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Serving God 116 Years

Sunday School
 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship
 10:30 A.M.



BLOCK PARTY

August 16th
5 p.m.
Church Lawn

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

I am writing this newsletter article during a quiet moment at LeFlore County Youth Force. This has been an amazing week with over 100 youth and adults working on home repairs in Poteau and other local communities. There has been a lot of excitement as the gospel of Christ has been proclaimed through deed and word. Every day, the groups have talked about those moments of “God sightings” experienced each day. It is clear that the future of the Church is bright.

On Sunday, August 16 we will be enjoying a Back to School block party. The church will provide hamburgers and hot dogs and the condiments that go with them. We would ask you to bring chips, potato salad, baked beans or desert to share. There will be inflatable games outside and bingo inside the CFLC. Bring friends and family; we'll be getting the word out around the neighborhood. It will be a great evening of fun and fellowship starting at 5:00.

Some additional upcoming events that I want to be sure and tell you about include a Revival series on Sept. 13-15. Our guest preacher is a good friend, Jennifer Long. She has been serving the United Methodist Church in Cache, OK but is now beginning her own evangelism ministry group. You will really want to hear her messages.

Also in September, we will begin a 5 week study on the book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. This is such an important book that is helping churches across the denomination rethink and reshape their ministry. I would encourage all the adult classes to use it for their study. There will be more information about these September events in the next few weeks.

Grace & peace,


REV. GREGORY J. TENER



Welcome New Members!

We welcome our newest members, Dee and Keely Carsello and Mary Bruce who joined our church on July 12 by transfer of membership from First Presbyterian Church of Poteau.

We are so happy to have them as a part of our church family.

Infant Baptism

Maci Jane Pickle was baptized on July 19. She is the daughter of Justin and Jaime Pickle, granddaughter of Judy Peerson, and great-granddaughter of Clyta Britton.

Linen Shower for Women's Crisis Center

On Sunday, August 2 we will have a Linen Shower for the Women's Crisis Center. Especially needed are wash cloths, towels, and twin size sheets. Bring your gifts to the morning worship service.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for June, 2009

2009 Average Attendance Figures for June: 144
 2009 Budget Requirements: \$346,911.00
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,671.37
 Needed through June: \$173,455.62
 June Receipts: \$39,929.63
 June Expenditures: \$51,128.78

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Youth & Children's Director	Kimberly Hardaway
Music Director	Steve Clark
Church Secretary	Brenda Ferguson
Lead Nursery Attendant	Jayla Craig
Organist	Wendy Kelly
Custodian and Door Opener	Ted Kilgore

District web page: 222.gbmg-umc.org/mc-dist/

AUGUST CHURCH CALENDAR

WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINE:

10 a.m. each Thursday

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Third Friday of each month

• **SUNDAY** •

This Holy Mystery, 9:30 a.m., CFLC

(Ends August 23rd)

**United Methodist Youth Fellowship
(C.H.A.O.S.), 5:00 p.m.**

• **MONDAY** •

Boy Scouts, 7:00 p.m., CFLC

• **TUESDAY** •

Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m., CFLC

• **WEDNESDAY** •

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.

(Begins August 12th)

• **THURSDAY** •

Mother's Day Out, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(Changes to Friday on August 14th)

Girl Scout Troop #4034, 5:30 p.m.

- 2 Linen Shower for Women's Crisis Center
- 8 United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Meeting, 8:00 a.m., CFLC
- 9 Promotion Sunday
Committee on Lay Leadership/Nominations Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 11 Membership Care Committee Meeting, 11:00 a.m., CFLC
- 16 Back to School Block Party, 5:00 p.m., Church Lawn
- 17 Preschool Begins
- 30 Afternoon Worship Service, 2:00 p.m., Oaks Health Care Center

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 2 Betty and Aaron Ridenour
- 9 Charles and Marilyn Meek
- 16 Terri Martin and Nina Sizemore
- 23 Peggy Talley and Liz Perry
- 30 Randy and Tami Matos



LITURGISTS

- 9 Allison Stone
- 16 Sam Shore
- 23 Kelsey Robinson
- 30 Haven Perry



MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

- 2 Lily Shore
- 9 Taryn Shelton
- 16 Kylanna Hardaway
- 23 Katie Redhage
- 30 Morgan Bandy





News of Children and Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway

UMYF (C.H.A.O.S.)

CHAOS meets Sunday evenings and is for all youth in 6th grade thru 12th grade.

August

- 2 C.H.A.O.S., 5 to 7 p.m.
(Meal: Martha Renfro)
- 9 Parent Volleyball Night, 5:00 p.m. (All youth families are invited to bring a favorite dish to share)
- 15 St. Yootz Day at Frontier City. Leave at 9:00 a.m. and return after midnight. Please sign up by August 5. Cost is \$25. (Friends are allowed but a friend's cost is \$35)
- 16 Youth Council Luncheon Meeting following worship
Backyard Back-to-School Bash, 5:00 p.m.
- 23 C.H.A.O.S., 5 to 7 p.m.
(Meal: Brian and Katie Shore)
- 30 C.H.A.O.S., 5 to 7 p.m.
(Meal: Jean Whigham)

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Mother's Day Out

Mother's Day Out is for 1 to 4 year olds on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the nursery rooms on August 6th. The dates switch to Fridays starting August 14th. Cost is \$10 per visit. Note: No snack or lunch will be provided. Participants will need to provide a snack sack with child's name on it for food and a diaper back with diapers and wipes.

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Promotion Sunday is August 9th

Sunday, August 9th is the day all students are officially moved to their new grades for the upcoming school year. During the morning worship service, those entering third through sixth grades will receive special literature.

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Middle School Sunday School Class

Those students entering sixth, seventh, and eighth grades will no longer be a part of the rotation Sunday School, but instead will meet in their own Sunday School classroom beginning August 9th. That classroom is located in the CFLC and is the middle classroom off the gym. Nina Sizemore, Brian Shore, and Jason Bandy will be the adults teaching the middle school for the coming year.

LOGOS Dates

LOGOS is a Wednesday after school program that meets during the school year for ages Pre-K through 8th grade.

Important dates to remember are:

- Parent Meeting for registering children: Sunday, August 30, 9:30 a.m., CFLC or Thursday, September 3, 6:30 p.m., CFLC
- Volunteer meeting for those helping: Wednesday, September 2, 6:30 p.m., CFLC

Correspondence



Greetings Dear Friends and Kin:

Thank you for a wonderful happy 98th birthday! I have relived it so many times, and it gets more enjoyable each time. As the years go on, it's sweeter as the days go by. We begin to take the time just to remember, enjoy, and be thankful for all the blessings God has given to us. His love, the comfort of knowing we are in His care; His peace and His joy. He tells of "His" peace and "His" joy that He was living for us. What wonderful gifts.

Thank you, Dear Lord! Thank each of you again for brightening every corner of my life.

Remember – God loves you, and I love you too.

Sincerely,
Evelyn White

Membership Care Committee

**Meeting Tues., August 11,
11:00 a.m., CFLC**

The Membership Care Committee meets on the second Tuesday each month. We reach out to those who are homebound or are dealing with health issues or bereavement.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may pick up visitation cards in the Membership Care box in the church office. Just sign the sheet to let us know whom you'll be contacting. Make a phone call, send a card, or visit in the home and brighten someone's day. Visitation cards may be returned to the office, or bring them with you to the next meeting. Also, if you know of someone who could benefit from a visit, a phone call, a card, or a prayer shawl, please let us know by calling Virginia Stanley (647-2618).



Evelyn's Inspiration

By Evelyn White

O Happy Day! It Was Wonderful On Sunday, 21st of June

In my travel of time – I came up to a “Corner Stone!” What now? It was BIG! I prayed for help and guidance. There was no way to go “around”. The only way was to start climbing – so with God’s help, in time I was on the other side! It was a whole new time – day and year.

I was 98 years old! During those traveling years I “homesteaded” in several places – Oklahoma – Alabama – Tennessee – Ohio – California. Then back to God’s Country! In every place I was blessed with wonderful friends – they were God’s creation and they were there to help shape my life.

The Greatest Blessing during my years is knowing that God was with me where ever I lived – through a lot of sickness, hard times – yes, and the happy times too! How wonderful!


But you know what? When I finally got over that Stone and looked up – the “Road” didn’t end there. I couldn’t see the end, so I had to start traveling again.

Dear Heavenly Father, please take my hand and lead me through each step of the way. Thank you, Heavenly Father, for every blessing. Thanks most of all for the privilege of calling you My Father Who Art in Heaven.

God’s love and peace to all –

I love you too.

Evelyn

United Methodist Church PRESCHOOL 	By Tracey Gilliam, Preschool Director
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Preschool begins August 17th. Classes are full, but if you missed enrollment, you can have your child placed on the waiting list for the next opening.

*Thank You to everyone who helped
with Youth Force this past week.
It was a wonderful project.*

August Birthdays

- 2 Vernon Roberts
- 4 Josie Garrett
- 5 James Fruen, Jr. and Tanya Brown
- 8 Gary Brown, Sr., Bob Bullock,
and Margaret Nichols
- 10 Keith Wright
- 12 Patty Wright and William Slater
- 14 Lloyd Lee
- 15 Genny Dorsey and Clint Lawrence
- 16 Chris Neurohr and Shirley James
- 17 Christie Williams
- 18 Nancy Shore, Derby Whitefield and Waylon
Murray
- 19 Jake Thompson
- 20 Matt Stoughton and Kyle Hardaway
- 21 Mallory Mixon and Haven Perry
- 26 Gary Blackshare
- 27 Ryan Clayburn, Virginia Kidd, and Janet
DeSpain
- 28 Kimberly Hardaway and Peggy Gartner
- 29 Gerry Roberts



August Anniversaries

- 4 Steve and Nancy Clark
Lloyd and Dana Lee
- 5 Jerry and Carol Baker
- 8 Jim and Jayla Craig
- 12 David and Patty Redhage
- 13 Jim and Judy Hall
- 19 Shannon and Amy Stubbs
- 27 Ken and Susan Hammond



Save Your Aluminum Cans!

Genny Dorsey is still collecting aluminum cans for recycling. The money is used to help the needy. When the cans are sold, Genny matches the amount with her own money so that makes your cans worth twice as much.

There is a collection barrel at the church. Please save your cans for this ministry. If you have questions, call the church office or Genny Dorsey. Thank you for your contributions.

• Summer Giving •

During the busy months of summer vacations and trips, please remember that the ministries of the church continue throughout the summer. Please remember to keep your pledges to the church up to date if you are planning to be away.