

The Springs



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"Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent

about what is evil."

(Romans 16:19)

Over the past week our church has demonstrated what God can do when God's people are obedient. And that, as we said in worship on Sunday, is exactly how we must look at the events that unfolded in the aftermath of the Creek County wildfire. While our church may have gotten some attention and many pats on the back; while individuals may have received compliments or attention in the media; nothing that was accomplished here was done through our power...Everything done here was because of God's clear involvement and constant presence with us. As Dick Ford said on Sunday morning, this should be our witness – that God made it possible for the people of this church to be the hands and feet of Jesus. God made it possible for the many volunteers from other churches across the area to answer the call to help. Only God could have brought the incredible generosity of the people into play that enabled us to give so much clothing, food, and supplies to so many deserving people. ONLY God could make this happen – not me, or you, or anyone else who was involved – we were all in this because God called us to it and we were simply obedient.

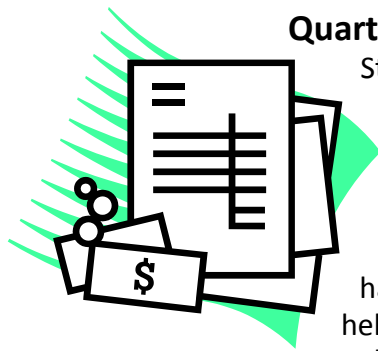
There are so many wonderful stories that we could share about the many people who came through our doors during this time. Every story is touching and testifies to why this mission was so important. Each piece of this particular puzzle fell into its perfect place just as God intended. The stories pulled it all together and

made the picture complete as we all began to realize what God was doing here. I truly believe that this was as much a wake-up call for the church as it was a blessing for those we served. It is a powerful reminder of who we are called to be as Christians and what really matters to God.

We are not the focus of what God calls us to; "the other" is our focus. It doesn't matter that we are tired or cranky or inconvenienced...God tells us to push through all of that to tend to the flock. More than once we were forced to realize that what we thought should be done was not what God had planned. More than once we were reminded that our self-centeredness and our petty problems pale in comparison to the laments of those who have lost everything. We all are blessed to be a blessing and we must never forget that.

The other thing we must remember is that we are imperfect human beings. In spite of our efforts to follow God's leading, we made mistakes. We now call upon God to help us identify our mistakes and work to improve so that the next time we are called to serve we can do better. Listen for God's voice as we de-brief and regain our energies over the next few weeks. Listen for words of wisdom that will help us be better missionaries in the future. That truly is who we are – missionaries – and we cannot do it without the love and grace of God leading us forward.

*Shalom,
Pastor Don*



Quarterly Statements

Statements are being mailed out this week. If you know of someone who didn't get theirs, please let Glenna know. Also, if you think you have an error and need help understanding, Glenna can help you with that as well.

Sheree Buttler, and Kent and Jami Warkentin for serving at Restore Hope! Thanks also to all those who donated school supplies or money to assist Restore Hope in providing school supplies to families who need assistance!

Later that day, we learned that the fires in the Mannford area, which had already overtaken many rural homes, were threatening the city of Mannford. Quickly, our family life center was turned into a Red Cross shelter, our church became a donation center for fire victims, and we got a crash course (or baptized by fire) on how you serve on a mission trip. We didn't even have to travel very far! We were all blown away by the abundant acts of generosity displayed by the people in this community and surrounding communities. We talked with victims who had lost their homes, belongings, and in many cases, their hope. We hugged victims, cried with victims, and assisted victims to find items of necessity. We worked alongside members of neighboring churches to meet the needs of others and made new friends while doing so. We were able to bless other agencies who also serve those in need. This, my friends, has all the makings of a mission trip! Thank you for serving!

Our next mission meeting is Sunday, September 9th at 1:30 p.m. We are scheduled to fill out paperwork and turn in money for our mission trip to Joplin. If you would like to be part of this trip, please contact Jami Warkentin at 918.246.0359 or the church office. All people and skill sets are welcome.

Galatians 5:13-14

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Upper Room

Some people may not be aware the church orders a certain number of Upper Rooms each quarter for you. These are daily devotions for that are uplifting and a great way to start your day. Pick one up off the Welcome Desk and if you are so inclined, you are welcome to leave a donation. However, it is not necessary. Large print is also available on the desk.

Mission Morsels

Wow! Talk about a week of missions! I definitely think we have experienced one. We started the week off last week on Saturday, August 4th when a group of us went to Restore Hope to help them by packing up school supplies. We arrived with 15 members and lots of school supplies donated from our church members. Jeff Jaynes, the executive director of Restore Hope, started us off with a tour of their facilities and talked with us about the needs they meet. We learned a lot on our tour and in particular that Restore Hope is always in need of canned fruit, canned meat, peanut butter, beans, rice, and cereal. We then divided into two teams and worked in assembly lines building boxes, stuffing them with school supplies, sealing them up, and taking them to their storage area. Each team completed boxes needed for two different grade levels and we got so much done that the Restore Hope folks were going to have to look for something to do for another team coming in the next day because we finished what they had planned for that team as well. Yay! Thanks to Amy Miller, Lauren Miller, Don Tabberer, Charlene Reeves, Katherine Reeves, Janet Parker, Alan Parker, Susie Honeycutt, Karen Wilder, Glenda Osburn, Maureen Gibson, Zack Marshall,

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers August 19

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony
Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston
Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
Lay Reader-8:30 a.m.
Lay Reader-11:00 a.m.
Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Jami Warkentin
Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Jami Warkentin
Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids 11:00 a.m.-Jami
Warkentin & Kat Katzung

Counters-Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder
Youth Dinner for Wednesday-August 15-TNT

Sunday Volunteers August 26

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony
Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston
Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
Lay Reader-8:30 a.m.
Lay Reader-11:00 a.m.
Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-TBA
Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Cathy Gifford
8:30 a.m. Children's Church-Kingdom Kids 11 a.m.-
Susie Honeycutt & Family

Counters-Sondra Bogert & Dick Ford
Youth Dinner for Wednesday-August 22-Ruth Esther C.

Please Keep In Prayer

Walter Speed, Wilbur & Jewel Williams, Mel Jones, Ryder Herring, Ruth Weaver, Jo Nan Allen, Virginia Vice, Martha Scudder, Don Baldrige, Earl Cervantez, Donna Woodruff, Bishop Hayes, Pat Cheek, Phil Cearley, Linda McCormick, Jan Dickerson, Buster Hall, Cathy Hula, Wildfire Victims, and all un-spoken requests

Acknowledgements

We welcome... Clinton & Joanna Wilson to our membership. Please welcome them. 540 Keystone Ave. in Sand Springs—918-242-3444.

Thank You... April Camp and her family lost their home in the wildfires. They want to thank you all for your spirit of volunteering, giving and offering any help you could. Noah attended our VBS the last 2 years and LOVED it! As she was trying to save things like her big screen tv, she made sure she saved the box he made at VBS this year. Very special!!!

Thank You... We would like to thank Dick Ford for housing our 2 dogs and providing a place to stay during the fire evacuation. Also to Ralph and Roberta Rand for taking Obsidian. We felt the hand of God's protection around us. The Alex Family & Teddy, Mogwy & Obsidian

Thank You... for the prayers during mom's surgery, illness and her flight to heaven. Your attendance at our "gathering" was so appreciated, and the food you provided was wonderful. Your sweet cards reminded us that Mother is now wrapped in the arms of Jesus and enjoying all of God's promises. The family of Cloeta Mullins

Thank You... We want to send our thanks to all of you for the wonderful gift of food the church delivered to us after the birth of Maverick Wilhelm Blaze Holweg. We really appreciated the thought. When the doctors give us the "ok" we will introduce the church to our son. Once again, thank you for the blessings we received. The Holweg Family

The Awakening-Youth

Kudos To You Church & Our Shepherd:

To all of you who played a part in our recovery center and store... thank you, thank you, thank you! Whether you were a clothes folder, a phone answerer, a store facilitator, or a box mover, or any other random need that was met... you all did an incredible job this week!!! You were the church and you made Christ known to many in and around our community with your service and sacrifice and I cannot say how proud I am to call you my church and my family!

Secondly I would like to offer a special thanks to our fearless leader Pastor Don! When reflecting on all that our church has endured in the short time that he has been our Shepherd... he has done an amazing job leading us whether the ground was rocky and we needed to raise 50K for a new Sanctuary air-conditioner or helping lead us through last weeks tragedy in Mannford. God chose him to lead us and we are very blessed to be in his sheepfold! God gave me a glimpse of what He felt this week as He used Don to orchestrate all that our church went through this week. He showed me that just as God took Nehemiah to lead the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem, God used our leader to help rebuild the lives of the people of Mannford through your service.

With all of this said, I know that none of you helped last week because you wanted to be honored... but you did it to honor our Heavenly Father! God is at work in our church. May we continue to be lead by the Holy Spirit and may we continue to have an open ear, a willing heart, and a serving hand so that God may be glorified through our Church! Thank you Lord for all that you are doing. May we always thank you and give You all the Glory & Honor! Thank you Church and thank you Shepherd Don!

News:

Cosmic Bowl!

We will be going to Sahoma Lanes for a night of Cosmic Bowl August 18th! The Cost is \$12 per person to bowl for 2 hours! We will be meeting at the FLC @ 9:30pm to depart and be back to the FLC by 12:15am. Don't forget to sign up! It is going to be awesome!!!

Parent Info Night:

Hey! Are you a parent of a student in the youth ministry @ SSUMC? We would love to have you join us for a parent info night! This event is going to be fun and very informative for what we have planned for the coming fall semester! Mark your calendars for August 23rd @7pm @ FLC.

the Awakening Vision Cast:

Youth, you do not want to miss this awesome night! We will be having a Vision Cast night for the youth ministry of SSUMC! This will be a great time for us to refresh ourselves with our purpose and mission of our ministry! Join us August 29th @ 6:30pm! Hope to see ya! **First 15 youth who arrive will be given a NEW "Awakening" t-shirt!!! (They are really awesome!)**

Upcoming Youth Series

"Family Feud"

Upcoming Dates:

- August 15th - 70's and 80's Series (Bill Withers Song) 6:30pm -8:30pm
- August 18th - Cosmic Bowling! 10pm-12am (Meet @ Church @ 9:30pm)
- August 20th - First Day Back To School!!!! Yay!
- August 22nd - 70's and 80's Series Final 6:30pm-8:30pm
- August 23rd - Parent Info Night 7pm
- August 26th - District Youth Council Meeting @ FLC 3pm
- August 29th - Vision Cast Night! Don't Miss It! 6:30pm-8:30pm
- September 2nd - Youth Service Sunday!

(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: Vinita, Oklahoma was the first town in the state to have electricity. It is also the oldest incorporated town in the state.



NEWSLETTER -- KIDZONE

It's hard to believe that summer is over. Some of our students have already started their school year and others will be starting in the next few days. Please pray for our children and teachers as they begin another school year.

The children are continuing their Travels through Psalm 23. We would like to thank the children and families for the school supplies donated during VBS. Because of your generosity we were able to donate 22 bags with school supplies to Lake United Methodist Church and also make a generous donation to the school supply drive at Restore Hope. God is good!

We will be in need of a preschool teacher's helper beginning in September. If you would be willing to serve as the classroom helper to assist the teacher please let Amy Miller know. We would like to have enough helpers to serve on a rotating basis, one month at a time.

Have a great week! See you Sunday!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, August 15

7:30 a.m.-M/W Breakfast—Crescent Café

9:15 a.m.-SIA to Methodist Manor

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, August 16

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

Friday, August 17

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

Saturday, August 18

10 p.m.-Youth to Cosmic Bowling

Sunday, August 19

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship

10:00 a.m.-Sunday School

11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship

2:30 p.m.-COM

4:00 p.m.-Church Council

Monday, August 20-Back to School in Sand Springs

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

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

Tuesday, August 21

6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bell Practice

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

Wednesday, August 22

7:30 p.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

Estate Planning Thoughts

Consider naming the church as a secondary or back up beneficiary of a life insurance policy or even your retirement plans in case other beneficiaries named are deceased at the time of your death.

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