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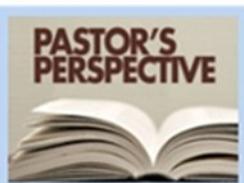


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"Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose." (1 Corinthians 1:10)

This week I want to follow-up on my last article with some good news and a challenge for all of us. The year-end statements on our Building Fund mentioned that money from this fund had been used to pay off a loan to the United Methodist Foundation. However, it was not entirely clear what this loan was for. The loan we had was for the construction of our Family Life Center. In 2012 we were able to pay off this loan completely. **What that really means is that the building is paid for! That is very good news.**

We still owe on the land, but the Family Life Center is ours. I wanted to be sure that everyone understood that building funds were only being used for the purposes for which they were intended. This includes an annual commitment to use up to \$30,000 from the Building Fund to pay toward our apportionment obligation; this was voted on at the beginning of this project. That brings me to the next portion of this article – a challenge for us all.



Your Stewardship Ministry Team has devised a new initiative called: **"A \$1 a Day Makes a Difference."** This new campaign is designed to provide funds to pay 100% of our apportionment obligation without using

Building Fund money or money from our General Fund Budget. I believe this is a wonderful goal and I applaud the Stewardship Team for making this a priority in 2013. The unfortunate reality is that the last time this church paid 100% of its

apportionment obligation was 2005.

Our Apportionments offer us the opportunity to participate in world-wide missions that we could never afford on our own. As part of the larger United Methodist Connection, these funds are accumulated and used to do amazing work in the name of Jesus Christ.

The **"\$1 a Day"** initiative works like this: if everyone would set aside one dollar a day for this cause, we would raise more than enough money in a year to pay our apportionments. All you need to do is forego one cup of coffee each day, or one donut, or one candy bar, or one Redbox rental...whatever you can think of that you don't really need as badly as you think you do. Bring this money to church on Sunday and offer it during the **"\$1 a Day Collection."** For those who may have more resources available, you might consider adding more than \$1 a day to supplement for someone in our church who cannot afford to give the extra \$1.

The key to this being successful is that you cannot take this money away from your regular giving. This must be **over and above** whatever you are giving to the General Fund or the Building Fund now. If this money is not **"extra"** then our goal cannot be accomplished. The great thing is that, when we accomplish our goal, we will not only pay our apportionments for the first time in eight years, but we will also free-up funds for our building campaign and the mission and ministry of our local church. For just **\$1 each day**, you can help us accomplish great things in the name of Jesus Christ and be part of the growth of our church. I cannot think of a better way to spend a few bucks. Thank you for your support and your generosity.

*Grace and peace,
Pastor Don*



**CHILI COOK- OFF
FOOD--FUN--FELLOWSHIP**

Join us for the all church Chili-Cook-Off on Sunday, February 10 at 5:30pm. Invite a friend! Sign-up sheets for chili, stew, dessert and drinks are in the narthex.



Calling All Kids!!!

Kingdom Kids will go Valentine Caroling on Sunday, February 10th at 1 p.m. After caroling, we will go to Peach Wave. We will return to the church at 3 p.m.

Hey Lunch Bunch!

We will not have lunch in February because of the Super Bowl. Let's meet up again on March 3rd at TeKei's at 16th & Utica. If you are not a part of the *Lunch Bunch*, all you have to do to join is show up for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Call Kay Woodward to reserve-245-3881. Hope to see you there!

Be sure to pick up your Dishes

There are several dishes left in the Fellowship Hall after the recent funeral luncheons. Please be sure to pick your dishes up soon. Remaining dishes will be come part of the kitchen pantry.

Lay Leadership Roster

For those of you have been asking, there are now copies of the complete leadership roster available on the Welcome Center desk. For those who are wondering what it is, it lists the committees and members of committees for SSUMC. Please help yourself. If you do not see any, let Tracey know and extra copies will be provided.

PLEASE JOINS US FOR A

BRIDAL SHOWER

IN HONOR OF

Rebecca Ward

And

Joe Alvarez

To be held on

Saturday, February 2 at 2 p.m.

Sand Springs UMC at 4th & Main

Please RSVP by January 26th to Sondra (918-269-5354), Judy (918-408-6973), Gerri (918-245-2608)

or Marty (918-245-4792).

They are registered at Dillards, Amazon.com, and Bed, Bath & Beyond

Not Another Postage Hike!?

We understand the post office has to raise it's rates on occasion but guess what is free? Getting your newsletter via e-mail! You can receive your newsletter in color via e-mail at least a day early and you will never mis-place it. With bulk rates going up again this week, we would like to encourage anyone interested to either check the website each week to read the newsletter and/or receive it by e-mail. Call Tracey in the office if you would like to make the switch..... 918-245-5955.

Bereavement List Update

Serving on a Bereavement Team is a very small thing we can do to show our love and support for a family, by providing a lunch at the church on the day of a memorial service. We have four teams so that one person's time to provide a dish is on a rotation basis. Some are able to help set up, serve and clean up. Others can only provide a dish for the lunch. Men are also needed. Each team has three leaders who work together to plan the lunch and make the calls to those on their list. We are in the process of updating our four teams. If you would like more information, or are willing to serve on a team, please give Virginia Baldrige a call at 918-245-9248. If you are on a list but need to be removed at this time, please let her know that also. We hope you will be a part of our "feel good" ministry.

HOLY LAND TOUR

Our church has been invited to join with another Tulsa District church on a trip to the Holy Land. This is an incredible opportunity to experience history first-hand and bring your favorite Bible stories to life in the land where they originated. If you have never been to Israel, this trip is something you will never forget nor regret. If you have been before, you know how wonderful it can be to walk through the Bible. It is definitely worth returning to learn more. The trip is scheduled for January 9-18, 2014. The cost for this trip is estimated at \$3,200.00 per person.

Cost includes air travel, ground transportation, and hotel accommodations. I need to know as soon as possible who is interested in going on this trip. There is a lot of planning to do and we cannot get all the details finalized until we know how many people are actually planning to go. Travel brochures are on their way to us with more detailed information. Please contact me as soon as you can if you think you might be able to be part of this exciting journey.

Shalom!
Pastor Don

SOMEONE'S PRAYING, LORD.....

Let us lift our hearts to God. Even on days when we might not feel like praying, if we are in close communion with God, He knows our hearts and lifts our prayers to His Heavenly Father for us. Let us continue to grow closer to His will through our quiet time, and even during our busy or driving time, let us be assured that God hears our prayers as we lift our hearts to Him. In a recent Bible Study, we learned that God answers our prayers in four different ways. 1) Yes 2) No 3) Not now 4) Far greater than we ever expected! It's an awesome God who hears our prayers. Virginia

Meetings in February

Feb. 2-1 p.m.-Coffee & Bible-Youth
Feb. 2-2 p.m.-Rebecca Ward Bridal Shower
Feb. 3-4:30 p.m.-Youth Mission Trip kids-Super Bowl party
Feb. 4-6:30 p.m.-Bible Study-F. Hall
Feb. 6-10:00 a.m.-Bible Study-F. Hall
Feb. 10-1 p.m.-Kingdom Kids Valentines Caroling
Feb. 10-1 p.m.-Staff Parish Meeting
Feb. 10-3:00 p.m.-Grief Support
Feb. 10-5:30 p.m.-Chili Supper
Feb. 11-6:30 p.m.-Bible Study
Feb. 13-10:00 a.m.-Bible Study
Feb. 13-6:30 p.m.-Ash Wednesday Service
Feb. 14-7:00 p.m.-Stewardship Meeting
Feb. 15-16-Boy Scouts in FLC
Feb. 17-2:30 p.m.-Council On Ministries
Feb. 17-4:00 p.m.-Church Council

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers February 3

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony
Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston
Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Kristen Henry
Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Kristen Henry
Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
11:00 a.m.-Kristen & Julia Henry
Counters-Diana Pond & Jack Vest
Youth Dinner for Wednesday, Jan. 30-Ruth Esther Circle

Sunday Volunteers February 10

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony
Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston
Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Cathy Gifford
Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Cathy Gifford
Children's Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
11 a.m.-Debbie Schmidt & Amy Miller
Counters-Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder
Youth Dinner for Wednesday, Feb. 6-Seniors In Action

Please Keep In Prayer

Martha Scudder, Jewel Williams, Ryder Herring, Ruth Weaver, Virginia Vice, Donna Woodruff, Mary Lea Forsythe, Phil Cearley, Cathy Hula, Mark Nicholson, Elizabeth Taylor, Destinee Tackett, Sylvia Johnson, William Scott, Catie McGoldrick, Gerrie Holladay, Clinton Wilson, Margaret Pyeatt, Irene Stogsdill, Jack-Howard Smith's cousin, Larry & Don Fisher-Connie's brothers, Carl Welch-Carrol Hamner's brother, Jason & Natalie Mickels, David Wells Family, Heidi Bostwick, Theresa Rosales

Acknowledgements

Thank You...

Without everyone's prayers and cards, my sudden illness and emergency surgery could have been a very different result. I got to use a fork for the first time in 10 days this morning at the hospital, and I "escaped" early this afternoon.

*As Dorothy said, "There's no place like home"!
Donna McLain*

Bridal Shower

In honor of Rebecca Ward And Joe Alvarez on Saturday, February 2 at 2 p.m. Sand Springs UMC at 4th & Main. See article for more details inside this issue.

Crumbs From The Cracker

News:

the Awakening Vision:

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

Summer Youth Mission Trip 2013:

Did you miss the sign up date for our summer youth mission trip 2013? Its not to late! Spots are filling up quick for **students! Don't forget to sign up for the youth mission trip 2013!** We have **7 spots for parents** with a **\$25 dollar deposit you can reserve your spot!** Feel free to **bring your deposit** to the office or youth on Wednesday night! **Fundraisers starting soon!**

Super Bowl Subs!!!!

It is almost that time a year again! **Have you got lunch plans for February 3rd yet?** Our students will be making **Sub Sandwiches** for Super bowl Sunday! **For \$6.00 you can get a Sub, Chips, Drink, and Cookies!!! What a deal!!!!** We will have **pre-Sub Sign up sheets** in the Narthex **starting January 20th!** **Sign up early** and be ready to **"Grab & Go"** with **no wait time!**

Starbucks & Bibles!

This Saturday we will be **taking a trip to ORU** to give our students an opportunity to see a wonderful **collection of old Bibles, scrolls and other historical artifacts.** If you are interested in going with us please be sure to be at the **church by 1pm! Don't forget to bring some money for Starbucks!** We will be swinging by for a drink!

Youth Teachings:

This week our students will be starting a new series called **"The Prayer"** this series will be a **5-week study** on the **"Lord's Prayer"**. During this series we are going to dig deep into the **words Jesus taught His disciples, words that we say weekly, do we understand them?**

Upcoming Dates:

- January 30th- "The Prayer" Series Starts!
- February 2nd- "Starbucks & Bibles" Meet @ Church @ 1pm
- February 2nd- Blue Devil Basketball Game @ 7pm
- February 3rd- Super bowl Sub Sunday!!!!
- February 3rd- Youth Mission Team Football Party!

(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)

Special Thanks!

Thank you very much Helen, Delbert, Mary Lynn, Amy, and Sara for helping our students Friday night raise money towards there youth mission trip by working the **concession stand at the Charles Page High School game!**

Thank you to Kent for helping teach Sunday school while I was under the weather and **Yaya for helping** run our youth table for pre-order Subs! **You guys rock!!!**



Kidzone

Hey, kids! We hope everyone is staying healthy and avoiding all the illness going around.

Sunday was a good day. We continued our study of the Lord's Prayer as we focused on forgiveness. We learned about forgiveness by learning and old folk tale about Joe and Walt. They were farmers, neighbors, and long-time friends. After both their wives died the two friends got in a dispute over who owned a calf. They eventually stopped being friends and dug a big trench to separate their properties. One day a young travelling carpenter came by and Walt hired him to build a big fence between him and his former friend. But guess what the young carpenter built instead? He built a bridge. Walls separate us. But bridges connect us, just like forgiveness. The children illustrated the lesson by building gumdrop bridges.

Coming up on February 10, the children will go Valentine Caroling from 1pm-3pm. They will go to Peachwave afterward.

See you Sunday!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, January 30

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

Thursday, January 31

7:00 p.m.-Focus Task Force
6 p.m.-FLC in use
7:00 p.m.-FLC in use

Friday, February 1

5:30 p.m.-FLC in use

Saturday, February 2

1:00 p.m.-Coffee & Bible-The Awakening-Van
2:00 p.m.-Rebecca Ward Bridal Shower-F. Hall

Sunday, February 3

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School
11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship
12:30 p.m.-Lunch Bunch-TeKei's
4:30 p.m.-Mission Trip Kids-Super Bowl Party

Monday, February 4

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

Tuesday, February 5

6:00 p.m.-FLC in use
7:00 p.m.-Youth Basketball Practice-FLC
7:00 p.m.-Praise Team Practice
7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, February 6

7:30 p.m.-M/W Breakfast-Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Bible Study-F. Hall
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening-Youth-FLC
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 7

6:00 p.m.-FLC in use
7:00 p.m.-FLC in use

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