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Serving God 117 Years

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

PASTOR TO PEOPLE

*For we are God's
 workmanship,
 created in Christ Jesus
 to do good works,
 which God prepared
 in advance for
 us to do.*
Ephesians 2:10

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It is hard to believe that the summer season has already come to an end. Often churches and their members think "This is the time to slow down." However, this congregation doesn't believe that. We have shared our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We have held our annual Vacation Bible School, LeFlore County Youth Force, and a community picnic. We have sent several children and youth to camps.

Outside, the new sanctuary has begun to take shape and that will become even more visible over the next few weeks. People have found creative ways to park and get into the Christian Family Life Center for worship. Our summer worship attendance did not take a seasonal dip this year, a sign that there is a sense of excitement about the present ministry opportunities and the direction the church is headed.

The Tuesday after Labor Day, September 7, I will be starting a lunchtime Bible study with a focus on the scripture readings for the following Sunday. It is a brown bag event that will begin at 12:07 and be over before 1 p.m. so that you can return to work. With any time of Bible study, I always appreciate the words attributed to Thomas à Kempis in the Christian classic, The Imitation of Christ. He comments that reading scripture can be easy "except perhaps for Scripture scholars. Intellectual curiosity often gets in their way. They isolate a verse, do a tarantella on it, and then seem surprised to learn they've stomped it to death If you want to satisfy your thirst for the Scriptures, forget about scholarship. Read humbly, simply, faithfully; that's the way they were written. This isn't to say that we can't ask questions of and about Scripture anytime we want. But we should pay quiet attention to the Scrip-

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REV. DR. GREGORY J. TENER



SEPTEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

(Pastor to People, cont.)

ture writers themselves, accepting their words as though the ink were still damp. A cautionary word. There's going to be stuff in the Scriptures you don't like. What to do? Don't fuss. The writers had their reasons, and in them God had His."

To help us all "get back" into a school-time schedule, and to return to the companionship of our church family, there will be a potluck dinner after worship on September 12. Bring your favorite casseroles, salads, vegetables, or desserts. The church will provide drinks and bread. It will be a great time to visit with friends and family.

I look forward to a time of simple, faithful study and fellowship with you.

Grace & peace,

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for July, 2010

2010 Average Attendance Figures for July: 152
 2010 Budget Requirements: \$326,272.00
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,274.47
 Needed through July: \$181,959.63
 July Receipts: \$26,375.86
 July Expenditures: \$24,936.55

New Building Fund Figures:

Deposits: \$424,074.94
 Expenditures: \$138,485.08
 Balance: \$285,589.86

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District Superintendent	Darrell Cates
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Gregory J. Tener
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: www.gbmg-umc.org/mc-dist/

WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINE:

10 a.m. each Thursday

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Third Friday of each month

• **SUNDAY** •

Weekly Communion, 9:10 a.m., Sanctuary

(Except on regular communion Sunday)

Blueprints for Discipleship, 5 p.m., CFLC

UMYF (CHAOS), 5 p.m.

• **MONDAY** •

Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., CFLC

• **TUESDAY** •

Cub Scouts, 6 p.m., CFLC

• **WEDNESDAY** •

Logos Program, 3:30 - 6:15 p.m., CFLC

(Begins Sept. 15)

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Ed. Bldg.

• **THURSDAY** •

Girl Scouts, 5:30 p.m. (Sept. 9 and 23)

• **FRIDAY** •

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

- 1 Logos Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m., CFLC
- 6 Church Offices Closed for Labor Day
- 8 Logos Volunteer Meeting, 6:30 p.m., CFLC
- 11 UMM Breakfast Meeting, 8 a.m., CFLC
- 13 Committee on Lay Leadership/Nominations, 5:15 p.m., CFLC
- 15 Membership Care Committee, 1 p.m., CFLC
- 25 UMM Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, 6:30-10:30 a.m., CFLC. Proceeds go to LeFlore County Youth Ministry.

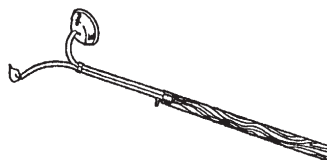
MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 5 Melvin and Sue Travis
- 12 Bill and Linda Lancaster
- 19 Joe and Martha Renfro
- 26 Lloyd and Dana Lee



LITURGISTS

- 12 Kelsey Robinson
- 19 Maci McMillin
- 26 Connor Wheat



ACOLYTES

- 5 Jaydon Bandy
- 12 Tabitha Zabala
- 19 Versile Johnson
- 26 Kylana Hardaway





News of Children and Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway

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

CHAOS meets Sunday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. for all youth 6th through 12th grade.

SEPTEMBER

- 5 NO CHAOS – Labor Day holiday
- 12 CHAOS, 5 to 7 p.m.
- 19 Soup Kitchen visit at Community Rescue Mission. Leave at 1 p.m.; return around 7 p.m. We are playing Putt Putt afterwards. Cost is free.
- 22 SYATP Prayer (7:45 a.m. at school site) and Rally (6:30 p.m. at Civic Center) Anyone who is interested can ride over in the church van.
- 29 CHAOS, 5 to 7 p.m. Begin Twilight Gospel study.

OCTOBER

- 1 Supply noon meal for Poteau teams and band at Civic Center (CHAOS high school youth members come eat and help serve.
- 3 CHAOS, 5 to 7 p.m. Twilight Gospel.

SOUP KITCHEN VISIT

On September 19 the youth are volunteering at the Community Rescue Mission Center in Fort Smith. The Rescue Mission Center is always in need of donated items. If you would like to donate any of the following items, please bring them to the church by the morning of September 19th and we will take them with us.

Any canned goods - any size, bags of sugar, paper towels, 39 gallon trash bags, bleach, all purpose cleaners.

SPRING BREAK SKI TRIP

There is a church family ski trip planned for March 14-18, 2011 to Keystone Colorado. Any youth member, 7th to 12th grade, desiring to go without their families is invited to attend.

The deadline to sign up is September 10th, which is coming up fast. You must put down a \$50 non-refundable deposit by that date. Total cost of the trip varies depending on age and is briefly outlined below:

Adult-\$387 + food/gas; Student (13-18)-\$328 + food/gas; Child (5-12)-\$275 + food/gas. For a youth member traveling alone, total cost would be \$400 (this is less than originally stated). Call Kim or come by the church office if you plan to sign up.

CHAOS YOUTH FELLOWSHIP WISH LIST

Before investing in the following items for the Youth House, it was decided to see if anyone in the congregation might already have these items and be interested in donating them: A flat screen TV (one that can be mounted on the wall; a DVD player; a game system (such as Wii). A youth brigade of eager teens would be glad to pick up donated items from your home if necessary!

LOGOS DATES

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

Parent meeting for registering children: Wednesday, Sept. 1st and 8th, 6:30 p.m., and Sept. 15th at 3:15 p.m. in the CFLC.

Logos Themes for September:

- 15 Opening Celebration
- 22 Crazy Hat Night, wear your craziest hat
- 29 Penny Carnival and Guest Night, bring a guest.

Oct. 6 Pajama Night, Bring pajamas to wear.

Logos Kindergarten through 5th kids will lead in worship Sunday, Sept. 26

MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Mother's Day Out is on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Nursery Rooms of the Education Building. Cost is \$10 per visit for children ages 1 to 4.

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 bag with diapers and wipes if needed.

Membership Care Committee Meeting September 15th

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. (Luke 6:31)

The Membership Care Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Christian Family Life Center. They reach out to those who are homebound or are dealing with health issues or bereavement. Under the direction of the pastor, volunteers may offer Holy Communion to those who desire to receive it. They make a phone call, send a card, or visit in the home and share God's love with someone.

Church members are encouraged to let us know of persons who are in need of our care. For more information, call Virginia Stanley (647-2618) or Kay Thomas (647-3491).

United Methodist Women

By Mary Ford

The evening group had about 20 or more women who are interested in starting a group of fellowship. The next meeting of the day group is Sept. 13 at 1:00 in the Family Life Center.

The Fall Festival will be Nov. 5th. We are planning on having a bake sale and different vendors.

Following is an email I received about the upcoming district meeting:

Dear UMW sisters,

Just a note to tell you how excited I am about our upcoming meeting. Plans are coming together for the 3 mini mission studies (Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity; For the Love of God: The Epistles of John; and The Beauty and Courage of Sudan) and the installation of the 2011 officers.

I also want to make sure you are aware of a few things: 1) there will be a nursery provided by Carla Grissom - please bring a sack lunch for your child; 2) our lunches will still cost only \$5 each; 3) the fall district mission project is to bring non-perishable food for Cookson Hills Mission; 4) the conference mission project is to bring gift cards (which have no expiration date or additional fees) which will be divided between Cookson and Neighborhood Services Organization in Okla. City - you may bring those gift cards to our district meeting; 5) we will be taking up an offering (of money) for NSO; and 6) we will award the banners to the most attending and farthest traveled units.

I hope you will all gather up all of your members, friends, and interested young women and bring them to our Fall Meeting. See you in Wewoka!

In Christian love,
 Jerrie Lindsey,
 McAlester Dist. UMW Vice President

Card of Thanks

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone who participated in my 85th birthday surprise. It was a wonderful celebration and it made me very happy. Thank you all so much.

Genny Dorsey

Mark Your Calendar

On Sunday, October 10th at 3 p.m. David Battles from Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation will be at the church to visit with us about Estate Planning and remembering your church.

September Birthdays

- 2 Ken Hammond
- 3 Dorothy Gail James
- 4 Charlotte Greenwood and Selma Keup
- 5 Aimee Baker
- 10 Kyle Cofer and Matt Wright
- 11 Jett Thompson
- 13 Jane Kilgore
- 16 Kyson Hardaway, Keely Redhage, and Daniel Best
- 17 Justin Burton
- 18 David McNair
- 19 Jennifer Roberts and Jack Oehlschlager
- 20 Susan Mixon
- 23 Troy Talley and Todd Hallmark
- 24 Christine Harris
- 25 Kale Kemp, Don Baetz, and Grace Dehart
- 26 Joe Renfro
- 27 Peggy Talley and Kyle Reid
- 28 Daniel Ware, Gary Mason, Cary Baetz, Jane Ann Inge, Jenny Allen and Tami Matos
- 30 Buddy Shelton



September Anniversaries

- 1 Jeff and Susan Mixon
- 7 Ernie and Barbara Owens
- 12 Jim and Nancy Shore
- 16 Ted and Laurie Bandy



United Methodist Church
PRESCHOOL



By
Tracey Gilliam,
Preschool
Director

August brings summer to an end and a beginning of a new school year to children. The Methodist Preschool started on August 16th with an enrollment of 27 children who attend on Monday and Wednesday.

On August 17th another class began that attends on Tuesday and Thursday. The enrollment of that class is 18.

The Methodist Preschool does still have openings available. Children need to be three years old by September 1st and potty trained to attend preschool.

In September the preschool will be focusing on learning about the letters A and B, the color red, the shape of a circle and the numbers 1 and 2. The memory verse is "God made the world and everything in it."