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SERVING GOD 122 YEARS

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

**Back to School
Bash**
August 2
5:30 p.m.

**Hot Dogs
and Burgers**

Bounce House

**Free
products and
services
for the kids.**

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Here we go again! Gathering school supplies and gearing up for another year of learning. For those who will be students again this year, some of it will be fun and exciting, and some will definitely be a test in endurance and patience.

Seems a bit like life, right?

Maybe these tests of endurance and patience that we find in a school year or semester are a part of the educational process. Maybe they are a part of what our educational system has to offer, directly or indirectly, as teachers and administrators prepare our students for life. Paul writes about endurance in his letter to the Romans. He reminds them that suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character and character produces hope (Romans 5). So suffering and endurance are sometimes a part of the process that bring something beautiful to our lives.

One of the things that I remember most about going back to school as a young student or in college/seminary is standing on the edge of it and being excited about the possibility of what might happen. I think we need to remember to do that with our lives as well. Sure, there will be parts of our lives that are tough, but how wonderful and exciting our lives can be if we allow it. And if we find our peace in Christ we have the power to accomplish anything life throws at us.

So today, stand on the edge of what is still to come in your life; trust in God to be with you on that journey, and allow yourself to get excited and find joy as you marvel on how God will use you on this marvelous journey we call life.

On the journey with you,

REV. JIM PERKIN



Prayer List

(As of July 26, 2015. To make any changes, call the church office at 918-647-2217)

Nursing Home/Homebound: Jim DeCamp, Slim Durham, Mary Folsom, Maxine Nyberg

Health: Chadyn Bell, Ed Brody, Maria Burnett, Bill Cartwright, Perry Carter, Ruth Ann DeCamp, Bob Durrett, Cherri Chastain, Grady Garner, Peggy Gartner, Bobbi Gilham, Vickie Gillion, Ann Halloran, Christine Harris, Donna Jackson, Allen and Jane Ann Inge, Walter and Lorene Johnson, Colton Knight, Lloyd and Dana Lee, Arlene LeMaster, Sandra Lum, Jake McMillin, Sharon Mikkelson, Dortha O'Neal, Kalie Peck, Jean Potts, William Quarry, Lucy Richmond, Joe Sabatucci, Richard Sockey, Charles Saviers, Jim Shore, Jackie Tosto, Ann Young.

Bereavement: The Wayne Moore family, the family of Ann Faught, the Hardaway family.

Military: Ashlin Hensley, Jared Baughn, Kyle Kinman, Taylor Baughn, Victor Murray, and all our military service men and women.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for June 2015

Average Attendance Figures for May: 159

2015 Budget Requirements: \$340,000.00

Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,538.46

Needed through June: \$156,923.06

June Receipts: \$25,924.48

June Expenditures: \$29,958.19

New Building Fund Figures:

Deposits: \$1,896,061.44; Expenditures: \$2,579,514.78

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Organist

Wendy Kelly

Custodian

Phil Smith

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

AUGUST CHURCH CALENDAR

• SUNDAY •

UMYF (CHAOS), 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

• MONDAY •

**Christian Preschool Monday – Thursday
8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Education Building**

• TUESDAY •

Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., CFLC

• WEDNESDAY •

**Handbell Choir Practice, 5:15 p.m.
Celebration Choir Practice, 6 p.m.**

• THURSDAY •

Senior Café, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., CFLC

- 2 Back to School Bash, 5:30 p.m.
- 5 Bell Choir Workshop, 5:15 p.m.
- 6 Poteau's First Day of School
Preschool Orientation, 5 to 7 p.m. (See story on page 4 for specifics)
- 11 Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 15 Neighborhood Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m
- 17 Children's Council, 5 p.m.
- 19 Membership Care, 12 p.m.
- 23 CHAOS vs Parent Volleyball Night
- 30 Youth Council Meeting following worship

GREETERS

- 2 Bill and Linda Lancaster
- 9 Robert and Tami Holt
- 16 Mike and Karen Hahn
- 23 Jerry and Mary Ford
- 30 Liz Perry and D.J. James



ACOLYTES

- 2 Brady Perry and Burke Perry
- 9 Sadie Perkin and Lexe Pickle
- 16 Waylon Murray and Nathan Murray
- 23 Wyatt Holt and Ryker Holt
- 30 Burke Perry and Brady Perry



Are You On The Email List?

Please get on the church email list if not on already! Email the church office at rogers2006@windstream.net. You will receive announcements and information that comes up between newsletters.

News of Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway

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

August Calendar:

- 2 Back to School Missions Night
- 8 St Yootz trip (Toby Mac in concert). Leave at 8:30 a.m.; return around midnight. Cost is \$25 + lunch money. Sign up by August 5.
- 9 No youth meeting.
- 16 5 to 7 youth meeting (Meal by Janell and Cindy Darneal)
- 23 5 to 7 Parent Volleyball night and potluck
- 30 Youth Council meeting following worship
Regular youth meeting 5 to 7. (Meal by Mike and Linda Lee)

September:

- 6 No youth meeting. Labor Day weekend

The week of flamingo flocking went well with over \$500 being raised for missions committee of the church.

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Thank you to the church for supporting youth force with donations for snacks. Enough was given to help with some other expenses such as gas and supplies as well.

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The UMM recently contributed funds to help with flooring costs. Along with the youth fund-raising from the pie auction, new laminate flooring will be put in the new youth room upstairs in the Education Building.

Upper Room Devotionals

The Upper Room devotional guides are provided for you by the church and can be found on the tables outside the sanctuary. Be sure and pick one up to accompany your daily Bible study.

They are published every two months.

Trouble and perplexity drive me to prayer and prayer drives away perplexity and trouble.

– Philip Melancthon



Membership Care Committee

The Membership Care Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the Christian Family Life Center. Their meeting time is from 12 to 1 p.m.

They try to stay in contact with those in need through cards, phone calls and visits.

If you know someone they need to add to their list, please contact the church office or call Kay Thomas at 918-647-3491.

Missions Report

By Judy Peerson

Through the generosity of our congregation, our missions program has been very active this month. We have provided \$140.00 plus numerous canned goods to the Spiro First United Methodist Church Food Pantry. We also collected \$568.00 for Youth Force and the Youth Program to help them with their mission work.

On August 2nd from 5:30-7:00 p.m., our church is hosting the annual Back To School Bash offering free haircuts, vision and dental screening along with bags of free hygiene products. A bounce house for the kids to romp in and a free dinner of hot dogs and hamburgers will be served for all to enjoy.

Don't forget the pancake breakfast every third Saturday of the month. Come, visit and have a bit of sweetness.

Let's Do Bells, Again

By Sandra Slater

As director (and Head Ding-A-Ling) of our bell choir, I am scheduling a "Bell Workshop" for seasoned ringers, beginning ringers and those who think they would like to know more about how to ring. We will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 5 in the sanctuary from 5:15 to 6 p.m. This will give me a chance to see how many hardy souls are willing to spend 45 minutes a week having more fun than they can imagine.

Ringling bells is really not that hard and adds so much to the worship service when we are ready to share our music with the congregation. One need not read music – one needs only to count to four and know their right hand from their left. We even color code music to make it easier.

If you have rung before or have always wanted to see if you can, please plan on joining us.

Should you have questions, please feel free to call me at 918-635-0801.

Card of Thanks

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers, your kind words of encouragement, your love and support and the beautiful cards we have received. You have truly been a blessing to us during this difficult time.

A special thank you to those of you who made the long and stormy trip to Kyp's memorial service in Broken Arrow. We were overwhelmed with your presence and appreciate you so very much.

Thank you also to Cindy and the ladies who share their talents making the beautiful prayer shawls. It is a comfort, a gift of love and a wonderful ministry.

With love,
The Hardaway Family



Preschool orientation is August 6th starting at 5 p.m. for the Monday/Wednesday class. The Tuesday/Thursday class orientation is at 6 p.m. and the four-day Monday through Thursday class will be at 7 p.m.

In August we will meet and get to know our new friends and teachers. The themes for August will include Welcome to Preschool, My Family, and My Favorite Things.

We are excited for a new year of preschool fun!

Our Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to Judy Moore and family on the recent death of her husband, Wayne. And also to the Hardaway family on the death of Henry and Rozelle's son, Kyp and to the Hammond family on the death of Susan's sister.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone who knows of someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl, whether a church member or not, should call Cindy Brody at 918-385-1542 or the church office at 647-2217.

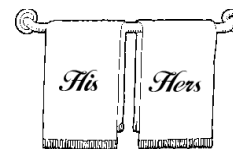
August Birthdays

- 1 Allison Stone
- 2 Bryce Holt
- 4 Josie Garrett
- 5 Tanya Brown and Terry Hall
- 8 Gary Brown, Sr.
- 10 Keith Wright
- 12 Patty Wright and William Slater
- 14 Lloyd Lee
- 15 Genny Dorsey and Clint Lawrence
- 16 Shirley James
- 17 Frances Thompson, Christie Williams and Emery Kay McDaniel
- 18 Nancy Shore, Derby Whitefield and Waylon Murray
- 19 Jake Thompson
- 20 Matt Stoughton, Kyle Hardaway and Wendy Kelly
- 21 Mallory Mixon, Haven Perry and Robert Holt
- 25 Lexe Pickle
- 26 Gary Blackshare and Taylor Darneal
- 27 Ryan Clayburn, Virginia Kidd and Janet DeSpain
- 28 Kimberly Hardaway and Peggy Gartner
- 29 Gerry Roberts and Lillian Green
- 30 Tami Holt
- 31 Luke Wheat



August Anniversaries

- 4 Steve and Nancy Clark
- 4 Lloyd and Dana Lee
- 5 Orville and Linda McDonald
- 8 Jim and Jayla Craig
- 12 David and Patty Redhage
- 19 Shannon and Amy Stubbs
- 27 Ken and Susan Hammond
- 30 Blake and Tori White



We would like to make our Birthday and Anniversary Calendar complete.

If we do not have your family members' birthdays and anniversaries, please give the office that information by calling 918-647-2217.

Thank you for taking the time for this.