

# The Springs



Rev. Don Tabberer

May 7, 2014



*"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." (Proverbs 22:6)*

What an exciting weekend we just had!  
I hope and pray that you were able to

join us for some or all of the events that took place this past Saturday and Sunday. Our church is truly blessed to have leaders who care about our students and the results of this care were on display this weekend proclaiming the goodness of God in Jesus Christ.

On Saturday afternoon, May 3<sup>rd</sup> we gathered in the sanctuary of First Christian Church at 5<sup>th</sup> & Main. We were there to borrow their baptistery facility. Four of our students: Austin Estep, Tyler Herndon, Cayleigh Smith, and Miah Young, were baptized in a special Service of Baptism with their family, friends, and church members as witnesses. It was a fun service, with Alan Parker providing music and everyone feeling the work of the Holy Spirit in the room.

One Sunday morning, May 4<sup>th</sup> we gathered for our 11:00AM worship service and the excitement continued. Two more students: Kaitlynn Baker and Mandon Wehde were baptized at our baptismal font during regular worship. Listen again: This weekend we baptized SIX STUDENTS! That is exciting!

***It gets better...***All these baptisms were a prelude to our Confirmation Service, also celebrated during the 11:00AM worship service this Sunday. In addition to the 6 students who were baptized, Reese Bengé joined the group for Confirmation. 7 students stood before our congregation and made their profession of faith. They each received a white stole that represents the yoke they have taken upon themselves as Christians and the promise that Jesus made to walk beside them on the journey. Each of them made their membership vow to *"faithfully participate in [the church's] ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness"*. We all reaffirmed our own baptismal promises and promised to nurture and care for these students as they continue to grow in discipleship. We are all responsible for one another and for this church.

We also announced this Sunday that we are holding a special **Church Council meeting at 2:30 PM on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall**. This is unusual because much of the meeting will be devoted to a Town Hall format and we are inviting and encouraging all church members to attend.

As we reflect on what it means for our students to stand before the church and proclaim their faith and make membership vows, we must remember that each one of us has done the same thing at some point in our lives as United Methodists. We stood before a congregation and proclaimed our belief in the Triune God and our commitment to follow in the footsteps of Jesus on whatever mission we were sent. When we joined this United Methodist congregation we made the same vow as our students: *"to faithfully participate in [the church's] ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness"*. Meetings such as this one are where our membership vows are tested. The mission and ministry of our church depend on the faithfulness of all of our members. Each one of you is important to God's church and each one of you has a role to play.

This meeting will provide very important information about where we are and where we need to be in terms of how we do mission and ministry. We cannot continue with "business as usual" any longer. We must make some very difficult and challenging changes now. Your prayers and your presence are vital to helping us navigate the journey ahead of us. Our Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, and Staff Parish Relations Committee have been meeting diligently and now they need your input as we go forward. No final decisions will be made at this meeting and no voting will take place. This is simply a time for leadership to offer information and answer questions. You will have a chance to offer suggestions that may help these groups continue their work.

Let us celebrate what is happening in the life of our church and let us work hard to ensure that growth continues and all of us fulfill our mission together.

***In His Name,  
Pastor Don***



## SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Summer Camp Season is just around the corner and we have exciting plans for our junior and senior high school students. Junior High students will attend **Disciple Camp June 4-8**. Senior High students will attend **Day Spring Camp July 10-14**. Several adult volunteers are also planning to attend camp to work with Mark and our students. It costs **\$250.00** to send a student to camp and we often have students who cannot afford to go without assistance. We provide some opportunities to raise money for the camp fund and we only require that each student pay half their fee; our habit has been to scholarship the other half. We are praying for your generosity again this year. As the camp fund raising activities come along, please support them by giving generously to such things as the Pie Auction and the Spaghetti Dinner. You may also be inspired to make a cash donation to the Camp Fund in order to help provide scholarships for students who would not otherwise be able to attend camp. Anything you can do to help will be appreciated as we make every effort to bring our students closer to Christ. To make a donation simply label it "CAMP FUND" and include it with your weekly offering or mail it into the church office. **Thank you!**

## Weekly Communion

Beginning **Sunday, May 11, 2014** – Mother's



Day – we will offer a weekly service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary at **9:45 AM**. This short service will use liturgy from the United Meth-

odist Book of Worship and allow us to receive the sacrament each week separate from our regular worship services. Everyone is invited to participate in this time together. You may stay after our first service or arrive early for Sunday school. Holy Communion will also be served on the first Sunday of each month during our regular worship services.

## **The Pie Auction Just Got Better!**

### **IT'S A DESSERT AUCTION!!!**

**May 18th will be the youths big fundraiser—A DESSERT AUCTION! We need you to bring your best dessert Sunday, May 18th. The bidding starts at 10:00 a.m. Dig out your favorite dessert recipes, and start baking! We need your desserts.**

**Show up ready to bid. Show up ready to donate! Just Show Up! You'll Love It! There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex...**

## **SSUMW/FCC Memorial Flower Sale!**

Ladies, we are in the last few pivotal days of preparing the Memorial flowers for sale. Any help you can provide is very much appreciated! Call Trish House, 918-245-5508, or Carole Ashton, 918-724-2167 (daytime only). As last year, all sales will be held at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, beginning May 12th, Monday through Saturday, through May 26th (unless all flowers are sold prior to that!). We will need to have a shift schedule worked up along with the FCC ladies so if you have available time to offer, please call either Trish or Carole, or email [thouse77347@aol.com](mailto:thouse77347@aol.com) or [caroleash-ton1@yahoo.com](mailto:caroleash-ton1@yahoo.com). We have our annual Margaret Hudson Graduation Breakfast on Monday, May 12th; the FCC ladies will cover that morning; however, if you could be available in the afternoon or evening, let us know. Thank you so very much!

## **ATTENTION!!**

Please take time to look at the Historical tables in the hallway. They will be on display through the last Sunday of May and then will be dismantled the last week of May. We will be displaying extra pictures on the table in front of the Parlor that you may take if you like.

## **Margaret Hudson Graduation Breakfast**

Monday, May 12th, the SSUMW will be honoring ten young mothers who have successfully completed their high school graduation requirements while enrolled with the Margaret Hudson Program in Tulsa. A number of you have already volunteered to provide either healthy breakfast dishes or to help that morning with the little ones of the young mothers. It is a blessing to show the young ladies support from our church community and it is always a blessing to show love on their little ones! Our featured speaker will be Kim Jackson, KTUL Channel 8 News Reporter who herself is a successful graduate of the program (thank you, Amy Miller!). If you have not yet signed up to help, please call your Circle Chairman and let her know you are available for helping with either food, set-up, babies or clean-up! Thank you!

## **2nd Monday BOOK CLUB**



Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Book Club meets on Monday, May 12, at 6:15pm at the church. If you love to read please consider giving us a try. We always have a good time, lots of laughs and lively discussions. We will be discussing the classic, "To Kill a Mockingbird," which was our May reading selection. We will also be choosing titles for the next few months so it would be a great time to join us!

## **Congratulations Graduates**

We won't try to list all our graduates by name. We would not want to miss anyone. But we want you all to know you are in our prayers. We pray your future holds all you hope for, all you have worked for, and more than you expected!

High School Grads, be sure you give your future to God. Ask for guidance, the skills you need to proceed and the tools to accomplish your wants.

College Grads, be sure to give the rest of your life to God. Ask God to lead you in your job search. Ask Him to lead you to succeed at all you do and to do it in a way that would be pleasing to Him.

We are praying for all of you!

## **Congratulations Mark & Jenny**

We are happy to announce that as of May 10th, Mark & Jenny will become one—Mr. & Mrs. Giovi. We pray for you both, that God will be the center of your marriage and that you will continue to seek His word for guidance and listen to Him for all your answers.

We are praying for you both!

## **Happy Mother's Day**

We pray for you Mother/the Special Woman in your life/the woman who raised you...

We thank you for your leadership, commitment to us, and your words of advice. We hope your special day is as special as you are!

## **Questions about SSUMC Women?**

Priscilla: Trish House-918-245-5508

Ruth Esther: Barbara Fisher (Mrs. Connie)-918-241-9859

Faith: Rita Randall: 918-224-8482

## Sunday Lists

### Sunday Volunteers—May 11

Visitors Center & Coffee-TNT

Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David

Young Disciples Lesson-8:30a.m.-Kingdom Kids

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Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids

Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Debbie S. & Marty D.

Counters-Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder

### Sunday Volunteers—May 18

Visitors Center & Coffee-TNT

Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David

Young Disciples Lesson-8:30a.m.-Jami Warkentin

Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Jami W.

Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids

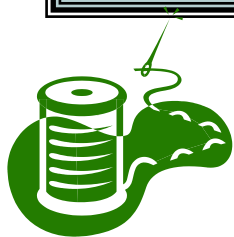
Child. Church-11:00a.m.-Amy & Lauren Miller

Counters-Sondra Bogert & Dick Ford

## Please Keep In Prayer

Ruth Weaver, Donna Woodruff, Destinee Tackett, Sylvia Johnson, Clinton Wilson, Martha Scudder, Virginia Vice, Marilyn Peil, Michael Bostwick & Kelsey (Bostwick family friend), Cathy Hula, Beverly Rousey, Charlotte Cain, Unspoken requests, Darryl Muse, Tristan Schwartz, Jim Wilson, Whitney Roberts, Nique Ropp, June Shreffler, Louise Read, Irene Stogsdill, Shanti (Mary McGowan's granddaughter), Randy Trammell, Owen Johnston

## Acknowledgements



### *Needlers...*

*If you are looking for something to do this Summer, come join the Needlers. They knit, embroidery, crochet...*

*If you enjoy any form of sewing, give them a try. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy!*

*Next meeting is May 8 then May 22nd.*

### **Offices Closed**

*The Church Offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 to honor Memorial Day.*

### **Next Few Newsletters**

*May 19, June 2, June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28, August 11, August 25, September 8, September 22, October 6, October 20, November 3, November 17, December 1, December 15, December 29-To be determined*

All articles are due the Monday of the Newsletter week by 11 a.m. Any articles submitted after 11 a.m. can be saved for the following newsletter per activity.



## The Awakening

*The Awakening exists to...  
"Teach students to genuinely  
honor Christ through service,  
reaching out to those around  
them, and building up a com-  
munity based on love for one  
another"*

### Upcoming Events

May 8th – Baccalaureate @ Angus Acres  
May 14th – The Awakening @ Restore Hope  
May 17th – Youth Paintball Day  
May 21st – End of the Year Party

### Update

I hope that this update finds you well and that you have had a good start to the month of May.

Let me first of all say thank you to the entire church for the generosity you all showed Jenny and I a couple weeks ago at our pounding. We were overwhelmed and incredibly blessed by the way you all poured out your gifts and love on us. We have greatly enjoyed our time at this church, and we look forward to the coming years with you all.

Well, the week is finally here, Jenny and I are getting married this coming Saturday and we are so excited! Next week since Jenny and I will be on our honeymoon, the Awakening will be going to Restore Hope to help them with a couple projects, I will be in prayer for the students going and that God will teach them through service. When Jenny and I return, we will be going paintballing with the students on Saturday, May 17th. The following Wednesday, we will be having an End of the Year Party with a few of the other churches in the area.

Join me in praying for our students, that they would continue to grow and learn from God. And be in prayer for the students who just got confirmed, that God would use them in our youth group.

Your Fellow Servant,  
Mark Giovì



## kidzone

Mother's Day is this Sunday and the children have been working on a very special gift for their moms. Ms. Marty and Ms. Debbie are always so creative! We know everyone will love their sweet gifts.

Weird Animals starts in just a couple of weeks. This is promising to be a really fun summer series for the kids. You never know, you might see some "weird animals" roaming the halls of SSUMC.

Kingdom Kids will sing on Sunday for Mother's Day. Make sure you are at church to honor your mom on her special day

Have a fantastic week! We will see you Sunday



# MAY

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**FLC-Family Life Center**

**Wednesday, May 7**

7:30 a.m.-M/W Breakfast—Crescent Café  
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music  
3:30 p.m.-Art Class-F. Hall  
6:00 p.m.-Staff Parish Committee Meeting  
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening Youth-FLC  
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers  
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

**Thursday, May 8**

11:00 a.m.-Needlers-Parlor  
5:30 p.m.-FLC in use  
7:00 p.m.-Stewardship Meeting  
7:00 p.m.-Baccalaureate-Angus Acres Baptist Church

**Friday, May 9**

6:00 p.m.-FLC in use  
OU Graduation

**Saturday, May 10-Congratulations Mark & Jenny!**

7:00 a.m.-Helping Hands-Begins in F. Hall  
CPHS Graduation  
OSU Graduation

**Sunday, May 11-Happy Mother's day**

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

**Monday, May 12**

9:00 a.m.-Margaret Hudson Breakfast-F. Hall  
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC  
6:15 p.m.-2nd Monday Book Club  
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts-FLC

**Tuesday, May 13**

6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts-FLC  
7:00 p.m.-Praise Team  
7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon-Upstairs

**Wednesday, May 14**

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

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