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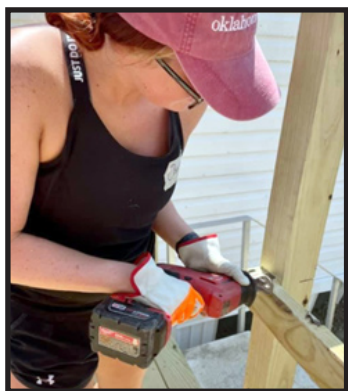
POTEAU, OKLAHOMA

SERVING GOD 127 YEARS

Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Worship Bulletins
may now be picked up
on Thursdays
after 11:00.



Delta Grace **Mission Team**

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE



The first day of summer may have only been a week or so ago but the sweat pouring down my face and the never ending yard work tell me that summer has been here for a while. Once school is out and the weather starts to warm up, I start wanting a summer vacation.

I am not real picky on where we go, but I just want a change of scenery, a change of routine, and a place my kids can create some fun memories.

Once we head on vacation, I love the fact that everything has changed. The scenery is different from my office. The schedule of the day is more relaxed. I don't worry about my yard growing grass a mile a minute. My demeanor, my stress level, my attitude all change a little when we are gone. It's nice. But have you ever gone on vacation or left for a trip somewhere and you just couldn't wait to get home? You were ready to crawl back into your bed. You were ready for your safe, normal routine instead of the one you were just doing while away. It's like saying "these breaks can be good, but only for awhile, then I want my routine back". I guess it's not that we mind change. It's just that we only want change for a little while, like a summer vacation, then we want everything to head back to normal.

Have you ever wondered how the crowd was affected by Jesus? In writing this article I took a quick survey through scripture specifically looking for crowd responses to Jesus' actions. I read at the feeding of the five thousand that, "All ate and were satisfied (Luke 9:17)". When Jesus heals a demon possessed boy, "they were all amazed at the greatness of God (Luke 9:43)". When Jesus heals on the Sabbath, "the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing (Luke 13:17)." The crowd always seems to be impacted by what Jesus was doing. But the next question I have is, when their lives were impacted, how long did it last? Was it like a week vacation where they were really excited but then it faded back into routine? Were they amazed at the feeding of the five thousand only until they had to figure out what is for dinner the

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• **REV. JIM PERKIN** •

MORNING WORSHIP

You can watch the morning worship service live on our Facebook page at 10:30. Or you can watch it and past worship services anytime at www.poteaufumc.com

Prayer List (As of June 28, 2021)

To add or remove a name call 918-647-2217.

Health: Diana Adams, Laton Allison, Astarte Baker, Lisa Barnes, Silas Blanchard, Steven Blaylock, Caren Bogart, Cindy Brody, Ed Brody, Sterling Brookfield, Jeff Burton, John Carbre, Peggy Carey, James Carter, Paul Carter, Perry Carter, Pam Cox, Ben Curtis, Darla Davis, Jim Davis, Cameron Disney, Denise Donaho, Rowdy Downs, Debbie Drake, Cliff England, Delana Luman Ester, Sam Flanary, Mary Folsom, Dolores Fuller, Brooke Gardezi, Seth Garner, Bipriano Gonzalez, Lawrence Gresham, Connie Hancock, Jeremiah Hays, Donna Hollingsworth, Allen Inge, Donna Jackson, Bobby Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Teri Johnson, Terri Jones, Tasha Arnette Kane, Jane Kilgore, Ted Kilgore, Rope King, Colton Knight, Ron Knight, Vicki LaGrand, Lloyd Lee, Arlene LeMaster, Lincoln Lester, Ty Mackey, David McNair, Keith Miller, Patricia Ogden, Janna Owens, Kevin Payne, Jean Potts, Jeremy Quarry, Paul Quirk, Joe Renfro, Lucy Richmond, Angie Shaw, Jim Shore, Coy Smedley, Marilyn Smith, Blake Standridge, Earl Steinmetz, Katie Strider, Madison Stuckey, Peggy Talley, Raegan Thomas, Jennifer Turner, Darren Ward, Barbara Wheeler, Kathryn Whitfield, Britain Wilson, Keith Wright, Lori Yarberry, Ann Young.

Bereavement: The Family of Paul Pruitt (Heather Martin's father).

Law Enforcement: Robert and Danielle Brennard, Robert M. Brennard, Jr., Brandon Durant, Bailey Hahn, Zack Hall, Kyle Kinman, Blake Wilson, and all our military and law enforcement men and women.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for May 2021

Average Attendance for May: 135
2021 Budget Requirements: \$365,000.00
Needed through May: \$152,083.33
Year to Date Received: \$180,693.85
May Received: \$26,315.49
May Expenditures: \$40,464.19

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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bishop
District Superintendent
Senior Pastor
Director of Music Ministries
Director of Children's Ministries
Administrative Assistant
Lead Nursery Attendant
Organist/Pianist
Facility Manager

Rev. Jimmy Nunn
Rev. Larry Bauman
Rev. Jim Perkin
Mary Lynn Perkin
Suzanne Klutts
Melissa Ward
Jayla Craig
Bill King
Phil Smith

District web page: www.gbpm-umc.org/mc-dist/



God Bless America

• JULY CALENDAR •

• SUNDAYS •

**In-Person Morning Worship and
Live On-Line Worship, 10:30 a.m.
CHAOS Youth Group, 5:00 p.m.**

• MONDAY •

Boy Scouts, 6:00 p.m. (CFLC)

• TUESDAY •

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

• WEDNESDAY •

**No Choir Rehearsal in July.
Choir is on vacation.**

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- 5 Church Offices Closed
- 8 Dinners With Love, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Charge Conference, 5:30 p.m.
- 22 Dinners With Love, 5:30 p.m.

LITURGIST: Grant Thomas

ACOLYTES

- 4 Khia Brookfield and Morgan Shockley
- 11 Anna Shockley and Sam Martin
- 18 Ellie Martin and Annie Martin
- 25 Caden Mitchell and Katlynn Figari

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS



- 4 Mary Lynn Perkin
- 11 Suzanne Klutts
- 18 Joni Griffith
- 25 Suzanne Klutts



The Upper Room devotionals for July/August are available now in the Narthex.

Nursery Attendant

We are looking to hire one more paid Nursery Attendant for Sunday Morning Worship. Please see Pastor Jim for details if you are interested.

Special Guest Speaker



Dinners With Love



We enjoyed a special visitor with us in worship on June 27.

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Larry Bauman brought the message, "What Now?"

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next night? Were their lives changed, or were their routines just interrupted for awhile?

Our mission team returned from Mississippi just a week or so ago and it has me wondering; when Jesus moves in our lives, how do we hold on to that movement and that change and not let it all fade back into routine? Have you ever had that issue? Jesus does something amazing... You know that God was at work in a situation and it has you all fired up... but then life happens again and it all fades back to routine.

Shouldn't these moments create a change in us? One where we agree to not go back to the norm that was in our life? A desire to instead work at creating a new, better us and a new better world, by refusing to go back to normal. Just imagine, every time in scripture we read that the crowd was amazed, excited, or challenged by what Jesus did, the crowd decided to live that out and share that excitement, and allow their lives to be changed and allow their lives to change the lives of others. Imagine if that same thing happened now.

On the journey with you,

Pastor Jim

Pastor Jim Perkin



Our Love and Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to the family of Paul Pruitt (Heather Martin's father).

While the past year and a half may have created a sense of fear and isolation in our world, it also awakened our Christian need to respond with acts of kindness and love to others who need a helping hand. Our new ministry Dinners With Love tries to answer that call. "If you are hungry... no matter what... come and eat." This is the message we want to express to our neighbors and anyone who is in need of a meal.

Dinners with Love is a hot, complete, and nutritious meal in a to go container that can be easily carried or delivered. Volunteer cook teams prepare the meals in the afternoon and serve them later that evening. Also, other volunteers deliver meals to church members who might be homebound. Dinners With Love is on every other Thursday from 5:30-6:30 in front of the Blessing Box. Last Thursday dinner served 70 meals. This ministry will only grow over time.

If this is something that is close to your heart and you would like to volunteer, there are many opportunities to serve. Homemade cookies and brownies are always needed as well as anyone who would like to deliver meals to our church family. There is always a need in the cook or serve team. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please contact the church or Judy Peerson.



A few of the kitchen workers.

Some of the servers.





Welcome, New Members

We welcomed our newest members, John and Frances Boevers on May 30, 2021. They joined by transfer from other denomination.

Also we welcome Cherri Goodwin who joined privately by transfer from another United Methodist Church during the pandemic when worship was on-line only. Cherri has since become a member of the choir.



John and Frances Boevers and grandchildren.



Cherri Goodwin

Be sure and let them know how happy we are to have them as members of our church family.

Worship Volunteers

We are looking for the following volunteers for morning worship:

- Liturgist
- Sound and Video Tech
- Children's Moments

If you would like to serve in one of these ways, talk to Pastor Jim!

Remind Group

Join our church Remind group to stay up to date on weather closings and events happening around the church. Text @fumcpoteau to the number 81010. Follow the instructions to sign up or stop by the church office and we can help you sign up! Also if the church does not have your email address please call with that information and receive announcements that way.

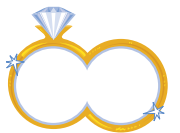
July Birthdays



- 1 Patty Redhage
- 3 Chad Yandell
- 5 Randy Bridgman, Bea Cooper, Taryn Shelton
- 7 Nina Ritchie
- 9 Randy Cox, James Ford, Ernie Owens
- 10 Karen Hahn
- 11 Maci Wright
- 12 Lillian Martin, Tamra Parks, Kim Slater
- 13 Arch Glover
- 14 Susan Perkin, Jennifer Thompson
- 19 Joanne Neuharth
- 20 Bill King
- 22 Robert Allen, Ashley Green
- 23 Alicia Castillo
- 24 Susan Hammond, Gary Hageman
- 25 Haley Durant
- 26 Luke Best, Missy Alexander
- 27 Nancy Clark, Ann Young
- 28 John Carbrey
- 29 Andi Burton, Zach Harreld, Jaime Pickle
- 30 Kelsey Sconyers

July Anniversaries

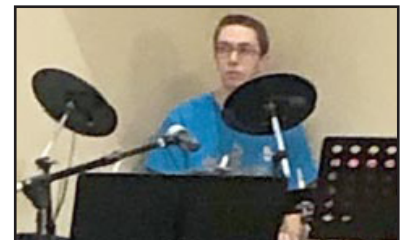
- 3 Bill and Linda Lancaster
- 5 Randy and Tami Matos
- 7 Wayne and Joanne Neuharth
Josh and Melissa Reyes
- 8 Dustin and Ashley Green
Kip and Suzanne Klutts
- 14 Arch and Janell Glover
- 28 Chad and Kendra Yandell



• Special Music for Worship •



Emily Barnes,
trumpet



Landon Perkin, drums



Mary Lynn Perkin



Sadie Perkin, along with the choir, sang, "Trust in the Lord."



• Children's Ministry •

By Suzanne Klutts

Rocky Railway



VBS is BACK!!! What an exciting time to have a church full of 100+ children and volunteers. It was an amazing week of learning about how Jesus gives us strength, hope, power and something to believe in. I want to thank everyone who had a part in making "Rocky Railway" a huge success.



*Jesus' Power
Pulls Us Through*



• June and July Mission Project •

We are supporting our VBS kids in collecting shoes for kids. If you would like to help, please bring any new or gently used shoes to church and place in our donation boxes.



• Delta Grace Mission Team 2021 •

A mission team from our church traveled to Sunflower Mississippi June 13th through 18th.

The team consisted of youth: Colin Adams, Khia Brookfield, Luke Culwell, Haley Durant, Alissa and Katlynn Figari, John Gasteleum, Hannah Hicks, Landon and Sadie Perkin.

And adults: Michael Culwell, Amy Disney, Jennifer Figari, Charlee Gilliam, and Jim and Mary Lynn Perkin.

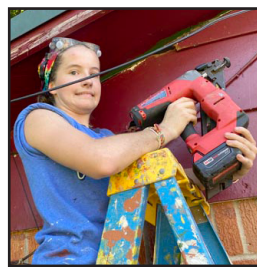
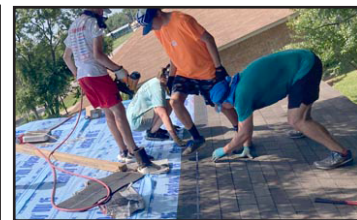
Together they worked on a wheelchair ramp,

built an awning over a front porch, reroofed a large portion of a house, trimmed tree branches, replaced soffit and fascia boards, and remodeled a kitchen. While doing this they also focused on building relationships with the homeowners and sharing with them how much God loves them through their works and words.

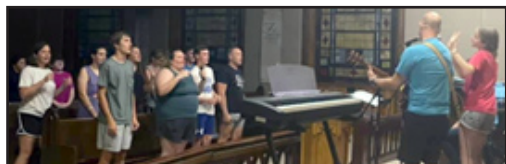
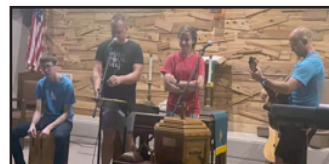
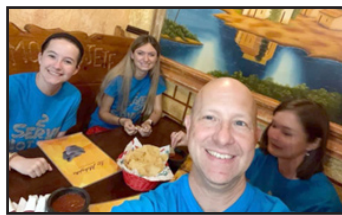
Pastor Jim is in the beginning phases of planning the next mission trip. If you feel God's leading to join our next team, contact Pastor Jim.



Ready To Go



On Their Way





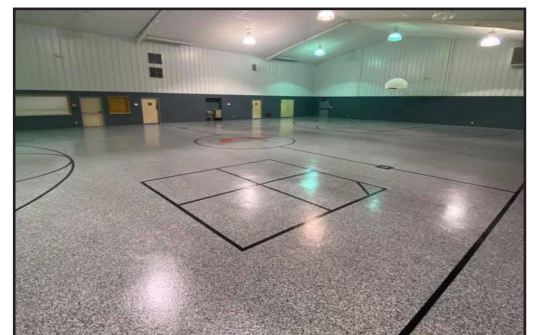
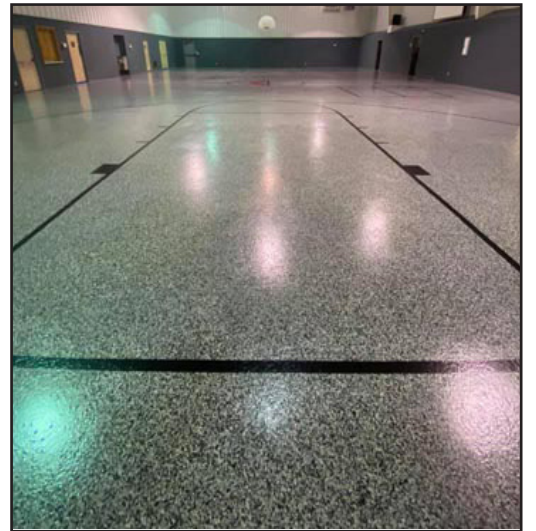
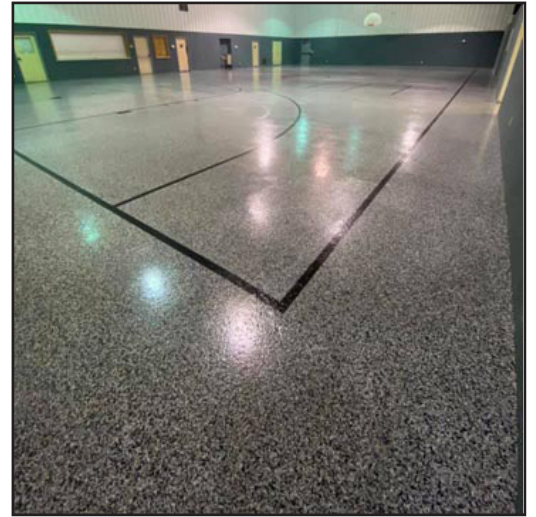
Before, After, and Miss Magnolia gets to see her kitchen and her new stove purchased by the team.



Back To Tell Their Stories



The New Gym Floor is Finished!



OUT WITH THE OLD . . .



Huge thank you
to the Boy Scout troop and
Jason Bandy for helping
remove the carpet!