

# The Springs



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*"But if I say, 'I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,' his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot."* (Jeremiah 20:9)

The first sermon I preached in this church was titled: ***"What Happens if the Fire Goes Out?"*** This question related to what would happen to us and to the church if we let the fire of the Holy Spirit diminish. I talked about how our relationship with God is often described in terms of fiery images of the Spirit burning inside us and how that fire is passion – us for God and God for us. I also talked about the way fire creates hot air that lifts balloons aloft and – *if the fire is allowed to go out* – the balloon will surely crash to the ground. Likewise, if we allow the fire of the Holy Spirit – the passion of God – to go out in us, then our faith will surely crash.

Jeremiah speaks of this holy fire. You may recall that Jeremiah was very young when God filled him with holy passion. For Jeremiah, the passion he felt was a fire that came directly from God and could not be extinguished. Even if he tried to avoid accepting God's call, the fiery passion would still be there. Even if he tried to avoid shar-

ing God's word with others, that fire would burst forth because it simply could not be contained.

This is what we are talking about when we claim ***"passion for the harvest."*** It is the idea that our relationship with God is so solid and so vital to us that we have no choice but to reflect that relationship and share it with others. God's passion grows so intense within us that we couldn't hold it in, even if we wanted to. Our passion for the harvest cannot be contained.

Jesus told Zaccheus, *"I have come to seek and to save the lost."* (Luke 19:10) It has always been God's desire that all people would be reconciled to him. Jesus came to meet the lost and offer them the life-changing hope of the gospel. His work continues today with us as his messengers. Jesus' passion must become our passion as we share the fire that burns within our hearts.

***Shalom,  
Pastor Don***

[Acknowledgement: Transformational Leadership Forum, *Christian to the Core: Eight Core Values of the Most Effective Christians.*]

## SSUMC Lunch Bunch

We will meet in Mannford at the Steer Inn on Sunday, October 7 at 12:45 pm. If you plan to attend, an RSVP would be helpful in setting up the seating. Call Linda or Woody Woodard at 918-245-2935. The Sandite Grill & Billiards doesn't open on Sunday's until 3 p.m. so if enough are interested, we could pick another day/time to go there.

Eleven gathered in the parking lot to Go West last time, but the restaurant had no electricity. We convoyed in the rain to Sapulpa's Café USA. 'Twas a good choice for a successful evening. Another attempt to eat at GW will come up next month.

## Recycle for SSUMC Youth



Youth are recycling cell phones and printer cartridges.

### Recycle

The only thing the youth are recycling are cell phones and printer cartridges. Please check the list on the box in the hallway by the sanctuary for WHAT printer cartridges. We no longer are taking glasses, pill bottles, soup labels, batteries...

### Dishes left in Kitchen

If you have left dishes in the kitchen, it is now assumed they are donated. During the Church Clean Up, all dishes were washed and stored in cabinets for future use. Your donations are appreciated.

### SOMEONE'S PRAYING, LORD.....

Today, I'm thinking about all the wonderful caregivers in our church family. Our prayers should go out daily for our many members in health and emotional crisis. As we pray for those

suffering, let us remember that sometimes it is even harder on those loved ones who are caring for them. Let us continue to be faithful in lifting our church family to God each day, with a very special prayer for those who are hurting. May they feel the love and support of their church family, and feel the love and peace that only God can give.

Many of us were eager to help our fire victims as we could. The Stockards took this one step further and invited David Hudgens and his wife to stay in their motor home until they could relocate. Last week, JoAnn Nelson sent out an urgent appeal for help getting her Aunt Iva moved into Greentree and David jumped at the chance to help. As we continue to "Pay It Forward," we realize that it may be us needing the help from time to time. Thanks, David, for answering the call.

### Mission Morsels

We plan to send an adult (age 18 and over) mission team to Joplin, MO for help with disaster relief efforts. We would love for YOU to join us! There will be jobs for everyone; no experience needed! We plan to leave the evening of Tuesday, October 16th and come back on Saturday, October 20th. Estimated cost per person is \$125-150 depending on the number of people attending. We have a meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 30th at 1:30 p.m. to fill out paperwork. Please call or email Jami Warkentin if you are interested in participating in the trip at 918.246.0359 or

[gopokes93@gmail.com](mailto:gopokes93@gmail.com).

## Shawn Cole Graduation from Exodus House

A big thank you to all that have been involved in the spiritual nurturing of Shawn Cole, our graduated Exodus House resident. September 18th, over 50 members of SSUMC, residents of Exodus House, and supporters from other churches gathered in the sanctuary of St. Luke's Redemption Church for her graduation ceremony from the prison ministry. Thank you to all who have provided transportation, prayers, and the countless other ways you have supported Shawn. She is leading a Narcotics Anonymous group at St. Luke's, and also mentoring incarcerated women through the Turley Correctional Center for Women. She is such an inspiration to us all!

## Collection for Exodus House Begins

October 15th, we are expecting our next Exodus House resident. We are looking for items that would be used to furnish a single person in a one bedroom apartment. This could include but is not limited to household goods and furniture. A list will be available of needed items for furnishing the apartment. We will also need volunteers for transportation of the resident on Sunday and to other various church activities. Please contact Olivia Tackett for more information.

## Book Club

Our next book club meeting will be TUESDAY, October 9, 6pm-7pm. Yes, that's right, a Tuesday. We want to make it possible for those in book club to go to Monday night Bible study during the months of October and November. Our book selection for October is *Live Forever or Die Trying* by Thomas J. Money.

## Operation Christmas Child

It's just around the corner!! Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week is Nov. 12-19. If you are interested in volunteering during collection week please let Amy Miller know. Also be watching in the coming weeks for the pretty red & green shoe boxes to be in the Narthex and ready to be filled.

## Mark Your October Calendar

October 1-Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in the F. Hall  
October 7-Lunch Bunch to Steer Inn-12:45 p.m.  
October 8-Bible Study-F. Hall at 6:30 p.m.  
October 9-Book Club-Parlor-6:15 p.m.  
October 9-Stewardship Meeting at 7 p.m.  
October 11-Needlers at 11 a.m.  
October 11-6:30 p.m.-Tech Class  
October 14-Trustees at 2 p.m.  
October 15-Bible Study-6:30 p.m.-F. Hall  
October 16-Adult Mission Trip to Joplin  
October 20-Adult's return from Mission Trip  
October 21-Staff Parish Meeting-1 p.m.  
October 21-2:30 p.m.-Council On Ministries  
October 21-Church Council at 4 p.m.  
October 22-Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in the F. Hall  
October 23-Priscilla Circle at Kristen Henry's-7 p.m.  
October 23-Girl Scout Leader Meeting-F. Hall- 6 p.m.  
October 25-Needlers at 11 a.m.  
October 25-Ruth Esther Circle-F. Hall at 1 p.m.  
October 25-Faith Circle at 7 p.m.  
October 27-Boy Scout Leaders in FLC from 8 to 4 p.m.  
October 27-Youth Pumpkin Carving at 6 p.m.  
October 28-Finance Meeting at 1 p.m.  
October 29-Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in the F. Hall  
October 31-Trunk or Treat



## *Sunday Lists*

### **Sunday Volunteers      September 30**

Visitors Center & Coffee-Up Rising Young Adults  
 Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston  
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David  
 Lay Reader-8:30 a.m.-Pastor Don  
 Lay Reader-11:00 a.m.-Pastor Don  
 Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Cathy Gifford  
 Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Cathy Gifford  
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids 11:00 a.m.-  
 Debbie Schmidt  
 Counters-Sondra Bogert & Dick Ford  
 Youth Dinner for Wednesday-Sept. 26-No Meal

### **Sunday Volunteers      October 7**

Visitors Center & Coffee-Discovery Class  
 Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston  
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David  
 Lay Reader-8:30 a.m.-Karen Wilder  
 Lay Reader-11:00 a.m.-Jan Dickerson  
 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.-  
 -Julia & Kristen Henry  
 Counters-Sheree Buttler & Jami Warkentin  
 Youth Dinner for Wednesday-Oct. 3-No Meal

## *Please Keep In Prayer*

Walter Speed, Martha Scudder, Wilbur & Jewel Williams, Mel Jones, Ryder Herring, Ruth Weaver, Jo Nan Allen, Virginia Vice, Donna Woodruff, Mary Lea Forsythe, Phil Cearley, Nick Alex, Cathy Hula, Wildfire victims, Clinton Wilson, Mark Nicholson, Elizabeth Taylor, Foote family for new house and recovery of stolen property, Destinee Tackett, Sylvia Johnson

## *Acknowledgements*

### ***With Great Sympathy...***

*Earl Cervantez went to join Lora in heaven on Thursday, September 20th. His services were September 24th.*

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

*JoAnn Nelson wishes to thank you for the prayers and the emergency help. Aunt Iva Turpin is now a resident at Green Tree Assisted Living in Sand Springs. Your quick response was so appreciated. The fine help made the move in go smooth.*

*Martha Scudder invited her to sit with her for lunch.*

## Crumbs From The Cracker

### News:

#### the Awakening Vision:

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

#### Vision In Action:

Over the past few weeks, our youth have been working on **planning and preparing** for future events to help put our youth **Vision** into effect this year! Our youth have chosen 3 programs to **“Stretch”** the students that are currently attending the youth program... 3 programs to **“Redeem”** those who may not be experiencing Christ’s love and 3 fun programs to invite friends to enjoy fellowship with their peers. In the near future you will be hearing about their first program, which is a **“Food Drive Challenge”**! Let’s just say there are some **high stakes** for this and you **don’t want to miss out on it!**

#### Youth Volunteer Appreciation Night:

**Are you a student** who is a part of our youth program?

**Are you a parent** of a youth who attends our youth program? **Are you a congregation member** who attends our church? **I am asking anyone** who is grateful and thankful for our **awesome youth volunteer team** to write a nice **note of appreciation** and place it in the person’s sack outside my door. Please have all your notes turned in by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our team members are: **Jetonne Collett, Taylor Miller, Devin Crawford, Winnie Mansfield, Carrol Hamner, Jan Dickerson, Don Cole, and Kent Warkentin.**

#### Re-scheduled Tech Class:

Are you curious about how to **create an account on Facebook**? Do you want to brush up your skills on the computer to **read our newsletter online**? How about watching our **previous sermons on youtube**? Have we got the answer for you! Join our youth on **October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm** in the Sanctuary for a brief presentation and then some hands on experience with Technology!

#### District Youth Council Meeting!

Our Tulsa District Youth Council meeting this past Sunday went over really well. We are going to be having an awesome Kickball tournament at Heritage UMC in November!!! Get your kickball skills ready!

## Upcoming Youth Series: “Angels & Demons”

### Upcoming Dates:

- September 26<sup>th</sup> - See you at the pole!
- September 28<sup>th</sup> - Feed Football Players
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> - “Family Feud” Wk 3 “Love”
- October 10<sup>th</sup> - Youth Volunteer Appreciation Night 6:30pm
- October 11<sup>th</sup> - Tech Class 6:30pm- 8:30pm
- October 17<sup>th</sup> - Start New Series “Angels & Demons”

(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))

**Fun Fact: “Big Foot was sighted in Vici, Oklahoma in 1977. Though a search party was sent out, no evidence was found.”**



### Kidzone

It was awesome to have Ms. Debbie back with us this Sunday. We missed her while she was out of town. We are glad she had a great time on her vacation.

**SAVE THE DATES:** On Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> we will be making barbecue sauce for sale on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be a fund raiser for Operation Christmas Child.

Another date to remember will be October 28<sup>th</sup>. That will be the day we celebrate Children’s Sabbath. So parents, mark your calendars.

See you Sunday!!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FLC-Family Life Center

### Wednesday, September 26

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, September 27

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

### Friday, September 28

7:00 a.m.-Football Breakfast  
12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers-F. Hall  
6:30 p.m.-Grief Support

### Saturday, September 29

No Activities

### Sunday, September 30

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship

10:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship  
1:30 p.m.-Adult Mission Trip Meeting

### Monday, October 1

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 2

6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells Practice  
7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon-Upstairs

### Wednesday, October 3

7:30 p.m.-Men's & Women'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 4

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

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### Estate Planning

If you are interested in making any special gifts to your church, feel free to discuss this with your pastor. The pastor will help put you in touch with appropriate advisors.

**Return Service Requested**

### Note Date Change

The technology class Graeme is offering has changed to October 11th.

Please make that change on your calendar.

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