



# The United Methodist News

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Serving God Our Second 100 Years

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



*Be kind and compassionate to one another forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

*Ephesians 4:32  
NIV*

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## PASTOR TO PEOPLE

This past week I attended the McAlester District Pastor's meeting at which our District Superintendent distributed the schedule of Charge Conferences. The Charge Conference is the annual business meeting of a local church that has the main responsibility of reviewing and evaluating the mission and ministry of the church. At this meeting goals are discussed and statistical reports are given that help show the connection between the local and universal church. This year's conference will be on November 6 at 7:30 p.m.

I say all this to confess the "surprise" I receive every year when the dates are distributed. It is a prompting to complete some projects that have been started and to begin some that have been delayed. Things that I have put off until later, can no longer be set aside. Nominations and budget work have to move forward. Names and numbers that can sometimes be overwhelming, begin to become representative of opportunities to serve God and neighbor. Committee work that sometimes is tiresome, offers the chance to share personal gifts and talents. Preparing once again for charge conference can nudge a church forward and to look to the future.

One way that you can assist in preparing for conference is by prayerfully completing a ministry survey that will be in the worship bulletin for the next two weeks. This survey gives you a way in which you can name areas of interest and willingness to volunteer. Your responses will then be considered by the nominations committee as that group completes its work.

Several committees and task forces are already meeting, making plans for the future. Discussions are ongoing about new classes and studies, the use of space, and effective hospitality and welcoming of visitors. Ideas and creativity are welcomed and my door is open. There will also be another after-church dinner and conversation in the near future. More information will be available soon. In the meantime, I appreciate the many ways that this congregation ministers to the community of Poteau and the world.

Grace and Peace,

**REV. GREGORY J. TENER**

# Silver Bullets Travel Club

Club members are looking forward to our next trip! We will be going to Mount Magazine State Park in Arkansas to tour the area and facility. Dinner will be at Skycrest Restaurant in the new lodge which opened last year. The bus will leave from the church at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13. If there are any changes in scheduling, they will be noted in the church bulletin and on posted flyers.

If you want to join the travel club, please contact Jane Kilgore, Ann Vaughan or Virginia Stanley.

United Methodist Church  
**PRESCHOOL**

By  
Tracey Gilliam,  
Preschool Director



Preschool classes started on August 20th. We have openings available in both 3 year old classes. Tarron Barnes is a new preschool teacher this year. We are very excited to have her on staff.

Our August memory verse is "God made the world and everything in it."

### BAPTISM

Warrick Kayne Quarry, son of Jeremy and Kaycee Quarry was baptized on August 12.

### Poteau F.U.M.C. Report For July 2007

- 2007 Average Attendance Figures for July: 145
- 2007 Budget Requirements: \$317,292.00
- Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,294.00
- Needed through July: \$188,820.00
- July Receipts: \$49,145.74
- 2007 Receipts through July: \$245,827.54
- July Expenditures: \$32,700.05

### THE UNITED METHODIST NEWS

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

District web page address: [www.gbgn-umc.org/mc-dist/](http://www.gbgn-umc.org/mc-dist/)

## SEPTEMBER



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### WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Sunday Worship Bulletin, 10 a.m. each Thursday

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

In order to provide an informative newsletter, information must be turned in by the **third Friday of every month** so the newsletter can be prepared and delivered by the first of the month. Thank you.

#### • SUNDAY •

Methodist Youth Fellowship, 5:00 p.m.

#### • MONDAY – FRIDAY •

Christian Preschool, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

#### • MONDAY •

Boy Scouts, 7:00 p.m., CFLC

#### • TUESDAY •

Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m., CFLC

#### • WEDNESDAY •

LOGOS, 3:00 p.m., CFLC (beginning Sept. 12)

Handbell Rehearsal, 5:15 p.m., Bell Room

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

- 3 Office closed for Labor Day
- 4 Pictorial Directory Photograph Sessions
- 5 Pictorial Directory Photograph Sessions
- 8 United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m., F.H.
- 10 Pictorial Directory Photograph Sessions
- 12 Logos Program Begins, 3 p.m., CFLC
- 13 Silver Bullets Trip
- 19 UMW Meeting, 9:30 a.m., F.H.
- 22 UMW Fall District Meeting, Broken Bow

### MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

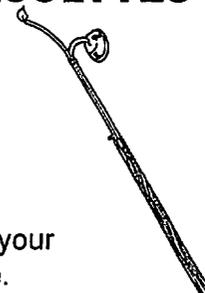
- Sept. 2 Shannon and Amy Stubbs
- Sept. 9 Brian and Katie Shore
- Sept. 16 David and Patty Redhage
- Sept. 23 Joel and Peggy Talley
- Sept. 30 Tom and Dee Kemp



### MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

- Sept. 2 Josie Garrett
- Sept. 9 Maci McMillin
- Sept. 16 Conor Matos
- Sept. 23 Kade McMillin
- Sept. 30 Taylor Darneal

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





# Youth and Children's News

**Kim Hardaway, Youth and Children's Director**

For more information about any activity, please call 647-2217 (church office).

In honor of those in educational ministry at our church, we will have a service of commissioning September 9. This worship service is to recognize, appreciate, and bless those who provide this important ministry.

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A youth-sponsored Luncheon and Pie Auction is planned for September 23rd, immediately following the service. The luncheon will consist of spaghetti, salad, green beans, bread, and drinks. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-11. Plenty of desserts will be available at the auction.

### Youth-sponsored Churchwide Yard Sale!

The first weekend of October (5th and 6th) the youth are having a yard sale. We need your help in the following way: Clean out what is no longer needed around your home and choose to 1) have the youth sell it for you and keep the proceeds; OR 2) have the youth provide you a space for 10% of your profit. Either way you'll be helping out!

Please bring donated items Sept. 30th thru Oct. 4th. Contact Kim if you need a space provided.

### Youth Officers

Youth officers are: President: Sarah Mixon; Vice-President: Keely Redhage; Secretary and Treasurer: Mallory Mixon; Reporter: Rachel Ware; District Representative: Josh Graham.

### Logos Update

With much excitement and anticipation, Logos begins this month. Many have answered the call to be involved and it promises to be a meaningful, worthwhile experience. The upcoming theme is as follows:

- September - "God Calls Us to Celebrate"
- 12th - Picnic
- 19th - Backwards Night
- 26th - Guest Night

Sheri Zabala, our Logos craft leader, asks that you save any promo CD's that you have as she has a craft planned that uses them. You may bring them to the church office or give them directly to her.

Middle School Logos students will be meeting together at PKMS and walking over as a group. The

meeting location is at the corner of the 4-way stop towards the church.

Sandra Slater and Kim would like to know if there is interest in doing a younger handbell choir on Sunday evenings from 4 to 5 p.m. since handbells will NOT be ongoing at Logos this year. It would be open for children from upper elementary to high school and if there is enough interest we could have two groups.

### UMYF FALL SCHEDULE

- Sept. 2 No UMYF - Labor Day holiday
- Sept. 8 Service Project with UMM (wear old clothes for painting), 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- Sept. 9 UMYF - The Game of Life: Charades
- Sept. 15 Walk for Diabetes – Team walks at high school track
- Sept. 16 District Youth Rally at McAlester Expo Center; 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23 Fundraiser Luncheon and Pie Auction immediately following church
- Sept. 27 7:00 p.m. Mercy Me Concert at Fort Smith Convention Center. We leave at 6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 30 UMYF - The Game of Life: Wheel of Fortune
- Oct. 5, 6 Fundraiser: Garage Sale at the Church

### Take a lesson from a dog

- If a dog was the teacher you would learn stuff like:
- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- Practice obedience.
- Be alert to someone invading your territory.
- Take naps.
- Stretch before rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout ... run right back and make friends.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.
- Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.



## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women's Fall Festival is coming sooner than we think! We will begin planning for it at our first fall meeting of UMW on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Also, we will be traveling to Broken Bow for UMW Fall District Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 22

## United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men meet the second Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. for breakfast and a program in the CFLC. All men of the church are invited to attend this enjoyable activity.

## Time for a New Pictorial Directory Let's Make It Complete!

We are excited that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. It has been a long time since our last directory, and many families have grown since then. The directory will help us to connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional photographer at the church. We are now making appointments before and after services and meetings at the church. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

The scheduled dates for photography and portrait viewing are Sept. 4, 5 and 10. Call Tami Matos, Directory Coordinator at 647-9071 to schedule your appointment, or you may call the church office at 647-2217.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory. It just won't be complete without you!

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 Custom Natural Portrait.

- You will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing.

- The program is available at no cost to the church budget.

- You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time, with no pressure to do so.

- If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits come with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.

- Whether you decide to dress formal or casual, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

## September Birthdays

- 2 Ken Hammond
- 4 Charlotte Greenwood and Selma Keup
- 5 Aimee Baker
- 8 Kelli Atchley
- 10 Kyle Cofer and Matt Wright
- 13 Jane Kilgore
- 14 Tommy Wright
- 15 Rachel Jaden
- 16 Kyson Hardaway and Keely Redhage
- 17 Justin Burton and Ellis Whigham
- 19 Jennifer Roberts, Jack Oehlschlager, Lois Baswell
- 20 Susan Mixon
- 23 Troy Talley
- 24 Christine Harris
- 25 Kale Kemp, Don Baetz, Grace Dehart, and Sue Stottsberry
- 26 Lucille Sokolosky and Joe Renfro
- 27 Peggy Talley and Kyle Reid
- 28 Daniel Ware, Gary Mason, Cary Baetz, Jane Ann Inge, Jenny Allen, and Tami Matos



## September Anniversaries

- 1 Jeff and Susan Mixon
- 7 Ernie and Barbara Owens
- 12 Jim and Nancy Shore
- 27 Jim and Martha Kidd



## On the Prayer List

### PRAYER



### CONCERNS

Following are the prayer requests listed in the worship bulletin on Sunday, August 26: Grayson Bradshaw, Ken Hammond, Mark and Edie McMillin's parents, Lois Robison, Jan Graham, Ruby Anderson, Mike Anderson and family, Gerald Aaron, Betty Wilcox, Don Hutton, Tina Burton, Steve Clark's dad, Tommy Clark, Phil Dorsey, Myra Gregory, Jack Rose, Keith McCarver, Brent Crocker, Linda Lancaster, Shore family, Dian Harris, Emelia Neuharth, Patty Redhage, Bailey Thompson, and Darrell Hamilton.



## Our Sympathy Extended

We extend our love and sympathy to Genny Dorsey and family on the recent death of Phil. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.