

The Springs



Rev. Don Tabberer



FROM THE PASTOR
"You are all God's children through faith in Christ Jesus. All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew

nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26-28, CEB)

John Wesley wrote: "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences."

I can't help but think of these two quotes as I ponder the current political and social climate in our country. I remember a time when politics meant debate on differences of opinion and respect for the ideas of others. Politics is the basis for democracy; it is how we recognize that our country consists of different groups with differing interests and opinions. Through political discourse we find ways to balance or compromise within this diversity, at least the majority of the time. We agree that people will not always get everything they want and that negotiation can be messy. We recognize that some issues may never be "settled", but we keep working at it. Politics is the alternative to "dictatorship" and I think we can agree it is the better of the two systems.

Politics deals with issues that affect the common good of the people. It involves conversation that forces us to learn about each other and think about how issues affect everyone. We often disagreed on the approach to a particular issue, but we could always agree on the truth of the issue. With a shared truth, we could work toward compromise to seek solutions. It seems, however, that we no longer have a shared truth in America.

In recent years we have seen the rise of groups of people who do not want to agree that other groups deserve to be heard. They suffer from a sort of "political narcissism" that will not accept the legitimacy of other opinions and seeks total victory for their side

with the thought of compromise as far away as the moon. This has blocked the legislative process because neither side will listen to the other. It has caused distrust among the people and forced them to shout even louder against "the system." It has given birth to demagogues and threatens to undermine the system it claims to be fighting for.

Sadly, this is not a political party problem; it's not even an exclusively American problem; around the world we are watching as political systems do less and less out of fear they will lose elections and people who are more and more angry at their leaders for doing so little. All of this, I believe, is because we have stopped respecting one another as human beings, created and loved by the same God. Instead of listening and finding ways to work together, we shout insults and perpetuate lies in order to gain or retain power over others. The "common good" is no longer in our vocabulary and "me" is the most important word we know.

Like many of you, I am frustrated by the way our political process seems to have paralyzed our country on so many fronts. I also realize that there are many differences of opinion as to how we should move forward. The answer to our problem is politics. That is, the answer can be found in the respectful conversations we have, seeking to identify problems and solutions that are best for the common good. It means not giving in to special interests or to the loudest voice. Politics is hard work that requires respect, humility, and compassion. It requires us to consider the needs and hopes and dreams of all people, not just what benefits "me." It requires love. "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?" Wesley makes a good point here that may save relationships and families that are being torn apart by political division. We need to supplant rancor with love and find ways to get along instead of tearing each other apart based on selfish principles. Life is too short and people are too important for us to be sucked into the vortex that we encounter in this election cycle.

Seeking compromise,
Pastor Don



UMW News
Circle Meetings in
October

Faith: Oct. 27th, 7:00 pm in Parlor. Leesa Hairgrove in charge.

Priscilla: Oct. 25 – 7:00 at Kristen Henry's.

Refreshments – Jami Warkentin, Program – Jo Fritts.

Ruth Esther: Oct. 27, 1:00 in FH. Refreshments – Morene Baker, Devotion/Program – Charlene Reeves/Wava Burt.

All women are welcome just pick the time that works for you.

KidZone



What an awesome job you did on making items for our Operation Christmas Child fund raiser on Sunday, November 6th. Next Sunday we will be working on some more items for our fund raiser. We are all getting excited about packing the shoeboxes. We will be packing our shoeboxes during Kidzone on Sunday, November 13th. Have a great Fall break and see you on Sunday!

Miss Debbie and Miss Marty

Estate Sale

There will be an estate sale at Imogene Butts' house on Saturday, October 22nd from 10 a.m. to 12noon for our church members only. (1044 N. Douglas)

June Wilborn



It's time to buy candy and start thinking about decorating your car trunk for Trunk-or-Treat on October 31. This is a local mission project for

our church and provides a safe place for kids (and parents) to enjoy Halloween. Trunk decorations don't need to be elaborate, just use what you have. The kids are probably more interested in the candy anyway. If you can have your trunk in the church parking lot by 5:30 that will be great, or just get there as soon as you can. We will stay until we run out of candy or kids, whichever comes first. If you have questions, please get in touch with Kristen Henry or Karen Wilder.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for Lunch

Please remember, push the door bell button before using your key. The front door is unlocked with the key but magnet locked for us to buzz you in. If you use your key, you will not be able to get in as it will actually lock the door. If no one clicks you in, go ahead and use your key.



Thank you to everyone who attend **Mission Stitch** and to those who haven't been able to attend. You did a great job with the baby hats!! They have all been turned over to Olivia Tackett who will deliver them to the nursery at St. Francis Hospital. They sure are cute, aren't they?

Next Meeting: This Wednesday, October 19 at 2 p.m.-Parlor

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers—October 23

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony
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.-Katherine Reeves
Counters-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

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Teaching: Jami Warkentin
Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Lisa & Caleb Massey
Counters-Diana Pond & Jack Vest

November Coffee: Discovery

December Coffee: TNT

Please Keep In Prayer



Martha Scudder, Linda Tabberer, Charlene Reeves, Elsie Jones, Bob & Cathy Hula, BW Proft, Bill & Clare Caldwell, Darryl Muse, Jack & Jewell Brown, Owen Johnston, Tristan Schwartz, Delbert Sloan, Mark Hill, Pauline Hanigar, Glenda Paul-Reyna, Barbara McClintock, Monti Box, SSUMC & Unspoken Requests

Acknowledgements

Dear Church Family,

I can't tell you how wonderful it has been to know that you are praying for me right now. I feel the prayers and I see the love that comes with every card, every phone call, and every visit. Thank you so much for caring for me like this. While I spent five weeks away from home, in the hospital and then in rehab, you also took care of Don and took a real load off my mind. It is overwhelming to feel your support and love during this time of real challenge for us. Thank you for the many meals you have brought for us. Thank you for your encouraging words. We still have a long road ahead of us and we are confident that you will be walking with us down that road. Thanks for understanding schedule changes and last minute adjustments. Thank you for being the loving church that allows us to do what we need to do. We both pray great blessings for you and for the church. Keep praying for us and we will do likewise.

Finding strength,
Linda Tabberer

Dear Church Family,

Jim and I want to thank the Sunday School Classes for the kind and loving support. I am sad that I am in a situation that warrants this support. I am very thankful and appreciative for this will lessen some of our worries.

Our journey so far, I believe, has been easy compared to what is to come. I have mostly good days however, I'm fatigued most days; some worse than others.

We head to MDA October 12 for another clinical treatment. Only one more in November. The surgery is set for January 3rd. We will stay in Houston to eliminate a lot of travel. We will have follow-up visits a week out and we want to stay close in case I need some medical care.

Thank you so much for your thoughts and kind and loving support. It is so much appreciated!

Sue & Jim Shaw

Here is some of your 2016 Children's Church Schedule

10/23-Katherine Reeves
10/30-Lisa & Caleb Massey
11/6-Kat Katzung
11/13-Jo Fritts
11/20-Debbie Schmidt

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SAND SPRINGS UMC

Monday, October 17

7:00pm-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, October 18

5:30pm-Cub Scouts-FLC

5:45pm-Y4Y-Sanctuary

7:00pm-Praise Team

7:00pm-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, October 19

7:30am-Mens Breakfast-Crescent Café

2:00pm-Mission Stitch-Parlor

6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth

7:00pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm-Thanksgiving Delivery Meeting

Thursday, October 20

6:30pm-Nominations Meeting

*7:00pm-Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, October 21

*4:00pm-Adventures In Learning-F. Hall

Saturday, October 22

No Activities

Sunday, October 23

8:30am-Contemporary Worship

9:45am-Communion Service

10:00am-Sunday School

11:00am-Traditional Worship

Monday, October 24

5:30pm-Community Dinner-F. Hall

7:00pm-Boy Scouts-Family Life Center

Tuesday, October 25

5:30pm-Cub Scouts-FLC

5:45pm-Y4Y-Sanctuary

7:00pm-Praise Team Rehearsal

7:00pm-Praise Team-Home of Kristen H.

7:00pm-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, October 26

7:30am-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café

6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth

7:00pm-Chancel Choir

*FLC-Family Life Center
*-Not sponsored by
SSUMC but welcome*

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

Help Wanted

We are seeking a Nursery Coordinator to start immediately.
Please contact the church office if you are interested.

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