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Serving God Our Second 100 Years

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

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." PROVERBS 22:6

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

It seems that summer just began a few days ago but looking at the calendar, school plans are already being made. Many of our students started marching band camp this week while others are underway with back to school shopping. As summer break ends, many lives and schedules will get back into the "routine" of fall activities. Planning for the upcoming weeks is also taking place at church. The chancel and bell choirs will be returning soon. Plans for LOGOS, our mid-week children and youth ministry, are being finalized.

Over the coming year, I will be leading several short-term studies, both Bible and topical. The first study will begin on Sunday, August 20 and is entitled "Beyond 30 Seconds: Developing a Welcoming Congregation." It is developed off of the United Methodist advertising theme of "Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors" and helps us become people who welcome newcomers to the church. The seven-week study will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Another learning opportunity has been announced by the Oklahoma Annual Conference. On October 13 and 14, Bishop Robert Hayes, Rev. Dan Glover, and several others will be leading an event at Tulsa Christ UMC that has to do with "Making Disciples, Making a Difference". Over the two days, there will be six workshop sessions to address discipleship in areas that include children, youth, evangelism, worship, adults, family, senior adults, spiritual formation, and many more. I want to invite you to consider participating and helping this church continue to move forward in ministry and outreach. If you wish to participate in either of these opportunities, please contact the church office.

Thank you to Joe Renfro, Blake Shaddon, Lloyd Lee, Bob Bullock, Keith Wright and Tom Kemp for helping move Sara into her new office area. I appreciate your help!

Grace and peace,



REV. GREGORY J. TENER



FLOOD BUCKET DRIVE 2006

Please help others who will find themselves in need this hurricane season. These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood or hurricane.

Flood Bucket Contents:

- 5-gallon plastic bucket with resealable lid
- Bleach (two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle)
- (5) scouring pads •(7) sponges
- (1) scrub brush •(18) cleaning towels (reusable wipes)
- (50) clothes pins •(5) dust masks
- (1) pair work gloves •(2) pair latex gloves
- Liquid laundry detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle)
- (1) household cleaner, 12 -16 oz. bottle
- (1) Disinfectant dish soap, 16 - 28 oz. bottle
- Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)
- 24 ct. roll of heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gallon size (remove roll from box before placing in bucket)
- (1) Insect repellent spray, 6-14 oz. can (if aerosol, cans must have protective caps)
- (1) air freshener, 8 or 9 oz. can (if aerosol, cans must have protective caps.)

Put all items in the plastic bucket and seal lid. All cleansing agents must be liquids (not powder) and in plastic bottles. If the requested size item is not available, select the next smaller size. If an item is not available in the requested or smaller size, affix a masking tape label on the outside of the bucket saying, "This bucket contains no _____."

Please follow the directions exactly. All emergency buckets have been carefully planned to make them as usable as possible in the greatest number of situations. All items included in buckets must be NEW! It is very important that the buckets contain only the items requested and nothing more. Do not include any notes, money or additional items. Extra gifts, though given with the best intentions, render a kit unusable and must be removed.

When your bucket is ready, bring it to the church office for delivery to a designated site.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

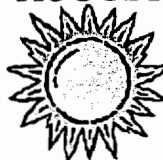
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| Bishop | Robert E. Hayes |
| District Superintendent | Sanford (Sandy) Wylie |
| Pastor | Gregory J. Tener |
| Youth & Children's Director | Sara Fuchs |
| Music Director | Steve Clark |
| Church Secretary | Brenda Ferguson |
| Lead Nursery Attendant | Jayla Craig |
| Organist | Lynn Roberts |
| Custodian and Door Opener | Robin Morrison |

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

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DEADLINES:

Sunday Worship Bulletin, 10 a.m. each Thursday

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR NEWSLETTER:

Every effort is made to provide an informative newsletter to keep everyone up to date and prepared for upcoming events. In order to do that, it is important that information is turned in to the church office by someone responsible for the activity by the **third Friday of every month**. This will ensure that the newsletter can be prepared and delivered by the first of the month. We need your help. Please remember to turn in your information on time.

- 4 Youth Lock-In, 9 p.m., CFLC
- 6 Family Pool Party, Jeanne Reed's Pool, 5-7 p.m.
- 7 PPRC meeting, 5:15 p.m., CLFC Conf. Rm.
- 9 Choir practice resumes, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- 13 Youth Parent Meeting, 11:30 a.m., CFLC
- 14 Preschool begins
- 19 St. Yootz Day at OKC for youth
- 20 Logos Training, 9:30 a.m., CFLC
Pastor's Seven Week Study begins, 6 p.m., F.H.
- 24 Church Council Meeting, 5:15 p.m., Aldersgate Rm.
- 27 Logos Parent Meeting, 9:30 a.m., CFLC
Pastor's Study, 6 p.m., F.H.

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- Aug. 6 Ed and Cindy Brody
- Aug. 13 Jerry and Mary Ford
- Aug. 20 Bob and Vera Bullock
- Aug. 27 Brian and Katie Shore



MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

- Aug. 6 Haven Perry
- Aug. 13 Michael Preston
- Aug. 20 Kade McMillin
- Aug. 27 Kyle Matos



Thank you, boys and girls, for your important part in our worship service.

Poteau First United Methodist Church Report For July, 2006

2006 Average Attendance Figures for July: 146
 2006 Budget Requirements: \$305,794.00
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$5,880.66
 Needed thru July: \$182,300.46
 July Receipts: \$30,174.95
 Year To Date Receipts thru July: \$221,912.47
 June Expenditures: \$29,355.06
 Year To Date Expenditures thru May : \$188,342.03
 July Expenditures: Not yet available as of 8/1/06. All bills not yet submitted to the church office for payment.



Correspondence



Youth and Children's News

Sara Fuchs, Youth and Children's Director

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and concerns for Ryan Clayburn and ask you to please keep him in your prayers. He is home safe now, but may have to return to Turkey.

Sincerely,
Christie Williams

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the prayers, the food, and your expressions of loving concern during Phil's illness. It all means so very much to us and we appreciate everything. We are so blessed to belong to such a loving church family.

Genny and Phil Dorsey

Dear Church Family:

Thank you seems like such a small thing to say when we feel so blessed to have been a part of Poteau First United Methodist Church.

We really appreciate the beautiful picture of the church. It is a wonderful lasting memory. Even though we were only here a short time, so many of you blessed our lives in so many ways. We will never forget you.

We would like to give a donation to the LOGOS program. We enjoyed working with the program and would like to contribute toward scholarships for the coming year. This is a wonderful program for the children of the church and the community.

Also we are giving a donation for a special kitchen fund to help Elva with anything she deems necessary for the kitchen. She and her helpers do a magnificent job and the church is so lucky to have all of them.

We thank you for the past 16 months that we have been members of your church. It has been a real blessing knowing all of you. Our time in Poteau was not long but we are going away with wonderful memories.

God bless all of you!
Ernie and Barbara Owens

Dear Church Group,

Your respect for Don Stout at his funeral and for my loss and sorrow was greatly appreciated. I thank you for your love and support and food. May God bless you.

Mary Oswell

Genny Dorsey is asking anyone who has extra jelly glasses to save them for her. She will again be making jelly for the UMW Fall Festival.

Calling All Youth Parents

The start of the school year is fast approaching and as a youth group we have a lot of fun and exciting things planned for the year. However for these activities to take place, we need your help. On Sunday, Aug. 13 right after church, I would like to meet with you to look at the calendar for the year and show you the wonderful curriculum that your students will be using and learning from, and give you the opportunity to sign up for the various meals, activities and outings that we have planned for the year. As parents, you are vital to the success of this ministry to your children. It cannot be done without you. See you on the 13th!

August Schedule

We will have regular MYF Summer Study at 6 p.m. on the 13th, 20th and 27th.

- There will be a **Youth Lock-In** Friday, Aug. 4 from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. Saturday. Throughout the night we will play various games, eat delicious food and listen to some great live music from The Fallen, and watch a wonderful movie. So bring some friends and let's say goodbye to summer and start the school year off with a bang! (Adults: please contact Sara if you are willing to help chaperone.)

- Sat., Aug. 19 is **St. Yootz Day** at Frontier City in Oklahoma City for youth in 7th to 12th grades. Cost will be approximately \$30. We will leave from the church at 10 a.m. and carpool to Frontier City and enjoy a wonderful day of music, rides, food and fun. We will return to church by midnight. We need adult chaperones for this trip also. Please contact Sara.

- We will have a **Family Pool Party** at Jeanne Reed's August 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. for children, youth and parents. There will be swimming, tennis, games, food and more to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. We will be grilling up some hot dogs and hamburgers with plenty to eat for all. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. It's going to be great!

Call for more information on any of these events.

Coming in September:

Mid-Week Logos Back and Better Than Ever

This September Logos will return for another exciting year. This program is a fantastic outreach and disciple tool for both the students of this church and the community. If you are interested in volunteering, we need you for any of the following: Transportation, Table Parents, Jr. High Station Teacher, and Decoration Team. Call Sara, 647-2217.

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The student ministry of the church will begin a new curriculum entitled Student Life Bible Study. This is a comprehensive six-year plan wherein the students will encounter the entire Bible twice. More on these September activities in the next newsletter.

Evelyn's Inspiration

By Evelyn White

God's Plans

Plan of Salvation – Plan of Life – The Abundant Life – Plan of Life Eternal –

The Plan of the Earth:

Where should the mountains be; the wasteland, prairie land, farming land, woodland – the rivers, the lakes – the oil, the coal, the gas, the iron ore, copper, silver and gold; the limestone, salt, sulfur – the different kinds of fertilizers to enrich our lands. The plan for the sun, the moon, the stars, the clouds, the oceans and the Divine Breath.

All this in place.

All this and He still takes care of you and me.

What a great and wonderful God we have.

May we live in the abundance of His Love.



A Word From Helen Benn

How Great Thou Art!

And when I am turned to dust from which I was formed gather me into your kingdom to live with saints of old – those who taught me, loved me (as you did) while I was yet covered with the scars of sin; weak as water, selfish, greedy and lost – unhearing, blind.

How Great Thou Art!

Great thou were to our nation and even to me – through the hurricanes, earthquakes, drouths and floods. I was safe, through the mighty shaking of kindgoms, wars where brother fought brother, where children were human sacrifices – man's sin so great and devious no one could find peace – you were there; looking down, open arms and waiting.

How Great Thou Art!

The mountains trembled and fell. The sea roared and overran the land. You heard prayers of many on my behalf. I was spared. I feel your open arms close around me, lift me up. Night becomes a bright day, sunlight flooded a mind blank, unlearned – words tumbled out of my mouth that were as angels singing, tears of joy flowed, the great pain of age eased.

O come taste the sweet water of salvation and with David of old I repeat: "Search me, of God, and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts, and see if there are wicked ways in me, lead me in the way everlasting."

I repeat: How Great Thou Art!

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE!

Have you been forgetting to save your cans? When you bring your aluminum cans to the church, Phil and Genny Dorsey sell them and match the amount they get with their own money. That makes the cans worth twice as much to buy food for the needy.

August Birthdays

- 1 Bill Fox
- 2 Vernon Roberts
- 4 Josie Garrett
- 5 James Fruen, Jr. and Tanya Brown
- 8 Gary Brown, Sr., Bob Bullock, and Margaret Nichols
- 10 Keith Wright
- 11 Maci McMillin
- 12 Patty Wright and William Slater
- 14 Lloyd Lee
- 15 Genny Dorsey
- 16 Chris Neurohr and Shirley James
- 17 Christie Williams
- 18 Nancy Shore and Alex Baker
- 19 Jake Thompson
- 20 Matt Stoughton and Kyle Hardaway
- 21 Mallory Mixon
- 23 Haven Perry
- 26 Gary Blackshare
- 27 Ryan Clayburn, Virginia Kidd and Janet DeSpain
- 28 Kimberly Hardaway, Peggy Gartner, and Dula Baker
- 29 Gerry Roberts
- 30 Gary Smith



August Anniversaries

- 4 Steve and Nancy Clark
Lloyd and Dana Lee
- 5 Jerry and Carol Baker
- 8 Jim and Jayla Craig
- 12 David and Patty Redhage
- 13 Jim and Judy Hall
- 14 Warren and Roxanna Moore
- 19 Shannon and Amy Stubbs
- 27 Ken and Susan Hammond
- 29 Jack and Virginia Stanley



FIRST AID AND CPR TRAINING

The Safety Task Force Community and the American Red Cross will provide training sessions consisting of First Aid, Adult CPR and Children and Infant CPR. The cost for all three sessions will only be \$10.00 thanks to the special rate the Red Cross gives to churches. The training will be held on a Saturday at the Family Life Center. The class, for all three, will take around 4 hours.

If you are interest in taking one or all of these classes please call the church office as soon as possible. We will need a count of those planning on taking the classes before we can schedule them and give you a firm date and time. These classes are especially important for those working with our children and youth.

FREE KITTENS – Some bobtailed. Will deliver. Call the Blackshares at 479-639-2817.