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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 17-21 9-NOON MONDAY-FRIDAY

For children 4 years-6th grade

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Kids Day Camp

Following VBS Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
For children who have completed
5th and 6th grade

*There are registration/Parent release forms
available in the Church office! \$35.00 each child
Activities are still in the works, but they will
have a blast!!!*



JULY 17-21
OKMULGEE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
311 WEST 5TH STREET
FROM NOON-3
MONDAY-FRIDAY
FOLLOWING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
FOR ALL CHILDREN WHO HAVE
COMPLETED 1-4 GRADE
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED EACH DAY
*A van will run to Creek Village
at 3:00 p.m. each day*

**You may contribute
to Food for Kids
anytime!!!**

There are many children in our own community who are hungry. This ministry allows us to share food with some of them on the weekends when they are not receiving free lunches. Simply mark your contribution envelopes "FFK."

Needed for VBS....
SMALL Snack-sized Pringles Cans (with plastic lid). Please bring them to the church office. We will need approximately 35 of them... A great excuse to eat chips!!!! You may find these at the Dollar General Store.



Pastor's Pen...

Expectations and Disappointments

Expectations are born of anticipation of something happening in our life. For example as a hunter, there is more to killing a deer than getting in a tree and waiting till one comes by. It does matter which tree. So there is homework to be done. Where do the deer feed? Where is there bed ground? Where is their water? Where are the trails that they use to move from one place to another? Realistic expectations come with intensive scouting and preparation. It matters greatly that you find the right tree to sit in!!! Now, when you have done this kind of work and sit in the tree and see nothing disappointment comes and with it many questions. Did I miss judge the trails? Was it just a bad morning? Did I misjudge the wind? The greater the investment in getting it right; the greater the disappointment when it does not measure up.

This is a truth for our church life as well. Are you disappointed that no one new came to your Bible study group? Are you disappointed when no one comes forward at invitation to rededicate their life, join the church or best of all to get saved? I suspect that many come and go week after week with no disappointment! Why? Because there is no expectation. There is no expectation because there is no work, no one is prayed for, no one is invited, and no one has been led to Jesus through the week. Expectation is born of investment and work. There is something sadly wrong if we do not leave disappointed and broken-hearted when no one responds to the gospel. Complacency is a deadly enemy to the harvest and our usefulness to the King.

See You in Worship and Bible Study—(with someone you bring),

Dennis

Be in Prayer for the Youth Minister Search Committee

Josh Fox, James Wynn, Valerie Wright, Devin Thompson,
Jim Wise, Kary Neal, Alecia Mitchell
and alternates: Levi Wright and Jacob Mitchell

BE IN PRAYER FOR:

MEXICO MISSION TRIP July 3-11
VBS/MUSIC CAMP/KIDS DAY CAMP July 17-21

*Creek Village Food Pantry
Item of the Month:*

CANNED TUNA

Working with God or for God?

One of my favorite authors and devotion series is “My Utmost For His Highest” by Oswald Chambers....I have read through these daily devotions for years and each time these daily devotions speak to me in different ways through the years....the one I would like to quote from today is found in the June 1st reading and it really spoke to me and I hope it will do the same for you.

Can a sinner be turned into a saint? Can a twisted life be made right? There is only one appropriate answer found in Ezekiel 37:3 "O Lord God, You know"... It is much easier to do something than to trust in God; we see the activity and mistake panic for inspiration. That is why we see so few fellow workers with God, yet so many people working for God. We would much rather work for God than believe in Him. Do I really believe that God will do in me what I cannot do?

Wow! That hit me right between the eyes....I want to be working with God and where He leads instead of filling my life working for God and trying to please Him....the last part of this devotion was another eye opener as Chambers quotes from Ezekiel 37:12 "Behold, O MY people, I will open your graves..." *When God wants to show you what human nature is like separated from Himself, He shows it to you in yourself. If the Spirit of God has ever given you a vision of what you are apart from the grace of God (and He will only do this when His Spirit is at work in you), then you know that in reality there is no criminal half as bad as you yourself could be without His grace. My "grave" has been opened by God and "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells" (Romans 7:18). God's Spirit continually reveals to His children what human nature is like apart from His grace.*

In His Love,
Bro. Monty



Another year of Falls Creek is over and this year was different. To be honest, at the beginning of the week I was disappointed because we only had 19 students come. By Tuesday I finally let myself be okay with the fact that the numbers didn't matter, God will show up whether there are 19 students or 100+ students. God did show up! We had 4 decisions that week including 3 salvations! But God's presence doesn't stop at Falls Creek. Now, is the real challenge. Pray for the students to keep focused on God even when it is hard. Pray that they stay in the Word daily. Encourage them when you see them. Finally, ask them to tell you about their week. I would bet they would love to share with you.

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Mission Statement:
To glorify God by leading people to become mature believers in Christ.



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July 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2	3	4 Church Office Closed	5	6 Girl Scouts Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.	7	8
MEXICO MISSION TRIP						
9 Adult Sunday School Class Dinner - Noon	10	11 Gideon Dinner Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m.	12	13 Girl Scouts Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.	14	15
MEXICO MISSION TRIP						
16 Fellowship Brunch 8:15 Women of Faith Luncheon-Noon Deacon's Meeting	17	18	19	20	21	22 Floyd Largent's 85th Birthday Party 1-4 p.m.
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/MUSIC & KIDS CAMP						
23	24	25	26 Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	27	28	29 Victims Impact Panel Great Room 3:30 p.m.
30	31 Creek Nation Diabetes Camp					

JULY EXTENDED SESSION

BABIES - ONES

TWOS

THREES & FOURS

2	Don & Beverly Henson	Janet Taylor	Kaitlin & Lauren Galindo
9	Ginny Holder & Lawana Giddings	Kim Priegel	Vicki George & Elaine Martin
16	Gael Nichols & Kris Siegenthaler	Janet Taylor	Linda Ragain & Muriel Siegenthaler
23	Laura Talbot & Taylor Dawn	Kim Priegel	Marilyn White & Joyce Thomas
30	Vickie Stovall & Loretta Keaton	Janet Taylor	Mandy Flanary

PLEASE CONTACT JAYME AT THE OFFICE OR JANET IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK YOUR SUNDAY