



The Springs

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October 26, 2011



“God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and

has poured out what you now see and hear.” (Acts 2:32-33, NIV)

Dear friends in Christ,

In the days following Jesus’ ascension into heaven, the disciples began to tell the stories about Jesus to people throughout the region. The Book of Acts is a record of many of these efforts to share the Good News with as many people as possible. We must be grateful for their efforts because we would not know about the saving work of Christ on the cross were it not for these faithful disciples beginning to spread the word. It is truly a marvel that the life of one man from a tiny village in the Middle East could have such a lasting impact on the world when the only means of telling his story were flawed and frightened human beings. There were no printing presses, no television cameras, and no Internet to get the news out; it all depended on a small group of faithful followers. In spite of technology, it’s not all that much different today... Most people want to hear about Jesus from the people who know him, believe in him, and follow him. Most people still want to hear the stories from the witnesses who have experienced the love of God in Christ Jesus. It may sound simple, but it’s true.

I mention this today because I want all of us to think about how and when we tell the stories of how Jesus has been present in our lives. Are we eager and enthusiastic about taking every opportunity to let somebody know that we are Christians and why we follow Christ? Are we unashamed to invite a friend or neighbor to come to church with us? Are we living our lives in such a way that Jesus is proud to call us one of His followers? These are challenging questions and I really hope

that all of us will take a few minutes to be honest with ourselves as we think about our answers. When was the last time you told your story of faith to another person? When was the last time you invited anyone to come to church? When was the last time you took a moment to notice and greet a visitor at Sunday worship?

Our Evangelism Ministry Team works hard throughout the year to offer a variety of opportunities for us to share our stories and welcome new people to our church. You may not realize it, but **Trunk or Treat** is actually an *evangelism event*. This is a time when we can bring friends and their children to our church for a time of fun and fellowship that just might encourage them to come back again for worship. That’s really a big part of evangelism – showing people who we are in a non-threatening, non-aggressive manner so they begin to understand that Christians have fun too...Maybe through these kinds of events people will come to know us better and, through us, get to know Jesus better.

Friends, our time together is so precious and I pray that we spend it caring for one another and helping each other deepen our relationship with God. We need to nurture one another and continue to encourage one another as we lead in our community and help bring others to know God. As a member of this faith fellowship, your prayers and your participation are vital. Whenever you are able to be with us, please join us for worship and study. If you are unable to join us in person, pray with us and for us; watch us on You Tube; and keep telling others about Jesus. (Our You Tube Channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/SSunitedCmethodist>)

Your enthusiasm for Jesus and the work you do telling his story and doing his work is inspiration for me and a real blessing to our community. Thank you for letting me be a part of this congregation.

In Jesus’ Holy name,
Pastor Don



KidZone

We hope everyone enjoyed fall break. If you were out of town, we missed you but hope you had a fun time!

Next Sunday, October 30th, we will have children's church at the north campus. We will be making baskets for the shut-ins we will be visiting on November 5th when we go Harvest Caroling. Harvest Caroling will

be a time for the children to share Jesus' love with some of our church members by singing to them and giving them a basket. Children wishing to participate need to be at the church at 1:00pm on November 5th. We will stop by Cherry Berry afterward.

Sunday, October 30th, is also our next shopping Sunday.

For our next rotation the children will be studying the book of Ruth as they learn about humble living.

See you Sunday!

Trunk or Treat



Come out next Monday, October 31st from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Decorate your trunk and hand out candy to the Trick or Treaters; drop off candy...

Young Adult Sunday School Class

The New Young Adult Class is meeting in Caleb House at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We are exploring Christian themes and values in the Matrix movie trilogy. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. They can also follow us on Facebook under Ssumc College/Young Adults. Call Buster Hall for more details.

With a thankful heart, I'm also thinking of how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful church with the leadership and the volunteers who give of themselves and their resources so faithfully. I continue to be amazed at those who give witness with their attendance and their spirit in spite of serious challenges. Our church has been a shelter of love for many years to those who come through our doors seeking refuge. My prayer this morning is that we, as God's faithful servants, will always be open to the needs of others and be ready to share His love wherever we are. Pray with me. Virginia

Dinners for 8 Plus

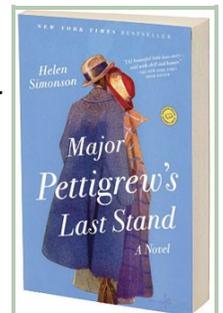
November 13 at Judy Ann's in Cleveland (Go west on 412 and exit on Hwy. 64 to Cleveland. Last exit before toll road begins. The restaurant is on the right side of the road just before you reach town. A table for up to 20 has been reserved.

Someone's Praying Lord

Today, I am giving THANKS to the beautiful fall weather and the much needed rain we are enjoying. It reminds us of the goodness in God's creation.

2ND MONDAY BOOK CLUB

Our book club will meet again on November 14 at 6:15pm. We will be discussing *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*. If you enjoy reading and would like to fellowship with other people in our church, please join us!



Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers October 30

Welcome Center

Discovery Class

Head Ushers

Ed David

Lay Reader

Julie Ferguson

Young Disciples Lesson

Cathy Gifford

Children's Church

Debbie & Marty

Counters

Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

Visitor Center

Norma Jones & Friends

Youth Dinner for Wednesday, *October 26*

Searchers SS Class

Sunday Volunteers November 6

Welcome Center

TNT Class

Head Usher

Roger Nelson

Lay Reader

Cathy Gifford

Young Disciples Lesson

Janet Parker

Children's Church

Marty & Debbie

Counters

Diana Pond & Jack Vest

Visitor Center

Norma Jones & Friends

Youth Dinner for Wednesday, *November 2*

Metro Worship

Please Keep In Prayer

Walter Speed, Don Baldrige, Mel & Norma Jones, Ryder Herring, Thelma Bradshaw, Gene Watson, Virginia Vice, Ruth Weaver, Jo Nan Allen, Jim Bostwick, Jewel & Wilbur Williams, Martha Scudder, Jennifer Nerren, BW Proft, June Horn, Cheek family, Bob Schmidt, Mary Lea Forsythe, Rebecca Ward, Doug Foote, Ryan Bulmer, All our soldiers-men and women fighting for our freedoms

Acknowledgements & Information

We Offer our Prayers & Sympathy

To the friends and family of Gene Krismer. Gene passed away last week and her memorial service was last Friday. With so many recent deaths, we offer our prayers and sympathy to the friends and families of Irene Hueste, Harold Hilgendorf, Bob Horn, Vera Nell Boatman and Bill Forsythe.

To Sand Springs United Methodist,

Thanks for being so thoughtful-your kindness is appreciated. Thank you for all the prayers and concern while I've been going through my illness. Please continue to pray that my surgery will be successful. God bless each of you.

Bob Schmidt

Crumbs From The Cracker

News:

Are you on the Internet? Our youth are!! Stay Connected to “The Awakening” online!



Follow us on Twitter: [theAwakening_](#)



“Like” – Facebook: “The Awakening” Ssumc youth



YouTube Channel: [SSUMCTheAwakening](#)

Important info!!!! Students and parents please if you have not filled out the new “Parent/Youth” Covenant paper work for this year please be sure to fill it out and have it turned in as soon as possible. We want to make sure that we have the most up to date info on your students! Thanks!!!

We have added a new team member to our “Youth Volunteer Team,” Jan Dickerson!! She is an awesome woman of God and has a tremendous passion and desire to impact the students of our church! We look forward to the influence and gifts/talents that she is going to bring to the youth program and our students!

We had a great turn out two Sundays ago when we went to our Tulsa Youth District Bonfire!!! There were 8 churches represented, and 106 youth that came and participated in games, food, and worship around a bonfire!!! It was a great experience!! We also collected over 200+ cans of food for “Restore Hope”.

We wrapped up our second annual “Pumpkin Carve Party” this past weekend!!! It was a great turn out! We had some very spooky and tasty dishes courtesy of Mrs. Jetonne. We also had some great help from, Buster, Don, Myra, and Kristen. The students had a great time competing for 7 awards that were given out for the pumpkin carving, as well as best costume and most cans of corn. We collected 22 cans of corn and we will be donating them to “Restore Hope”.



Weekly Youth Topics:

We have finished our first week of our “All In” series and it was a great lesson that really challenged our students to be “All In For Jesus”. Students who were at youth Wednesday night received a 31 day devotional to kick start their journey to being “All In For Jesus.” If you missed out, don’t worry, our lesson is posted online! This week we challenge the students to be “All In For The Church.” We will also be having them fill out a “Spiritual Gifts Analysis” to help refine and define some of their gifts so they can start applying them within our church!

Upcoming Dates:

- October 26th - “All In For The Church”
- October 30th - No Small Groups This Week
- October 31st - Trunk or Treat (Be in the Fellowship Hall @ 5:30pm)
- November 2nd - Metro Worship (5:45pm Bring \$6 for Ci Ci’s Pizza) Pastor Don will be taking our kids to Metro this week!
- November 6th - Potluck (Following Worship Service)
- November 9th - “All In For The Community”

(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: You can't plow a cotton field with an elephant in North Carolina.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's all about the power of a simple gift! Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week is November 14-November 21. SSUMC will once again serve as a Relay Center. This year we will collect shoe boxes at the FLC. Our church serving as a relay center allows other churches and individuals to drop their shoe box gifts off at our church and we will deliver them to the Collection Center in Tulsa. Empty shoe boxes will be available on November 6. All boxes must be filled and returned to our church no later than November 21 at 12pm. If you would like to volunteer to help during collection week please call Amy Miller at 245-3076.

Annual Church Conference Set for 11/14

Mark your calendars now... Our 2011 Church Conference will be held on Monday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary at 4th & Main. This is an opportunity for all church members to receive ministry reports and participate in the decision-making process of the church. It will be Pastor Don's first church conference at SSUMC and it will be your first opportunity to meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dan Peil.

While visitors are welcome to attend this meeting, only professing members of this congregation are permitted to have a voice and vote.

Why Emphasize Wills?

Just as the church is concerned about your spiritual health, it is conscious about the need each of us has to be a good steward of his or her physical assets. Being a good steward of your assets is difficult after your death unless you establish a plan before, that will carry out your wishes. That plan is called a will or trust.

A will or trust can spell out who will have guardianship of your minor children and how you want your assets distributed to your children, other family members, friends, and charitable organizations such as your church. Without a will or trust, the state will decide how your assets are distributed. And you may not like what the State decides. It is easy to procrastinate dealing with a will. After all, it requires us to think about our death. But what bet-

ter way to honor God than to plan while you are alive for how your assets will be stewarded when you die.

We began yesterday to share critical information that may help you develop an estate plan. We distributed a Wills Information Survey containing three brief questions. The survey is to be anonymous—with no one signing his or her name. We encourage you to put your completed survey in the offering plate next Sunday morning, if you did not already return it to us. This will help us know how many currently have a will or a trust and will help us know what seminars to offer to the congregation.

Special Celebrations on November 6th

Sunday, November 6th will be a very special day in the life of our church. Here's a run-down of what we'll be doing...Please plan to join us on this special day.

Worship at the Family Life Center will begin at 10:30 am with a brief consecration service for the building. This marks the 1st Anniversary of the "Time to Give" campaign. We want to celebrate our beautiful new building and give thanks for our generous congregation who made it possible. Imagine what it would have been like this summer if we had not had this great building to use while our A/C was out at the sanctuary! During worship we will celebrate Holy Communion in a very special way that will involve the entire congregation. At the end of worship we will also commemorate All Saints Day and have a special remembrance of those wonderful saints who have gone before us.

The service will be followed by a unique Pot Luck Lunch featuring fresh baked bread with soups and stews. There are sign-up sheets at both locations and in the Sunday school books so you can tell us what you will be bringing. Remember – This lunch is being planned as a special celebration and soup was selected as the main course for a specific reason. Please stick to the menu and avoid bringing casseroles, etc. You will have to trust us on this and join us on November 6th to find out how all of this comes together. See you then!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, October 26

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
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 27

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

Friday, October 28

12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers

Saturday, October 29

No Activities

Sunday, October 30

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School

10:30 p.m.-Blended Worship-FLC
11:45 a.m.-Praise Team Practice
2:00 p.m.-Missions Meeting
4:00 p.m.-Youth District Event in Verdigris

Monday, October 31

Charge Conference Reports Due.

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:00 p.m.-Trunk Or Treat
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts 101-FLC

Tuesday, November 1

1:30 p.m.-Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m.-Al Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, November 2

7:30 p.m.-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
5:30 p.m.-Youth to Metro Worship
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

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Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is finally here! Join us on Monday,
October 31st, at our parking lot at 4th & Main.

We need to be set up and ready for trick-or-
treaters by 6pm. We will be finished by 7:30pm.

We are in need of more people to decorate trunks.

If this is something you think you can do,
please join us!

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