to connect with each other as we each work on our own issues.

Come be a part of our ongoing Sunday night Celebrate Recovery and hear what God is doing and has done in other believers' lives. Every other Sunday, we have a

testimony, many of which are the stories of our Fresh Start brothers and sisters. Come support those who have gained victory through Jesus and celebrate with them. Celebrate Recovery meetings also feature a café, connection time, live worship, the opportunity to publicly surrender your issues to...

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## FREEDOM FROM HURTS, HABITS AND HANG-UPS CONTINUED...



...Christ in a loving, accepting environment, bi-weekly lessons based on the eight principles and twelve steps, and a caring

group where you can share what God is doing in your life week-by-week. No sign-up is required and attendees will remain anonymous. Free childcare is provided.

Step Studies are in full swing! We are already in the third book of the

12-step program. If you missed your opportunity to be involved this year, be sure to mark your calendar for next September. In the meantime, please join us for Sunday Night Open Share Groups. You don't have to wait for a step study program to be set free. If you are still interested in a step study group, we can help you find a group at a different church somewhere in the area.

### Sunday Nights

**4:30 PM**-- Café and connection, a perfect time to connect with potential sponsors and account

ability partners. Donations are accepted for dinner.

**5:30 PM- 7:30 PM**--Worship, chip ceremony, lesson/testimony, and share groups.

For more information, please contact Peg Choate (405 794-7313) or George Knight (405 794-7313).

## BODYFIT EXERCISE PROGRAM PEG CHOATE, WELLNESS PASTOR

Come join us in the Fireside Room of the Main Campus every Tuesday and Thursday morning for a FREE strength-training class. Class times are from 9:00 AM to 9:50 AM, arrive early to stretch.

Our routines are easy enough for those just starting, yet challenge those who need more. We use light weights, resistance bands, exercise balls, and leg bands to accomplish a total body workout. We provide the bands and 5 lb. weights. You provide your own exercise ball, and if you wish, floor mat and weights other than 5 lbs.

You may join at anytime, no sign-up required. Both men and women are welcome and age is not a factor! You can begin no matter what shape you are in.

Why is being fit important?

First, our bodies belong to God. <sup>19</sup>"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup>you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body" 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV). By being fit, we honor God and we are better equipped for His

service.

Second, fitness has many physical benefits. These include improved balance and coordination, increased self esteem, reduction of high blood-pressure, prolongation of life expectancy, improvement in quality of life, and lower risk of osteoporosis. Regular exercise can alleviate depression, halt bone loss, control weight and energize you.

Come join us as we work together to be fit for God's service in a wholesome and supportive environment.

For more information, contact Pastor Peg (Certified Fitness Instructor) at 405-794-7313 or [pchoate@freshstartok.com](mailto:pchoate@freshstartok.com).

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**Connect with God,  
Connect with Others,  
Connect Others with God**

**ON-LINE SIGN UP** is now available for all ministry opportunities, groups, and events that are offered by the ministries of Fresh Start.

**Pastoral Staff** can be contacted via email by going to the church's web site.

Stay up-to-date on what's happening in and through Fresh Start at [www.FreshStartOK.com](http://www.FreshStartOK.com)

**USHER / GREETER MINISTRY**  
**PEG CHOATE, CR / WELLNESS PASTOR**

Ushers and Greeters are essential to the life of the church. We work to promote Christian fellowship, unity in the body of Christ, a sense of belonging, and an attitude of worship.

As the first people our guests see, we are the ones who can give them a favorable first impression of the church and put them at ease. In Romans 12:13, all believers are called to "contribute to the needs of God's people" and to "pursue the practice of hospitality" (AMP).

How do we do all this? As greeters, we simply give a smile, a handshake, or a hug and extend the love of Christ to all who walk through the door. You don't have to dress fancy, make elaborate speeches, or know

the answers to every question. Just be yourself and be willing to serve.

We need more greeters for Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, particularly during our Connection groups. You may volunteer on a weekly or monthly basis.

Contact Pastor Peg (405 794-7313) for more information and to sign up.

