

# The Springs



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*"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."* (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Christianity takes time seriously. God is revealed to us through actual events that happen both in historical time and in the present time. God is made known alongside historical and political events. *"In the days of Herod king of Judea"* (Luke 1:5); or *"it took place when Quirinius was governor of Syria"* (Luke 2:2). God's time is our time, too, marked by a temporal order called a calendar.

The place and value of time in the lives of Christians is reflected in Christian worship. Like the rest of our lives, worship is structured based on recurring rhythms of the day, the week, and the year. Time is basic to the structure of our lives as Christians. Our present time becomes an encounter with God's actions in time, both past and future. How we arrange our time of worship enables us to commemorate and re-experience the events upon which our salvation is grounded. Christian worship is built on a foundation of time.

The way we use time each day is a good indicator of what is truly important to us. We can always find time for those things that matter the

most to us. How we spend our time reflects our real priorities. How we allocate this limited resource reveals what we value most.

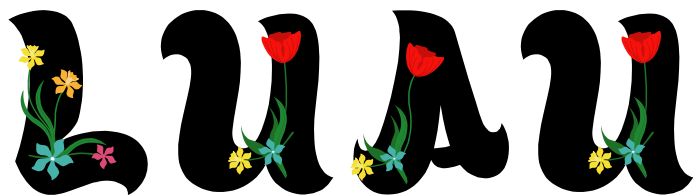
The church also shows what is most important in the life of the church by the way we keep and allocate time. The Liturgical Calendar or The Church Year reflects our priorities of faith and practice. Since the earliest days of the church, there has been a sense of *kairos*, the right or proper time present, in which God has brought a new dimension to reality. *"The time has come; the kingdom of God is upon you"* (Mark 1:15).

In the New Testament we see the beginning of a tendency to look back, to recall the time past in which things had happened. Remembering the past comes to be almost as important as anticipating the future before the first century ends. Commemorating the events of history and faith that shaped the community has always been an important part of preparing Christians for the future glory of God.

Over the next few newsletters I want to spend some time talking about how the Liturgical Calendar developed over time and why we practice worship according to this calendar. I want us to get a sense of the rich history of our faith, while recognizing that the Church Year is not an excuse to *live in* the past; rather, it is an opportunity to learn how to *live into* the future God has planned for us all. The church calendar offers us stability by showing us the foundations of our faith in ways that are familiar and easy to follow. It also offers us the chance to celebrate with much variety and creativity as we move through the seasons of the year. Each season is designed help us encounter God in ways that remind us of God's actions in the past; that call us to our responses in the present; and that point us toward the glory of God in the future. The structure we follow is not haphazard or accidental; it is carefully built to lead us into a closer relationship with God.

The season we are in right now is often called "Kingdomtide" or "Ordinary Time". The liturgical color for this season is green which symbolizes new growth. This is time often used for spiritual growth studies, sermon series on specific topics, and exploring how we respond as Christians to God's call on our lives. Next time we will look more closely at what this time of year means for us and for the church. Meantime, be thinking in terms of growing in your relationship with God as we move through this season of green.

*May God bless you today,  
Pastor Don*



**Sunday, June 23, 5:00 p.m.**

## **Family Life Center**

Your welcome to bring a side dish to go with the 3 authentic roasted pigs that will be served at the All-Church Luau, or you can bring a dessert. You can also just bring a friend and enjoy an evening of fun games, great food, and good fellowship!  
**See You There!**

### **Activities Canceled for the Week**

We have approximately 85 youth and adults using our main campus as their sleeping and eating facility while they go out and mission during the day. All activities for the week have been canceled so make it more convenient for them. Please be sure to check the calendar on the back of the newsletter for when activities resume.

The Central Texas Youth Missions is a combination of a few churches who have combined their efforts to fill the needs of others. We are lucky to have them and appreciate all of you who have given up activities at the church this week. Be sure to keep them in your prayers!

### **Just A Reminder**

Cookbooks are still available for \$15. If you have not purchased one or wish to give one to a friend, see Tracey in the office during the week or see those at the welcome desk.

### **Memorial Day Arrangements**

Our UMW worked tirelessly with the ladies from the 1st Christian Church to make beautiful floral arrangements to sell for Memorial Day. Every single flower sold and if you visited them, you know why! The flowers were gorgeous and the arrangements were as well. Nice Job Ladies!!!

The flowers have been picked up for next year so, I guess that means were doing it again.

## **What is \$1 a day?**

<b>Cinema 3</b>	<b>Cinema 3</b>
<b>MovieTitle</b>	<b>MovieTitle</b>
<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
<small>Friday, March 04, 2013</small>	<small>Friday, March 04, 2013</small>
<b>Adult Price</b>	<b>Adult Price</b>
<b>PG13</b> 	<b>PG13</b> 

**or \$7 towards apportionments**

A percentage of our apportionment money goes to **Project Transformation** – one of the few programs in Oklahoma whose sole purpose is to serve the literacy needs of children. They actively partner with public schools, corporations, community organizations, faith-based organizations, and individuals to provide a safe and enriching summer program for educationally underserved elementary children.



### SENIORS IN ACTION!

We had a little break in May to accommodate our busy schedules - now let's get together for a Potluck Lunch on Wednesday, June 26th, in the Fellowship Hall, at 11:30 a.m. The meat and drinks will be furnished.... just bring something to fill out the meal. I am working on getting us an interesting speaker. If that doesn't work out, we'll just have a great visit and tell each other about all the activities that have been keeping us busy! Hope to see you there!

### Vacation Bible School

Our VBS is the week of July 14-18. It is important to get the kids pre-registered for a couple of reasons, 1-they get a free tee-shirt if they sign up early enough, and 2-Tracey will be out of the office. Registration starts next Sunday, June 23 in the Narthex.

### UMW Circles

Faith Circle is not meeting in June or July. They will resume their meetings in August on the 22nd. Priscilla Circle will resume their meetings on August 27 and Ruth Esther will meet next week on June 27 at 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

### Pictorial Directory

We still have a few pictorial directories. If you know someone who has recently joined the church or someone who has not gotten their directory, please contact Tracey in the office. We want to be sure everyone has one.

### Missions Projects

The Missions Team is staying busy with projects this summer and you can help. Helping Hands is our new mission ministry where we go out and assist with local non-skilled household jobs...

On July 20, you can help at the food bank from 9 a.m. to noon.

Finally, on June 27-29, we will help with the wild fire efforts. Contact Jami Warkentin if you are interested in helping with any of these projects.

### Thank You...

*Thank you to Faith Circle & Church Membership for keeping me on your prayer list. I am doing pretty good. The cancer is under control. I truly miss everyone there and I enjoy getting the newsletter.*

*Thank you again, Ruth Weaver*

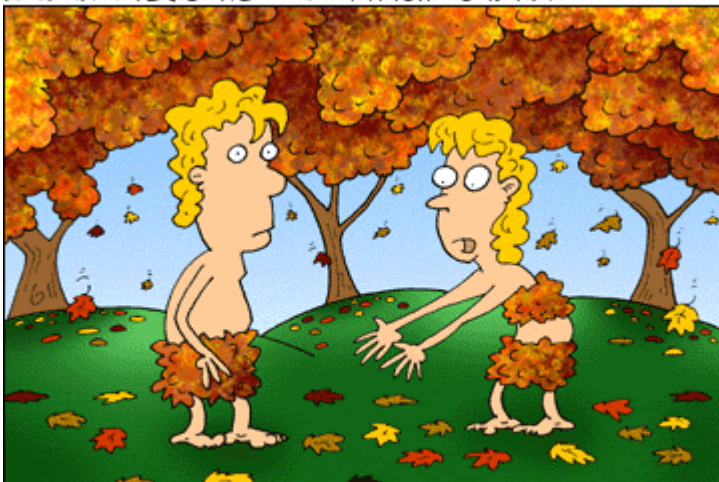
*To all of you who lifted me up when my head was down, I send my love. Your visits, calls, food, prayers and audio-books which helped me feel God was with us. THANK YOU!*

*Mona Warren*

*Dear Women of SSUMC, We would like to thank you for the Senior breakfast you provided for us recently. We are grateful for people, like you, that support us in our accomplishments. We are proud to be graduating from the Margaret Hudson Program. Thank you again for the delicious breakfast, the Bibles and words of encouragement.*

*Sincerely, Valerie, Brandy, Araceli, Ashley, Mary and Leslie, MHP Class of 2013*

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WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?

## Sunday Lists

### Sunday Volunteers     June 23

Visitors Center & Coffee-Searchers  
 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.-Susie Honeycutt & Family  
 Counters-Diana Pond & Jack Vest  
 Youth Dinner for Wed.-June 19-No Youth

### Sunday Volunteers     June 30

Visitors Center & Coffee-Searchers  
 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  
 Children's Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids  
 Child. Church-11 a.m.-Katherine R. & Julie Ferguson  
 Counters-Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder  
 Youth Dinner for Wed.-June 26-Harmony Class

## Please Keep In Prayer

### PRAYER LIST

Ruth Weaver, Donna Woodruff, Keith Dickerson, Destinee Tackett, Mike Massey, Sylvia Johnson, Clinton Wilson, Phil Cearley, Glen Almy, Martha Scudder, Virginia Vice, Margaret Pyeatt, Thelma Bradshaw, Margaret Burke, Don Cole, Darryl Muse, Barbara McClintock, Theresa Rosales, Donna McLain, Sylvia Johnson

## Acknowledgements

### *...Wedding Showers...*

*Gina Osburn & Kyle Ingram  
 Sunday, June 30, 2:00 p.m.-Narthex  
 Registered at Dillards, Home Depot & Target*

*Brian & Allie Tabberer-Newlyweds  
 Saturday, July 20, 2:00 p.m.-Narthex  
 Registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond & Dillards*

*Tyler Jo Geeding (Ashton) & Colin  
 Saturday, August 4, 2:00 p.m.-Narthex  
 Registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target & Wal Mart*



## Crumbs From The Cracker

### News:

#### the Awakening Vision:

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

#### Mission Trip To Cincinnati, Oh:

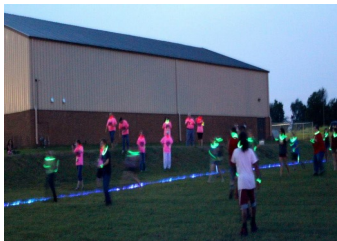
This mission trip has finally arrived!!! Yay!!! We are so excited!!! Our students will be serving in Cincinnati, OH this week along with Faith UMC of Tulsa. We will be departing June 15<sup>th</sup> and returning on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please be in prayer for our team members and leaders: Jetonne, Yaya, Graeme, Brooke, Raven, Julia, Lauren, Autumn, Julie, and Ashlin.



#### Disciple Camp!

Last week we took 6 students to Disciple camp 4 students from (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) grade & 2 college students!!! This was our first time to send students to Disciple camp... guess what? It will not be our last! It was an amazing camp! Each of our student's experienced the power of God's presence at camp and they all left hungry for a deeper relationship with Him! Special thanks to our 2 leaders Katie Pulscher & Amanda Honeycutt for serving our students at camp as small group leaders!! They did an awesome job!

Below are some highlight pictures from camp:



#### Upcoming Dates:

June 15<sup>th</sup> - June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Youth Mission Trip To Cincinnati!

June 19<sup>th</sup> - No Youth!

June 26<sup>th</sup> - Start Summer Playlist Series! @ 6:30pm

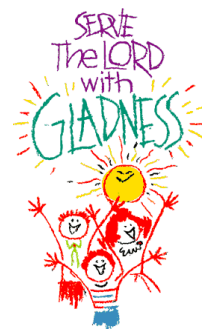
July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Youth Go to Green Tree Meet @ FLC @5:30pm

(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

It's almost time for VBS!!!! July 14th thru 17th, 6:15-8:30. Kids get a free t-shirt if they register early. Online registration will be up by Wednesday. We will have some copies of the registration forms in the narthex starting on Sunday. So make sure you invite all your kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors. We are still looking for volunteers so please let Marty or Debbie know if you can help!

See you Sunday!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FLC-Family Life Center

### Wednesday, June 19

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café  
10:00 a.m.-No Bible Study-Parlor  
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music  
6:30 p.m.-No Youth  
6:00 p.m.-No Chancel Ringers  
7:00 p.m.-No Chancel Choir

### Thursday, June 20

No Activities

### Friday, June 21

No Activities

### Saturday, June 22

Youth Return!

### Sunday, June 23

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship  
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship  
5:00 p.m.-All-Church Luau

### Monday, June 24-Project Transformation

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

### Tuesday, June 25-Project Transformation

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

### Wednesday, June 26-Project Transformation

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café  
10:00 a.m.-Bible Study-Parlor  
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC  
11:30 a.m.-SIA Potluck-F. Hall  
6:30 p.m.-Youth Movie Night  
6:00 p.m.-NO Chancel Ringers  
7:00 p.m.-NO Chancel Choir

### Thursday, June 27-Project Transformation

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

### Friday, June 28

No Activities

### Saturday, June 29

No Activities

### Sunday, June 30

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship  
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship  
2:00 p.m.-Gina Osburn Wedding Shower-Narthex  
6:00 p.m.-Youth Praise Band

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