



The Springs

Rev. Don Tabberer

February 12, 2014



"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea." (Psalm 46:1-2)

Every four years the world gathers for the Winter Olympics. That time is here once again and there is much excitement surrounding the games, the competitors, and our medal chances. Millions of people will gather around their televisions over the next two weeks to watch *"the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat."* I admit that I am one of these fans who spend a lot of time in front of the TV.

What draws me to these games is the focus and sheer determination of the athletes. They are so clear about their objective and so confident in their training that they come to their moment and do their very best. They are able, for the most part, to shut out distractions and rise above the pressure of being on the "Olympic Stage." Each athlete knows what is expected of them and what they are capable of. They also know that success depends on their ability to relax in the midst of all this pressure and settle in to the task at hand. They trust themselves and their coaches. At least from our perspective, they do not seem to be worried. I am amazed at this level of confidence. These young people are able to perform with incredible skill and with complete abandon because they trust in everything that has led them to this point in their lives.

In a way I envy their confidence. I wonder what it might be like if we could all go through life with that kind of trust and confidence. How different would each day be if we could put our trust completely in something that we knew without a doubt would help us reach our intended purpose? Oh, wait...we have that, don't we? We have God who says: *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart; don't rely on your own intelligence."* (Proverbs 3:5)

In Sunday's message I reminded us that worry implies that we do not believe that our God is big enough or powerful enough to handle our problems. Basically, when we worry we turn our backs on God. I want to share these words with you from my devotional: *"Bring me your weakness, and receive my peace."*

Accept yourself and your circumstances just as they are, remembering that I am sovereign over everything....let thankfulness and trust be your guides through this day; they will keep you close to me. As you live in the radiance of my presence, my peace shines upon you. You will cease to notice how weak or strong you feel, because you will be focusing on me. The best way to get through this day is step by step with me." If we focus on trusting God with the path we are on right now we will find that we worry a lot less about the path ahead of us.

I have begun to notice that I am increasingly frustrated by my own limitations; they seem to manifest themselves more and more lately. I can't imagine what the cause of this phenomenon might be. (Another birthday maybe?) Whatever the cause, the reality is that my limitations do not determine what I can or cannot do for God. God is unlimited and that means I have the potential to do whatever God asks me to do if I will simply focus and trust.

The Olympics remind me that we all need to focus on what is most important and stop worrying about all the stuff that distracts us and gets in the way of doing what God wants us to do. I think this means that we need to focus on the section of our journey that we are on right now. Olympic athletes do not think about their competitors or their last run or the run coming up; they focus on the performance they are in at that moment. It is that focus that enables them to achieve the things that amaze us. We need to focus on the journey we are on right now with God. We need to let go of the road behind us and we need to let God take care of the road ahead. God will illuminate the "ahead" parts as we need to see them; God will not reveal all that is to come. We should not worry about the "ahead" because God will adjust it as we live into it. Why worry? It may get easier; it may change; it may get harder; but, whatever comes, God will be there to get us over it, under it, around it, or through it.

***Don't sweat the small stuff,
Pastor Don***



Re-Ignite

We have a good group going to Re-Ignite on Sunday afternoon, February 16, at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church. If you want to carpool over or would like to follow someone please meet in the church parking lot at 12:45pm. Don Cole will also be driving the church van. We will head out around 1pm. Below is the schedule for the afternoon. If you have questions please see Amy Miller.

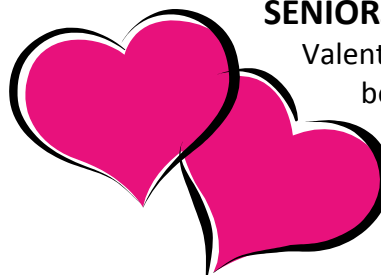
1-2pm	Registration & Fellowship
2-3:15pm	Session 1
3:30-4:45pm	Session 2
5-5:30pm	Mission Project (Jubilee Hall)
5:30pm	Worship with Bishop Hayes (Jubilee Hall)

SOMEONE'S PRAYING, LORD.....

WOW! February, 2014 - 100 Years of Methodism in Sand Springs! It seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating our 75th Anniversary. While time goes so quickly, we must always remember those who brought us to where we are today. But our challenge today is to make sure we are in tune to where God wants us to be during the next 25 or 100 years. As we look to the future, let us pray daily that we will be unified in building for that future, and in being ready to serve Him with excitement and passion as we open our hearts to the needs of others today. Let us pray together for those yet to enter into a relationship with Jesus, and for those who are yet to enter our church for worship and renewal. This is an exciting time for SSUMC and we want to share it with others. Let's Pray! Virginia

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

WE HAVE A FOOSBALL TABLE AND A POOL TABLE AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST PERSON WHO WANTS THEM AND IS ABLE TO COME TAKE THEM AWAY NOW. IF NOBODY TAKES THEY WILL GO AWAY.



SENIORS IN ACTION! Happy Valentine's Day! We will have a belated Valentine's Day Luncheon at Miss Scarlett's Tea Room in the historic Burnett Mansion in Sapulpa. The date is Friday, February 21st at

11:30 a.m. This is a very interesting old home with all of its' original 1911 painted wall canvases still in place on the first floor. It is owned and operated by John & Shirley Firey. Shirley offers a menu of delicious sandwiches, soups, salads, baked potato, and desserts, plus a daily "chalkboard" special which includes a drink and dessert. For those of us who are willing to climb stairs, we will be treated to a tour of the mansion, for a small fee per person. You **MUST** sign up for this event, since they need to know how many to prepare for. Sign up with Max or Sharon Schuermann, or call 918-246-9159. Either meet us at the mansion at 11:30 a.m., OR meet at the Family Life Center for carpooling at 11a.m.

Change of Date

The Church Council Meeting that was scheduled for Sunday, February 16 has been changed to **Sunday, February 23 at 2:30 p.m.** due to the Re-Ignite classes. Also on the 23rd is Finance at 1:15 p.m.

It is important if you are on a committee to make every effort to attend the meetings. You make a difference in the decisions of the church.

what is \$1 a day?



or \$7 towards apportionments

A percentage of apportionment money goes to **Campus Ministries** – supporting ministry to students on 16 college and university campuses in Oklahoma – approximately 108,525 students.



Could you give up something each day and give the money to apportionments?



100 Years of Memories

As part of our 100-year celebration, we are going to create a DVD featuring church members telling about their favorite memories over the last 100 years (or however long they have been around). Each person will have 2-3 minutes to share their memories.

Some of the things that come to mind might be mission trips/opportunities that you were a part of or experiences with the Living Nativity or Herbal Affair or church camp. There have been any number of church activities over the years that might have touched your heart. This video isn't just for the adults because kids are already storing up memories.

If you are interested in being part of the video, please let me know. You can leave a message on my home phone (918-241-3259) or call Tracey at the church.

Please let me hear from you by the end of February and we will begin organizing and making memories. Thanks so much for your participation.

Karen Wilder

Newsletter Weeks 2014

February 10 & 24

March 10 & 24

April 7 & 21

May 5 & 19

June 2, 16 & 30

July 14 & 28

August 11 & 25

September 8 & 22

October 6 & 20

November 3 & 17

December 1 & 15

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers—February 16

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony

Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston

Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David

Young Disciples Lesson-8:30a.m.-Jami Warkentin

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Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids

Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Amy & Lauren Miller

Counters-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

Communion Helpers

8:30	11:00
Kristen Henry	Eldin Fisher
Frank Johnston	Dick Ford
Kristin Johnson	Jo Fritts
Darrell Mansfield	Cathy Gifford

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Counters-Diana Pond & Jack Vest

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Winnie Mansfield	Gerri Holladay
Amy Miller	Trish House
Lauren Miller	Janet Parker
Jennifer Paschal	Sharon Schuermann

Please Keep In Prayer

Ruth Weaver, Donna Woodruff, Destinee Tackett, Sylvia Johnson, Clinton Wilson, Martha Scudder, Virginia Vice, Margaret Pyeatt, Theresa Rosales, Mary Lea Forsythe, Marilyn Peil, Elsie Jones, Michael Bostwick, Jim Wilson, Cathy Hula, Cathy Snow and Family, Pauline Hanigar, Beverly Rousey, Morene Baker, Charlotte Cain, Unspoken requests, Darryl Muse

Acknowledgements

*This space is reserved for Acknowledgements such as Sympathies, Thank You's, Shower announcements and any other announcements you want your church family to be aware of.
Submit them to Tracey thru mail or drop off in the office.*



The Awakening

The Awakening exists to...

"Teach students to genuinely honor Christ through service, reaching out to those around them, and building up a community based on love for one another"

Upcoming Events

February 16th – Re-Ignite @ Boston Avenue

March 5th – Ash Wednesday (No Youth)

Worship @ Church 6:30 p.m.

March 19th – No Youth

March 26th – The Awakening @ Green Tree

Update

For those of you who may not have heard, my name is Mark Giovi and I am the new Director of Student Ministries here at the church. Let me start off by saying how excited, honored, and blessed I am to be here serving your students. I have not been around them much, but I love each of them already and cannot wait to see what God is going to do in their lives over the course of my time here.

Just so you know a little bit more about myself, I grew up in Tulsa and graduated from OSU in December 2013 with a degree in Psychology. I have had the desire to go into youth ministry since I was a 10th grader in high school and doing it is a dream come true.

My passion is to cultivate a heart in the students where they truly love the things of God. I have seen too many students go to college or leave a youth group and then fade away because they did not see a point anymore. I desire to give students an unexplainable love and desire for the things of God that continue even after they leave the youth group. This will be the generation that changes the church, as well as the world.

Your Fellow Servant,

Mark



KidZone

We are having a great time teaching the kids to put God FIRST above all else. On Sunday, we talked about giving cheerfully. Your children had many wonderful ideas

about ways they can be cheerful givers.

On Sunday, we will be working on a project in class to help people in need. Listed below are some items that will help us with our project. If you are able to provide any of these supplies, please send them with your child or drop them by the Kidzone area.

Juice Boxes

Pre-packaged snacks (granola bars, pretzels, crackers, dried fruit, etc.)

New white socks (any size)

Individually wrapped bars of soap (any size)

We need donations by February 23rd. Everything we collect will go to Restore Hope.

On March 9th we will begin our new lesson series called The Easter Garden. It's all about the Garden of Gethsemane. We will even get to recreate the garden!

See you Sunday!

Offices Closed

The offices will be closed for President's Day, Monday, February 17th.

Also mark your calendar for March 9th-Daylights Savings Time Begins. Don't forget to move your clocks forward on Saturday the 8th!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, February 12

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music
3:30 p.m.-Art Class-F. Hall
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening Youth-FLC
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 13

11:00 a.m.-Needlers-Parlor
5:30 p.m.-FLC in use
7:00 p.m.-Stewardship Meeting

Friday, February 14-Happy Valentine's

6:00 p.m.-FLC in use



Day!

Saturday, February 15

No Activities

Sunday, February 16

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship; 11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School
1:00 p.m.-Youth Mentor Group
3:00 p.m.-Blue Devil Basketball Practice-FLC
12:45 p.m.-Re-Ignite at Boston Ave. UMC

Monday, February 17-Offices Closed

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
10:00 a.m.-Vision Disability Support Group-F. Hall
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, February 18

6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts-FLC
7:00 p.m.-Praise Team
7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, February 19

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
3:30 p.m.-Art Class-F. Hall
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers
6:30 p.m.-Youth-FLC
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 20

5:30 p.m.-FLC in use

Friday, February 21

11:30 a.m.-SIA to lunch in Sapulpa-See article inside
6:00 pm.-FLC in use

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