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**PLAN TO JOIN US  
OCTOBER 7TH  
AS WE MINISTER  
TO OUR  
COMMUNITY!**

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**WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE— September 5th**

*Please join us each Wednesday Night...*

- Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
- Children's TeamKid at 6:00 p.m.
- Preschool Children in Nursery Area at 6:00 p.m.
- Bible Study and Small Groups at the Church meet at 6:00 p.m.
- Crossover on the 4th floor at 6:00 p.m.
- Celebration Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY MORNING LADIES  
BIBLE STUDY  
BEGINS AGAIN SEPTEMBER 10TH  
AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE CHURCH**

**The Gospel of Mark with Lisa Harper.  
Childcare will be provided.**

Small Group at the Stovall's every Thursday, beginning September 6th  
1704 Forest Road, Okmulgee  
They will start at 6:00 pm for dinner followed by Bible Study at 7:00 pm  
"Someone Like You" It is a study on the life of Elijah.

Another opportunity for Ladies Bible Study will begin Sunday, September 16th at 4:00 p.m.  
At Trenace Casey's home  
18898 Gun Club Road

They will begin the study entitled, "Steadfast Love" with Lauren Chandler

Come and bring your favorite snack for A "Snack-luck!!!"

**Connections Group begins Wednesday, Sept 5th on the second floor at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Overwhelmed – James Merritt**  
You don't have to look very far to find people who are overwhelmed. We don't become over in the series *Overwhelmed*, James Merritt shares the steps to go from being overcome by life's stresses to walking in the peace and joy of Jesus. Learn what the Bible has to say about living a life on top!

Janet and I are so grateful for the wonderful day that you gave us to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with this family. We deeply appreciate all the kind words and gifts that were given to us. As I reflect on the day I have had some thoughts that I will share. While God has called me to serve in a role that is often up front and gets much attention, I think of all the servants in this body who toil selflessly in other places, some teach our children and preschoolers, others teach our youth—(anybody want that job), still others cook food, others mow the grass, drive the vans & bus, etc. We all are gifted and called by the same Lord and are called to follow his example revealed in Philippians 2:1-10. Humility allows us all to do our work without caring who gets the credit because it is for Jesus. For those of us who are up front we must remember we are never as good as some tell us! (Of course we are never as bad as others tells us, either! LOL) For those who toil in obscurity always remember who and why you serve. (Hint--It's not the blind unappreciative who know not what you do!) Please allow me to say thank you for your faithfulness!! God has given different gifts to the many members of his body, but each of us are to serve with the same spirit—humility and for the same purpose—his glory. As I said, Sunday, I want Phil. 1:26 to be the key verse—*so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus...* I would also pray that, as the body of Christ, what Paul taught us in 1 Cor. 12:26 be fulfilled—*If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.*

Perhaps Andre Crouch said it best,

*How can I say thanks for the things  
You have done for me?  
Things so undeserved yet you gave  
To prove your love for me  
The voices of a million angels  
Could not express my gratitude  
All that I am, and ever hope to be  
I owe it all to thee*

*To God be the glory, to God be the glory  
To God be the glory for the things he has done  
With his blood he has saved me  
With his power he has raised me  
To God be the glory for the things he has done  
Just let me live my life and  
Let it be pleasing Lord to thee  
And if I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary  
With his blood he has saved me  
With his power he has raised me  
To God be the glory for the things he has done*

Again thank you soooo much!!!!

See you in Bible Study and Worship this week,

Dennis

Children's Choirs begin Sunday, September 9 at 5:00 p.m.  
Sr. Adult Choir begins Monday, September 10 in the Choir Room—10:00 a.m.

THE SCHOOL YEAR HAS OFFICIALLY BEGUN! And church family, I'm so excited! I CANNOT wait for what God has in store for us in the 2018-2019 school year!

This past month has been great, and we kicked off the school year right. The Wednesday before school started, we had our own Back 2 School Bash! We had Slip-n-Slide Kickball, and a HUGE tarp covered in water, Dawn soap, and baby oil to play Watermelon Hockey! 4 Words: It. Was. A Blast. We had a great turn out and had so much fun! We posted a lot of pictures on Facebook, so make sure that you go check them out!

This past week, we started a 2-week series called "ALL IN". The series is based off the book called "ALL IN" by *New York Times* bestselling author, Mark Batterson. (If you have never read this book, you need to! It's such a good and challenging book, and an easy read!) Last week, we talked about how the will of God is not an insurance plan, but it's a daring plan. It's not a safe bet. It's a going ALL IN bet. And overall, my goal is to really challenge the students this school year to go "All In" for Christ.

I also, for the past month and a half or so, have been really convicted and have had a heavy heart that I have never read the entire Bible cover to cover. And so, last week, myself and the students started a 365-day challenge to read the Bible to its entirety. And so far, it's been going great!

Church family, one thing I will always ask from you is to just continue to pray for our students and our adult volunteers. Allow God to knock down barriers in each of our lives, and continue to pray for His Holy Spirit to keep moving amongst us and the students.

Love you all dearly!  
-Josh Donato

### The View From Here ...

Mark your calendars now for Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> as we will have a "Great Day of Serving" for the Okmulgee Community....I know some of you are asking "What is a great day of serving?" The Great Day of Serving has been done by churches in several of our towns in Oklahoma and other states. It provides the church an opportunity to go outside the four walls of the church on a Sunday morning and provide physical as well as spiritual help to those in need in Okmulgee...We will be mowing, weeding, trimming trees, hauling off trash, doing some light outdoor repairs to some homes in the Okmulgee area. We will also have teams available for Prayer walks and handing out fliers promoting our Church. I have contacted the Mayor and some of the councilmen in Okmulgee and we are looking for homes that we can work in. If you know of a friend or neighbor whose home would be a good candidate for the "Great Day of Service" don't hesitate to call the church or tell me so that we can make arrangements to have a team there on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

The schedule for the day will look like this:

**9:15 a.m. – Meet at the church for some coffee, juice and donuts...get geared up and ready!**

**9:30 a.m. – Prayer and work assignments**

**12:00 p.m. – Finish up at your project and head back to the church for lunch**

**1:00 p.m. – Worship Rally at the church.**

We will need about 5 – 6 people that would be willing to lead a team for the "Great Day of Serving....we want to use everybody from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to Senior Adult.

If you have any questions or want more information about the day call the church office or find me and I will be glad to fill you in....We will have sign-up sheets this week on the table in the lobby.  
Bro. Monty

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**Church office hours:**  
**Monday-Thursday 8:30 am -4:00 pm**  
**Friday:8:30 am -Noon**

Sunday Morning Worship may be viewed Live on [fbcokmulgee.org](http://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](mailto:jayme@fbcokmulgee.org)

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# September 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2	3 Labor Day Office Closed	4	5 Weekday Preschool Begins!!!  Wednesday Activities Begin!!!	6  Mom's Prayer Group 5:30 p.m.	7	8
9 Children's Choirs Begin  Deacon's Mtg 7:00 p.m.	10 Ladies Bible Study 9 am Sr. Adult Choir 10 am B.A.L.L. Group 11 am	11	12	13	14	15
16 Fellowship Brunch 8:30 a.m.  Ladies Bible Study at the Casey's 4:00	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Homeschool Art and Drama Classes Begin	26 See You At the Pole Rally!!! 6:30 p.m.  Finance Committee	27	28	29
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**SEPTEMBER EXTENDED SESSION**

**BABIES - ONES**

- 2 Laura and Taylor Talbot
- 9 Gale Nichols & Kris Siegenthaler
- 16 Ginny Holder & Lawana Giddings
- 23 Don and Beverly Henson
- 30 Loretta Keaton & Vickie Stovall

**THREES & FOURS**

- Janet Taylor & Shirley Almerigi
- Marilyn White & Joyce Thomas
- Janet Taylor
- Vicki George & Pam Wilson
- Kaitlin Galindo & Friend

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