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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 16-20
9—Noon

4 years—6th Grade



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- 2'S & 3'S – LAUREN GALINDO
- 4'S – JANET TAYLOR
- 5'S – ROSE AND ZACHARY COLLINS
- KINDERGARTEN – TRENACE CASEY AND BROOKE PROVENCE
- PRESCHOOL MISSIONS – MARILYN WHITE AND JAN PETERSON
- PRESCHOOL CHAPEL – TRENACE CASEY AND BROOKE PROVENCE
- 1ST GRADE – VALERIE WRIGHT AND PAT WILLIS
- 2ND GRADE – BARBARA KLAUS
- 3RD GRADE – ALLY THOMPSON AND KAITLIN GALINDO
- 4TH GRADE – SARAH REAGAN
- 5TH & 6TH GRADE – JOSH DONATO AND MALIK WILSON
- SNACKS – BEVERLY HENSON, LISA HOLTON AND RAYLEE JO TAYLOR
- RECREATION – LEE WILSON
- MISSIONS – MURIEL SIEGENTHALER AND CAROLYN BROWN
- CRAFTS – ALECIA MITCHELL
- MUSIC – MONTY WRIGHT, ERIN HOWELL AND KENNA MCCROSKEY
- RECORDS – PEGGY CAUDLE
- VIDEO & SOUND – MALIK WILSON AND JARRETT MITCHELL
- PHOTOGRAPHER – TAYLOR NEAL
- VAN DRIVER – DAVE WHITE



Begin now to pray for our workers as they prepare for an exciting week at Vacation Bible School. Invite your neighbors and bring your kids and grandkids to experience a week of learning how to play the game of life with Jesus on their side as their Coach!!!

VBS DAYCAMP FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE COMPLETED 4TH-6TH GRADE
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday following VBS Cost is \$35.00 per child
 Activities include.....
 Lunch each day
 Tuesday: Movie/Popcorn day at the church
 Wednesday: Laser Quest in Tulsa
 Thursday: Water Park in Muskogee

Parents must come to the office and sign Permission forms for child to be able to participate.



As many of you know this has been Banshee Camp at Memaw and Papa's house this week. (Complete with shirts-see picture)

The two oldest, Luke and Caleb, have helped me remove some storm debris from people's yards and houses this week. The generous people insisted on paying the rascals. They worked really hard dragging limbs to the curb to be picked up. Each made \$30 working with me.

At one of the houses a guy asked them how much they were going to give to God. That started a conversation about the tithe with my two grandsons. Both just finished the 2nd grade, so percentages haven't been accomplished yet. Thus, I'm tasked with helping them understand the 10th or 10%.

Finally it dawned on me to hold up 10 fingers and explain 1 out of 10 is the tithe and belongs to God.

That clicked. (Knew I was a math major for some reason!)

The next stage was to help them understand that 1 of 10 belongs to God before you went to Sonic. I wanted them to understand that we do not just give God what is left (after you go to Sonic)...but we give to Him first.


I wanted them to understand that this is important because—1. The tithe represents the whole and is our way of letting God know that all we have is His. 2. It is a gift of gratitude to God for his blessing and 3. It is an expression of faith that says to God, "We trust you to take care of us."

Quite a discussion for two little guys. (I wonder what their Daddies are teaching them!?) Good part is they were both excited to give their gift to God. Caleb even wanted to do it at our church this week as he will be here with me. I got to help them understand that the tithe is for the church where you attend and work, so he needs to take it home with him.

I'm so glad to be a part of a giving church that understands the tithe as well as gifts of sacrifice. Thank you!!!

See you in Worship and Bible Study this week,

Dennis



AND TO BE IN PRAYER AND PREPARATION FOR:

JOSH AND HANNAH'S WEDDING!!!	July 6
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & DAY CAMP	July 16-20
MEXICO MISSION TRIP	July 23-Aug 1

I don't spend a tremendous amount of time on Facebook, but I do like to go on every once and a while to look at photos of friends and family. The other day I was on and a video message was shared by a friend of mine from the Oklahoma Singing Churchmen.....Here is the illustration.....if you're like me it's an "oh me" instead of an "oh wow"...

A lady went to the Pastor and said...I won't be attending Church anymore....He said may I ask why? The lady replied that she saw people on their cell phones during the service, she had overheard some gossiping, knew that some weren't living right and that many were hypocrites... The Pastor got silent, and he said, OK....but can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?....she said what's that?...He said take a glass of water and walk around the church two times and don't let any water fall out of the glass...she was puzzled but said ok I can do that!...She came back and said it's done...The Pastor asked her 3 questions:1. Did you see anybody on their phone? 2. Did you see anyone gossiping? 3. Was anybody living wrong?...She said I didn't see anything because I was so focused on this glass, so the water wouldn't fall...He told her, when you come to Church, you should be just that focused on God, so that You don't fall....That's why Jesus said follow Me...don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. Let it be determined by how focused you are with God.

As I watched this video illustration it reminded me of two things. One is that we need to keep the main thing the main thing and that is telling others about Christ and the other reminder is of the old invitation song that says "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, look full on His wonderful face and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace"..... see you Sunday and stay focused!

Bro. Monty

Josh & Hannah



Pray for Dennis, Janet, Monty, Gary and Becky as they prepare to go to Mexico to minister there July 23-August 1.

They will be ministering in Cochoapa, Guerrero, the same church they have worked with the last two years. They will be doing a VBS with them in their home church as well as witnessing and prayer walking in the mission points where they are striving to start churches. If you would like to give monetarily to this ministry, please mark your envelope, "Mexico."

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Sunday Morning Worship may be viewed Live on fbcokmulgee.org each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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



If you would like to share a prayer request with our email prayer chain, please call the Church office or send a request to jayme@fbcokmulgee.org

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July 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 No B.A.L.L. Group this month	3	4 Office Closed Happy 4th of July	5 FIGHT!!! Mom's in Prayer Great Room 5:30	6 Josh & Hannah	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Victim's Impact Panel 3:30 PM Great Room
15 Fellowship Brunch 8:15 AM	16	17	18 Day Camp—4-6 Graders GAME ON!!!! Vacation Bible School	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.	26	27	28 Shrum Birthday Party in Fellowship Hall
29	30	31	MEXICO MISSION TRIP			
MEXICO TRIP CONTINUES.....						

JULY EXTENDED SESSION

BABIES - ONES

July 1 Don and Bev Henson
July 8 Ginny Holder/Lawana Giddings
July 15 Gael Nichols/Kris Siegenthaler
July 22 Laura Talbot & Taylor Talbot
July 29 Vickie Stovall & Loretta Keaton

THREES & FOURS

Kaitlin Galindo & Friend
Janet Taylor
Randy & Julie Weatherford
Janet Taylor
Muriel Siegenthaler & Friend

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