

The Springs



Rev. Don Tabberer

July 30, 2014



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

The first thing I want to do this week is say, ***"Congratulations and Thank You!"*** to all the wonderful volunteers who

helped make this year's Vacation Bible School so successful.

Marty David, Debbie Schmidt, and Cathy Gifford led our team into **The Workshop of Wonders** so effectively. Nothing was left to chance and everyone had a great time. The children and the adult volunteers all enjoyed the week's events. Special thanks also to **Julie Ferguson** and **Amanda Honeycutt** who portrayed our drama characters, Sandy Paper and Rivet the Ant. Also thanks to **Mark Giovi** and our older students who helped with games and other activities during the week. VBS is a great annual event and the whole church benefits from the fun and excitement that comes from it.

I also want to tell you about a couple of other educational opportunities coming up this fall. You see, we are all children of God and so, "training the children" applies to all of us. We need to take advantage of opportunities to learn more about God and to develop our relationship with God.

Pastor's Bible Study: The next installment of my regular Bible Study Group will use the book: ***"Making Sense of the Bible"*** by Adam Hamilton and begins on Monday, September 8th. This will be a seven-week study.

This is one of the best books I have ever read on the subject of understanding Scripture from a 21st Century point-of-view.

Rev. Hamilton engages us in an honest conversation that begins with such questions as:

- How and when was the Bible written?
- Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why?
- How literally must we read it?
- Is the Bible ever wrong?

From there we will consider the real questions that people frequently ask that continue to divide Christians and denominations alike. These include:

- Were Adam and Eve real people?
- Why would Paul command women to *"keep silent in church?"*
- How does God view homosexual people?
- Is the Book of Revelation a guide to the End Times?

In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses these often misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving.

As usual, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Monday evenings, 6:30-8:00 PM and we will repeat the same class session on Wednesday mornings, 10:00-11:30 AM. You will need your Bible and a copy of Rev. Hamilton's book. The book costs \$15.50 and may be ordered through the Church Office when you register for the class. You may also get the book for your Kindle or iPad through online vendors. To register for this class simply go to our website: www.sandspringsumc.org and click on the box – Stuff TO DO. There you will find a link to the Pastor's Bible Study that gives you more information, a video preview, and the registration form to sign-up for the class. It is very important that you register for this class and get a copy of the book. If you need assistance with the online enrollment process, please contact the Church Office and we will assist you.

Women's Bible Study: Janna Cheek will be leading a women's Bible study group beginning Thursday evening, September 4th at 6:00 PM at her home. The text for this study is ***"Broken and Blessed"*** by Jessica LaGrone. The study says that it deals with *"How God used one imperfect family to change the world."* This is a six-week study of The Book of Genesis that takes you on a journey with one perfectly imperfect family – from Adam and Eve all the way to Joseph and his brothers. Despite their brokenness, God chose to love and bless this family so that their blessings might overflow. This study gives us the confidence to know that every family can be used by God to bring blessing in a hurting and broken world.

To register for this class simply go to our website:


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I hope you will join us for one or both of these exciting studies.


***In Jesus' Name,
Pastor Don***

what is \$1 a day?



or \$7 towards apportionments

A percentage of apportionment money goes to the **Volunteers In Mission** – helping Oklahomans serve locally and around the world by responding to the requests of those in need.



Could you give up something each day and give the money to apportionments?

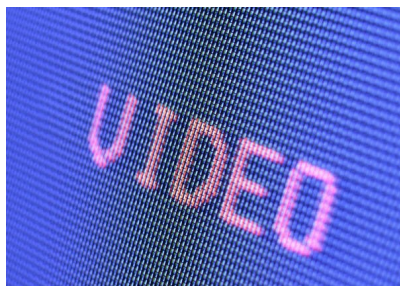
August Aid - Helping Hands Opportunities

The following volunteer mission opportunities are for ages 11 and up and for all skill levels. So, for instance, if you have a bad back, there are still jobs you can do. Please contact Mark Giovi if interested.

- **Saturday, August 2nd from 9:00-noon** we will be working at the **Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma**. We will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and carpool over.
- **Saturday, August 9th from 9:00-noon** we will be working at **Restore Hope** boxing school supplies. We will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. to carpool over. If you can't join us for the Restore Hope mission opportunity but would like to contribute, you may donate school supplies (boxes in Narthex) or you may contribute money by writing a check to SSUMC and writing "Restore Hope" in the memo line. The church will then write a check to Restore Hope and the funds will be matched by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Sand Springs Visual Support Group

Next meeting is August 18 at 10 a.m. We are now meeting at the Lucille Page Manor Community Room or Clubhouse. It is located at 253 E. 41st Street. *Take your first left turn after going east on 41st off if HWY 97. The Clubhouse will be on your right near the office.*



100-Year Video is Complete!

The 100-year video is complete and I thank everyone who participated. If you would like to have a copy of the video, please let

Don Cole or I know and we will get you one. Don can be reached at (918) 856-8254 and my number is (918) 241-3259 or you can catch up with us at church.

Karen Wilder

Sand Springs Community Services has contacted us for help in boosting their food pantry stock. They need **MUSTARD, KETCHUP, AND MAYONNAISE**. Our church is happy to help gather these items and we need you to bring them in. Beginning this Sunday morning, July 27th, we will collect your donations of these three condiments in our church lobby. Please buy the "regular" sizes – they do not need the super large bottles. As always, thank you for your generosity!



FILLING THE BUCKET – DESIGNATED GIVING

At our May Town Hall Meeting we talked about the need to “fill the bucket” to replenish funds that were used for general budget funding. This was the pre-cursor to our austerity effort that

has been going on for the past couple months. (More about that later.) This is a reminder that we are asking our church to do “extra-mile-giving” over and above your regular tithing efforts. Please make a note on your contribution that you are donating to “fill the bucket” so that these extra funds can be deposited into the correct bank account. *Thanks!*

Next Town Hall: September 7th

Thank You Children’s Leaders

Thank you so much to our Children’s Leaders! It was another amazing year of VBS and you out-did yourselves

again! We are already looking forward to next year. Thank you also to all the volunteers. You make it happen! Your patience, leadership and willingness to be flexible are what make it a success every year. All of you made it A Workshop of WONDERful!



HOW DO I GET MY NEWSLETTER?

This is the first newsletter that we are distributing almost exclusively by electronic means. There are a few printed copies available in the Church Lobby underneath the TV monitor. However, we want people to know that we will gladly mail copies to those people who are unable to receive an electronic newsletter. We simply need to know who they are. If you are reading this article then you probably have electronic access. We are asking for your help in identifying those people who do not. Help us find out who the folks are that still need to receive a paper copy. Call the church office and tell Tracey of folks you know who need this extra care.



This Sunday,
August 3rd
Communion will be
served in the 8:30 a.m.
and the 11:00 a.m.
service. No Communion
will be served at
9:45 a.m.



Needlers

We have decided to suspend meeting until Fall when we will consider starting again making plans for next year.

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers—August 3

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
 Young Disciples Lesson-8:30a.m.-Kristen Henry
 Young Disciples Lesson-11:00a.m.-Kristen Henry
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Kristen & Julia Henry
 Counters-Sheree Buttler & Jami Warkentin

Sunday Volunteers—August 10

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
 Young Disciples Lesson-8:30a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Young Disciples Lesson-11:00a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Debbie & Marty
 Counters-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

Please Keep In Prayer

Ruth Weaver, Donna Woodruff, Destinee Tackett, Sylvia Johnson, Martha Scudder, Virginia Vice, Marilyn Peil, Unspoken requests, Darryl Muse, Tristan Schwartz, Jim Wilson, Whitney Roberts, June Shreffler, Billie Schmidt, Irene Stogsdill, Owen Johnston, SSUMC, Lance Day, Susan Edwards, Ryan Bulmer, April Camp, Raymond Mason, Norma Coble, Emillio, Mrs. Frank Dudek, Kason Tabor, Maury Ward, Bill Gifford, Alexander Family, Beverly Rousey, Steve Silver, Marsha Smith, Bob McFall

Acknowledgements

Thank You...

Our heartfelt thank you to all the ladies who provided the delicious lunch for our family prior to the memorial service for June.

The Family of June Horn

Dear Sand Springs UMC,

Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers and visits during my shoulder surgery and long term recovery. Guess what? They worked! My church family has always been a blessing to me. Thank you once again for your love and support.

*With Christ's Love,
 Louise Read*

PS: And the delicious food!



The Awakening

The Awakening exists to...

"Teach students to genuinely honor Christ through service, reaching out to those around them, and building up a community based on love for one another"

Upcoming Events

August 16th – Float Trip

August 20th – Vision Night

Update

I pray that you are doing well. It is hard to believe that August is here and school will be back in full swing in just a few short weeks.

Summer was a great success. The students who went to camp and the mission trip were definitely impacted in the way that they live. It is always encouraging to see students encountering God and letting Him change them.

Before school kicks back in, we will be taking the students on a Float Trip on the Illinois River. The date for that is August 16th, and we will be going to Eagle Bluff in Tahlequah. This is a great opportunity for the students to bring friends and have a fun day floating on the river. We will meet at the church in the morning and head out there.

The next thing we have coming up is our Vision Night. This is an awesome time for the students to come together and plan what we will try to accomplish in the next school year as a student ministry. This will be an excellent time for your students to come and gain some ownership in the ministry. I would encourage your students to come and give their insight into what they think the Lord wants to do.

Your Fellow Servant,
Mark



kidzone

VBS is was a great success!! Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered, our staff and the youth for making it a great week. We could not do it without you!

Sunday we get back to our Weird Animals series as we discover what the Bible has to teach us about the woman at the well and her encounter with Jesus.

Remember that this fall Ms. Cathy and the Kingdom Kids will be pre-

senting a musical about Jonah! We'll let you know the date as soon as we have one.



See you Sunday!

The Children's Team

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, July 30

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening Youth
6:00 p.m.-NO Chancel Ringers
7:00 p.m.-NO Chancel Choir

Thursday, July 31

No Activities

Friday, August 1

No Activities

Saturday, August 2

9:00 a.m. –Noon—Missions to Food Bank

Sunday, August 3-Communion Sunday

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship; 11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School
1:00 p.m.-Youth Mentor Group

Monday, August 4

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

Tuesday, August 5

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

Wednesday, August 6

7:30 a.m.-Men's/Women's Breakfast-Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:00 p.m.-NO Chancel Ringers
6:30 p.m.-Youth-FLC
7:00 p.m.-NO Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 7

7:00 p.m.-FLC in use

Friday, August 8

No Activities

Saturday, August 9

9:00 a.m.-Noon-Missions to Restore Hope

SAVE THESE DATES

September 6-Community Picnic
September 7-Town Hall meeting
October 12-"Arise"

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Questions about SSUMC Women?

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

Faith: Rita Randall: 918-224-8482