

# The Springs



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*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* (Matthew 11:28-30)

There is a wonderful legend concerning the quiet years of Jesus, the years prior to his three-year public ministry. The legend claims that Jesus the carpenter was one of the master yoke-makers in the Nazareth area. People came from miles around for a yoke, hand carved and crafted by Jesus, son of Joseph.

When customers arrived with their team of oxen Jesus would spend considerable time measuring the team - their height, the width of the space between them, and the size of their shoulders. Within a week, the team would be brought back and he would carefully place the newly made yoke over the shoulders, watching for rough places, smoothing out the edges and fitting them perfectly to this particular team of oxen.

This is the yoke Jesus invites us to take. Don't be misled by the word "easy," for it's root word in Greek speaks directly of the tailor-made yokes: they were "well-fitting." The yoke Jesus invites us to take, the yoke that brings rest to weary souls, is one that is made exactly to our lives and hearts. The yoke he invites us to wear fits us well, does not rub us nor cause us to develop sore spirits and is designed for two. His yokes were always designed for two and our yoke-partner is none other than Jesus Christ himself.

**We carry the burden of our struggles here on earth.** We're hurt by the words and actions of those around us and we often believe that we simply can't bear the pain we feel when we

are betrayed by friends or loved ones. Infidelity and dishonesty haunt us unless we give them over to God who strengthens us and carries us through the pain of betrayal and hurt.

### **We carry the burden of our physical ailments.**

This body we inhabit is sometimes unforgiving and causes us pain. It breaks and it gets sick and we have to keep going. It's so easy to get caught up in our own little pity-party and forget what Jesus endured to set us free. If we will only lay our physical burdens at His feet, He will help us through the healing process and carry us over the toughest pain.

**We carry the burden of our sin.** Jesus sets us free from the burden of sin, but only after we have seen how much our sin burdens him. I think this spurs our repentance and causes us to turn away from sin and back to God.

**We may even be carrying the burden of weariness in our search for God.** Whether you are a new Christian or you proclaimed Jesus as your Savior many years ago, you are on a journey. It is a journey either in search of God or in search of deeper relationship with God or in search of an understanding of God's plan for your life. This can be a tough trip to take, one with many potholes and detours. It is easy to grow weary along the road and give in to the urge to just sit down and give up. These are the times when we must realize that Jesus is right beside us carrying the burden with us and helping us along the path. This is why His yoke is for two.

Jesus frees people from all these burdens. The rest that Jesus promises is love, healing, and peace with God, not the end of all labor. A relationship with God changes meaningless, wearisome toil into spiritual productivity and purpose.

*Shalom, Pastor Don*

## SENIORS IN ACTION !

Guys - pay attention - this one's for you! We will visit Mike Fuller's Auto & Gas Museum in Inola on Wed., Oct. 17th. This is Mr. Fuller's private collection of about 20 old cars, filling station signs, gas pumps & gas pump globes that he's collected over the years. It's displayed in the gym of the old Inola elementary school. He says he enjoys sharing his collection, and does not charge for a tour. We may also get a ride around town in his "train on wheels", weather permitting.

We will gather at church for a prompt departure at 9:15 a.m. on Wed., Oct 17th. If you would be willing to drive a carload, please let Max & Sharon know, as we will be car-pooling. We will eat Lunch at a surprise destination. Sign up with Max or Sharon Schuermann, or call 918-246-9159.

this Prayer of Protection that had been given to her by her mother:

*The Light of God surrounds me.*

*The Love of God enfolds me.*

*The Power of God protects me.*

*The Presence of God watches over me.*

*Wherever I am - God Is!*

This is a good prayer for us to memorize and carry in our hearts daily.

Virginia

## Lunch Bunch

Our next Lunch Bunch will be November 4th. We will go to Judy Ann's in Cleveland around 12:30 or 12:45 ish. This is the group formerly known as *Dinners for 8*. More people started coming so the name was changed to *Dinners for 8 +*, and still, more people. So now we are known as *The Lunch Bunch*. Everyone is welcome. It is good food somewhere different every month, good fellowship, and most of all, good fun. Hope to see you in November.

## Calendar Additions



Please be sure to check the October calendar for any additions such as meetings and events!

## Volunteers Needed

You are needed to take communion to our shut-ins once every month or two. If we have enough people you would not need to go every month. We usually go on the first Sunday of each month or the week following communion. For more information and training, call Judy Bullard at 918-241-6890. You need to be able to drive. Thank you.

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

When Robin Roberts, of Good Morning America, went for a Bone Marrow Transplant a few weeks ago, she shared

## Apportionments Contribution



A big Thank You! to all of you who purchased some of my crafts in August. With your help, we contributed \$175 dollars toward our church's apportionments this year! Every little bit helps!

Love you all, and thanks

again, Sharon Schuermann

## Mark Your October Calendar

October 11-Needlers at 11 a.m.  
October 11-NOTE NEW DAY-Chancel Bells at 6 p.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 17-SIA to Inola at 9:15 a.m.  
October 18-Chancel Bells at 6 p.m.  
October 20-Adult's return from Mission Trip  
October 21-Start bringing your canned goods!  
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 21-Nominations Committee at 5 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-Chancel Bells at 6 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-Children's Sabbath  
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

## Meeting Attendance

If you are on a committee, your attendance is very important. For every committee there is an agenda. The agenda decides what goes on in SSUMC. Whether it is fixing light bulbs, painting a wall, hiring personnel, purchasing large items... you make the decisions. You are on a committee because someone thought you would be a good representative of our congregation. So please, make every effort to attend all the meetings you have per your committee. If you are not sure if you are on a committee, call Tracey. New committees are being formed now and if you agreed to be on a committee and have questions, please don't hesitate to ask.



## 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. Whichever 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

National Collection Week

November 12-19

Decorated shoeboxes to  
take and fill

will be in the narthex soon!



## *Sunday Lists*

### **Sunday Volunteers      October 14**

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.-Amy Miller

Lay Reader-11:00 a.m.-Barbara Fisher

Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Marty David

Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Marty David

Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids    11:00 a.m.-  
Susie Honeycutt & Family

Counters-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

Youth Dinner for Wednesday-October 10-  
Discovery/Crossroads

### **Sunday Volunteers      October 21**

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.-Buster Hall

Lay Reader-11:00 a.m.-Don Baldrige

Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Jami Warkentin

Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Jami Warkentin

8:30 a.m. Children's Church-Kingdom Kids    11 a.m.-  
Jami Warkentin & Kat Katzung

Counters-Sheree Diana Pond & Jack Vest

Youth Dinner for Wednesday-Oct. 17-Noah Class

## *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, Nick Alex, Cathy Hula, Wildfire victims, Mark Nicholson, Elizabeth Taylor, Foote family for new house and recovery of stolen property, Destinee Tackett, Sylvia Johnson, William Scott, Catie McGoldrick, Gerrie Holladay

## *Acknowledgements*

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

*We offer our prayers and sympathy to the Speed family for the loss of Walter—loving husband, father and friend. Continued prayers for this family.*

*Also for the family of Dustin Crownover who passed away September 22nd. Continued prayers for his children, Keeli, Makayla and Miley as well as his dad and step mother, Albert & Karen.*



## Crumbs From The Cracker

### News:

the Awakening Vision:

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

### Special THANK YOU!!!

Thank you so much to all of our Parents and Church Family who have been a tremendous support of our youth ministry! Thank you so much for taking time to write notes to those who help develop the next generation of WORLD changers for Jesus every Wednesday night! Thank you students for making this a priority to say thanks to those who love you and get super pumped to see you grow in the faith! Jesus is moving in "the Awakening".

### Food Drive Challenge:

The food drive **challenge will begin soon!!! Parents and Youth!!!!!!** Let us round up as much **canned meat, fruit, and peanut butter** to beat the adult Sunday school classes! **Reminder, this is the top adult class versus the youth.... not all adult classes combined versus the youth.** We will begin our collection **Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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 loose **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!!!

### Re-scheduled Tech Class:

Are you curious on 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!

### Youth Go Paintballing:

On **October 21<sup>st</sup>** the youth will be going to play paintball in Sapulpa. If you are interested in going, the **cost is \$35**. We will have a **brief parent/student meeting immediately** following our 11am worship service in the Caleb House **on the 21<sup>st</sup>**. If students are interested in going, a parent or guardian must attend the pre-paintball meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions! Thanks!

### Upcoming Youth Series

#### "Angels & Demons"

Our students have just completed a great 3-week study on the life of Jacob and Esau and learned some great applications from our "Family Feud" series! We will be starting a new 2-week series during the month of October called "Angels & Demons" this 2-week study is going to look at the different encounters of Angels and Demons in the Bible.

### Upcoming Dates:

- 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"
- October 21<sup>st</sup>- Kick off Canned Food Drive Challenge!
- October 21<sup>st</sup>- Youth PaintBall!
- October 24<sup>th</sup>- "Angels & Demons" Wk 2
- October 27<sup>th</sup>- Pumpkin Carve Night!

(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:** "Oklahoma has four mountain ranges including the Ouachitas, Arbuckles, Wichitas and the Kiamichis."



### Kidzone

The children would like to thank everyone who helped make and/or purchase items for the OCC fundraiser. We raised \$357 Sunday from our fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child. There are still a few candles and spearmint/eucalyptus bath "crystals" left

if anyone would still like to purchase, see me or Marty.

Children's Sunday is October 28. The kids will be participating in both worship services on that day and we will be working on what we will be doing during Sunday School the next couple of weeks. It would be great if we had as many kids in Sunday School as possible. We have also begun work on the Children's Christmas program. There will be speaking parts, so they will be practicing on Sunday mornings during Kingdom Kids.

See you Sunday!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### FLC-Family Life Center

#### Wednesday, October 10

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 11

11:00 a.m.-Needlers  
4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers— F. Hall  
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells  
6:30 p.m.-Technology class

#### Friday, October 12

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

#### Saturday, October 13

No Activities

#### Sunday, October 14

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship  
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship

2:00 p.m.-Trustee Meeting

#### Monday, October 15

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 16-Adult Mission Trip

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

#### Wednesday, October 17-Adult Mission Trip

7:30 p.m.-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café  
9:15 a.m.-SIA to Inola  
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 18-Adults Mission Trip

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

**Adult mission team returns Saturday, October 20th.**

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### Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 31

6pm-8pm @ 4<sup>th</sup> & Main

Bring candy! Bring candy! Bring candy!

We also need people to decorate  
a trunk.

Candy donation boxes are in the  
narthex.

**Return Service Requested**

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