

The Beacon

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“Serving as a beacon of light in the name of Jesus Christ”



Youth Force 2018

June 10-15 OCU

The LINK Youth Group from our church will be participating again this year in Youth Force OKC. June 10th—15th. As of now, we have 22 youth and 2 adults signed up to go. We will post a “needed equipment list” in the Welcome Center for anyone who would like to loan/donate tools, painting supplies, etc. for the youth to use for the week. Deadline to bring items in is June 7th.



Vacation Bible School Is Coming July 9—13th 5:30-8:30PM in FH

Registration will start soon!!! We still need crew leaders, music leaders, worship leaders, games leaders, Bible discovery leaders, Kid Vid leaders, and Craft leaders. Of course, we will also need a decorating crew, dinner crews and registration crews. Be the first to sign up for your area of interest! If you would like to sign up for any of these ministries, call or text Karen Styers at 642-0749.

UMM Monthly Breakfast

Sat. June 9 2018
8:00AM FH

Special Guest-
Rev. Carlos Ramirez



This will be the last UMM Breakfast until September. Please call the office at 491-1304 if you plan to attend, so we can get a count for breakfast.

Fond Farewell!

Wishing Pastor Larry Holder a fond farewell and best wishes as he embarks on his new post in Chandler, OK. We have enjoyed having you here at PCUMC and we will miss you!

The Members

Dear Friends,

What would you be willing to do to affair proof your marriage? What would you be willing to do to help your children avoid many of the pitfalls that befall them in their teen years? What would you be willing to do to help yourself get rid of some of your bad habits? I could go on and on with the questions, but how would you answer these and many similar questions. There is one thing that seems to impact all of these and most of us don't do it—even if we call ourselves Christians.

A few weeks ago, I read in the Daily Oklahoman the following statistics. (I did not check out where they came from or who did the study or how)

People who read the Bible 4 times a week are:

- 228% more likely to share their faith
- 231% more likely to disciple others in faith
- 407% more likely to memorize scripture
- 57% less likely to drink
- 68% less likely to have sex outside of marriage
- 61% less likely to view pornography
- 74% less likely to gamble

I find these numbers interesting. What they seem to say is it is not hard to know who is reading their Bibles, they share their faith, they disciple others (they know how), they have helpful scripture memorized, they are less likely to drink, to commit adultery, to get hooked on pornography and don't go to casino's or buy lottery tickets.

Over the years I have found most Christians have good reasons for why they do what they do. This survey seems to say, to me at least, that the biggest struggle we have within the church is people who are not reading they word.

All of the questions I asked at the beginning of this article, seem to be answered with the same advice: Read your Bible. Read your Bible with your children, family and friends. Study it together and you very well may avoid many of the temptations of life.

I know I have encouraged you to read your Bibles on a regular basis, in the past. But these statistics seem to say that, not only, will we be more faithful if we read the Bible, we probably will engage in fewer destructive behaviors and feel more secure in sharing our faith (something most Christians are afraid to do). And as for me, I know there is no other way to know Jesus or to be transformed by Jesus than to read and study His word.

When I think of the major moral issues we argue about in the church today (and in society as a whole), I imagine they are major issues, because not all are coming to the table having read the instruction manual. When we base life on what we believe or on our life experience, we are limit what God can do in our lives. When we base our lives on the Bible, the Living Word of God, there are no limits to what God can do in our lives. Of course if we actually read the book, we may feel the need to change some of our beliefs, so they reflect Jesus and not us.



THE LINK STUDENT MINISTRIES

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES and PCUMC Youth Director

Jody Caruthers

Parent Meeting for Youth Force on June 3rd in the Youth Room directly following the service. Lunch will be provided for families.

Just a reminder, the Youth continue to meet throughout the summer and we still need people to sign up to bring a meal on Wednesday evening for the youth. Sign up sheets are in the Welcome Center on the information desk.



Opportunity to Serve in Worship!

Children's Church is on break for the summer. I am looking for persons to give children's sermons during the summer months. We need children's sermons each Sunday, with the exception of the first Sunday which is communion Sunday, in June, July and August. If you would like to serve in this way, contact Karen at 642-0749 or krstyers@juno.com. It's okay if you don't have an idea yet. I have lots of resources to help build children's sermons.



CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATES!

**HIGH SCHOOL
MORGAN WHITE, JOSH STYERS & WEST LYNCH
COLLEGE-OU
BILLY BATES**

White Roaster Missing



If you borrowed one of the large white roasters from the kitchen/pantry, please return it at your earliest convenience. The roasters are used for Mobile Meals and other luncheon functions at the church and we'd appreciate having it returned.

Thank you in advance
Donna Gray

To Putnam City members

Thank you so much for all the cards for my graduation. Thanks for coming to the luncheon. It made me feel really good to be a member at Putnam City United Methodist Church.
Joshua Styers



WELCOME!

The members of PCUMC would like to extend a warm welcome to Rev. Carlos Ramirez and his family. We hop you enjoy your time with us.

The Members

JUST A LITTLE Reminder

Mobile Meals is in need of your help. Please consider making a donation to Mobile Meals so we can continue with this ministry. As we continue to deliver meals to our shut-ins during the summer months, any and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

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Member Shut-Ins (Nursing Homes, Illnesses, etc.)

Beesley, Beverly
Blevins, Helen
Boren, Pat
Boughten, Gary
Cates, JoAnne
DeLong, Betty
Demaree, Carolyn
Galaway, Cliff
Galpin, Jana
Garrison, Ramona
Gibbs, Nila
Glenn, Berdena
Kanary, Bob & Lynne
Johnson, Betty
Lackey, Karen
Lackey, Mary Lee & Homer
Marlowe, John
McDonald, George
McLemore, Roosevelt & Tona
McGuinn, Nola
Nutt, Woodna
Osburn, Teri

Rollins, Robert
Russell, Wilda
Shelton, Bill
Simmons, Ann
Steward, Ruth
Stone, Jody
Swink, Jerry
Templin, Glyn & Freda
Thompson, Betty

*Members in Service
of our Country*

Katie Gritzmaker
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Angela Nieman
Daniel Pierce
Tyler Duncan

If you'd like to send a card, please
call the office for the address.

REMEMBER!!



Prayers for:

Beverly Beesley
Gary Boughten
Carl Conley
Carolyn Demaree
Mary Lee Lackey
George McDonald
Woodna Nutt
Pat Aldredge
Betty Thompson
Jana Galpin
Phyllis Thomas
John Marlowe
Betty Johnson
JoAnne Cates
Hazel Caveness
Jane Conway
Lucy Shields

Bob & Lynne Kanary
Fred & Glyn Templin
Nila Gibbs,
Bill Davis' son Mark
Andy Vrooman
Kellye Bates
Karen Lackey
Jerry Swink
Berdena Glenn
The Neigs family
Bill Shelton
Ruth Steward
Kinlee Boughten
Pat Boren
Kyle Upchurch
Nila Gibbs



Be watchful of kids on bikes,
scooters, playing, and walking
along streets and in neighborhoods.