



The Springs

Rev. Dennis Adlof

February 2, 2011

From Dennis the Minis-ter:

This Sunday, February 6th, we will celebrate Holy Communion. As a congregation, it is our time to remember through the elements of this holy meal what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. It is our opportunity to reaffirm that “though many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” (Romans 12:5) In other words, we are one big family through God in Christ. **Well, this Sunday, we will meet a new member of our family: our new Exodus House resident, Jerome Philpot.**

For those who may not be completely familiar with the Exodus House ministry here is a synopsis: Exodus House is a six-month temporary residential project established for the purpose of equipping released ex-offenders and their families to become productive, self-supporting units. This is accomplished by reuniting families, job readiness development, financial planning, Christ-centered spiritual growth and counseling and educational opportunities. Exodus House Tulsa is located at 2624 E. Newton Street. It is a ministry of the Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries of the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church. SSUMC has sponsored an apartment and several of its residents over the years.

A couple of weeks ago, Barbara McClintock represented our church at a lunch meeting at Exodus House. She got to meet Jerome. She reports that Jerome is thirty years old. Before coming to Exodus he had been at a half-way house. He is from Tulsa, attended Will Rogers High School but dropped out. His mother and a sister live in Tulsa, and he says they are very supportive of him. Jerome got his GED while being locked up. He is a healthy eater and prefers organic foods. He is intent on working out. Jerome has a job at the “Blue Dome.” He says he is a chef and is learning from other real chefs. Some day he would like to enroll in college.

Jerome will be coming to our church with Exodus House Case Manager, Jeannine Bezotte. Jeanine is a graduate of the Exodus House. In fact, SSUMC was Jeannine’s sponsoring church when went through the program. She has a special place in her heart for our congregation and admits she finds any “excuse” to come and see us.

So, let us give Jerome and Jeannine a warm SSUMC welcome. Let us keep them in our prayers as Jerome completes the ministry and becomes the kind of person the Lord would want him to be.

See you Sunday!



From the KidZone...

Sunday was a great day!
It was wonderful to see so many little faces in Sunday School and in Children's Church.

Just a 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."

We are continuing our lesson on Joseph next Sunday and will begin pages on Moses for our Heroes of the Bible books.

We are going Valentine Caroling on Feb 13th. We will have pizza right after church and then leave to go caroling at the homes of the shut-ins, returning to the church at approximately 2:00. We **MUST** have a signed permission slip before the child can go. Any parents that are interested in driving their child(ren) are welcome to come and have pizza and go with us.

Stay warm and safe this week and we will see you on Sunday!

A Big Thank You I just wanted to say a big thank you to the congregation for honoring the children's ministry team in such a special way. I speak for all when I say we appreciate your support more than you know. Although I will be stepping back from leadership with the children, I will still serve in children's church on occasion and continue to do the children's moments. Serving the children of SSUMC has been one of the greatest joys of my life.

Also, thank you to the UMW for the special recognize on Sunday. I was very surprised and very honored.

Sincerely,
Amy Miller

Kingdom Kids Are Singing!

The Kingdom Kids will sing "Friend of God" during the Worship Service on February 13th. After church, we will eat pizza then go Valentine Caroling to the shut ins. See Cathy Gifford for a permission slip, more details or to volunteer to go and help!

Seniors in Action!

Bring your spouse or favorite friend and celebrate Valentine's Day with us at the Belvidere Mansion in Claremore! We'll have lunch there on Wednesday, Feb. 16th, followed by a tour and history of the mansion. Cost will be \$12 per person. Meet at the CHURCH at 10 a.m. for van rides or car pooling. Sign up with Max and Sharon, or call 246-9159.

Got Water?

Jay Bullard is looking for people who have private water wells on their property who would like to have the water tested. Please call 561-1282 or 241-6890 for more information and if you would like to participate in this water project.

Evangelism Meeting for Everyone

Thursday, February 10th at 7 p.m. is the next Evangelism Team Committee Meeting in the Parlor.

We welcome visitors, of any age, to come "look us over" without committing to any obligations. If you like us, we'll find a job for you.

Weather Reminder

When the weather is bad and you have an event to attend at the church, please remember to call the church before venturing out. There is a menu on the voicemail that tells cancellations due to weather.



Evangelism Team with 2010 New Members (photo)

New Member Dinner was a Success!

Twenty two honorees were recognized Sunday, at the SSUMC Annual New Member Supper: Nick Alex; Hunter Chism; Jason Cooper; Anna Dudek; Autum Harjo; Julia Henry; Malacki Hood; Madison Lee; Lauren Miller; Rance Walker; Abby Walters; Sami Ward; Jack Holley; Cindy Stafford; Graeme Collett; Jetonne Krug Collett; Jan Dickerson; Robby Stillman; Danial Frost; Calvin Knox; Leslie Knox; and Ronnie Patterson. Dinner music was provided by Chuck Baldridge, and a Sing-A-Long was led by Alan and Janet Parker. Donations of \$139.97 were given to Youth Missions by the Evangelism Team/Committee.

Ushers Still Needed

We still have a few empty spaces for Ushers. We encourage everyone to try it once. Ask the family to help you. Get your friends to help you. Women, Men, Youth... Check out the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

We hope you will sign up for a few different weeks or just one. We want different ushers for every Sunday.

Meeting to Evaluate Worship and

Sunday Morning Schedule Sunday afternoon, February 13th, the Worship Committee will hold a "Worship Sharing Session." Members of the congregation are invited to join in the 2 p.m. meeting and discuss our Sunday morning program. We have been on a one combined worship schedule since May of last year. Come and help us plan for the future.

Year End Statement

End of the year statements showing your giving totals for 2010 are in the mail this week. Please be sure to check your statement and be sure that it matches your records. If you find any errors please be sure to contact the church office as soon as possible so that I can make corrections and print a new statement.

Let me just share a quick thought about money, numbers, and time. As you know we ended 2010 short of our goal to pay 100% of our apportionments by a little less than \$10,000. By the time we get to the end of the year this number seems pretty difficult to overcome, but just consider this scenario. If 180 people in worship each week put just an extra \$5 in the offering, after 52 weeks the total would add up to \$10,800. What do we blow five dollars on each week without even thinking about it? Could we spend it on God instead?

UMW Circle Meetings

Priscilla Circle at the home of Sharon Schuermann on Tuesday, February 22nd at 7 p.m.

Ruth Esther Circle at 1 p.m. on Thursday February 24 in the F. Hall

Faith Circle at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 24 in the Parlor

Crumbs From The Cracker

News:

“Super Bowl Sub Mission!” This is our first Super Bowl fundraiser! History in the making! What is your favorite Football snack? Can’t go wrong with a turkey, ham, or beef hoagie to watch the Super Bowl this year! Our youth will be making Super Bowl Subs for their youth mission trip to Birmingham, Al this summer. Bring your “Lincoln” aka \$5 bill and get a small bag of chips and a sub, in the Narthex after our worship service on Sunday February 6th.

If you missed the chance to sign up for our youth mission we still have a couple of spots left to fill so please contact me ASAP and swing by your deposit of \$60 if interested! I have the paper work in my office. Quick!! only a few spots left and you don’t want to miss out on this trip! Thanks to those who have already got their deposit in!

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Weekly Youth Lessons:

The youth have been on the move with our “Slave” series! God has been really moving through this series and helping our youth see what may be enslaving them. So far we have covered Slave to “Anger”, “Lust”, and “Things”. The upcoming lesson on February 2, is Slave to “Fear”. This week we will be taking a trip with the youth to Metro Worship as long as the weather permits! Sunday school has continued through the Scary, Gross, and Weird stories of the Bible, with Jesus being the way, the truth, and the life. We taught the kids about our God being the “One true God”, and Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. This was a great lesson to help the kids understand other religions and why they believe in Christ!

Weekly Lesson:

Read Genesis chapters 37-45 to know more about Joseph

Genesis 39: 20-21

“So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king’s prisoners were held, and there he remained. But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden.”

How many of you know about this guy name “Joseph”, not Mary’s baby’s daddy aka Jesus’ dad “Joseph”, but the Hebrew Joseph that was 1 of 12 sons? The one who was a dreamer and had a very colorful coat? Many of us have heard about him in children’s lessons about how Joseph was his father’s favorite son, and how he had received a beautiful coat of many colors? But not to often do we hear about the rest of the story. The part about how Joseph’s brothers plotted to kill him, but ended up selling him in slave trade, or how he was imprisoned.

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This is the Joseph that I would like to talk about in our weekly verse. How many of us find ourselves on top of a mountain where everything seems to just fall into place, and the next minute we are in a valley that seems to get rougher and rougher every step you take? Well whether you are on the mountain with God or in the valley, this scripture is to give you hope, that Jesus' promise, "That He will never leave us or forsake us". Joseph was the favorite son at one minute, and the next he was sold into slavery, then put into prison for being accused of trying to rape a woman. But the one thing that brings hope to Joseph through each of these trials, is that God was with Joseph no matter where he was. So if you are struggling with something and are in the valley, know that God is with you in that Valley and I won't spoil the rest of the story about Joseph. I'll leave that for you to find out. But let's say his dreams came to life J. Don't lose hope even if you feel like you're a slave or you are imprisoned by something, know that God is with you and He will see you through!

Upcoming Events:

- ***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@sandsspringsumc.org)

Fun Fact: "Standard paper cannot be folded in half more than 7 times."

Thank you!!!!!!:

This section is a special shout out!!!!!! To the best volunteers in the WORLD!!!!!! Yeah that's right the WHOLE WIDE WORLD!!!! While I was on my honeymoon, our volunteers stepped-up and ran the show for about a week and a half! Gina did an incredible job by stepping in to teach Sunday school, and Devin and Cody did an awesome job facilitating our youth for the Chili supper!!! I could not have asked for a better team to work with! Not to mention the great partnership with Trinity Baptist peeps and Matt Richie's leadership skills in leading the youth Wednesday night with our volunteer team! Thank you guys! You are the hands and feet of Christ reaching out to our youth and helping them grow and develop to be strong young men and woman in Christ! Thank you also to Tim and Kent for attending the youth sessions of the Local Church Leaders Workshop, and anyone else I left out who attended in my absence.

Wedding Reception:

We will be having the reception on February 5th at 2pm at the Family Life Center. 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.

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers February 6

Welcome Center
Harmony
Head Usher
Timothy Alex
Lay Reader
Jonathan Dobbs
Children's Moment
Amy Miller
Children's Church
No Children's Church-Communion
Counters
Sheree Buttler & Jami Warkentin
Visitors Center
Mel & Norma Jones
Youth Dinner for Wednesday, Feb. 2
Crossroads/The Uprising

Sunday Volunteers February 13

Welcome Center
Harmony
Head Usher
Roger Nelson
Lay Reader
Timothy Alex
Children's Moment
Kristen Henry
Children's Church
Debbie S. & Candice & Abby Walters
Counters
Glenna Stockard & Karen Wilder
Visitors Center
Mel & Norma Jones
Youth Dinner for Wednesday, Feb. 9
Noah Class

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...

Thank You... Thank you for all the phone calls, cards, prayers, food, and visits since I've been sick. It is so wonderful to be a part of this caring church—Harold Hilgendorf

Wedding Reception for Graeme & Jetonne Collett

Saturday, February 5

2:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Let's all celebrate with Graeme & Jetonne.

They are registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond and at Target.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CP=Childcare Provide ~ FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, February 2

7:30 a.m.-M/W Breakfast—Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
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, February 3

4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts Troop 601-Caleb House

Friday, February 4

12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers
5:30 p.m.-Grief Support

Saturday, February 5

Collett Wedding Reception-FLC

Sunday, February 6

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School-CP
10:15 a.m.-Worship-CP

11:45 a.m.-Praise Team Practice
11:30 a.m.-Youth Selling Super Bowl Subs
1:00 p.m.-Trustee Meeting

Monday, February 7

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:30 p.m.-Disciple 1-3
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts 101-FLC

Tuesday, February 8

1:30 p.m.-Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m.-Youth working CPHS Concession Stand
7:00 p.m.-Stewardship Meeting
6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts-Upstairs
7:00 p.m.-Al Anon

Wednesday, February 9

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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