



The Springs

Rev. Dennis Adlof

March 16, 2011

From Dennis the Minis-ter:

This morning I received an email from my good friend Rev. David Stephenson. I have known David and his family since we moved to the Oklahoma Conference in 1980. I served as his associate minister at Faith UMC-Tulsa. Many of you might have met him as well. He came to SSUMC once to preach about stewardship and shared about our conference's mission to Bolivia, of which he is the Director now.

Linda and I knew that his daughter Brooke (who is about the same age as our daughter, Melissa) is currently residing in Tokyo, Japan. In fact, she is engaged to be married this year too. I had left a message on his cell phone asking if they had any word from Brooke. Today, I received word that she and her fiancé, Hero, are safe. However, it was very scary for them. David wrote, "*She and Hero (Brooke's fiancé) are OK, as is Hero's family. Picture of her room attached. Office building damaged. No public transportation. Had to walk home - 5 hours - in the dark. after shocks still hitting. Hero was home. Tsunami hit EHEME (Hero's home island) but on the other side of the island. No Tsunami in Tokyo. All are scared! Chunks of buildings fell in Tokyo and Yahoma (south of Tokyo).*" The picture of the room showed what a mess the earthquake made of their quarters, but they were among the most fortunate ones. Thank God.

As we see the images of devastation, we may wonder what we can do as a faith community. Prayer, of course, should be at the top of our list. We can under gird the lives of the victims and their families and the relief efforts with our heartfelt petitions to God for strength and healing. We can also share the resources God has given us for their recovery and restoration.

Tom Hoffman of our Conference office sent this word today to all the United Methodist preachers of Oklahoma:

Friends, UMCOR has a Pacific Emergency fund if persons ask about giving. Here's the Advance number for routing it to the Conference treasurer on your remittance form:

<http://secure.gbqm-umc.org/donations/umcor/donate.cfm?code=3021317>

If persons want to give online at this same link and they designate their local church, that church will receive credit. Please be aware that the One Great Hour of Sharing is coming up in about three weeks, and as matter of course some percentage of that also goes to support this crisis. Let me know if you have any questions. Many blessings, Tom Hoffmann, MSMT Chair

We will celebrate **The One Great Hour of Sharing** on April 3 with Holy Communion. At that time we can designate any of our gifts to the United Methodist Committee on Relief and their efforts in that area. If you wish, Donations can be designated to [Pacific Emergency, UMCOR Advance #3021317](#) Let's be in prayer to discover how we can be instruments of healing for all in need.

Welcoming Ministry Training—March 27

**Let us grow in our ability to welcome people to
Sand Springs United Methodist Church!**

Come to the Welcoming Ministry Training

We will help you to train your Sunday school or small group

Our goal is to help our church live the promise of “Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.” We will... Help you assess your strengths at welcoming and learn to partner with others to welcome guests and newcomers in all aspects of life, not just worship on Sunday morning....Examine a biblical example of welcoming as a guide for us today....Offer practice opportunities for welcoming conversation skill-building.

**As a class or small group, send a representative to the
Welcoming Ministry Training Session**

Sunday, March 27

2-4 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

(Childcare Provided)

Sponsored by the SSUMC Evangelism Committee

BEREAVEMENT TEAMS UPDATED

Our Bereavement Teams have done a wonderful job of providing a meal on the day of a funeral for family members. The meal is usually served at the church either before or after the service. We have four teams that alternate, therefore team members are not required to serve more than 2 or 3 times a year, at the most. The team leaders plan the meal and call those on their team to provide a dish or help with set up or clean up, if available. We realize that a team member may not be available when called to help, and that is OK.

We are in the process of updating our Bereavement Teams. Several of our newer members have already agreed to help, but we want to give everyone an opportunity to serve in this very important part of the church's ministry. Men are very much needed as well as women. Tables and chairs need to be set up and taken down, dishes need to be washed, in addition to preparing and serving the food. If you would like to serve on a Team, or if you are on a Team and find you cannot continue at this time, please call Mona Warren (241-8584) or Virginia Baldrige (245-9248) right away. The lists will be updated next week.

Attention All Sunday School Class Leaders

All Sunday School class presidents/teachers, and all Organizations in SSUMC. We are updating the inclusions in the new Member and Visitor Information packets. Please complete the following before April 1.

If you are included in a composite handout or have your own flyer, please check over the information listed for your group. If OK as listed, please write OK and your name, then place the OK'd copy in the Evangelism slot in the church office. If you need to change something, please correct the flyer (or attach a note to the flyer with corrected information) and place it in the Evangelism slot in the Church Office.

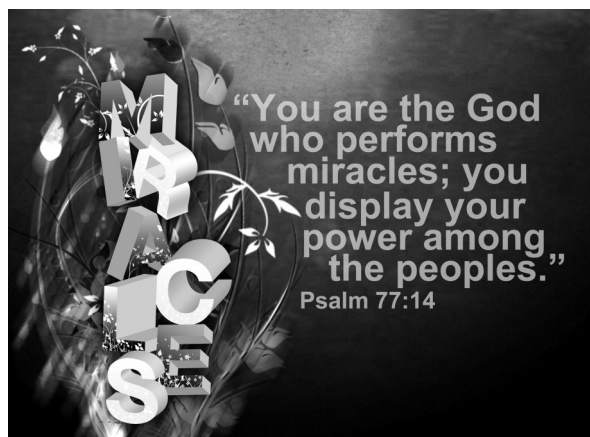
Thanks.

Crumbs From The Cracker

News:

Get excited youth!!!! Summer camp is just around the corner! This year our district camp will be a combined Jr. & Sr. High camp. They will be at the same location, same week, but be meeting at separate times so that they can be among their peers from other churches. The Youth will be going to Camp Egan this year from July 18th- July 22nd. The cost of the camp is \$270 but you only pay \$135. The church pays the other half. Don't let that number keep your youth from going to camp. SSUMC is willing to help scholarship students so that they can be a part of this years summer camp. Camp books are in and I am just waiting on the camp paper work. Hopefully we will have them by this Sunday to hand out to our youth!

Did you miss our First Movie Night Fundraiser? Don't worry, we are going to have another one on Saturday Night, April 2nd, @ 6:30pm @ the FLC! Bring your chairs, blankets, or just sit in one of ours! It's going to be a great time! Ask those who caught our first Movie Night! Fully Stocked Concession with (Nachos, Popcorn, Candy, and Drinks.) Come and join us and support our youth as they prepare to go on their mission trip to Birmingham, AL.



Weekly Youth Lessons:

This past week we started a new 13-week book called "13 Questions about God". This Book is going to take our youth to a deeper level with God and hopefully answer some of the hard questions that they may face among their peers at school. This past Sunday we talked about "God's Existence" and it lead to very good discussion and reflection. Looking forward to the impact that God is going to do in their lives through this book. Starting April 13th we will begin our "Miracle" series. This series is going to challenge our Youth to find healing for their brokenness in Christ and not the things of this world that provide a temporary fix. Looking forward to this seven-week series.

Weekly Lesson:

"God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:17

When we see someone caught up in sin or hear a story about someone, are we quick to judge, quick to speak, and quick to listen? Or do we mirror this verse above? Everyone who has been in the church knows and has probably memorized the verse before this, but how many of us have acted out this one above. I know whenever I hear certain stories, or situations that are going on, I have to catch myself to keep from being quick to judge, where as this verse says that Christ did not come to judge the world, but to save it, and if I am suppose to mirror Christ's example, am I condemning by my judgment, or am I saving by extending Christ's grace and mercy? It is easy, and our natural tendencies to be quick to judge and quick to speak, but it was Christ's natural tendencies to be slow to judge, slow to anger, quick to extend grace, and quick to "Save".

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Upcoming Events:

- **March 17th:** Youth Volunteer at Voice of the Martyrs ministry center in Bartlesville (Meet at FLC @ 10:30am)
- **April 2nd:** Youth Fundraiser Family Movie Night 6:30pm @ FLC (\$2 Adults, \$1 Children under 12)
- **April 6th:** Metro Worship
- **April 16th:** Youth Fundraiser Parents Night Out @ Family Life Center 6pm-9pm

(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 most expensive cow in the world was sold for \$1.3 million."

Scholarship a Youth:

I have had multiple people come up to me asking about sponsoring a youth for either the mission trip or summer camp, and some who have already helped. Are you interested in sponsoring a youth for their mission trip or summer camp? We need all the help we can get! Please feel free to write a check to SSUMC and in the memo put scholarship youth mission or youth camp, and put it in the Youth mailbox or hand it to me.

Thanks, Graeme

Church T-Shirts for Sale - Only \$8

T-Shirts will be for sale each Sunday of March in the Narthex before and after Sunday School and after Worship Service. Pre-pay for shirts to insure order. Orders will be placed Monday, March 28th and shirts should be in for distribution on April 10th. They are only \$8. This is not a fundraiser. Let's just support church unity.



Seniors in Action!!!

Our March activity will be a tour of KTUL Channel 8 studios on Wednesday, March 23rd. Our own Amy Miller, Program Director at Ch. 8, be our tour guide. We'll have brunch/lunch at Ollie's Station following the tour. Cost will be the price of your meal. We'll meet at CHURCH a bit before, and leave PROMPTLY, at 9 a.m.! (We'll get to peek in on the Morning Show production.) Van rides will be available. Sign up with Max or Sharon or call them at 918-246-9159.

SOMEONE'S PRAYING, LORD....

Last week, Kay Woodward challenged her TNT class to pray for our world during the week (instead of complaining about what's going on.) This Sunday, Dennis mentioned how our world needs our prayers. Instead of trying to think of something to give up for Lent, I would suggest we all give ourselves a little more time to be in prayer and devotion. Our world all around us needs our prayers. We need the quiet time to hear His call on our lives for each day. Let us continue to grow spiritually as we pray for our church family, our youth and children's ministries, our church staff, for Dennis and Linda, for the new people who are yet to enter our church for worship and for the Cabinet as they trust in God to lead them in their work. Yes, there is much to be in prayer about. The Lenten season - Let's Pray!

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers March 20

Welcome Center
 Crossroads
 Head Ushers
 Woody Woodard
 Lay Reader
 Linda Woodard
 Children's Moment
 Linda Adlof
 Children's Church
 Jami W., Barbie G., Jason Cooper
 Counters
 Sheree Buttler & Jami Warkentin
 Visitors Center
 Mel & Norma Jones
 Youth Dinner for Wednesday, March 16
 Faith Circle

Sunday Volunteers March 27

Welcome Center
 Crossroads
 Head Usher
 Eddy David
 Lay Reader
 Karen Wilde3r
 Children's Moment
 Janet Parker
 Children's Church
 Debbie S., Terrie B., Michael Cooper
 Counters
 Glenna Stockard & Karen Wilder
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Please Keep In Prayer

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

Recognitions...

My Dear Church Family

Thank you seems so totally inadequate to express the deep feeling of appreciation and thankfulness for the food, cards and phone calls from so many of you during my recent broken foot. You are so very special and I thank God for each and every one of you. I pray God's richest blessings on each of you and our church.

Jewel

Are You Thinking Goodies?!

The Herbal Affair is April 16th. The UMW needs goodies, so get out those recipes and look for new ones. Let's make this a banner year! All foods need to have a label of ingredients. When you drop off your treats in the Narthex on April 15th (9-11 a.m.), be sure to include the ingredient list.

Thank you in advance for all your treats! We look forward to seeing what you all come up with this year!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CP=Childcare Provide ~ FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, March 16

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

Thursday, March 17

11:00 a.m.-Youth to Bartlesville
4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts Troop 601-Caleb House

Friday, March 18

12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers

Saturday, March 19

No Activities

Sunday, March 20

9:00 a.m.-Book Fair
9:00 a.m.-Sunday School-CP
10:15 a.m.-Worship-CP
11:45 a.m.-Praise Team Practice

12:00 p.m.-Missions Meeting
2:30 p.m.-Council On Ministries
4:00 p.m.-Church Council

Monday, March 21

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

Tuesday, March 22

1:30 p.m.-Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m.-Lenten service at St. Andrew Lutheran Church
6:00 p.m.-Confirmation to Mobley Dodson
6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts-Upstairs
7:00 p.m.-Priscilla Circle at the home of Jami Warkentin
7:00 p.m.-Al Anon

Wednesday, March 23

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café
9:30 a.m.-SIA to KTUL
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:00 p.m.-Ash Wednesday Service
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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A Couple of Reminders...

If you use the van, please be sure to gas it back up (if Shamrock is open) and especially-CLEAN IT OUT. Please get all trash and food and drinks out so the next group to use it does not have to clean up after you.

2007 Ice Storm Coaster Still Available

If you missed out on buying a set or two or more of the Ice Storm Coasters, Caleb has more sets. They are \$10 and all money goes to Youth Missions. So far, coasters have raised over \$150. Thank you Caleb for your generosity and to all who bought them!

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