

The Springs



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"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out

workers into his harvest field.'" (Matthew 9:37-38)

Matthew tells the story of Jesus sending his twelve disciples out into the world to do ministry. He empowers them to heal and to exorcise demons. Then he tells them to go with nothing to support themselves; they are to rely on the generosity of the people they will meet. This is the "sheep among wolves" text; it is where we hear Jesus talk about how disciples will face rejection from their family and persecution from their enemies. It is not a pretty picture and it might be seen as a discouragement from true discipleship.

Jesus calls **us** to a difficult life of discipleship also. It may not seem as severe as what Matthew describes, but there are difficulties nonetheless. We must accept the difficulty with joy, humility, and an eagerness to sacrifice our life for life in Jesus Christ. In our culture, however, this seems so foreign and contrary to conventional wisdom. We want comfort and convenience simply because most of us **can** have it. We seek to care for "us" first and then others. God and God's plans seem to take a place way down the priority list for many of us. How sad this is.

The cost of discipleship may be as small as the little extra gas it takes to go pick up a church member who needs a ride to church or to the doctor or to the store. It may only cost you a few minutes of your time to call

someone who is lonely or grieving or just not feeling well. It might cost the price of breakfast for a neighbor who doesn't get out much. The relative costs of discipleship can be high and burdensome, or they can be minor and fulfilling...It's up to you.

I can't tell you how many times over the years that I have gotten up very early to go be with someone at the hospital before they go into surgery. It's not that I was particularly keen about getting out of bed that early; I would rather sleep. But I let God be in charge on those mornings and my whole day was better and brighter because of the time I spent with those people. That is not to brag; it is to say, "Thank you, Jesus, for a really great day!" You see, it often doesn't take a lot of effort to be a disciple; it just takes being willing to allow God to inconvenience you a bit.

Putting this issue in the realm of "inconvenience" helps me a lot. Is it convenient for those people to be going through surgery? Is it convenient for someone to grieve the loss of a loved one? Is it convenient to get to a point where you are dependent on others to get you to church or to the doctor or to the store? Is it convenient to be lonely, to be unemployed, or to be hungry? Wow! My inconvenience doesn't seem nearly as important as it once did...How about yours?

***May God inconvenience you today,
Pastor Don***



Here We Go!

We are going to have an amazing 100th Birthday Celebration of Methodism in Sand Springs!! Gerrie Holladay is in charge and she needs your help. Please bring any and all pictures and any other records of events throughout the history of SS Methodism—From PUMC and FUMC. You can give them to Janie Moore, Gerrie Holladay or Tracey Ginn in the office. Be sure to label and include any information to identify the photo, article, piece of history... Also, be sure to include your name on anything you submit for the 100 years celebration.

Grief Support

This group's next meeting will be Sunday, May 5th at 3:00 pm in the Parlor. Those who have lost loved ones or are grieving for any reason will find comfort and are welcome to attend.

Life Line Screening

We are again offering Stroke/Carotid Artery screenings, Heart Rhythm screening (atrial fibrillation), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening, Peripheral Arterial Disease screening and Osteoporosis Risk Assessment. Sign up by calling 800-324-9458 and give them the "Source Code: HSC7146". This source code gives our members and their families a \$10 discount and gives us a \$10 donation. Screenings are May 2nd-F. Hall.

EVERYONE is Invited to Faith Circle-Psalm 77:1
"I cried out to God for help; I cried out for God to hear me."

Please join Faith Circle Thursday, April 25th at 7pm in the parlor as we welcome guest speaker Wilma Lively from DaySpring Villa. She will be speaking about "PROJECT DARK 2 LIGHT" which helps adult victims of human trafficking & sexual slavery. Yes folks, this is a REAL problem in our state. Just this last weekend 3 women were rescued! Come hear Wilma's compelling message and what WE can do to help. Rescued victims usually have NOTHING but the clothes on their backs, are dehydrated and hungry when they escape from their captors. From now through May 31st, Faith Circle asks our **entire** church family to help collect items for the rescued victims. Please look for the marked donation box in the Narthex. Items suggested are: sweatpants, summer weight pants, lightweight shirts, flip flops, new underwear and socks, hairbrushes, combs, full size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, African American hair products, deodorant, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, lotion, nail file & nail clippers, feminine hygiene products, chap stick, bottled water, snack crackers, Kleenex, etc. You can find more info & give monetary donations at website:

<http://www.dayspringvilla.com/>

or check out their Facebook page.

Help us help them, and you can be the hands & feet of Jesus here on Earth! Every little bit helps - you've read the story about "Stone Soup", haven't you? Think about it!

Any questions call Leesa at 918-241-4230 or cell 918-519-4946.

Wedding Shower

*Katherine Ward & Jason Sposato are
marring May 25th of 2013.*

We are giving them a Wedding Shower

April 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor

*She and Jason are registered at Macy's
and Bed, Bath and Beyond.*

We hope you all can attend.



Our Pentecost Prayer Vigil will be new and bold this year. And, it's success depends on you! The Day of Pentecost comes fifty days after Easter and it was felt that 50 hours of prayer leading up to Pentecost, May 19th will be powerful results. Prayer times will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, Thursday, May 16, Friday, May 17, and from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, May 18. Hopefully, several will be able to sign up for one-hour shifts, but 30-minute times will be available also. We want to give our members who are not able to be in worship a chance to be a part of our prayer times also. There will be a prayer guide to assist you.

This is going to be an exciting year as we approach our 100th birthday and turn our eyes to the future. Let's be bold in searching for God's will as we look to a new generation of United Methodists in Sand Springs. Look for more details and places to sign up.

SOMEONE'S PRAYING, LORD.....

Virginia

Do You Love Doing Needlework?

This week is Needlers. Anyone is invited who enjoys sewing of any kind. Mostly Needlework-knitting, crocheting, cross stitch... Come join them Thursday, April 25 at 11 a.m. Bring a sack lunch—they hang out together until around 2 pm. See You There!

Are You A Parent of a Child With Special Needs?

If you are a parent of a child with special needs or you are interested in learning more about children with special needs mark your calendars for May 18th @ 10am. We will meet with Janet Parker in the choir room to discuss and hopefully learn ways we can be more effective in our ministry to these children and their families. As most of you may know, Janet is a teacher at Memorial High School who works with special needs students.

We hope you will join us!

Sunday, May 5th is the BIG PIE AUCTION

Don't forget to bring your pie(s) and meet in the Narthex between the services at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 5th. We will auction off all the desserts and all money collected will go towards the youth mission trips. You get to support the youth and take home a yummy dessert. Everyone wins.

Margaret Hudson Breakfast

May 14, 9 a.m.



Have you ever wondered how we got started serving breakfast to the graduates of the Margaret Hudson school? Lydia Circle, a UMW Circle from Prattville United

Methodist has been doing it for years. It is another amazing tradition that has continued through the years and it serves our ladies well. Thank you Lydia Circle for starting it and to all involved in this project for continuing it. It is worth every second you devote to it and means so much to these young mammas!

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers April 28

Visitors Center & Coffee-Discovery
 Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
 Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Janet Parker
 Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Janet Parker
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Katherine R. & Julie Ferguson
 Counters-Sondra Bogert & Dick Ford
 Youth Dinner for Wed.-April 24-Ruth Esther Circle

Sunday Volunteers May 5

Visitors Center & Coffee-TNT
 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
 Children's Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Child. Church-11 a.m.-Kristen & Julia Henry
 Counters-Sheree Buttler & Jami Warkentin
 Youth Dinner for Wed.-May 1-No Meal

Please Keep In Prayer

PRAYER LIST

Ruth Weaver, Donna Woodruff, Keith Dickerson, Destinee Tackett, Sylvia Johnson, Clinton Wilson, Phil Cearley, Glen Almy, Martha Scudder, Virginia Vice, Margaret Pyeatt, Jeanne McClafin, Thelma Bradshaw

**Submitted Prayer requests will remain on our prayer list for 30 days. Please notify the church office if you would like your request to be included beyond this time. Thank you.*

Acknowledgements

Thank You...

...SO VERY MUCH to Kristin Henry and Katherine Reeves. They did an excellent job on the kickoff of the "100 Years of Methodism in Sand Springs". What workers they are - and so talented. Our church is so blessed that they share their talents with so many. Thanks ladies! Gerrie

...Church Family for all your prayers, cards, calls, rides and food during my last back episode. I am doing well and hope to be back to my ole self soon. Thanks again, Judy Bullard

...for all your kind expression of sympathy. The warmth of the church through serving us a dinner was great! That was the longest I've visited with my family. Judy Foote

Crumbs From The Cracker

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News:

the Awakening Vision:

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

Pie/Dessert Auction:

Do you have a secret recipe for a pie that everyone loves? We will be having our second annual pie auction for our youth mission team members! Would you be willing to donate it to the youth program for the auction that will take place on May 5th? Last year our students raised a total of \$1,645.00 from our Pie Auction!!! Please call the church and speak to Graeme if you are interested in preparing a pie or dessert for the Pie Auction and or fill out one of our Pie/Dessert Auction bulletin inserts this Sunday!! Mark your calendar to come and bid on a Pie or Dessert... or two!!! Thanks!

Graduation Sunday:

Are you a Senior Graduating this year???? We want to honor you!!! On May 19th we want to honor you at our worship services & a breakfast during our Sunday hour!!! Here is what we need from you.

2 Pictures 1 baby photo & 1 Senior Photo

List of awards or achievements while in High-School

What you plan to do after you graduate

These things can be emailed to Graeme @ gcollett@sandspringsumc.org or can be Facebooked to Graeme. PLEASE BE SURE TO GET THEM TO ME BY MAY 12th!

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 camps!!!! If this interests you, please PLEASE make out all donations to SSUMC and in the memo "Sponsor Youth Missions" or "Sponsor Youth Camp". This is an amazing way to contribute to the youth of our church! Thanks!

Disciple Summer Camp 6th, 7th, 8th !!!!

Are you a going into 6th, 7th, or 8th 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 31st- June 4th. 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!!!! Deadline to sign up for Disciple camp is April 24th.

Dayspring Summer Camp 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 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 6th- July 10th. The cost for Day-

spring 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!!!! Deadline to sign up for Dayspring camp is May 7th

Upcoming Dates:

- April 24th- Youth Go To Green Tree! Be @ FLC by 5:30pm (Bring money for dinner after Green Tree)
 - April 24th- Disciple Camp Paper-Work & Money Due!!!!
 - May 1st- Friends Wk 4 @630pm "Lead to Jesus Vs. Lead Away From Jesus"
 - May 5th- Pie/ Dessert Auction (During Sunday School)
 - May 5th- Youth Mission Team Outreach 2pm-5pm
- (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 so much SSUMC church family for all of you great support of our youth mission Spaghetti Lunch this past Sunday!!! Our students raised \$861 dollars profit!!!! Thank you!!! Thank you!!! Thank you!!! Special thanks to all of our parents, volunteers, and students who helped prepare and serve this lunch to our church!!!

You all Rock!!!

Kidzone

We're beginning our rotation about the disciples. It will last for a few weeks. There are several scripture memory verses so please help your children with their memorization. After we finish this unit Ms. Marty and Ms. Debbie are exploring ways the children can make a scrapbook about what they learn about the disciples.



Please mark your calendars!! VBS is just 3 short months away!! VBS will be July 14-18. We will again support Restore Hope by collecting school supplies.

See you Sunday!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, April 24

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening
6:00 p.m.-No Chancel Ringers
7:00 p.m.-No Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 25

11:00 a.m.-Needlers
1:00 p.m.-Ruth Esther Circle
7:00 p.m.-Faith Circle

Friday, April 26

No Activities

Saturday, April 27

All Day-Bethany Church at FLC
2:00 p.m.-Katherine Ward Wedding Shower-Parlor/NartheX

Sunday, April 28

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School
11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship
1:00 p.m.-Finance Meeting
6:00 p.m.-Youth Praise Band

Monday, April 29

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, April 30

7:00 p.m.-Praise Team Practice
6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts Leader Meeting-F. Hall
7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, May 1

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, May 2-National Day of Prayer

All Day-Life Line Screenings-F. Hall

Friday, May 3

FLC Parking Lot in use for "Relay for Life"

Saturday, May 4

Pray for Prom kids—Sand Springs Prom

Saturday, May 11

Pray for graduates—Sand Springs Graduation

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