



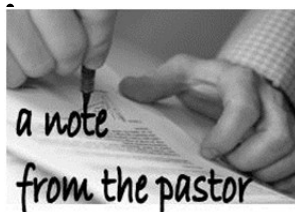
The Springs

Rev. Don Tabberer

July 6, 2011

What's Going On?

- Rev. Don & Linda are in Israel until July 14th.
- UMW Executive Meeting this Thursday, July 7 at 5:30 p.m.
- Dinners for 8 Plus will meet at Steer Inn on Sunday, July 10 at noon.
- The Book Club will meet on Monday, July 11 at 6:15 p.m. in the Parlor
- Stewardship Meeting is Tuesday, July 12 at 7 p.m.
- NO Bells or Choir in July.
- Evangelism Meeting Wednesday, July 13 at 7 p.m.
- Needlers is Thursday, July 14 at 11 a.m. in the Parlor. Bring a sack lunch.
- VBS Workers Meeting is Saturday, July 16 at 10 a.m.
- Youth will be at camp the week of July 17-22. No *The Awakening* that week.
- No Alan July 19-August 2
- VBS is July 24-28 from 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



"Don't be alarmed," he said.
"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." (Mark 16:6)

Dear Friends in Christ,

This passage from Mark's Gospel is a small part of the complete resurrection narrative available to us. I include it here to encourage you to pick up your Bible and read all of the accounts we have in Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, and John 20. I promise that your efforts will be rewarded with some of the most exciting passages in the New Testament.

There is another reason why I draw our attention to this narrative. Not only does it give us a wonderful picture of the glory of the resurrection, it also gives us a profound statement about the power God has to take care of whatever problems we may encounter. As the women were walking to Jesus' tomb that morning, they asked one another, *"Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb."* But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. (Mark 16:3-4) For me, this is one of the most important messages we can take away from the Easter story. No matter how big the obstacle we face may be, God has the power to move it out of our way; that's the power of the Risen Christ!

Each one of us has faced, is facing, or will face something in life that seems insurmountable; a problem so difficult that we can't imagine how we are going to get through it. We get discouraged and frustrated; we worry and feel our blood pressure rise; stress-filled days and sleepless nights become all too common. *"Who will roll the stone away?"* Jesus promises that he can handle whatever challenges we face in life – IF we will only lay our burdens at his feet. I hear you saying, *"But that's just so hard to do!"* You're right – it is hard for us to let God be in charge of our life.

As you may know, I haven't always been in ministry; I

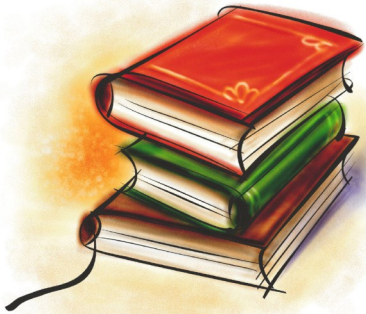
had another life before – a life filled with many twists and turns; frustrations and discouragements; lots of stress and sleeplessness. There were times when no memory of church was strong enough to break through to me. There were problems no prayer could solve. The stone was so big and heavy that rolling it away was not an option; I would simply remain behind it forever entombed. *Praise God, I was wrong!* Grace is a wonderful thing – it moves those heavy stones out of our way. Is it really that simple, you ask? That's up to you.

This is where the hard part kicks in. When we turn our lives over to God we have to really trust him to handle things for us. We can't turn a problem over today and then take it back tomorrow. We can't ask God to help us and then get impatient when things don't move as fast as we want. Faith is all about trust. Faith means trusting in things we often can't see or understand. It means believing that God has the power to be in charge of our lives. It means believing the Gospel and trusting the promises of Jesus Christ. It means trusting that God's Word isn't just for people two thousand years ago – it's a living, breathing document that still speaks to us today and continues to be true in spite of changing cultures and circumstances. Faith is all about trust and trust is all about patience. God's timing is almost never the same as our timing and we must be prepared to wait. The thing is – if we truly trust in God's plan the waiting isn't so bad. There is peace in knowing that my way is being guided by Jesus and that I don't have to trust in my own feeble attempts to fix things. What a relief!

I pray that we will all come to understand more fully that Jesus Christ will roll away any stone that gets in our way. I know it's not easy to give up control of our lives, but I also know that Jesus does a much better job than we do – if we'll let him. Christ is risen, alleluia! He is alive and waiting for us to turn over our lives to his loving control. Take the easy road – Let God be in charge.

Shalom!
Pastor Don

**Come to the Parlor
July 11 at 6:15 p.m.
to Be a Part of the
Book Club.
It's for Everyone!**



KidZone News

Whew...it's been HOT, hasn't it? We hope you had a fun 4th of July with your family and that you managed to stay cool!

We continue our Fruits of the Spirit study next week as we learn about faithfulness. Our story will be about Moses and his faithfulness to God.

It's time to get EXCITED! VBS is almost here!!!! Invite your friends, neighbors and any little kid you see. Shake it Up Cafe VBS is July 24th-28th from 6:15pm - 8:30pm. There is a link on the Kidzone page of the church's website to register. Hard copies of the registration forms are available in the narthex for those without internet access. Since our VBS theme involves food, we will be collecting boxes of mac and cheese for Sand Springs Community Services. Volunteers, our next meeting will be July 16th at 10am. We will have some training and work on decorations. Please bring a salad to share for lunch. If you would like to volunteer see Marty David or Debbie Schmidt.

Speaking of VBS...we are in need of some fake fruit for decorations. So if you have some fake fruit collecting dust and you'd like to donate it to us, please bring it by the Kidzone area.

We have now collected enough money for **208 pounds of potatoes** for the Society of St. Andrew. That's a great start toward our goal so keep the nickels coming!!! Thank you to the Harmony Sunday School class and other adults who have brought their change by on Sunday morning. The Society of St. Andrew is a gleaning ministry that takes perfectly good produce that isn't marketable due to blemishes and such and sends it to communities where hunger is a concern. The children will be collecting nickels to raise money for SoSA...FIVE CENTS will provide a pound of potatoes for someone in need. Our goal is to raise \$50 which would cover the cost of 1,000 pounds of potatoes. If the congregation would like to help out bring your nickels by the Kidzone area any Sunday through July. We've had folks ask if they can bring quarters and dimes in addition to nickels and the answer is YES!

If you would like to learn more about the Society of St. Andrew go to www.endhunger.org.

We will see you Sunday!

Book Club Meets July 11

The 2nd Monday Book Club will be Monday, July 11 at 6:15 p.m. Bring money for World Thank Offering and some boxes of Mac & Cheese! We will be collecting the Mac & Cheese to support the VBS mission project for Sand Springs Community Services. We will also decide what we will read next so don't forget to bring some book suggestions.

The group is open to men and women and anyone in our community who enjoys reading. So invite a friend!!

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers July 10

Welcome Center

CIA/Pathfinders

Head Ushers

Eric & Rebecca Ward

Lay Reader

Cynthia Alex

Children's Moment

Marty David

Children's Church

Amy & Trish, Lauren Miller & Anna Dudek

Counters

Betty or Howard Smith & Gary Dobbs

Visitors Center

Mel & Norma Jones

Youth Dinner for Wednesday, July 6

Noah Class

Sunday Volunteers July 17

Welcome Center

CIA/Pathfinders

Head Usher

Bruce Austin

Lay Reader

Jewel Williams

Children's Moment

Jami Warkentin

Children's Church

Jami & Terrie, & Abby Walters

Counters

Sondra Bogert & Dick Ford

Visitors Center

Mel & Norma Jones

Youth Dinner for Wednesday, July 13

Harmony Class

Please Keep In Prayer

Thelma Bradshaw, Gene Watson, Vera Nell Boatman, Walter Speed, Rebecca Ward's Family, Linda McCormick, Irene Hueste, Jewel & Wilbur Williams, Max Schuermann, Virginia Vice, Harold Hilgendorf, Ruth Weaver, Merle Parsons, Jo Nan Allen, Jim Bostwick, Ryder Herring, Mel & Norma Jones, Don Baldrige, Barbara McClintock

Tid Bits...

Thank You...

I just got good news from my neurosurgeon. He says my neck surgery looks to be a success. God has a way of answering prayers from our church family. Thank you for being so kind. Eldin Fisher

Warehouse Market Receipts

Warehouse Market will no longer give a percentage of receipts totals to organizations as of July 1st. No receipts after June 30th will be accepted. We thank you all for diligently bringing your receipts.

Crumbs From The Cracker

News:

Thank you soooooo much for all of your prayers and intercession on behalf of our youth and their mission to Birmingham! We had a great meeting Thursday June 23rd before we left, members of the mission committee, and prayer committee joined us and anointed our team with God's blessings as we prepared to leave early Sunday morning! Thank you to both the prayer, and missions committee for their support!

The team had a great experience with Christ and with each other as they out reached to be the hands and feet of Christ in many ways in Birmingham, Al. Some of our youth were able to work at a Kid's Club program which was like a Summer VBS, others got to paint and restore houses/apartments, and some helped sort and package food for people in the community of Birmingham. If you see our youth and they seem strange or different, they are because of what God has done in each of their lives! This Sunday we will have some of our youth share about their experience with God and the people of Alabama on their mission. This is a Sunday you wont want to miss!

Please continue to pray for our youth and volunteers as they have returned home, ask God to continue the good work He has started in each of them! Thanks!

Our Team: Ben Cooper, Jason Cooper, Alan Armstrong, Mack Stockard, Katie Ward, Julie Ferguson, Sami Ward, Lauren Miller, Abby Walters, Julia Henry, Autumn Harjo, Madi Lee, Matt Hicks, Kody Hicks Leaders: Graeme Collett, Glenna Stockard, Matt Richie



Weekly Youth Topics:

We finished up our 2-part series about "Fans or Followers?" it was a very powerful 2 week lesson about being a follower of Christ and not just a "Fan in the stands". We completed our 13 wk questions about God in Sunday school and will be starting a new book this coming week that will challenge our youth in multiple areas of their lives! We will be starting our new series soon for Wednesday nights "Seed, Trees, Fruits". Be ready as God begins to sow seeds and bear fruit!

Fun Fact: "To sell your home faster, and for more money, paint it yellow."

Upcoming Dates:

- *July 9th - Late Night Disco Bowl be @ FLC @ 9:15pm will return to FLC @ 12:15am*
- *July 12th - Youth Small Groups Start!!!!*



(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)



Shake It Up Café VBS
July 24-28
6:15-8:30 p.m.

Sign up on the Church Website. Registration forms are also available in the Narthex. Invite your neighbors, friends and grandchildren. We will be collecting Mac &

Cheese for Sand Springs Community Services.

If you would like to volunteer, a sign up sheet is in the Narthex. If you have questions, see Debbie Schmidt or Marty David.

Another Successful Youth Mission Trip!

Come next Sunday morning, July 10 at 10:15 to hear all about it.

Calendar Change for COM, Church Council & Finance Committees

Council On Ministries, Church Council and Finance Committees will not meet on July 17th. The Finance Committee will meet at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 31. Council On Ministries will meet on Sunday the 7th of August at 2:30 p.m. Church Council Committee will meet on the same Sunday, August 7 at 4 p.m. Post cards will be sent.

Post Cards-Are They a Thing of the Past?

After your next meeting, post cards will not be sent out as reminders. Chairpersons on each committee will be responsible for meeting reminders.



How I Got Plugged In

As I look back to the time we joined this church, we were looking for a place that we could meet other young families. We found the nursery & preschool class for our children and then were welcomed into the active TNT Class. Shortly thereafter, I signed up to help with VBS. There, I felt at home. I met other moms who shared similar views on child rearing. I even met the mother of my son-in-law! Today, those friends and I are exchanging wonderful "grandchildren stories." What great friends! What a great God!!



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CP=Childcare Provide ~ FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, July 6

7:30 a.m.-M/W 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.-NO Chancel Bells-CP

7:00 p.m.-NO Chancel Choir-CP

Thursday, July 7

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

5:30 p.m.-UMW Executive Meeting-CP

6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts Troop 601-Caleb House

Friday, July 8

12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers

Saturday, July 9

No Activities

Sunday, July 10

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School

10:15 p.m.-Blended Worship

11:45 a.m.-Praise Team Practice

12:00 p.m.-Dinners for 8 Plus-Steer Inn

Monday, July 11

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

6:15 p.m.-Book Club Meeting

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

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