

THE TOWER



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Every one of us is formed in various ways by people and experiences that influence us. Our character is formed or shaped. The person we truly are is formed. Sin deforms us. God is out to reform us in God's image that we see in Jesus.

The apostle Paul writes to the Galatians, "My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is *formed* in you" (Gal. 4:19, NRSV). Paul refers to God's purpose for his people "to be *conformed* to the likeness of his Son" (Romans 8:29). Later, he writes, "Do not *conform* any longer to the pattern of this world, but be *transformed* by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:2). Finally, Paul tells the Corinthians, "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being *transformed* into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (2 Cor 3:18).

The form/conform/transform words Paul uses have the root *morph* in them. That is the shape of something. It can be how something looks. The New Testament word for *transform* is where we get the word *metamorphosis*. Like the caterpillar changing to a butterfly, we're being changed to become more like Jesus. Through the Holy Spirit's work, our inner life becomes like Jesus' inner life so our thoughts and actions are what his would be if he were in our place, living our life.

Our life with God in Christ and the Spirit is shaping and forming us into what God intends. This is a big part of what the church is about. It's why we worship and study and pray and serve and engage in many other practices that open us to the influence of God's Spirit.

God Bless

John

July Sermons

- 4 “Sin’s Tyranny” (Romans 3:9-20)
- 11 “Righteousness Revealed” (Romans 3:21-26)
- 18 Grandpa’s Neighbors music
- 25 “Abraham’s Faith” (Romans 4:16-17)

We welcome you to our services— Durant 10am and Caddo 11am.

Facebook Live at 10am on the First United Methodist Church Durant-Caddo page.

Services can be viewed at durantumc.org under the Service Video heading.



Lights on the Lawn



Join us Sunday, July 4th at 8:30pm for our annual Lights on the Lawn.

Come out to the church lawn where we have a great view of the

Choctaw Casino fireworks show. The Children’s

Department will provide drinks and snacks. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend! See you there!





Nancy wishes to express her deepest appreciation to the Bell Choir, Choir, and Marilyn Smith for their dedication this spring. Our church is truly blessed as you use your talents to serve God and the church.

As Choir and Bell Choir take a break for the next several weeks, we are in need of special music. Anyone who would like to provide special music for our worship services in the coming weeks, please contact Nancy. nancymillerbreon@yahoo.com

Grandpa's Neighbors will be here July 18th.

Choir and Bell Choir will return to rehearsals in August.



Pianos

The church has several pianos available at no charge. Nancy has all of the details. They are in good shape but need tuning.



FUMC First Kids News



VBS is coming July 5th – 9th

9:00- Noon

This year at VBS we will Venture into a frozen land in search of the King's mighty armor in Knights of the North Castle. I am so excited to see what God has in store for our children during VBS. We will be spending the week learning all about the Armor of God. Please be in prayer for this week: pray for our teachers to have guidance from the Holy Spirit while teaching these children the Word of God, prayer for our helpers as the work is fast paced and sometimes long ☺ and pray for the children to have open hearts to hear and learn the Word of the Lord!

Thank you for praying and supporting this awesome ministry! Also take a look around the church on Sunday, to see the wonderful decorations for this adventure.



Come join us July 4th in front of the church for our 6th annual Lights on the Lawn. From our front lawn you can see fireworks from all over the city, as well as a great view of the show put on by Choctaw Casino, without the traffic. There will be drinks and snacks provided by the children's department. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and some bug spray and come join in on the fun. The festivities will start at 8:30.

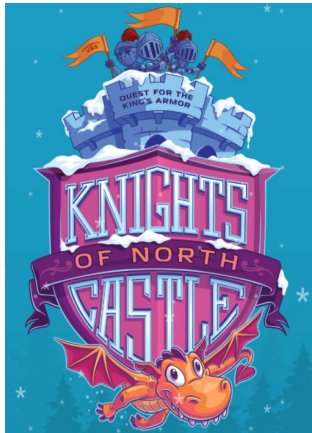


Watch your emails for some fun exciting summer activities coming soon. There will be family events, as well as a few Parents day out events scheduled!



Sundays: Sunday School @ 9am & Children's Worship @ 10am

Kimberly Vincent-- 580-380-5458-- childrendirector@durantumc.org



Youth will be helping out the Children's department with VBS.

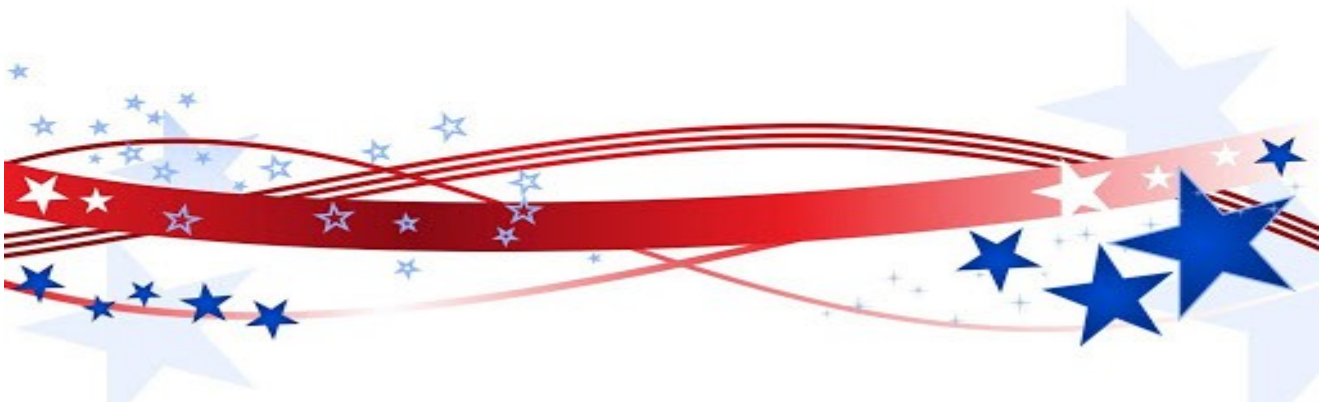
Keep the week of July 5th – 9th free from 9:00- Noon to be available to help.

***July 7th
we will go
to TopGolf
in Allen.***



TOPGOLF

***Join us for
a fun time and bring a
friend. It's always fun
with more friends.***



*The Church office will be
open from 10am-2pm
Monday through Thursday
during the months of June
and July.*

SUMMER

OFFICE HOURS

Care Team Meeting

Tuesday, July 13th at 1:30

Do you have a heart for the elderly or homebound? Come see how you can serve. This volunteer group makes a big impact with minimal time commitment.

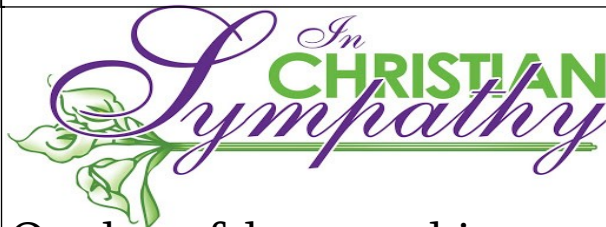


We extend our condolences to Gina Smith and her family. Gina's mother, Imogene Wagner, passed away on June 24, 2021.

United Methodist Women will meet July 25th right after the worship service. Join us as we enjoy fellowship with each other and talk about the coming year.



United
Methodist
Women

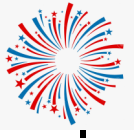


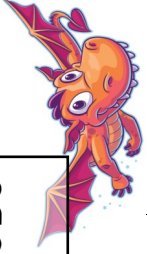
Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Cindy Rhoden and her family. Robert Rhoden passed away June 15th.



1st—Mark Coverstone
2nd—Eli Breon,
Pat Currence,
Ella Samrow
3rd—Guy Carey,
Maggie Martens
5th—Laura Swearengin
12th—Josh Mussett
13th—Chris Marcy
15th—Sam Patrigo,
Stan Wadley
16th—Geri Mendez
17th—Delany Marcy
19th—Barbara Freeny
20th—Lisa Craig
22nd—Holly Shattuck
24th—Kim Vincent
25th—Blair Burrage
26th—Randy Mullens
27th—Janet Tompkins
Caleb Vandaveer
29th—DAnn Matthews
31st—Kathy Summer

July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 4 9am—Sunday School 10am—Worship 11am—Caddo Service 8:30pm—Lights on the Lawn				1	2	3
			Meals on Wheels			
5  9am—Sunday School 10am—Worship 11am—Caddo Service 8:30pm—Lights on the Lawn	12 12-2pm—Lydia Circle	13 1:30—Care Team Meeting	14 Afternoon—Youth to Top Golf	8 VBS—Knights of the North Castle 9AM—12PM 	9 10	
11 9am—Sunday School 10am—Worship 11am—Caddo Service 4pm—Leadership Team Meeting				15	16	17
18 9am—Sunday School 10am—Worship with Grandpa's Neighbors 11am—Caddo Service	19 12-2pm—Lydia Circle	20 12-2pm—Lydia Circle	21 12-2pm—Lydia Circle	22 12-2pm—Lydia Circle	23 12-2pm—Lydia Circle	24 12-2pm—Lydia Circle
25 9am—Sunday School 10am—Worship 11am—Caddo Service 11am—UMW meeting	26 12-2pm—Lydia Circle	27 12-2pm—Lydia Circle	28 12-2pm—Lydia Circle	29 12-2pm—Lydia Circle	30 12-2pm—Lydia Circle	31 

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Remember In Prayer				
<u>Military Personnel</u> Mark Long– Ft. Sill Cameron Smith-Stateside	<u>Special Needs</u> Helen Vandaveer Mike Hallford, Kim’s Brother-in-law Paul Williams	<u>Special Needs</u> Bull Eslick Donna Milson Judy Horn	<u>Home Bound</u> Ann Endebrock Jack & Johnnye McBee <u>Assisted Living</u> Janet Tompkins	
Please notify the church office of any additions or changes to the prayer list. firstumc@durantumc.org .				