

The Springs



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the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" (Matthew 25:34-40)

This past week was a blessing and a reminder to us of what Jesus was talking about in the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats. I am so proud of the mission team that went to Poplar Bluff, Missouri last week to do the work that Jesus calls us to do. Our team included: Don Cole, Scott Mitchell, Alan and Janet Parker, Katherine Reeves, Glenna and Mike Stockard, Jami and Kent Warkentin, and myself. Many of you heard our testimony in worship yesterday morning. Today I want to share some of the lessons I learned during this trip and how I believe our church can be transformed.

I think it is significant that our destination was unknown until very late in the planning process. Our intention was to go to Joplin, Missouri and help with the ongoing disaster relief there. Poplar Bluff was never on our radar. I don't think any of us even knew that there had been a disaster there. We were thinking of how easy it would be to drive only a couple of hours away from home to be in mission. As the date for our departure drew closer, however, Jami learned that the Jop-

lin mission was going to be very crowded and we might not be needed there. Her contact person suggested that we consider the small community of Poplar Bluff where a major flood hit a year and a half ago. This trip meant driving six and a half hours, but we all felt that was where we were needed most and we were right. I have to believe that it was God who made our decision for us.

The work we did and the people we met proved to us over and over that we were meant to be in Poplar Bluff at this particular time to do ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

I listened as one of our homeowners described their journey that brought them to this point and I knew that Jesus wanted me to hear her story. When she finished, tears in her eyes, I could only hug her and pray with her. I knew then we were where we were supposed to be. Our team made a huge difference in this family's life by completing repairs that had been underway for months. We were able to give them back a sense of "normal" for the first time in 18 months.

We never got the chance to meet our other homeowner, but we heard his story and knew that we could help. We were able to get his home to a point where a small crew from our host church can now come in and finish the details in about a week and enable this man to finally return home.

I know that it is hard to imagine the impact of a mission trip if you are not there, but I hope you will trust us when we say how much we have been blessed by the work. Yes, we are exhausted, but we had fun. As Janet said yesterday morning, the work we do in Jesus' name is so much better than any work done simply for compensation. Our whole church is better because of the mission trips this year by our youth and adults. Let us resolve to do more of these next year and continue to be on the side of the sheep when The King comes.

*Shalom,
Pastor Don*

Welcome!

We welcome to the SSUMC membership, Shawn Cole, Elva Anderson, Connie Graves, Guenther & Patty Holweg, and returning is Scott & Pam Mitchell. We are so glad you have all chosen to join us. Here is their information:
Shawn Cole-4815 S. Yorktown #202
Tulsa, OK 74105 (918-378-1298)

Elva Anderson-8126 S. 81st W. Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74131 (918-770-8622)

Connie Graves-10605 S. Mason Road
Sapulpa, OK 740636

Guenther & Patty Holweg-4530 S.
Stevens Ave.
Sand Springs, OK 74063

Scott & Pam Mitchell
7122 W. 35th Street
Tulsa, OK 74107 (918-445-0231)

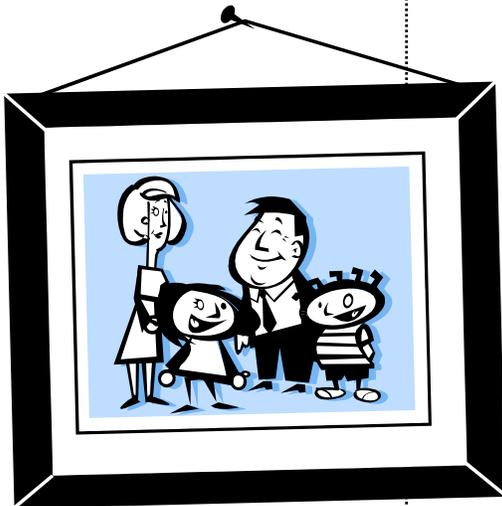
Please make every effort to welcome them all!

Also a Great **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to Guenther & Patty Holweg on the baptism of their son Maverick on Sunday, October 21.

SOMEONE'S PRAYING, LORD.....

This Sunday is Children's Sabbath. That is the Sunday we recognize the special gifts our children have to offer to God and to our Church Family. As we celebrate our children and leaders, we are again offering you a chance to take a slip of paper with the name of a child, youth or leaders and pray for them on a regular basis during the year. It's a wonderful way for our young people to feel loved and appreciated. If you draw a name that you do

Pictures Are In



Be sure to pick your pictures up in the Narthex. Directories will be ready soon.

not know, but wish to get acquainted with them and their family, let me know and I will try to help. Let us remember that great things can happen through prayer. Our children and youth, and their leaders, need our prayers. God knows who they are and what their needs are, and you will be blessed by lifting them to our Heavenly Father. Be ready to take the name of one or two this Sunday as you leave our worship services.



TRUNK OR TREAT is just over a week away! We need candy and trunks!! We will also have snacks and games in fellowship hall. You can drop your candy off in the narthex. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board just outside the church office. Please consider signing up. It's a great way outreach to our community because it gives children and their families something safe to do Halloween.

Food Drive Challenge

Youth
Vs.
Adult Sunday
School Groups
Oct 21 - Nov 18




Food Accepted:
Peanut Butter- 3 Points
Canned Meat- 2 Points
Canned Fruit- 1 Point

- If Youth Win, Pastor Don Shaves his head.
- If Adult Classes Win, Graeme shaves his head and Youth feeds church breakfast for a month.
- Jumbo Sized and Expired Cans will not be counted towards the total
- Bring food to your Sunday School class for weekly tallying
- ALL FOOD WILL GO TO RESTORE HOPE

Mission Morsels

The mission trip to Poplar Bluff, Missouri was a success. Don Cole, Scott Mitchell, Alan & Janet Parker, Katherine Reeves, Mike & Glenna Stockard, Don Tabberer, and Kent & Jami Warkentin all participated. We stayed at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Poplar Bluff and split our time between two houses which suffered flood damage from the flooding of April 2011. Both home owners have been through very tough things prior to and since the flood so extra help for their homes was welcomed. We moved appliances; removed flooring, water heaters, and a window; installed new ceramic tile flooring, vinyl flooring in entryway, water heater, and window; rerouted electrical and plumbing; hung and mud/taped sheet-rock; caulked tub/shower; and cut down doors at one home. At the other home, we mud and taped sheet rock (over and over and over again); sanded, primed and painted walls; painted and installed fixtures; painted, stained, cut, and hung trim; painted ceilings; and framed a wall. Don Cole was our cook. Man, Oh, Man, did he ever cook! We were truly spoiled by his delicious meals and desserts and we have the expanded waistlines to prove it! We are so grateful that he contributed his culinary skills to our cause. We also had a lot of fun building relationships with our project coordinator and case manager from Catholic Charities, the members and staff at FUMC, the home owner's family, as well as our teammates. We accomplished a lot and had lots of fun all in Jesus' name and we have grown because of our experiences. Thank you for supporting our team with your prayers!

Food Drive Challenge

Have you heard about the BIG Food Drive? The youth are encouraging the adult Sunday school classes to collect canned goods. While the adults are collecting canned food, the youth will be also. Which-ever Sunday school class collects the most will go up against the youth. If the youth gathered the most cans, Pastor Don loses. If the adult class with the most cans collected more than the youth, Graeme loses. What do they lose? HAIR! One of them will get their heads shaved. What if it is a tie????? THEY BOTH SHAVE THEIR HEADS! The youth will gather the cans weekly and it all begins on October 21st. The winner/loser will be announced November 18th. Good Luck to all! PS: If the youth lose, they also have to serve breakfast in the narthex for a month.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week is November 12th-19th.

SSUMC is once again serving as a relay center. You can pick up a shoe box in the narthex and fill it with items for a child. Just have it back by National

Collection Week. We will have brochures in the narthex with more information.

Open House

Bruce and Mona Warren invite each one of you to a celebration of our new home. Our home will be open for this celebration on Sunday afternoon, October 28th between 2:00 and 4:30 p.m. It is located at 4255 Greentree Way. The gate will be open!! Our special gift will be the enjoyment of your presence. Bruce and Mona Warren 918-241-8584

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers October 28

Visitors Center & Coffee-Discover Class
Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston
Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
Lay Reader-8:30 a.m.-Jennifer Paschal
Lay Reader-11:00 a.m.-Leesa Hairgrove
Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Janet Parker
Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Janet Parker
Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids 11:00 a.m.-
Katherine Reeves & Julie Ferguson
Counters-Betty or Howard & Karen Wilder
Youth Dinner for Wednesday-October 24-Faith Circle

Sunday Volunteers November 4

Visitors Center & Coffee-TNT
Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston
Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
Lay Reader-8:30 a.m.-Jami Warkentin
Lay Reader-11:00 a.m.-Jonathan Dobbs
Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Kristen Henry
Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Kristen Henry
8:30 a.m. Children's Church-Kingdom Kids 11 a.m.-
Kristen & Julia Henry
Counters-Sondra Bogert & Dick Ford
Youth Dinner for Wednesday-October 31-Trunk or Treat

Please Keep In Prayer

Martha Scudder, Wilbur & Jewel Williams, Mel Jones, Ryder Herring, Ruth Weaver, Jo Nan Allen, Virginia Vice, Donna Woodruff, Mary Lea Forsythe, Phil Cearley, Cathy Hula, Wildfire victims, Mark Nicholson, Elizabeth Taylor, Destinee Tackett, Sylvia Johnson, William Scott, Catie McGoldrick, Gerrie Holladay, Don Baldrige, Clinton Wilson

Acknowledgements

With Great Sympathy...

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the Alex family for the loss of their dear Nick who passed away on Saturday, October 20th.

His memorial service will be Saturday morning, October 27th at 10 a.m. at the 4th & Main street campus.

A Couple of Address Changes

Jo Nan Allen's new address is Ranch Terrace Nursing Home, 1310 E. Cleveland Ave. in Sapulpa, OK 74066. I have no doubt Jo Nan would love hearing from you via a card or note.

Ruth Weaver has moved to 13060 Metcalf Avenue #336 in Overland Park, KS 66213. She loves hearing from her friends back in Sand Springs so drop her a line any time! (And continue praying for her)

Crumbs From The Cracker

News:

the Awakening Vision:

“To Stretch the Church and to Redeem the un-Churched all to Glorify God”

Food Drive Challenge:

The food drive challenge has begun!!! Parents and Youth-Let us round up as much **canned meat, canned fruit, and peanut butter** to beat the adult Sunday school classes! **Reminder that it is the top adult class versus the youth.... not all adult classes combined versus the youth.** We have begun our collection so bring.... bring... bring... as much as you can for the next three weeks!!! If the youth win, **Pastor Don has to shave his head!** If the youth lose, **Graeme has to shave his head and the youth have to provide breakfast for the Sunday school classes for a month!** So help our students win!!!

3rd Annual Pumpkin Carve:

On **October 27th** we will have our 3rd annual **Pumpkin Carve Contest** from **6:30pm- 9pm!!!!** This is a fun event and we have a bunch of **spooky snacks....** carve some pumpkins... and **give away some prizes!!!!** Join us for this fun night!!!! This is a B.Y.O.P. (**Bring Your Own Pumpkin**) event! **Parents are welcome** to join us at this event. Please let us know if you are planning on attending.

Thanks!

Trunk or Treat:

On **October 31st** our youth will be helping with **Trunk or Treat!** We will have a **face painting** station... a **tattoo** station... and a **few games** to play! Come join us in this fun event!

Youth Go To “Pops”

On **November 7th** our youth will be going to the **Historical Site on Route 66- “Pops”!** This is going to be a fun event for our students to see a **record-breaking** selection of nearly **600 ice-cold sodas!** We are going to be leaving from the **church @ 4:30pm.** Students are welcome to come to the church **after school** and hang out if it is easier for rides or.... they **can sign up for a ride** to get picked up! The event will cost about **\$12.** This should **cover their meal and what ever soda** they may want to try! If students want **t-shirts or key chains or souvenirs** they can **bring extra cash** for those. **Parents are welcome** to join us at this event. Please let us know if you are planning on attending. **Thanks!**

Upcoming Dates:

- **October 24th- “Angels & Demons” Wk 2 “Angels”**
- **October 27th- Pumpkin Carve Night!**
- **October 31st- Trunk or Treat**
- **November 2nd- Graeme Teaches FCA @ 9th grade center**

- **November 7th- Youth Go To “Pops” We Leave @ 4:30pm**
- **November 9th- Graeme Teaches FCA @ 9th grade center**
- **November 14th- Youth Fill Operation Christmas Child Boxes!**
- **November 16th- Graeme Teaches FCA @ Clyde Boyd**

(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: “Tattoos, at one time, were illegal in Oklahoma.”



Kidzone

Parents, the kids need to be here at 8:10am on Sunday, October 28. It is Children’s Sunday and they will be helping lead in both worship services.

Our Kingdom Kids t-shirts have been ordered. They are awesome! There was a misunderstanding about pricing so the shirts will be \$10 and not \$5.

Mark your calendar, kids! November 10th is our Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party. We will meet at the FLC from 10am-12pm to pack our boxes. We will have pizza for lunch afterward. If any parents or other adults would like to help please let Debbie or Marty know. It’s always a lot of fun!

If you are the parent of a 5th or 6th grader....WE NEED YOUR CHILDREN!! Starting January 6th we will start a 5th & 6th small group on Sunday morning. We will be providing other ministry opportunities for them, too. MARK YOUR CALENDARS...We will have a meeting on Thursday, November 1st at 7pm for parents and kids to come find out what it is all about and hear some of our plans for that age group. Please make plans to attend.

Kingdom Kids, under the direction of Ms. Cathy, will be presenting a Christmas musical on December 9th at 6pm. You won’t want to miss it! It’s called *All I Want for Christmas*. It’s about a little girl who wants everything she sees in a toy and the meaningful experience she has when she meets a special little boy while she’s there. Children has simple, specific costumes they will need to wear so see Debbie, Marty of Cathy if you have questions about your child’s costume. It’s also not too late to get your children involved!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, October 24

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening-Youth
6:00 p.m.-Praise Team Practice
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 25

11:00 a.m.-Needlers
1:00 p.m.-Ruth Esther Circle
4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers— F. Hall
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells
7:00 p.m.-Faith Circle

Friday, October 26

12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers-F. Hall

Saturday, October 27

8:00 a.m.-Boy Scout Leaders @ FLC
10:00 a.m.-Nick Alex Memorial Service
6:00 p.m.-Youth pumpkin carving-Caleb House

Sunday, October 28-Children's Sabbath

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School
11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship
1:00 p.m.-Finance Meeting
2:00 p.m.-Bruce & Mona Warren's open house

Monday, October 29

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:30 p.m.-Bible Study-F. Hall
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts 101-FLC

Tuesday, October 30-Chancel Choir Change of Date

7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, October 31

7:30 p.m.-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:00 p.m.-Trunk or Treat

Thursday, November 1

4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers— F. Hall
5:30 p.m.-UMW Executive Meeting
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells

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