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SERVING GOD 120 YEARS

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

*This month
marks
120 years
of our church
serving God
in Poteau.*

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Covenant Considerations

*I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure
and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.*

John Wesley 1775

Easter is here!
Christ is Risen!
Now what?

In the days after the resurrection, Jesus commanded the disciples to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit, which had been promised. We read in Acts that during those days they, the disciples, “all joined together in prayer” (Acts 1:14 NIV). This was a time of preparation for the disciples; a time in which they were being prepared to take the Good News of the Gospel to the world. It was a time during which their confidence was renewed and strengthened. It was a time during which their solidarity was increased. It was a time in which they actively sought God’s will and direction both as individuals and as community.

John Wesley’s Covenant Prayer printed above is typically recited during New Year’s Eve Watch Night Services when Christians renew their covenant with God. However, during this Easter season as we, like the disciples, are preparing for Pentecost, it is an appropriate prayer for us.

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REV. KYLE CLARK



Now is the time for us to open ourselves to God; to allow God to work in us and through us; to allow the Holy Spirit to strengthen us and renew us individually and as a community so that we can announce the Good News of the Risen Lord to others!

This time of preparation is important. We can do nothing on our own. We need the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. During these next few weeks leading up to the Day of Pentecost, I encourage you to earnestly and daily pray the covenant prayer asking God to prepare you and our church for the exciting opportunities we will have to live, grow and serve in Christ!

Grace and Peace,

Kyle

Total Building Fund Pledges Received To Date:
\$565,828.00

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for February 2013
Average Attendance Figures for February: 147
2013 Budget Requirements: \$400,000.00
Needed for Budget Each Week: \$7,692.31
Needed through February: \$61,538.48
February Receipts: \$29,940.88
February Expenditures: \$30,614.79
New Building Fund Figures:
Deposits: \$1,416,757.68
Expenditures: \$2,567,337.57

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Youth Director	Kimberly Hardaway
Music Director	Steve Clark
Logos Director	Tami Matos
Church Secretary	Brenda Ferguson
Lead Nursery Attendant	Jayla Craig
Organist	Wendy Kelly
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District web page: www.gbmg-umc.org/mc-dist/

APRIL CHURCH CALENDAR

Worship Bulletin Deadline: 10 a.m. Thursday

Newsletter Deadline: Third Friday of month

• **SUNDAY** •

UMYF (CHAOS), 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

• **MONDAY** •

Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., CFLC
Christian Preschool Monday – Thursday
8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Education Building

• **TUESDAY** •

Cub Scouts, 6 p.m., CFLC

• **WEDNESDAY** •

LOGOS, 3:15 p.m., CFLC (Ends April 10)
Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Women’s Bible Study, 6:15 p.m., J.N. Ross
Room (Ends April 3)

• **THURSDAY** •

Senior Café, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., CFLC
Girl Scouts, 4:00 p.m.

- 2 Trustees Meeting – Conference Room
- 3 Last Women’s Bible Study
- 8 UMW Women of Faith Meeting, Luncheon and Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., CFLC
- 10 Last Logos
- 13 Annual Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Christian Free Clinic, 6:30 to 10:30, CFLC
- UMW District Meeting in McAlester
- Treble Choir Spring Concert, 7 p.m., Sanctuary
- 14 Treble Choir Spring Concert, 2 p.m., Sanctuary
- Trivia Night, 5 p.m., CFLC
- 17 Logos Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 5 p.m., CFLC
- 20 Free Neighborhood Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m., CFLC

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 7 Randy and Tami Matos
- 14 Peggy Talley and Liz Perry
- 21 Charles and Marilyn Meeks
- 28 Jerry and Mary Ford



ACOLYTES

- 7 Aiden Alexander and Luke Wheat
- 14 Jessa Craig and Demi Gilliam
- 21 Wyatt Holt and Kyson Hardaway
- 28 Tabitha Zabala and Baleigh Quarry



News of Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway, Youth Director

UMYF (CHAOS) meets Sunday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. and is for all youth 6th through 12th grade.

The schedule is as follows:

APRIL

- 7 Youth Sunday during Worship
Regular meeting at 5. Sign up by today for District Camp and Youth Force!
- 14 Regular meeting at 5
- 21 Regular meeting at 5
- 28 Youth Council meeting following church
Regular Meeting at 5

MAY

- 5 Outdoor Laserquest in Fayetteville. Leave at 1 p.m. and return at 8 p.m. Cost: \$20 per person. Sign up by April 28.

United Methodist Church
PRESCHOOL

By
Tracey Gilliam,
Preschool Director



In the month of April the Preschool students will be learning about the letters V, W, X, Y and Z. The colors will be black and gray. The shapes of the month are the diamond and the oval. The April memory verse is "God made us to do good."

The themes for April are Ladybugs, Springtime, Animals That Change and People From Other Places.

Preschool pre-enrollment will be on April 16th between 4 and 7 p.m. If you need more information, please call Ms. Tracey at 839-7424 or the church at 647-2217 between 9 and 12.

Spiro Craft Show

The Spiro Mayfest Craft Show will be Sat., May 4 from 9 to 5 at the Spiro United Methodist Church, downtown, corner of Main Street and Hwy. 9/271.

The UMW will be selling cookbooks and Rada cutlery. The UMM are hosting a Pancake Breakfast and the Youth are hosting lunch.

Attention Crafters or church units! Sign up for booth space by calling Kathy Early at 918-839 or 918-962-5088 or mayfest@outlok.com.



Cards of Thanks

Thanks to everyone who generously volunteered to help with the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Thanks to the help of many volunteers, we distributed 15 prayer shawls in March.

If you know of someone who would like to have a prayer shawl, please call Cindy Brody (918-385-1542) or Kay Thomas (918-647-3491).

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As we conclude the 2012-2013 LOGOS program on April 10th, we need to give a special word of thanks to everyone who made it possible: those who donated scholarships, faithful volunteers who showed up to cook, clean, serve as table parents, and direct all the children's activities each week, and especially to Tami Matos, who assumed responsibility for directing the program this year.

Tami took over on very short notice when Kim Hardaway accepted a teaching position last summer, and without Tami, we simply would not have had LOGOS this year. She coordinated meal planning and shopping, decorating and table setting, and the various classes. Tami started each week's gathering with a lesson and Bible verse, which became the focus for that day.

Another unsung hero is Matthew Houston, who so capably guides worship skills and programs year after year. We couldn't do without Matthew.

Special thanks goes to the teachers who are there every week, Debbie Clark, Suzanne Klutts, Eunice Alba, Judy Peerson, Krissy Manning, Darrell Plummer, Janet Sockey, Sheri Zabala, Andrea Traywick, and Melanie Wheat. The senior high program continues to grow thanks to the efforts of Nikki Perry, Terri Martin, and their helpers.

It takes so many people to keep LOGOS going, and each and every one of you are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for what you do for our children and youth.

Membership Care Committee Meeting April 10

The Membership Care Committee will meet the second Wednesday in April (10th).

If you know someone in need of our care, call Virginia Stanley (647-2618) or Kay Thomas (647-3491).

LOGOS - - -

By Tami Matos, Director

Logos is a Wednesday after school ministry that meets in the CFLC during the school year for ages Pre-K through 8th grade. Dinner is at 5:00, and check-out time is 6:00.

April Themes:

April 3 – Picnic

April 10 – Closing Celebration

Closing Celebration

On April 10 at 6:30 the children and youth of Logos will lead a closing worship service, “10 years of Logos Celebrated”. All are invited to come enjoy the music of the past 10 years of Logos at Poteau First United Methodist Church.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

On April 17 at 5:00 (CFLC) there will be a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. All LOGOS Volunteers (teachers, kitchen cooks/clean up, table parents, dessert cooks, bus drivers) are invited to attend a delicious Italian dinner (Randy’s special recipe for meatballs and sauce will be served!).

Please RSVP Tami Matos 647-4414 or church office 647-2217 by April 14.

Trivia Night

Trivia night is a fun way to mix and mingle with your church family. We play as teams and just for fun! Come out for a fun night of testing your brain power about all kinds of trivia. Be there Sunday April 14th, CFLC at 5:00.

United Methodist Women of Faith

Our April meeting will be Monday, April 8 at 10:30 a.m.

We will start with our Bible Study then business and luncheon.

Saturday, April 13 will be our McAlester District Meeting in Atoka. If you wish to attend and go on the church bus, please call Dorothy G. James at 918-647-4205 or Brenda in the office by 10 a.m., Monday, April 8.

We are observing the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2 at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary with a devotional and music. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Happy Spring, God Bless
Dorothy G. James, President



April Birthdays

- 1 Janell Darneal
- 3 April Remy
- 4 Dorthea Sue O’Neal
- 5 Kendy Jo Traywick and Nathan Clark
- 6 Rece Ward and Haley Clark
- 7 Dana Wheat and Bill Lancaster
- 10 Jaxon Bradshaw and Jace Bandy
- 11 Drew DeCamp
- 12 Rachel Ware
- 13 Chad Bridges and Ted Bandy
- 14 Jean Whigham and Cindy Woolbright
- 15 Brian Shore and Kylanna Hardaway
- 16 Pat Shelton and Myrna Davis
- 18 Ron Cofer, Wayne Neuharth, Lily Shore and Kay Thomas
- 19 Melissa Reyes, Katie Cox and Joshua Mixon
- 20 Brandon Fruen, Jaimie Downing and Dustin Green
- 22 Melissa Ward
- 23 Marilyn Meek
- 24 Khia Brookfield
- 26 Ashley Plumlee
- 27 Katie Redhage and Laurie Bandy
- 29 Kody Whitehead, Dorothy James and Kyle Clark



April Anniversaries

- 9 Gary and Linda Brown
- 11 Charlie and Katie Rust
Hank and Barbara Harris
- 18 Keith and Patty Wright
- 24 Bruce and Carol Darrow
- 28 Preston and Laney Plumlee
- 29 John and Nikki Perry



Handbell Choir Note

After lots of reflection and discussion with loyal handbell ringers, we have decided to disband for the time being. Due to scheduling challenges, it has been really hard to get us all together for rehearsal. Without consistent rehearsals with all members, we are unable to do the music justice.

Our goal is to provide the best we can for the congregation during Sunday worship services. The plan is to re-organize in the fall. It is my personal hope that, at that time, we will be able to have a full handbell choir ready to add our special brand of music to worship services.

Sandra Slater, Handbell Choir Director