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SERVING GOD 123 YEARS

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

*Happy
New
Year!*

**Jesus and Me
resumes
January 4.**

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

I read a story this morning of an irate subscriber of a newspaper who stormed into a the office waving the current edition, asking to see “whoever wrote the obituary column”.

When referred to a young reporter, he screamed, “You can see I’m very much alive, and you’ve put me in the obituary column! I demand a retraction!”

The young reporter replied, “I never retract a story. But I tell you what I’ll do. I’ll put you in the birth column and give you a fresh start.”

A fresh start. Doesn’t that sound nice? I think all of us at times after a mistake, a bad first impression, or saying something we shouldn’t have, have wanted to make a fresh start. Southwest Airlines had an entire commercial line for a while where they would show someone doing something embarrassing and then flash up the tag line, “Wanna Get Away?”

A fresh start. The opportunity to start over. That’s what King David was asking for as he cried out to God in Psalm 51. “Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.... Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.”

A fresh start. If you could start some area of your life over, what would you do differently? That’s what we will be talking about in our January sermon series beginning January 8th. Together we will look at what our scriptures have to say about a fresh start with our family, friends, self, and faith. I hope you will join us!

On the Journey with you,

Pastor Jim

A fresh start

REV. JIM PERKIN



Prayer List

(As of December 25, 2016)

To add to or remove a name from the list, call the church office at 918-647-2217.

Nursing Home/Homebound: Maxine Nyberg

Health: Landon Akins, Landa Aubree, Astarte Baker, Debbie Billy, Matthew Billy, Pat Branson, Ed Brody, Perry Carter, Jim Davis, Dale DeCamp, Genny Dorsey, Duke Dunn, Rob Ellis, Mary Folsom, Jim Gaines, Vickie Gillion, Susan Hammond, Pam Hayes, Allen and Jane Ann Inge, Donna Jackson, Walter and Lorene Johnson, Jim Kersh, Richard Kingrey, Colton Knight, Lloyd and Dana Lee, Arlene LeMaster, Dusti McBeth, Lucy McMillin, Sharon Mikkelsen, Mason Mitchell, Sunny Muse, Steve Odom, Christy Oehlschlager, Pat Pate, Kallie Peck, Jean Potts, Beckham Prescott, Kaycee Quarry, William Quarry, Valeri Repass, Bobbie Rowland, Joe Sabatucci, Charles Saviers, Jim Shore, Pat Smith, Richard Sockey, Virginia Stanley, Earl Steimetz, Katie Strider, Dennis Thomas, Rita Thomas, Dorothy Watkins, Patsy West, Ann Young.

Bereavement:

Military and Law Enforcement:

Jared Baughn, Taylor Baughn, Tyler Berlin, Kaigan LeMaster Coggins, Bailey Hahn, Kyle Kinman, and all our military and law enforcement.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for November 2016

Average Attendance Figures for November: 148
 2016 Budget Requirements: \$340,000.00
 Needed through November: \$311,666.67
 Year to Date received through November: \$288,820.00
 November Receipts: \$23,627.12
 November Expenditures: \$27,103.09
New Building Fund Figures:
 Deposits: \$2,142,623.53; Expenditures: \$2,580,121.03

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Bishop

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Director of Music Ministries

Director of Children's Ministries

Administrative Assistant

Lead Nursery Attendant

Organist

Facility Manager

Rev. Jimmy Nunn

Larry Bauman

Rev. Jim Perkin

Melanie Wheat

Mary Lynn Perkin

Suzanne Klutts

Melissa Ward

Jayla Craig

Bill King

Phil Smith

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

• JANUARY CHURCH CALENDAR •

• SUNDAY •

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Kay's Bible Study, 4 p.m.

UMYF (CHAOS), 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

• MONDAY •

Christian Preschool Monday – Thursday

8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Education Building

• TUESDAY •

Cub Scouts, 6 p.m., CFLC

Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., CFLC

• WEDNESDAY •

Jesus and Me Activities, 3:15-5:00 p.m.

Sr. High Small Group (Nikki Perry's) 5 p.m.

Bell Choir 5:30 p.m.

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.

• THURSDAY •

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

Kay's Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.

2 Office closed

4 JAM children's activities resume at 3:15 (No meal this month.)

9 Trustee Meeting, 6 p.m.

12 Sr. Cafe resumes, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., CFLC

15 Girl Scout meeting, 2-3:30 p.m., CFLC

18 Membership Care, 12 noon

21 Neighborhood Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.

23 SPRC meeting, 5:30 p.m.

WELCOME TABLE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed for all January Sundays. Contact the church office if you can serve.

ACOLYTES

- 1 Warrick Quarry and Jenci Quarry
- 8 Brock Call and Ryker Holt
- 15 Maggie Wheat and Kendy Traywick
- 22 Nathan Murray and Waylon Murray
- 29 Burke Perry and Brady Perry



LITURGIST

Patty Wright

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS



- 1 Taylor Darneal
- 8 Sadie Perkin
- 15 Mary Ford
- 22 Taryn Shelton
- 29 Tami Matos



News of Youth

By Melanie Wheat

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

JANUARY

- 1 No youth meeting
- 8 Regular meeting
- 15 Regular meeting
- 22 We will have our regular youth meal at the church starting at 5:30. After dinner we will travel to the Poteau theater for our annual movie night.

29 Regular meeting

The youth would like to thank Brian and Katie Shore, Suzanne Klutts and Jayla Craig, and Jim and Mary Lynn Perkin for helping with our progressive dinner. All the food was amazing and we really appreciate your hospitality.

Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, January 11 immediately following JAM. Pastor Jim will be contacting our youth and their parents who will be participating this year.

• Children's Ministry •

By Suzanne Klutts

If you didn't get a chance to attend the JAM Christmas program, you missed a blessing. "Camel Lot," which was directed by Mary Lynn Perkin and Tami Matos, was AMAZING! Its message reminds us to never get too busy for the important things in life.

JAM will resume on January 4 at 3:15 and we will not be serving a meal during the month of January. The children will continue with the curriculum, SUBMERGED, diving deep into God's love. With an average of 85 students, we are always looking for volunteers. If you would be interested in serving God through our children's ministry, just let us know in the church office.

Please continue to keep the children of our church and the JAM family in your prayers.

New Study: Twelve Extraordinary Women of the Bible

Kay Thomas will be teaching a Bible Study on Sundays and Thursdays beginning January 8th at 4 p.m. and on the 12th at 1 p.m. Choose whichever day best fits your schedule.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be added to our prayer chain and pray when there is a request, please call Melissa at the church office, 918-647-2217. The list is currently being reformed so now is the perfect time to be a part of this vitally important group.

2017 Confirmation Class

A new Confirmation Class will begin soon. Confirmation is for all youth 6th grade or above who have not completed confirmation in the past. It is an eight-week class studying our faith which ends in a service where our students will have the opportunity to proclaim their faith and take membership and faith vows for themselves.

Contact the pastor or youth director, Melanie Wheat for more information.

A Prayer for the Year Ahead

"Inspire rulers and peoples with counsels of meekness. Heal the discords that tear nations asunder. You who did shed your precious blood that they might live as brothers, bring men together once more in loving harmony. To the cry of the Apostle Peter: "Save us, Lord, we perish," you did answer words of mercy and did still the raging waves. Stoop now to hear our trustful prayers and give back to the world order and peace."

Pope Benedict XV

Mission Opportunity

Pastor Jim is leading a mission trip opportunity during Spring Break to the Mississippi Deltas, March 12th-17th.

If you are interested, please contact him.

NOTICE:

SO THAT YOU CAN STAY INFORMED:

Please get on the church email list if not on already. Email adminassistant@poteaufumc.com. You will receive announcements and information such as death notices, prayer requests, meetings and other activities that come up between newsletters.

The Upper Room

The Upper Room devotional guides for January/February can be picked up from the tables in the Narthex. They are provided for you free in either the regular print or large print issue.



Cards of Thanks

The church staff would like to say thank you to everyone for the generous Christmas love offering we received.

We love serving God through our service to this church in our various ministry areas. We appreciate all the moral support we receive from the congregation.

Thank you,

Jim Perkin, Phil Smith, Melissa Ward,
Suzanne Klutts, Mary Lynn Perkin,
Bill King, Jayla Craig, Kaycee Quarry,
Tracey Gilliam, Kim Cooper, Melanie Wheat

To our Church Family:

Thank you for all the Christmas cards, calls, visits, and food. We appreciated and enjoyed all of it!

Charles and Marilyn Meek

Dear Ones,

How beautiful all the Christmas cards are! Thanks to all that took the time to bring us much cheer.

Wishing all of you a blessed new year.

Love,

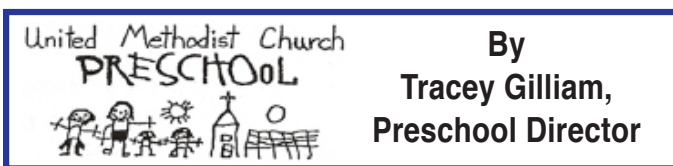
Ruth Ann and Dale DeCamp

To the Church Family

Thank you so much. I enjoyed all the beautiful cards and the sentiments expressed on my behalf.

Thanx,

Ed Brody



Happy New Year!

A new year and a new season are just a couple of exciting things to look forward to in January.

Preschool students will be introduced to Katy Kangaroo, Larry Lion, Marvin Monkey and Nellie Nurse. The number of the month is 6 and the shape is a rectangle. The colors blue and white will be focused on.

The memory verse for January is, "A friend loves at all times." The themes of the month will include A New Year, Arctic Animals, Friends Are Gifts, A Winter Wonderland, and Healthy Habits.

January Birthdays

- 1 Bernice Hurst
- 3 Michael Brown and Grace Ford
- 4 Alisa Slater
- 5 Jessa Craig
- 7 Katie Hopper
- 8 Zach Stubbs and Blake Lillard
- 11 Gloria Plummer and Susan Norgeot
- 12 Irene Beasley, Sharon Simmons and David Oehlschlager
- 13 Artie Stivers and Terri Martin
- 14 Wyatt Holt
- 16 Brian Roberts
- 17 Andy Baker, Suzanne King and Orville McDonald
- 19 Versile Johnson III and Blake White
- 20 Ted Williams
- 21 Alexis Ramirez, Ron Ward and Randall Wheat
- 22 Ashlee Sconyers and Randee Hallmark
- 23 Kanaan Hardaway and Andrew Barkley
- 24 Jeremy Quarry
- 25 John Clark, Baleigh Quarry, Haleigh Stone, and Mary Folsom
- 26 Holly Durant and Hammond Yandell
- 27 Bill Slater
- 30 Jennifer Miller and Paula Midgley
- 31 Jayla Craig and Davey Bullard



January Anniversaries

- 22 Keith and Kay Thomas



Help make our birthday and anniversary lists complete. If we do not have your family members' birthdays and anniversaries, please give the office that information by calling 918-647-2217.

Membership Care Committee

The Membership Care Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the Christian Family Life Center 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.

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 at 647-2217.