

The Springs



Rev. Don Tabberer



"Under God's control all the parts of the body fit together... So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love." (Ephesians 4:16)

We are a very busy congregation. Lots of things happen around here and much of it has to do with spreading the Good

News of Jesus Christ. That's a great thing to be able to say about our church. It was also really interesting to hear one of our guest speakers on Sunday, April 24th comment that she noticed how much the people in our church really care about each other and about other people. She noticed the hospitality and the open hearts that are part of our church's personality. This, coupled with the fact that I am preparing for Pentecost Sunday on May 15th, has me thinking about our church as a living organism that exists to be of service to God and God's people. When we think of Pentecost being the "birth" of the Church, it would seem that we intend to mean that the church is a living, breathing spiritual being. As a living being, the church is always in need of food to sustain it and opportunities to express its life. Each of Paul's letters was written to a specific congregation to deal with specific issues. Today we have come to understand how we can listen to Paul's words and apply those lessons to situations in our churches that Paul knew nothing about. It is the real genius of Paul – his teaching not only helped those specific churches, but also they provide us with timeless truth about how God intends the church to be for all time. One of the reasons Paul wrote his letter to the church at Ephesus is that He wanted to encourage them to live

their lives worthy of the calling they had received. He wanted to show them that those who are saved must now begin to live distinctive lives here on earth. In this letter, therefore, Paul gives very specific teaching on how we are to live our lives in the local church, in the world and in the home.

With all the projects going on in our church some might wonder how we could possibly have room for anything new. For example, how can we now add the issue of Foster Care in Oklahoma to our already full "mission plate"? Paul's letter gives us a clue: As long as we let God be in charge of everything, we will each one be able to play our individual roles and the whole body will grow and build itself up. Some projects are suited to one type of person, while other projects are suited to other types of people. Not everyone is expected to be involved in every project. Each one of us should seek out the place where we feel passion for the people of God and feel led to use our particular gifts and graces. None of us should feel the need to get involved in everything – it's too exhausting and, ultimately, ineffective. We have so many opportunities to serve because we have so many diverse gifts to offer and people who celebrate their particular passion for ministry by bringing ideas to the table. Hooray for the diversity! At our last Church Council meeting we left an "empty" chair at the head of the table. This chair was reserved for Jesus; it was placed as a reminder that Jesus must be in charge of our meeting and we must look to his leadership. I encourage you now – every committee meeting, every Sunday school class, and every organization in the church – Please set an "empty" chair at your table and reserve it for Jesus. Do nothing until you first seek to know what Jesus has in mind.

Watching the empty chair,
Pastor Don



KidZone

We have been learning about Elijah and his showdown with King Ahab and the 450 prophets of Baal.

The prophets of Baal called to Baal for hours and no answer came. Elijah prayed to God and God answered immediately! We know that God listens to us—God hears our voices and God hears our hearts. Be sure to come this Sunday as we will be making gifts for our moms. The following week we will learn about Jonah and his encounter with the whale and how God watched over him. Have a great week in school and see you next Sunday.



the devotion and Barbara Fisher has the program.

- May 9th (Monday) is the Graduation Breakfast for the Margaret Hudson Seniors. Circles, bring your food by 9:00. We have 13 seniors this year. We will need at least 2 people from each circle to help serve, hold babies, and clean-up. We are expecting over 40 guests. Thanks.
- Mission U at OCU is July 22-25. Mark your calendar.

Also, a big THANK You goes out to Karen Wilder for all of her work on the Herbal Affair. Thanks to all those that helped with that event or donated.

We are still working on flowers at the FLC. Call Trish for schedule. Let her know when you can work sales May 16-28th.

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.



UMW News

- UMW Executive Meeting is May 5th at 5:30 pm in the CIA/Pathfinders Classroom.

The Circles have different meeting dates this month.

- Faith is having a Ladies Night Out on May 19th at 6:30 at Ron's Hamburgers.
- Priscilla's meeting is May 3 at Betty Smith's- 7:00, Robin Coney is the speaker. It was rescheduled last month because of storms.
- Ruth Esther is May 26, 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Charlene Reeves is hostess, JoAnn Nelson has

Help Wanted

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

PRAY FOR AMERICA

"In His Name the nations will put their hope."
Matthew 12:21

Thursday, May 5
12:00 p.m.
Case Community Center
\$10 at the door for lunch
Commit2pray.com

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers—May 8

Visitors Center & Coffee-CIA/Pathfinders

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.-Kat Katzung

Counters-Diana Pond & Jack Vest

Sunday Volunteers—May 15

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Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Jo Fritts

Counters-Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder

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 Rog-
ers, SSUMC & Unspoken Requests

Acknowledgements



HELP!

Did you get a key to
the church for an
event you hosted?
Did you forget to re-
turn it?

We know it is easy to forget something like a
key so hopefully, this will jog your memory.

We need front door keys!

Can you help?

8:30 a.m. Worship Songs –May 8

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Forever Reign

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

Glory In The Highest

Jesus Son of God

Hear Us From heaven

Congratulations to ALL Seniors...

We are so proud of all
the seniors-High School
and College. You have
worked hard, time has
flown by, and you are
graduating now. We
pray the journey you
are starting is filled with successes!!

Sand Springs UMC



Here is some of your **2016 Youth Dinner Schedule**

5/4-SIA

5/11-Priscilla Circle

5/18-Noah/Searchers

5/25-Harmony



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SAND SPRINGS UMC

Tuesday, May 3

5:30pm-Cub Scouts-FLC
7:00pm-Pricilla Circle-Home of Betty S.
7:00pm-Praise Team
7:00pm-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, May 4

7:30am-Men's/Women's Breakfast-Crescent Café
6:30pm-The Awakening Youth-FLC
7:00pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 5

12:00pm-Pray For America-Case Community Ctr.—\$10 for lunch
5:30pm-UMW Executive Meeting-Parlor
*7:00pm-Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, May 5

*FLC is in use

Saturday, May 7

*FLC is in use

Sunday, May 8 ~ Happy Mother's Day!

8:30am-Contemporary Worship

9:45am-Communion Service

10:00am-Sunday School

11:00am-Traditional Worship

Monday, May 9

9:30am-Margaret Hudson Graduation Breakfast-F. Hall
7:00pm-Boy Scouts-Family Life Center

Tuesday, May 10

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

Wednesday, May 11

7:30am-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café
6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth-FLC
7:00pm-Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 12

6:00pm-Worship Committee Meeting-Parlor
*7:00pm-Collins Karate-FLC

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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