

# The Springs



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*"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:32-38)*

**It's Holy Week.** Easter Sunday is almost here and the sanctuary will

soon be flooded with light and bright white parame-  
nts and beautiful lilies. Before we get there, however, we are drawn into the drama that sur-  
rounded the last few days of Jesus' life on earth. It is the story of our redemption at the Cross. It is a story filled with love and hate, hope and hopelessness, triumph and tragedy. It is the story where we see ourselves as both guilty and forgiven.

This verse from Luke's gospel is the first of what we know as "the seven last words of Christ." This is where the end begins as Jesus hangs on the cross where **we** put him. This is the beginning of those hours that horrify us, yet we cannot look away. These words convict us while offering us unimaginable grace. Isn't that just like God to give us something we didn't even know we needed? Maybe that is why these first words from the cross are so shocking to us.

It seems that the way Jesus talks here is completely foreign to how we tend to think. For us, if we even choose to forgive another person, we put conditions on it. We demand apologies and contrite attitudes and we want people to **ask** for forgiveness. Then maybe we will do them a favor and forgive them. Jesus does things differently. He offers God's forgiveness before we ask; often before we even realize that we have sinned and need to be forgiven. In these first words from the cross Jesus teaches us one of the hardest lessons we need to learn.

St. Augustine said that sometimes people in his church omitted the phrase from the Lord's Prayer that says, "And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Just passed right over that phrase silently because they knew it would be

lying for them to say it out loud. They knew, says Augustine, that they were making a kind of covenant with God in this "forgive us our sins as we forgive the sins of others." In some of the earliest versions of Luke's gospel, these words are omitted from the Lord's Prayer. Forgiveness is hard.

This week we are all making our way closer to the cross; we approach the greatest symbol of forgiveness and redemption. We will soon be standing there listening to the seven last words of Christ and realizing that **he is talking to us**. Paul reminded us that we have all sinned and that we all fall short of God's glory. Nonetheless, we want apologies, revenge, reparations, and humiliating defeat for those who sin against us. We want to be sure that everyone, especially the sinner, names and claims their horrible sins. Yet Jesus hangs on the cross and forgives because they/we *don't even know* sin as sin. *"Father, forgive them; they don't know what they're doing."* They haven't yet realized that they are sinning or what their sin is. And Jesus forgives us even when we don't know. The truth is we frequently don't know because we don't want to know or we just don't pay attention. We are quick to recognize and condemn the sins of others while giving no thought to our own sin. How un-Christ-like that is.

This week I urge you to embrace the forgiveness from the cross as something you really do need, even if you don't know it. Then I pray you can share that forgiveness with someone else instead of holding on to old hurts and bitterness. Following Jesus means trying to do as he did. That includes the really hard task of forgiving others as you have been forgiven.

***May the grace and peace of Easter  
be with you always,  
Pastor Don***

**It's Working! \$3250 Paid.**



{ \$1 A Day Logo }

One month into the campaign we can claim success. We were able to make a payment to Apportionments of \$3250 at the beginning of March.

(Last year we did not make a payment until July.)

If each person in service gives an extra \$7 this week and there are 200 in service, that would be \$1400 for Apportionments. If we did that every week, we would pay our Apportionments in full! If you can't give an extra \$7, give what you can. But if you can give more than \$7, please do.

Let's keep up the good work. \$1 each day DOES make a difference.

The Stewardship Team

### **UMW & the Herbal Affair**

Are you searching for recipes? The UMW will need cookies, candies, cakes, breads, pies, party mixes... Be creative. Start preparing your ingredient labels and remember, packaging, weighing, and pricing all begins at 9 a.m. on April 19th. The Herbal Affair is April 20th.

### **SIA Touring Restore Hope this Month**

Have you gone with the SIA on a day trip? Do you know what the SIA is? They are the *Senior's In Action!* Every month, Sharon and Max Schuermann find an exciting and educating event to share with you. Usually, there is a lunch and tour involved but sometimes, it is a potluck or just a play day. This month, we will meet at the church at 12:15 p.m. on *Wednesday, March 27th* and leave together for lunch at the Blue Rose near downtown. It is a burger, sandwich, salad kind of restaurant. After lunch, we will head over to Restore Hope for a tour of the facilities. Please invite your friends and join us for a great day of fun-food-fellowship and a great learning experience. See Max or Sharon to sign up.

### **Exercise to Music**

If you are attending Exercise to Music, please note that you will not meet again until Monday, April 8th. Be sure to mark your calendars.

**Want to Sponsor a SSUMC Youth?**

**Sign Up Today**

Are you looking for an awesome way to spend your summer?

**GRACE**

Join us!  
As we experience a new understanding of "Grace" @ Dayspring Summer Camp 2013

DAYSPRING 2013

**July 6th-10th**

**Ages: Entering 9th Grade to Graduating Seniors**

**Sign Up Today**  
**Disciple**  
**Summer Camp**  
**2013**

**May 31st- June 4th**

**Ages: Entering 6th, 7th, 8th**



## Holy Thursday,

**March 28 6:30 pm**

*"The Night Before"* – We commemorate the events of the night on which Jesus was betrayed and arrested. Service includes Holy Communion and a meal served at the Family Life Center, 101 West 38<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Good Friday, March 29 6:30 pm**

*"Two Faces in the Shadows"* – We imagine a conversation that might have taken place after the Crucifixion between Peter and Judas. What were the Disciples thinking and feeling? This will be in our Sanctuary, 4<sup>th</sup> and Main.

**Easter Sunday, March 31**

Son-rise breakfast at the Family Life Center  
6:30 am

Easter Sunrise Worship at the Family Life Center  
7:00 am

Modern Worship in the Sanctuary 8:30 am

Sunday school/Small Groups 10:00 am

Classic Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 am

## Music Ministry Musings

What a wonderful day! Thank you so much to the Praise Team, the Chancel Choir, the Chancel Ringers, Cathy Gifford and the Kingdom Kids, the readers for "On the Way to the Cross", and especially our accompanist, Judy Hopper, for all of their time and hard work in preparation for yesterday's worship. You all did a great job and it was truly a very special worship experience.

Don't miss the opportunity to continue the experience of this most important week of the Christian calendar. Holy Week is a time to celebrate and remember the incredible sacrifice Jesus made for the salvation of each of us, culminating in the Easter message of victory over death. Jesus sacrificed his life for you, will you join him to remember the events of this week?

Thursday at 6:30 pm at the Family Life Center we commemorate Jesus' last supper with his disciples. Friday at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary we remember the agony of Good Friday with the powerful drama, "Two Faces in the Shadows". Finally, we celebrate the tremendous joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday beginning with a sunrise worship service (and breakfast) at the Family Life Center at 6:30 am, followed by our normal worship times in the sanctuary at 8:30 am and 11:00 am.

Please join us for the whole experience of Holy Week.



This is the final Lenten  
Service/Luncheon  
Tuesday at 12:00 Noon  
March 26

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
601 Lake Drive



## *Sunday Lists*

### **Sunday Volunteers    March 31-Easter**

Visitors Center & Coffee-UpRising-Young Adults  
 Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston  
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David  
 Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Julie Ferguson  
 Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Julie Ferguson  
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids  
 Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Katherine R. & Julie Ferguson  
 Counters-Sheree Buttler & Jami Warkentin  
 Youth Dinner for Wed., March 27-Faith Circle

### **Sunday Volunteers    April 7**

Visitors Center & Coffee-Discovery class  
 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.-Kristen Henry  
 Children's Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids  
 Child. Church-11 a.m.-Kristen & Julia Henry  
 Counters-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin  
 Youth Dinner for Wed., April 3-Harmony Class

## *Please Keep In Prayer*

Martha Scudder, Ruth Weaver, Virginia Vice, Donna Woodruff, Phil Cearley, Cathy Hula, Mark Nicholson, Elizabeth Taylor, Destinee Tackett, Sylvia & John Johnson, William Scott, Catie McGoldrick, Clinton Wilson, Margaret Pyeatt, Jack-Howard Smith's cousin, Larry Fisher-Connie's brother, Carl Welch-Carrol Hamner's brother, Jason & Natalie Mickels, David Wells Family, Heidi Bostwick, Theresa Rosales, Linda Pierce, Bobbie Simpson, Cheryl Simms, Jeannie McClafin, Christopher Watson (Dorothy Morton's grandson)

## *Acknowledgements*

### ***We offer our Prayer & Sympathy...***

*...To Ellie Patterson, Judson Herring, Keaton, Mike & Ronnie, Lucas and Family, and a whole lot of other family and friends for the passing of Ryder Herring on Thursday, March 14th.*

*...To Judy & Doug Foote and family and friends for the passing of long time member, Judy's mom, Lovell Sharp on Sunday, March 24th.*



## **Crumbs From The Cracker**

### **the Awakening Vision:**

#### **News:**

### **the Awakening Vision:**

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

### **Rib Crib & The Awakening!!!!**

Mark your Calendars for Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 4pm- Close. Rib Crib in Sand Springs will be giving our SSUMC Youth 10% of their sales for our Youth Mission Trip 2013!!!! All you have to do is go in and eat some delicious BBQ then drop your receipt in the box marked for missions!!! Your waiter or waitress will be able to help direct you!

### **Sponsor A Youth!!!!**

Do you want to invest in the future of our church? We are looking for people to sponsor some of our students who want to attend our youth summer mission trip and summer camp!!!! If this interests you, please please make out all donations to SSUMC and in the memo write "Sponsor Youth Missions" or "Sponsor Youth Camp". This is an amazing way to contribute to the youth of our church! Thanks!

### **Summer Youth Mission Trip 2013:**

Did you miss the sign up date for our summer youth mission trip 2013? Its not too late! We have 5 more spots for students! Hurry and Sign UP! We have 5 spots left for parents and with a \$25 deposit, you can reserve your spot! Feel free to bring your deposit to the office or youth on Wednesday night!

### **Disciple Summer Camp 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> !!!!**

Are you a going in to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade???? Have we got an awesome summer planned for you!!! This year we will be going to Disciple Camp located in Tahlequah, OK!!! The dates for disciple camp are May 31<sup>st</sup>- June 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost for Disciple Camp is \$240.00. SSUMC will pay half, which means all you have to pay is \$120.00!!!!!! Great price for a great summer camp experience!!!!

### **Dayspring Summer Camp 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, Grads!!!**

Looking for a life changing moment with Jesus? Don't miss out on our first year attending Dayspring Camp located at Camp W.O.W.! This is going to be a super awesome week at camp!!! The dates for Dayspring are July 6<sup>th</sup>- July 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost for Dayspring is \$250.00. SSUMC will pay half, which means all you have to pay is \$125.00!!!!!! You don't want to miss this camp experience!!!!

### **Youth Teachings:**

Our youth will be going on a "Prayer Journey" this coming week as they approach Easter. They will go on a 13 stationed Journey this Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> that will lead them into a deep self-reflection, and a deeper relationship with Jesus. Following that, our youth will kick off a new series in the month of April

called "Friends". This is going to be a 4-week series that is going to look at friendships in the Bible in hopes to help our students evaluate what kind of "Friends" they are being, and what kinds of "Friends" they should associate with.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- **March 27<sup>th</sup>- "The Prayer Journey" Starting 4:30pm (Don't Miss!)**
- **March 28<sup>th</sup>- Maundy Thursday Service @6:30pm**
- **March 29<sup>th</sup>- Good Friday Service @6:30pm**
- **March 31<sup>st</sup>- Easter Sunday 8:30am & 11:00am**
- **April 3<sup>rd</sup>- New Youth Series: "Friends"**
- **April 4<sup>th</sup>- Eat at Rib Crib Sand Springs & Support Youth Missions From 4pm- Close**

(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))

## **Kidzone**

We hope everyone is back in the swing of things after spring break. We missed Ms. Debbie the past two Sundays since she was out of town. But we certainly thank Jami War-kentin for filling in and helping Ms. Marty.

The children have certainly enjoyed scrapbooking the Easter story during Kidzone. Their books are nearly complete. Ask your child or grandchild to tell you the Easter story using their scrapbook. They will be proud to show them off!

Easter Sunday will be an exciting day for the kids. We will have our annual breakfast. This is something they always look forward to each year. We have invited the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders to join us.

Mark your calendars! VBS is July 14-18. We will have a meeting soon for those interested in helping this year.

See you Sunday!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FLC-Family Life Center

### Wednesday, March 27

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café  
10:00 a.m.-Bible Study  
12:15 p.m.-Seniors In Action (SIA) to Lunch & Restore Hope  
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening  
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers  
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 28-Maundy Thursday

11:00 a.m.-Needlers  
1:00 p.m.-Ruth Esther (Meeting in Caleb House this week)  
6:30 p.m.-Maundy Thursday Service-FLC

### Friday, March 29-Good Friday

6:30 p.m.-Good Friday Service-Sanctuary

### Saturday, March 30

No Activities

### Sunday, March 31-Easter Sunday

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

### Monday, April 1-Offices Closed

6:30 p.m.-Bible Study-F. Hall  
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts-FLC

### Tuesday, April 2

7:00 p.m.-Praise Team Practice  
7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon-Upstairs

### Wednesday, April 3

7:30 a.m.-Men's/Women's Breakfast-Crescent Café  
10:00 a.m.-Bible Study-F. Hall  
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening-Youth-Family Life Center  
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers  
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

### Thursday, April 4

No Activities

### Friday, April 5

No Activities

### Saturday, April 5

No Activities

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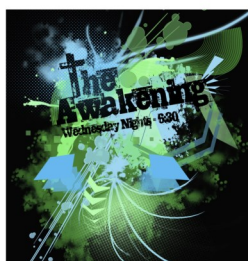
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**Rib Crib**  
(Sand Springs)  
&

**SSUMC**  
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**Join us April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**4pm - Close**  
**Eat At Rib Crib**  
**&**  
**Support Youth Missions!**

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