



# The Springs

Rev. Dennis Adlof

April 27, 2011

## From Dennis the Minis—ter:

Although storms punctuated **Easter Sunday**, it still was an excellent day to be in church and give praise to God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I want to express my deepest gratitude for all those who helped make our Holy Week and Easter services and events meaningful and uplifting. These include Katherine Reeves, our worship chair; the Maundy Thursday setup crew; Carrol Hamner and her fellowship team; Linda Adlof and the drama team and servers; Alan Parker and the Praise Team, Choir and Chancel Ringers, the brass musicians, Cathy Gifford and the Kingdom Kids choir, and Judy Hooper; Sue Wiedemann our lay reader; Amy Miller for our children's message; and our sound and video techs. Thank you all for your faithfulness and for the sharing of your gifts of service to bring home to our church family the Easter message.

After Easter, **Confirmation** is the next high point in the life of our church. It will be a grand day to receive our young people into the body of Christ as they claim Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. This year's theme is **Depend on God (D.O.G)**. Although we will welcome one of our smaller classes, still any time we add to the Lord's family is a *big* happening. Brooke Herndon, who has been mentored by Gina Osburn, and Race Walker, mentored by Bob Schmidt, will take their vows and receive their special stoles on May 15. The 10:15 am service will feature Brooke playing a clarinet solo, and Race, with the help of his mentor, leading us in prayer. There will be faith witnesses by the confirmands and their mentors, as they speak about how they have grown to depend on God. A video presentation will highlight our confirmands lives.

This will be a highpoint in our young peoples' lives. We are asking all those who have special confirmation stoles to wear them to the confirmation service. And if any one feels the call of the Lord on their lives to take that step of faith and be baptized and/or be received into the church, please let me know so that we can prepare for your entry that day. Come and celebrate with Brooke and Race on their big day.



## Community National Day of Prayer Service Set for May 5 At SSUMC

The 60<sup>th</sup> annual National Day of Prayer will be observed Thursday noon, May 5 in our church sanctuary. All persons are invited to join with various clergy leaders from around Sand Springs to pray for our nation, state and local community. In addition, we will pray for our troops, the economic times, our churches and missionaries. This year music will be again provided by Lake Country Christian School. They will perform songs from this year's class musical. Come and make this a true community gathering as we unite our hearts, minds and voices in prayer.



## KidZone News

Easter caroling was a big hit. The homes we visited were happy we came. We even saw a few tears of joy. The kids enjoyed Cherry Berry afterward.

We had a wonderful Easter morning! Nineteen children enjoyed their annual Easter breakfast burritos....which included 3 1/2 dozen scrambled eggs, 2 1/2 pounds of sausage, grated cheese and Miss Amy's cinnamon rolls. The only thing missing was salsa. We have promised salsa for next year! In addition to breakfast our morning included watching the Three Trees video and completing the empty tomb craft for the kid's own "Benjamin Box."

As of yesterday, we have now completed the book "Benjamin's Box" in Sunday School. It is the story of the resurrection from the eyes of a young boy. He has a treasured box he received from his grandfather that he is filled with items he is collected. The kids filled their own boxes with symbols from the Easter story.

This Sunday we will return to our Heroes of the Bible books with a lesson on Samson.

See you Sunday!!



## T-Shirts

Thanks to all those who ordered t-shirts.

There are still a few that need to pick up their pre-ordered shirt: Virginia, Jan Dickerson, Carrol Hamner, Melanie Shepard, and Robby Stillman.

If you would like to purchase a shirt, please see Kristen Henry or talk to the Stewardship Committee.

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## Annual Picnic Planning Meeting

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

11:00 am

Family Life Center

We need everyone's input to make this a memorable event for  
Pastor Tabberer and his wife Linda.

## **Crumbs From The Cracker**

### **News:**

Mission t-Shirts are ordered and mission trip money is due on May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing one more fundraiser for this season before our youth go to Birmingham, and it will be a really fun and delicious one! We will be hosting a Spaghetti lunch at the Family Life Center immediately following our service on May 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be a free- will donation fundraiser and money donated to this event will be used towards our youth and their mission trip this summer!

Graduating seniors! If you would like to have two pictures of you (one as a child and one senior picture) in a slideshow during our senior celebration Sunday. Please have these pictures turned into the office by May 18<sup>th</sup> or else they will be unable to be put in the slide show.

We have some rather sad news to announce, the new pastor at Trinity has decided to bring the kids back to their church and to no longer have them meeting with our youth Wednesday nights. This is rather sad news for us to receive this past Wednesday night, but at least we got to enjoy our time together for a while. I told the Trinity kids that they are always welcome to join us in the future if there is nothing going on. (See weekly lesson)

### **Important dates to remember!!!**

**Mission Money Due: May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Senior Pictures Due: May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Camp Money and Forms Due: June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

We will be looking for volunteers that want to help with our Spaghetti Luncheon out at the FLC on May 1st. if this is something that you would like to help our youth with please send me an email at [gcollett@sandspringsumc.org](mailto:gcollett@sandspringsumc.org) or call 918-245-5955.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **April 27<sup>th</sup>: Community Wide Youth Service "If you really knew me"**
- **May 1<sup>st</sup>: Spaghetti Lunch @ FLC @ 12pm (Youth Mission Fundraiser)**
- **May 4<sup>th</sup>: Miracle Wk 3 "Forgiven"**
- **May 11<sup>th</sup>: Miracle Wk 4 "Hungry Why Wait?"**
- **May 18<sup>th</sup>: Mission Trip Money Due!!!!!!!!**
- **May 18<sup>th</sup>: Senior Pictures Due!!!!!!**

**(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](mailto:gcollett@sandspringsumc.org)**

### **Weekly Youth Topics:**

This past week we visited the Miracle, "I raise dead people". This was an awesome and very impacting lesson where the students got their perspective of Miracles challenged and impacted for Eternity, as we focused on Christ's death and resurrection a Spiritual Miracle in which redeemed us all! This coming week our youth will be joining with the community youth groups in Sand Springs and worshipping together at Cornerstone church. This is going to be an amazing night of worship.

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**Weekly Lesson:**

**“8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55: 8-9**

This verse has been a key verse through out our miracle series. The reason that I have decided to include it during this newsletter has to do with our separation from Trinity Baptist this past week. In the verse this week it talks about how Gods ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts higher than our thoughts. So when I read this verse I get peace that even though our time with the Trinity youth was a season I am sure that our youth will take something large from this season. Hopefully they will see that even though their fellow students go to other churches and come from different denominations, they will see that their “Brothers and Sisters” in Christ do not only remain in their own youth group but in their schools and activities. Hopefully this will help them draw from a greater population of believers and invest into their lives as well. So even though I am sad that God has separated our kids at this time, I am glad that our Father’s ways are higher than our ways and though we may not always understand what our God is up to, He will still work out all things for good for those who are children of Him. May His thoughts always come before ours.

**Fun Fact: “Elvis had a twin.”**

**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!

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You are Invited to a **Methodist 5th Sunday Singing** May 29th, 2011

6PM—West Tulsa UMC

1923 S Phoenix Ave (West of the 21st/23rd St. Bridge)

Refreshments at closing apx. 7:30p)

May 2nd (First Monday), Lake UMC has Soup Night. From 5:30p, it is an All-You-Can-Eat for a donation of \$1 or one can of soup. Several varieties of soup and pinto beans with cornbread, and lots of desserts are offered. Enter the back door, with ramp, at 7750 West 14th Street, Tulsa. (turn South a block east of 81st and Charles Page Blvd.) Everyone invited.

Friday, May 6, 5:30pm, the "Dinners for ....." group, will dine at El Maguey (next to Spoon Drug) in Sand Springs. Persons planning on attending, please RSVP to Linda Woodard, 918-245-2935 or [jadewoody@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jadewoody@sbcglobal.net) so adequate seating can be arranged.

Wednesday, May 4th, 7:30am (ish), is the church wide-Women's breakfast @ Crescent Cafe'. We sit in the far East corner of the restaurant. Come if you can.

## *Sunday Lists*

### **Sunday Volunteers      May 1**

Welcome Center  
     TNT  
 Head Ushers  
     Merle Parsons  
 Lay Reader  
     Virginia Baldrige  
 Children's Moment  
     Linda Adlof  
 Children's Church  
     No Children's Church  
 Counters  
     Sheree Buttler & Jami Warkentin  
 Visitors Center  
     Mel & Norma Jones  
 Youth Dinner for Wednesday, April 27  
     CIA/Pathfinders

### **Sunday Volunteers      May 8**

Welcome Center  
     TNT  
 Head Usher  
     Merle Parsons  
 Lay Reader  
     Cynthia Alex  
 Children's Moment  
     Marty David  
 Children's Church  
     Katherine, Julie Ferguson    Julia Henry  
 Counters  
     Glenna Stockard & Karen Wilder  
 Visitors Center  
     Mel & Norma Jones  
 Youth Dinner for Wednesday, May 4  
     Crossroads

## *Please Keep In Prayer*

Bill & Mary Lea Forsythe, Thelma Bradshaw, Gene Watson, Vera Nell Boatman, Walter Speed, Rebecca Ward's Family, Linda McCormick, Irene Hueste, Jewel & Wilbur Williams, Virginia Vice, Harold Hilgendorf, Ruth Weaver, Merle Parsons, Jo Nan Allen, Jami's dad

## *Recognitions...*

### ***Thank You...***

#### **Gerrie Holladay Receives Prestigious Community Award**

One of our own, Gerrie Holladay was inducted into the Sand Springs Educational Foundation Hall of Fame last Thursday evening. This award honored her excellence in the area of civic and community leadership. Even though the awards banquet was held on Maundy Thursday, there was still a group from our church to cheer Gerrie on. Gerrie was honored in our 11 am Easter worship service. She received a flower arrangement to honor her and express gratitude for her leadership within her beloved church family. Congratulations, Gerrie!

### ***A Great Big THANK YOU!***

*The UMW wish to thank everyone involved with the Herbal Affair Bake Sale! From baking, delivering goodies, packaging & pricing goodies to all who came out and bought goodies!!! Another successful year is behind us and we thank you all for making it possible!*

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CP=Childcare Provide ~ FLC-Family Life Center

## Wednesday, April 27

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

## Thursday, April 28

11:00 a.m.-Needlers  
1:00 p.m.-Ruth Esther Circle-F. Hall  
4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers  
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts Troop 601-Caleb House  
7:00 p.m.-Faith Circle-Parlor

## Friday, April 29

12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers  
UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat-Camp Canyon

## Saturday, April 30

1:00 p.m.-Judy Hopper Piano Recital-Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m.-OK Holiness Retreat-FLC  
UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat-Camp Canyon

## Sunday, May 1

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:15 p.m.-Blended Worship  
11:45 a.m.-Praise Team Practice  
12:00 p.m.-Youth Fund Raiser-Spaghetti Luncheon-FLC  
12:00 p.m.-Rev. Dr. Dan Milford moving away reception-1st Presb.

## Monday, April 2

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

## Tuesday, April 3

1:30 p.m.-Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts-Upstairs  
7:00 p.m.-AI Anon

## Wednesday, April 4

7:30 a.m.-M/W Breakfast—Crescent Café  
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC  
5:30 p.m.-Youth to Metro Worship  
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells-CP  
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir-CP

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