

PRAYER FOR OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS BEGAN with Mary Shain, Billye Rogan and Leona Edwards. Each had a strong passion in their hearts to be of greater use to their community in helping people. Individually, Mrs. Rogan and Mrs. Shain were attending dinners at the OFDA district meetings twice a year for many years. In their conversations they spoke continually about the Love of GOD and HIS love for Hugo. Mrs. Edwards also had the same vision and joined in the group. In 2010 they began knocking door-to-door in neighborhoods to share the Love of Jesus. Most Monday afternoons, they knocked on doors, passed out candy and Bibles to children, prayed and encouraged many people. The children came to their hearts mostly and believed they needed to volunteer at the school systems. Meeting with the Superintendent at that time they asked permission to volunteer and quietly pray for the children, staff and administration. The school faculty and staff gave much encouragement and gratitude toward the ladies. The Hugo Elementary and the Middle School were the two schools that they volunteered at and began to pray. One of those days, Mrs. Welch, the Principal of the Elementary School, asked if the churches in Hugo would come together and pray for the schools. The ladies took up the challenge and sent out letters to all churches within Choctaw County. Feb. 15, 2010, more than 100 people came with 11 churches represented. Each month from then on, every second Saturday during May to May at 10 a. m., the schools would be rotated and doors would be opened with a Pastor-led prayer and then prayer walking around the school and inside each building. Jesus said the harvest was ripe and the laborers were few, pray therefore to the harvester to send out laborers. Prayer is a great labor of love extended from The Father's Heart. Many prayers have been answered. The whole community is welcome to come and pray every second Saturday at 10 a. m. Look in community news for reminders of the next scheduled prayer.