

# The Springs



Rev. Don Tabberer

September 25, 2013

You're Invited to the

## **THANKS FOR GIVING**

### **Banquet & Talent Show**

Sunday, September 29

6:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Bring the family, bring a Thanksgiving side dish, and come ready for good food, fun, and entertainment!!!



## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME TURKEY?

David Allen will be smoking turkeys this Saturday and making gravy for our Thanks for Giving Banquet Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Kay will have ham for those who do not like turkey. Let's all get ready now by getting out our favorite Thanksgiving recipes, or make something new that you've been wanting to try. You can share your special recipes by bringing copies to place on the table. (You can make copies at the church this week during office hours. We will be glad to help you.) We will have some fun skits, report the amount of our pledges, and celebrate the goodness of God the Methodist Way -- Great Food, Great Fun and Great Fellowship -- thanking Him for the many blessings he has given us. Don't miss out on this exciting evening together.

## BRING YOUR CANS AND COINS

Be sure to bring your aluminum cans to the church by this Thursday, September 26, so they can be turned into cash before Sunday. You may place them in securely tied plastic bags and placed in the area by the Fellowship Hall door.

Also, bring all those coins you've been saving, or empty out your pockets and purses, and place them in the jar by the front entrance. All the cash from the cans and coin collection will be presented at the Altar at the beginning of our Celebration Worship Service this Sunday, September 29 at 10:15.

**Attention UMW Ladies!** Ruth Esther Circle wishes to invite you to join them on Thursday, September 26th, in fellowship hall at 1 P.M. for a Spirit led program presented by a guest speaker from the Tulsa District Mission Study Team, Mrs. Melanie Dewey. We will have fellowship and spiritual renewal. See you there.

## WHERE DID ALL THAT MONEY GO FROM OUR LAST CAMPAIGN?

Three years ago, during our Time to Give Campaign, we said if we raised \$550,000, these things would be done:

1. Make our annual land payment of \$64,000 for three years.
2. Pay \$30,000 each year toward our Apportionments for three years.
3. Complete our Family Life Center, including air conditioners, electrical work, bathrooms, etc.
4. Have two basketball goals installed at each end of the Life Center.
5. Complete our Kitchen with commercial equipment
6. Install a children's playground
7. Repay our United Methodist Foundation loan of \$100,000.

We are very happy to report that with your Time to Give giving, plus a special gift from a will which was designated for furnishing the kitchen, we have completed each of the above with one exception. It was decided that it would be better to build the children's playground when the kids could be there to use it.

The money raised for the new Building for Life Campaign is to be used for the following:

1. Make land payments for the next three years with the hopes of making nine years of payments in three years.
2. Make annual payments of \$30,000 for Apportionments for the next three years
3. Buy a new "People-Mover" style bus that will be easier for all ages to utilize for church activities.

These are the only three items that our new gifts will be used for.

We are excited to see what God can do through our Building for Life Giving Campaign and Spiritual Growth Emphasis! Thank you for letting us be a part of the leadership moving us forward to God's plan for SSUMC. Let us always remember:

If we will do all that we can - God will do what we can't!

Kay and Virginia



## Building for the Future

As many of you are aware, Boy Scout Troop 101 meets each Monday evening in our Family Life Center. The Scouting program is something I am particularly passionate about because I participated as a boy and again as an adult leader as my oldest son earned his Eagle badge. Scouting provides great opportunities for young men to learn valuable skills, develop lasting relationships, and become effective leaders. It is wonderful that our facility is available to foster this important youth program.

Soon we will be adding a Cub Scout Pack to our Scouting program at the FLC. This will bring a new dimension to the program by involving elementary aged boys and nurturing them toward joining the troop as they get older.

These two programs would not be possible without our Family Life Center. These groups had no other suitable place to meet. As a result of us helping them, boys from the troop have built a storage building at the FLC and done other service projects to help us. It is a great relationship that we should be proud of as we evaluate the success of our building program to date. The Family Life Center has blessed so many lives since its completion and Scouting is just one more example.

*Pastor Don*

## The “wind-up” and the final “pitch”...

When I came here just over two years ago I was so impressed with the level of activity and enthusiasm in a congregation this size...There seems to be something going on all the time and we are always looking for new ways to reach our community in Jesus’ name. However, we are being held back by our aging facility.

Did you know...There are some members of church who no longer attending regularly because they have a hard time getting from their car to the front door? Parking is so inconvenient here that some of your

friends are unable to come to church. That is something we cannot fix at this location; the only way to fix the parking problem is to move.

There is no easy way for people with mobility issues to navigate between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. If you have trouble navigating the stairs, you must walk outside, down the sidewalk, around the corner, down the hill, and into the basement door. This is not a great solution in bad weather. Again, this is a problem we cannot solve in this location.

In the past two years we have had to replace two very expensive air conditioner units; we have repaired the sanctuary roof twice and it is still leaking in places; one leak also cost \$2,000 for repairs to the pipe organ; we found termites in Caleb House not long ago and treated for them; we have endured two floods in the past month; now we have discovered that the flooring under all the office areas is asbestos which will require expensive environmental abatement. This facility is costing us so much money in maintenance and repair that it is taking money away from our ability to do mission and ministry.

I believe that God has called this church to move aggressively forward with the plans to relocate to our south side property. Imagine what our mission and ministries will be like when they are thriving in a ministry center that is not falling apart; a ministry center where we have plenty of space for children’s programming, youth programming, and additional adult classes. Imagine what kinds of mission we could offer our community with larger space and better parking. Visualize a playground for our children. Think about what a new church bus would mean to our ability to transport adults, youth, and children. Imagine the bus ministry we could start on Sunday mornings.

We need money to get there and the money belongs to God...You are just holding it for him. I pray that we will all be willing to listen to God’s call and make a commitment to travel this journey together. Please pray earnestly as you and God decide together what you should do. We are building for the future life of our church and God is asking us to sacrifice for the future.

## *Sunday Lists*

### **Sunday Volunteers    September 29**

Visitors Center & Coffee-Up   Rising Young Adults  
 Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston  
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David  
 Young Disciples Lesson-10:15 a.m.-Julie Ferguson  
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids  
 Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Katherine R. & Julie Ferguson  
 Counters-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

### **Sunday Volunteers    October 6**

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.-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-Diana Pond & Jack Vest

## *Please Keep In Prayer*

### PRAYER LIST

Ruth Weaver, Donna Woodruff, Keith Dickerson, Destinee Tackett, Sylvia Johnson, Clinton Wilson, Glen Almy, Martha Scudder, Virginia Vice, Margaret Pyeatt, Theresa Rosales, Mary Lea Forsythe, Marilyn Peil, Elsie Jones, Jim McAllister  
 Mona Warren

## *Acknowledgements*

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank each of you for all the kindness we received during our recent loss. The thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, emails, and meals were so appreciated. Pastor Don Tabberer, Alan Parker, and the United Methodist Women did a beautiful job helping us to celebrate the life of our dear family member. We will always be grateful.

Sincerely,

The Family of Arthur Lee "Bud" Edwards, Jr.

*NOTICE—While the offices are locked up tight, we are using the phone from the parlor kitchen. Messages on our regular office phones will not be checked until the construction is finished. If you call in the evening, please avoid leaving a message. You are welcome to e-mail us or call us on our cell phones.*

*Thanks—The Staff*

## Crumbs From The Cracker

### News:

#### the Awakening Vision:

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

#### See you at the pole

We are excited to inform you all that we will be **hosting the Saw You At The Pole Event this year!!!!** On **September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** we will kick off the night with some **ultimate Frisbee and an indoor dance party** which will lead us **into worship @ 7pm**. We will be **giving away 4 Tickets to one lucky winner for the Thunder Game** in Tulsa on **October 17<sup>th</sup>!!** You don't want to miss this event! We will also be meeting at every flagpole in Sand Springs and Sapulpa to cover our schools with prayer. Be at your flag pole and pray for God to work through you & your school this year!

#### Volunteer Appreciation Night

Are you a **student or a parent of a student** or maybe even a **church member**? **Do you appreciate** that we have an awesome team of **volunteer leaders who help with our youth every week**? You have a chance to tell them how **awesome they are!!!** We will be hosting our annual **Youth Volunteer Appreciation Night October 23<sup>rd</sup>** and we would love for you to **share some kind words to them via cards or letters**. Starting **October 1<sup>st</sup>** we will have small sacks marked with our youth volunteer names for your notes to be collected in until **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Our **volunteer team includes**: Jetonne, Winnie, Carrol, Jan, Kristin, Sara, Frank, Don, Kent, Jim, and Eldin.

#### Current Youth Series

Our students have kicked off our series on **"Mentor" relationships**! We have covered two important roles of a mentor in the past couple of weeks: **"Mentors Encourage"** and **"Mentors Challenge."** The next two weeks of the series will be **"Mentors Teach"** and **"Mentors Send-Out."** To conclude this series, we will be hosting our first ever **"Speed Mentor"** night in hopes to connect our **students with a mentor in our church**. We ask that you **be in prayer for our students and future mentors** of this program! We look forward to all that God is going to do!

### Upcoming Dates

- **September 25<sup>th</sup>**- See You At The Pole (Pre-worship Games Etc. @ 6pm / Worship @ 7pm)
- **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**- Mini Me Wk 3 @ 6:30pm "Mentors Teach"
- **October 6<sup>th</sup>**- Students Buddy Up W/ 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Encounter Class To Go Bowling 2pm- 4pm Meet @ FLC
- **October 9<sup>th</sup>**- Mini Me Wk 4 @ 6:30pm "Mentors Encourage"
- **October 12<sup>th</sup>**- Helping Hands Outreach @ 7:30am @ Fellowship Hall
- **October 16<sup>th</sup>**- Speed Mentors @ 6:30pm

### Mission Morsels

The 2013 Tulsa Area CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. This walk is to raise awareness and funds for hunger. It starts at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church 1301 S. Boston Avenue Tulsa, OK again. Registration is from 1:30-2:00 p.m. and the walk starts at 2:00 p.m. 25% of the funds raised stay here for local hunger needs and get split evenly between Restore Hope and Western Neighbors here in Tulsa.

Please consider joining us on the walk. If you can't join us, consider being a phantom walker where you fundraise only for the walk. Let's see if we as Team Sand Springs UMC can raise \$1,000 again to fight hunger. Contact Jami Warkentin at 918.260.6574 on how you can participate.

**SENIORS IN ACTION!** Our October event will be held at Max & Sharon Schuermann's home Thursday, Oct 17th at 5:30 p.m. Our church's own "chef", Don Cole will be cooking for us. We'll be showing the video of Bill Caldwell's POW medal ceremony for those of you who were unable to attend that event. A donation of \$5 apiece would be appreciated. Please sign up with Max or Sharon so we know how much food to prepare! Look forward to an evening of fine fellowship, fun & food!





## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### FLC-Family Life Center

#### Wednesday, September 25-See/Saw You At The Pole

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café  
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music  
10:00 a.m.-Bible Study  
6:00 p.m.-Youth *Saw You At The Pole*-FLC  
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers  
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, September 26

11:00 a.m.-Needlers  
1:00 p.m.-Ruth Esther Circle-F. Hall  
6:30 p.m.-FLC in use  
7:00 p.m.-Faith Circle

#### Friday, September 27

FLC in Use

#### Saturday, September 28

Congratulations Rob & Brianna Collett!

#### Sunday, September 29

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:15 a.m.-Worship  
6:00 p.m.-Thanks For Giving Banquet-FLC

#### Monday, September 30

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

#### Tuesday, October 1

6:30 p.m.-FLC in use  
7:00 p.m.-Praise Team  
7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon-Upstairs

#### Wednesday, October 2

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

#### Thursday, October 3

FLC in use

#### ***Sand Springs UMC***

***319 N. Main Street/PO Box 336  
Sand Springs, OK 74063  
918-245-5955 Fax-918-245-2801  
Family Life Center: 918-245-3725  
www.SandSpringsumc.org***

**Non Profit Org.**

**US Postage Paid**

**Sand Springs, OK**

**Permit No. 16**

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

We're asking each person to be diligent in your prayers this week as we pray for our church. So much has happened in the physical plant due to the pipes breaking and the flooding in the office area. This week is the celebration of our gifts to the Building for Life Campaign. May God touch each of us in a mighty way as we look to moving past this week and following God's plan for the future of SSUMC. Let's pray for our Staff and the workers who will eventually get the office back in order. Let's pray for our volunteers who are spending countless hours doing great work among us. Let's pray for those who are sick that they will be restored to good health quickly. And, let's pray for our people that we will see our future possibilities in years to come.

**Return Service Requested**

Label Here