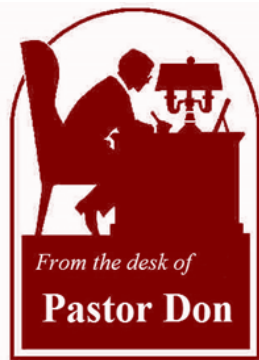


The Springs

Rev. Don Tabberer



"I am the Lord your God. You must keep yourselves holy and be holy, because I am holy." (Leviticus 11:44, CEB)

"As he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct." (1 Peter 1:15, NRSV)

There is much misunderstanding about the meaning of the term

"holy." Too many seem to think it means entirely good, without flaw. That may serve us well when speaking of a holy God. But a perfect church?...Hardly.

At its root, holiness instead has to do with being set apart, indeed with being different. In the commandments, when God called for one day a week to be holy, God meant that this day was to be set aside as different from the other six, distinctive in its practices. So also the Hebrew people were to exhibit holiness by refusing to bow down to the idols worshiped by all of the neighboring nations. Similarly, the church is called to live out in the world ways of being and doing that are alternatives to accustomed standards and customs.

This means that, far from being embarrassed when its ideals are at odds with accepted ways, the Christian community should revel in what it distinctively has to offer to the world. When the lives of people are being ruined by oppression and the church protests, we are exemplifying holiness. When greed goes unchecked, even applauded, and Christian people cry out **"Enough!"** we should rejoice that we are fulfilling our calling to be different for the sake of what is right. How willing are we to be considered out of step with society in order to be holy? Who wants to be labeled as "odd," after all? But we are called to be a holy church, not a

club that panders to whatever is currently popular.

Being holy, being set apart, often becomes difficult in our current culture. It may remind us of the Pharisees whom Jesus criticized for setting themselves apart and above the people. That is not the meaning of being holy that we are talking about here. What we are talking about is daring to model Jesus in the face of a cultural majority that is running as fast as it can away from Jesus' example.

When we see people who claim to be Christians calling out for violence against other people who disagree with them, we must say **"Enough!"** When we see people who call themselves Christian fighting with people who disagree with them, we must say, **"Stop!"** We must be willing to stand up against popular opinion and remind people that Jesus called for peace, love, understanding, mercy, and forgiveness. We must remind people that just because you say you are Christian does not make it so when your actions are so blatantly against Christ's message. We must be willing to allow our Christian beliefs to win in an election season where candidates hide behind a quasi-faith when it helps them gather support. We must insist that the people we vote for are truly interested in building a more just and merciful world for the future. We cannot be fooled by their labels; we must be informed by their conduct.

Seeking holiness,
Pastor Don



HERBAL AFFAIR NEWS

The Herbal Affair will be here before we know it and as you know, the rules have changed this year. All goods for sale to the general public will have to be prepared at the Family Life Center. If you are able to help with the baking and/or packaging, we will be at the FLC on April 13, 14 and 15 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. so come on down. If you had planned to make a cash donation to help offset the cost of purchasing ingredients, please get your money to me by Sunday, April 10.

Also, while we will not be selling Janie Moore's world famous hot rolls or Marybeth Arnold's delicious challah bread at the Herbal Affair, both will be available for sale at the church on April 17. It will be first come, first served so be there early to claim your prize.

If you have any questions, please call me, Karen Wilder, at (918) 241-3259 or (918) 760-3269.



UMW News

The Circles meet the 4th week in April.

- Faith meets on 4/28 in the Parlor at 7:00. Freida Puckett is hostess and Janie Moore has the program.
- Priscilla meets on 4/26 at Betty Smith's home, Alida Casper has the refreshments and Mary Beth Arnold has the program.
- Ruth Esther meets on 4/28 at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Jo Ann Nelson has refreshments, Judy Bullard and Wava Burt have the devotion and program.

I hope you all have decided what you are baking or fixing for Herbal Affair. See Karen's article. Also, the

flower girls are cleaning flowers on April 4, 5, and 7 at the FLC from 9:30 to noon. If you have taken vases to wash, have them back by the last week of April as we will start making arrangements and putting the flowers back in their vases then.

The Graduation breakfast for the seniors from Margaret Hudson is scheduled May 9th at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. We will have 12-14 seniors.

Stay well and thank you for all of your help enabling us to meet our mission budget. Check the UMW Yearbook to learn where our money goes.

Congratulations to Mona and Bruce Warren on their 60th Anniversary!



Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, April 10 9 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Don't even think about lunch Sunday (April 10). The youth have you taken care of! They are providing a spaghetti dinner available after Sunday School and after 2nd service.

In return, you can make a donation to the youth to help cover the cost of youth missions and camps.

It's a win-win afternoon!

See You There!

Dine in/Take Out

Kidzone

Kidzone kids and parents, grandparents had a great time at our breakfast on Easter Sunday celebrating our risen Christ.



The KidZone did a great job packing and delivering a gazillion Easter Baskets to Sand Springs Community Services.

Nice Job KidZone!!!

Sunday was a shopping day and several skits about Easter.

Be sure to come this next Sunday as we begin a new series of lessons called "Panda Mania- where God is

wild about you! Come see what happens when a pack of fun loving panda bears invade Kidzone. Have a great week-see you on Sunday.



It is now April everybody! I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and was able to enjoy it with their family. Easter is a celebration of the risen King and his conquering over death. They tried to play their final hand and execute Jesus, but not even death would have the final say! This is an incredible story and is worth

celebrating. Although it is much more than something that should be celebrated it should be something lived out. When we leave that Easter service it should give us something to ponder and think about. We should be asking the questions what does it look like to be followers of a savior who defeated death.

This gives us the challenge of being a resurrected people. Every day we should be drawn to the people who feel hopeless, unwanted, and unloved. These people need to hear the story of how Christ has come to offer new life and tells a story where everyone is loved and wanted. We should be light to these people who feel like they are surrounded in darkness. This is not an easy task and we are sometimes so consumed with our everyday lives that these people pass by us on a daily basis unnoticed, but we have an obligation to be a little piece of Christ to these people. They are all around us and a simple smile or conversation could go a long way. We have another fundraiser coming up this Sunday on April 10! The spaghetti dinner will be happening and I look forward to seeing all of you there and us being able to worry about lunch for you. This is another important step in raising the funds for the busy summer months ahead for the youth and its not possible without your generosity. I hope to see all of you there with an appetite!

Help Wanted

We are seeking nursery attendants to start immediately. Please contact the Church Office.

If you know someone who would like to get the newsletter, please let the front office know.

PLEASE NOTE

Personal events scheduled at the Family Life Center will now require a filled out form to be filed with the front office. See Tracey for a form.



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Thursday, April 28
from
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Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers—April 10

Visitors Center & Coffee-TNT
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Teaching: Jami Warkentin
 Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Susie Honeycutt
 Counters-Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder

Sunday Volunteers—April 17

Visitors Center & Coffee-TNT
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Teaching: Jami Warkentin
 Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Marty David
 Counters-Sondra Allen & Dick Ford

Please Keep In Prayer



Martha Scudder, Don & JD
 Baldrige, Bob & Cathy Hula, BW
 Proft, Clare Caldwell, Darryl Muse,
 Jack & Jewell Brown, Owen John-
 ston, Ruth Weaver, Tristan
 Schwartz, Delbert Sloan, Darin
 Grayson, Mark, Jim McCormick,
 Aaron, Pauline Hanigar, Barbara
 McClintock, Kenny & Linda Rogers,
 SSUMC & Unspoken Requests

Acknowledgements

Robyn Coney will give a Travelogue Sunday, from 2p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. She is home for a while and is excited to share. Don't miss out!

Did you know Allen Bordelon is turning 90???
 (Sorry Allen! But that's a big deal!!!) Sunday, the 10th is his birthday so be sure to give him a big old hug/handshake and see if you can get the secret of a long life out of him!!!

8:30 a.m. Worship Songs 4/10 & 4/17

I Will Follow	Come, Now is the Time to Worship
Lifesong	I Will Rise
A New hallelujah	Let the River Flow
Christ Is Risen	Healing Rain
Overwhelmed	Came to My Rescue
Lord I Need You	Lord You Have My Heart



Here is some of your 2016 Youth Dinner Schedule

4/6-CIA/Pathfinders
 4/13-Faith Circle
 4/20-TNT
 4/27-Ruth Esther Circle
 5/4-SIA
 5/11-Priscilla Circle
 5/18-Noah/Searchers
 5/25-Harmony



Here are your 2016 Newsletter weeks. Please remember-articles are due by 11 a.m. on this date. Please, mark your calendars.	June 27 July 11 July 25 August 8 August 22 September 5 September 19 October 3 October 17 October 31 November 14 November 28 December 12 January 9, 2017
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SAND SPRINGS UMC

Tuesday, April 5

9:30am-UMW Flowers-FLC
5:30pm-Cub Scouts-FLC
7:00pm-Praise Team
7:00pm-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, April 6

7:30am-Men's/Women's Breakfast-Crescent Café
4:00pm-Kappa Kappa Iota-F. Hall
6:30pm-The Awakening Youth-FLC
7:00pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 7

9:30am-UMW Flowers-FLC
*7:00pm-Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, April 8

No Activities

Saturday, April 9

No Activities

Sunday, April 10

8:30am-Contemporary Worship
9:30am-Youth begin cooking FOR YOU!
9:45am-Communion Service
10:00am-Sunday School
10:45am-Lunch is Served-F. Hall
11:00am-Traditional Worship
12:00pm-Lunch is Served-F. Hall
1:30pm-Boy Scout Leadership Training-FLC
2:00pm-Robyn Coney Travelogue-F. Hall

Monday, April 11

7:00pm-Boy Scouts-Family Life Center

Tuesday, April 12

5:30pm-Cub Scouts-FLC
7:00pm-Praise Team Rehearsal
7:00pm-Al-Anon-Upstairs

NOTE:

FLC-Family Life Center

**-Not sponsored by SSUMC but welcome*

For more calendar information, call the office at 918-245-5955.

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