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## Cookies, Kids and Cobblers!!!



June 10th Please join us at 6:00 p.m.

in the Great Room to enjoy some music that some of our kids have been working on for weeks! Solos, groups and great talent! Come support our children's music program and enjoy some cobbler and/or cookies!!!

It's a "Win-Win-Win!!!"



**Don't Miss Out!!!** 1

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There will be a Garage Sale to benefit the China Mission Trip on Saturday, June 16th.

Please bring items that you would like to donate for them to sell to the Bus barn, after calling the church office....We can open the barn for your items.

And then plan to be here (early) on June 16th to take advantage of the great deals they will be offering to the community! Of course, if you would like to donate monetarily to The China or Mexico trip, please mark your offering envelope accordingly!

If you would like to help organize, price and get ready for the sale, contact the Church office and we will get you in touch with the organizing group!!!

Isn't it wonderful that there are so many ways to serve our Savior???  
Don't miss out on this opportunity!!!

Our church is struggling in many ways, you know this, I know this. Yet we are experiencing blessings as well, we have baptized 15 people already this year. To God Be the Glory!!! Many churches are struggling as well. It is easy many times to look at different situations and try to discern why struggles are taking place. Many times earthly physical reasons are offered and sometimes with some validity. But most of all it seems to me when the church struggles it is spiritual in nature.

In his very first board meeting Dr. Hance Dilbeck, our new BGC0 leader, delivered these words, “We have to consistently and carefully hedge against a tendency to offer people practical solutions to their spiritual problem. Our churches that are feeble are not feeble because they don’t know how to do Sunday School. They are feeble because they don’t know how to pray. They are feeble because they are corrupt by sin and are shallow in their faith.”

Paul writes in Ephesians 3:20—*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us...* So the question for each of us is “Are we releasing the power of God to work in us and through us with repentant hearts, obedient lives, faithful living and expectant prayer?”

Dennis



**If you are planning on or have an interest in joining the MEXICO MISSION TRIP TEAM Please send Dennis a text or call the office to talk to him.**

**dates**  
*to Remember*

**AND TO BE IN PRAYER AND PREPARATION FOR:**

<b>SUPER SUMMER</b>	<b>June 4-8</b>
<b>COOKIES, KIDS AND COBBLERS</b>	<b>June 10</b>
<b>DEACON'S MEETING</b>	<b>June 10</b>
<b>FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH</b>	<b>June 17</b>
<b>YOUTH FALLS CREEK</b>	<b>June 18-23</b>
<b>MEXICO MISSION TRIP</b>	<b>July 23-Aug 1</b>
<b>JOSH AND HANNAH'S WEDDING!!!</b>	<b>July 6</b>
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL &amp; DAY CAMP</b>	<b>July 16-20</b>

I ran across this article the other day in my daily devotions and it really struck home with me as I think about the summer and that many of us will be on vacation and will also be traveling around the country...let us continue to live for Christ throughout our daily lives. "Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."<sup>1</sup>

Alan Smith tells the story about a dignified, elderly woman who was among a group viewing an art exhibition in a newly opened gallery.

When one contemporary painting caught her eye, addressing the artist standing nearby, she gasped,

"What on earth is that?"

He smiled condescendingly. "That, my dear lady, is supposed to be a mother and her child."

"Well, then," reasoned the little old lady, "why isn't it?"<sup>2</sup>

Having seen some modern art, I can appreciate her question.

Sadly, according to various reports I have read there is little difference in the life of the average Christian than that of the average non-Christian. If we don't act like Christians, behave like Christians, live like Christians, and look like Christians, how will we ever impact the world in which we live for Christ?

To "look like Christians" we need to know what God's Word teaches—and obey it!

And when we're not sure how to act, we can ask ourselves the question: "What would Jesus do?"

And let us always pray that God will help us to be like Jesus to every life we touch . . . and to help us to "love one another." As Jesus said, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."<sup>3</sup> Bro. Monty

## A WORD FROM JOSH

FBC Okmulgee Church family,

I cannot believe that the month of May has come and went! And I know that these next few months will come and go even faster!

May has been a good month for the youth. Together, we went through a new series called, "The Bible Says What?!" and we went over what scripture says about certain topics; like slander and gossip, and lust and pornography. Personally, I think it was an eye opener for some of our students and overall, it went really well!

During the month of May, I also had the opportunity to speak at Morris High School's Bachelorette. I got the opportunity to share a little about my testimony and a few things that I wish I knew when I was there age and in their stage of life. It was such a fun and a humbling experience as I got to speak the gospel and truth to the students that were about to graduate. And I hope that I will have more opportunities like that to come again in the future!

As we dive head first into the summer, I would like for my church family to keep me and our youth in your prayers as we get ready for Super Summer and Falls Creek.

Pray that the students going to Super Summer will experience something radical during their time there and that the Holy Spirit will start a fire in their souls. And when they leave that place, they will bring that fire here to our youth group and to our church.

Pray that the students going to Falls Creek will have a life changing experience. Pray that the students that don't have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ will have one once they leave the camp ground. And also pray for the students that already have a relationship with Jesus Christ, and pray that they will strengthen their relationship with God during our week there.

And last, but not least, pray for my sanity and pray that I will find some rest as I attend these camps and get married in the next 5 weeks!! I couldn't do it without your prayers and support!

- Josh Donato

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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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# June 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4 B.A.L.L. Group 11:00 a.m.	5	6 Connections Small Group Cookout at Stovall's 5:30 p.m.	7 5:30 p.m. Mom's Prayer Group West Room	8	9 Victim's Impact Panel 3:30 p.m.—West Room
			STUDENTS TO SUPER SUMMER!!!			
10 Cookies, Kids and Cobblers! 6:00 p.m. Falls Creek Sponsor Mtg 8:00 p.m. Deacon's Mtg 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13	14 Okmulgee County Sharks End of the Year Banquet—Fellowship Hall	15	16 China Garage Sale
17 Fellowship Brunch 8:30 a.m.	YOUTH FALLS CREEK					23
24	25	26	27 Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	28 Sr. Adults To Shepherd's Cross Farm 8:30-5	29	30

**JUNE EXTENDED SESSION**

**BABIES - ONES**

- 3 Laura Talbot & Taylor
- 10 Gael Nichols  
Kris Siegenthaler
- 17 Ginny Holder  
Lawana Giddings
- 24 Don & Beverly Henson

**THREES & FOURS**

- Janet Taylor
- Marilyn White  
Joyce Thomas
- Janet Taylor
- Pam Wilson  
Vicki George

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