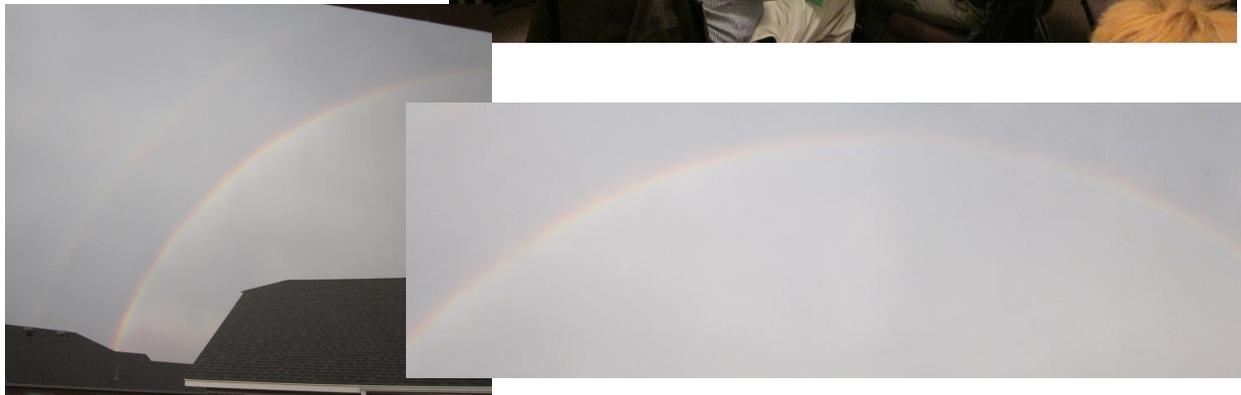


**CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH**



**PICTURES BELOW SHOW RAINBOWS OVER EDMOND'S SKY, AFTER LASST SEVERE THUNDER STORM—TORNADO ON MARCH 25, 2015**



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**N**EWSPLETTER

*Dear Stonegate Church Family,*

It is my never ceasing joy to let you know how our Lord, Jesus Christ, loves all of us. And the power of the Holy Spirit is revealing among us through various gifts which you received through abundant blessings from God. January—March 2015 has gone very fast. I give thanks to God for His providence and guidance.

We have experienced various congregational events and we have hosted many guests and friends who shared their time with us. Besides all of these things, we have had many spiritual experiences during regular Sunday services that shows our faith is growing and our hope is

stronger than ever before. The new year challenged us with new tasks. Dr. Liz Williams accomplished her three years term of ruling Elder and Phyllis Johnston has accomplished her terms as a Treasurer and Session Clerk as well.

**<sup>1</sup>Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.  
(1 Corinthians 15:1-2<sup>NRSV</sup>)**

*Lead like Jesus...,*                      *Lead to Jesus...,*                      *Be led by Jesus...,*

The congregation chose **Al Cowan** for an Elder office of 2015-2017 term.

**Jeanette M. Spilman** opens a new three year term of church Treasurer and Session Clerk.

Our ruling Elders of the current Church Session are:

**Whitney Moore** term 2013-2015,  
**Phyllis Johnston** term 2013-2015,  
**Bill Williams** term 2014-2016,  
**Bob Heflin** 2014-2016, and  
**Al Cowan** term 2015-2017.



**FIVE ELDERS ARE MULTIPLYING FIVE TALENTS**

Please, do not hesitate, and always share your concerns with our Elders and be a part of our Stonegate Church's life of activities. We have a busy schedule for the year 2015. I believe you can remarkably support Stonegate Church using your gifts. Let your discipleship be active and effective as the power of Jesus' love.

## Easter Sunday Breakfast

I would like to encourage all of us to practice boldly for Easter Sunday! Historically and traditionally, Easter Sunday was the beginning of the Good News! The Good News was and is that **Jesus is Alive!** This message Mary Magdalene received early in the morning in the garden was at Jesus' empty tomb. This is the message we repeat in the Easter Sunday morning service, **Jesus is Alive!** I would like to meet all of you, your families and your friends and share the Good News! **Jesus is Alive!** Easter Sunday breakfast will be a good time to share our joy with our friends and neighbors.



**During Easter Sunday Service we will receive new members.**



**Bob and Sarah Willis are longtime good friends and they decided to transfer their membership from a previous church to ours. God spoke to them and they are following God's voice. I believe we will see more remarkable wonders in our Stonegate Church family.**

**On Saturday, April 18, 2015, we are offering a "Spring Fling—Community picnic". So many attractions are prepared. Please come and bring with you your family and friends. Make to yourself some justice!**

*We would like to invite you and your family and friends for our "Spring Fling" of 2015! We are offering all kinds of activities for you and your family and friends to come out and enjoy. Come meet our church family and enjoy free food and drinks, mingle, and have a fun time. We want the opportunity to meet our neighbors and celebrate community fellowship and springtime.*

**Children's fun bounce house!**

**Face painting for everyone! Free food and drinks!  
Arts and Crafts! Kickball for everyone! Door prizes!**

- \*We also had a Fundraiser for Memphis Theological Seminary and it was a big success! We raised \$1,000.00.
- \*The turnout for the Chocolate Extravaganza was amazing! The entertainment was great with the violin music!
- \*We had a nice turnout for World Day of Prayer and we will be working for a larger turnout next year. It was a wonderful, caring experience. Jacque Wilson and Julia Sweet did a wonderful job in preparing for that.
- \*Cyrus' family prepared a really nice meal for a fundraiser for his young granddaughter to participate as a State Finalist in the National American Miss 2015 Miss Oklahoma Pre-Teen Pageant.
- \*We also had a slim Sunday service on the first Sunday in March because of ice and snow, but we DID have 9 brave members who showed up for church! I will preach a sermon to ONE believer..., so they got a message—**"BEING FULLY CONVINCED"**, based on Scripture from Romans 4:13-25<sup>NRSV</sup>.

***My thoughts and prayers be with all of you. I am at the church office daily. If I can be of help to you, kindly let me know, please.***

*Because of Christ,  
Rev. Dr. Marian,*