



The Springs

Rev. Dennis Adlof

January 20, 2011

From Dennis the Minis-ter:

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven...” Jesus in Matthew 5:43-45a

One redeeming development to arise out of the tragedy in Tucson is the call by certain members of Congress to set aside a long standing tradition. That is, at the coming State of the Union address some Democrats and Republicans will sit side by side, rather than sitting only with their fellow political party members. I applaud such a gesture. Even though we cannot say the hateful tone of American politics is the cause for the massacre in Arizona; yet any effort to come together to treat each other as fellow Americans and human beings worthy of the respect and worth that God created us with is a step in the right direction. It is an action greatly needed in our life together.

I am reminded of a story. At an official reception during the Civil War, President Lincoln made a brief speech in which he referred to the Confederates as “erring human beings” rather than enemies to be destroyed. An elderly lady abolitionist [radically against slavery] said, “Mr. President, how can you lower yourself to refer to such slave holding rebels as merely ‘erring human beings’ who were sworn enemies to the Union and freedom?” ***“Why, madam,” replied Lincoln, “do I not destroy my enemies when I make them friends?”***

Where is the Lord calling you to step beyond antagonism? Is there an adversary that the love of Jesus is calling you redeem as a friend? Remember the rest of Jesus’ words in the Matthew passage:

“...for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Matthew 5:45b-48



From the KidZone...

We have started our books on Heroes of the Bible. Last week we learned about Abraham and Sarah and God's promises to them. This week we learned about their son Isaac. You won't want to miss next week when we will learn the story of Jacob and make a 3-

D ladder with angels. The following week we will learn about Joseph and will be making a coat unlike any you have ever seen.

Reminder: you can earn Bible bucks by remembering to bring your Bibles, bringing a friend to Sunday School, or reciting Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet. And a light to my path."

The Children's Ministry Team would like to thank everyone for all the kind words we received this past Sunday. We love the children and are blessed by them every week.

Forever. For Real.

The Forever. For Real. Program has significantly impacted the lives of couples and individuals throughout Oklahoma! At last year's Forever. For Real. Event, close to 2,000 Oklahomans experienced this workshop. Mark your calendar for this FREE event on February 5th. Attend the Forever. For Real. Workshop to reconnect with your partner, spend quality time together and learn skills to communicate and problem solve as a team. Lunch is provided and you will have the chance to win some great door prizes, including a dream vacation to Germany with accommodations at a historical castle. Plus, if you are engaged and attend with your fiancé, you will receive a \$45 discount on your Oklahoma marriage license! Join other couples in your community for the biggest event of the year!

Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011~10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tulsa Convention Center~100 Civic Center

Register at: ForeverForReal.com

877-435-8033

New Member Welcoming Dinner

It's a Family Dinner to welcome our newest family members. Let's beat the cold, and warm our hearts by being together.

SSUMC's Dinner honoring the New Members to our church family in 2010, is scheduled for January 30th, 2011. It will be held at the Family Life Center, 100 W. 38th St. (South of the river), and eating will begin at 6PM. Music will accompany, and Entertainment will follow, dinner.

All members are encouraged to attend. A sign-up sheet is in the church lobby to allow persons to choose food/s to provide. If you "have a hunger for something not listed---just write it on the list and bring it.

Dear UMW Readers

We are starting a new reporting schedule for 2011. You may add books read since August until the end of the year till your 2010 report. Just notify me and I will adjust your record. I will send in the one you gave me in July if I don't hear from you by January 25. Please check our UMW reading book case for new books. And pick up a new reading program chart for 2011. It has added a space for the new area of leadership development. Any questions, please call me.

Your Program Resource Secretary,
JoAnn Nelson

Ushers Schedule Changed for 2011

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for Ushering for the year 2011. We are doing it weekly instead of monthly this year so that more people have an opportunity to usher. Bruce Warren is the Head Usher for 2011 and is hoping to have more families, women, and youth sign up. You are encouraged to look at the schedule and find a week or two that works for you and family or friends and sign up!

Crumbs From The Cracker

News:

Mission is on the map!!!! Birmingham, AL here our youth come!!! This year we have teamed up with Trinity Baptist to take our youth on a “Youthworks” mission trip!!! This is going to be an awesome experience for our kids to put their faith into action and serve God in another part of the country! There will be 2 info meetings for parents and youth this week. They are the same meetings just on 2 different nights in case parents can’t make one. If you have a youth who want to go on a mission, please attend one of these 2 meetings. It is important that you have the info. We only have 16 youth spots to fill at this point, so sign up quick!!! The trip is \$300, and your youth’s deposit is due on January 31st. That deposit guarantees a spot for your youth. The deposit is \$60 dollars. The youth will be doing fundraisers as well, to raise support for the mission! So get excited and feel free to email me with any questions!!! Thanks! Remember that I will be out of the office for my wedding and honeymoon from January 20th- January 29th, so if you need to get info on mission stuff feel free to contact Matt Richie richie.matthew@gmail.com

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Weekly Youth Lessons:

The youth have kicked off both of their new series of lessons. The Sunday school class has learned two stories from the “Scary, Gross and Weird Stories of the Bible.” Those stories were about Lot and his wife, and the Plagues of Egypt. These have been fun to go through on Sunday and this coming Sunday Gina Osburn will be teaching the youth about a Talking Donkey J not the one from “Shrek”. The Slave series has also begun with last weeks lesson on “Slaves to Anger.” We learned that when we are angry, we either “Spew” or we “Stew” on our anger. This coming weeks lesson is going to be about “Slave to Lust,” which is going to be an awesome lesson to challenge our youth to remain pure in mind, body, and Spirit.



Weekly Verse:

Matthew 10: 10b

“...Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve to be fed.”

So over the past week, Jesus has been really speaking to me about blessings and learning how to receive them with a humble heart and not deny them with a prideful spirit. The verse that is our key verse for the week is what kicked it off. How many of us pray that God would bless us? How many of us believe that God can? How many of us expect an un-marked paper bag with a wad of \$100 bills? I say this because I have caught myself so many times in the past denying a blessing, not because I don’t want a blessing, but because I am too prideful to receive one. Jesus has been really humbling my spirit over the course of the year regarding this idea of humbling myself and receiving, knowing that it is a blessing from God coming through one of His people. It seems contradictory that I ask God to bless me and when He uses one of His people to do it, we turn Him down, because we don’t want to receive the gift in humbleness and humility which goes against His word. In this section Jesus tells His disciples to go and heal, cast out demons, etc. and He also says don’t take anything with you. Now there is a story in the Old Testament in Genesis about a guy name Jacob and Esau, and Jacob was told by God to give Esau some livestock. Well Esau does not want to receive it at first. Could this have been pride too? Its easy to ask God to bless us, but its hard to be humble and receive it from a source that may not be where you thought it would come from. Not all of us can win the lottery, but we can receive from others if God puts it on their heart. So my challenge this week is when someone wants to bless you don’t even hesitate to receive it, and most of all don’t deny it, because you might be missing out on a blessing from Mr. Jesus.

Upcoming Events:

- *January 18th Safe Sanctuaries Training 7pm (Optional whichever fits your schedule)*
- *January 19th Youth/Parent Mission Meeting 7:30pm @ FLC*
- *January 22nd Graeme and Jetonne are Married!!!!*
- *January 22nd Local Church Leaders Workshop*
- *January 23rd Youth/Parent Mission Meeting 5pm @ Trininty Baptist Church (Only if you missed Wednesday Nights)*
- *JANURARY 31st DEPOSIT FOR YOUTH MISSION IS DUE! IF WANTING TO GO ON MISSION \$60 (Make checks out to SSUMC Memo: 2011 Youth Mission)*
- *February 2nd Metro Worship*
- *February 5th Graeme and Jetonne Reception @ FLC @ 2pm*
- *February 6th Super Bowl Sub-Sunday (Youth Fundraiser 4 Mission Trips) Bring Your Lincoln!*
- *February 8th Youth help with Charles Page Concession Stand*

February 28th “Cyber Parent Night” Monday 6:30pm

(If you are interested in being apart of any of these upcoming events please do not hesitate to call me at 918-245-5955, or email me at gcollett@sandspringsumc.org)

Fun Fact: “The U.S. has more bagpipe bands than Scotland does.”

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers January 23

Welcome Center
 CIA/Pathfinders
 Head Usher
 Bruce Warren
 Lay Reader
 Roger Nelson
 Children's Moment
 Marty David
 Children's Church
 Marty D., Judy B., and Brooke Herndon
 Counters
 Betty (or Howard) and Gary Dobbs
 Visitors Center
 Mel & Norma Jones
 Youth Dinner for Wednesday, Jan. 26
 CIA/Pathfinders

Sunday Volunteers January 30

Welcome Center
 CIA/Pathfinders
 Head Usher
 Bruce Warren
 Lay Reader
 Linda Adlof
 Children's Moment
 Linda Adlof
 Children's Church
 Jami W., Terrie B., & Abby Walters
 Counters
 Sondra Bogert & Dick Ford
 Visitors Center
 Mel & Norma Jones
 Youth Dinner for Wednesday, Feb. 2
 Crossroads/The Uprising

Please Keep In Prayer

Bill & Mary Lea Forsythe, Thelma Bradshaw, Gene Watson & Maureen Gibson, Susan Stafford, Lovell Sharp, Virginia Vice, Vera Nell Boatman, Walter Speed, Ralph Rand, Angela Krause, Leonard Whisenhunt, Linda McCormick, Frank Bogert, Harold Hilgendorf, Unspoken Requests

Recognitions...

Wedding News:

As many of you know Jetonne and I will soon be getting married. On January 22nd we will be getting married outside of Tulsa. It is going to be a very small family/friend wedding, so we are going to be having a reception at the Family Life Center so our whole church family can join us in our celebration. We will be having the reception on February 5th at 2pm. Please come and join us on that date to celebrate this new journey that we will share together! Hope to see ya February 5th at 2pm. We are registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and Target.

Sand Springs United Methodist,

Thank you so much for allowing us to glorify God with you in all his miracles. Paul often commends his churches for their faith and righteousness and I would like to do the same. Your hospitality was noticed from the minute we walked in the door there was no shortage of friendly faces and warm "good mornings." AS we talked among the people the fruits of the spirit were easy to see. Your generosity gave by faith and for that we are thankful. You may be a small church but you have large hearts and I know that whatever you place your hands to will prosper. Continue in your love to those inside and outside the church and when love is difficult it is all the more beautiful. Thanks for being world changers. Love, Chase & Marissa Henninger

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CP=Childcare Provide ~ FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, January 19

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
10:00 a.m.-SIA to Greek Orthodox Church
6:00 p.m.-Junior High Youth
:00 p.m.-Senior High Youth
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells-CP
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir-CP

Thursday, January 20

4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers

Friday, January 21

12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers

Saturday, January 22

Congratulations Graeme & Jetonne
Today is the Local Church Leadership Workshop at Boston Ave. UMC.

Sunday, January 23

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School-CP

10:15 a.m.-Worship-CP

11:45 a.m.-Praise Team Practice

1:00 p.m.-Finance Meeting

Boy Scout Sunday

Monday, January 24

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC

6:30 p.m.-Disciple 1-3

7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts 101-FLC

Tuesday, January 25

1:30 p.m.-Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts Leader Meeting-F. Hall

6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts-Upstairs

7:00 p.m.-Al Anon

Wednesday, January 26

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC

6:00 p.m.-JH Youth

7:00 p.m.-SH Youth

6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells-CP

7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir-CP

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