

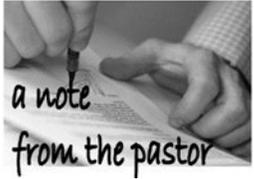
Sand Springs United Methodist Church

The Springs



October 8, 2014

Rev. Don Tabberer



“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.”

(Isaiah 60:1)

“ARISE!” It is a word that Jesus often used when healing the sick. It is a

word Isaiah used to call the nation of Israel back to God. It is a word that describes the action of getting up as an imperative that seems to me a call to action. “ARISE!” – it is the word we are using to describe and kick-off a process of church re-focus that had its beginning many months ago.

Over the past several months leaders in our church have been working to find the best ways to reach more people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. These leaders have spent many hours in meetings, workshops, and seminars trying to learn better ways of sharing the gospel with our community. The prevailing wisdom is that the best way to share God’s Good News is by sharing the love of Jesus Christ through the mission and ministries of the church. That really is not surprising to most of us. The key is to be as effective and focused as possible with the resources we have available. The effort then has been to define our resources, define needs, and then determine the best ways to connect the two areas in ministry. We have already seen some really exciting things come out of this process. There are several things in the planning stages right now that we will be sharing with the whole church very soon. Here are some things that are already in process.

We continue to listen to the congregation and look for ways to improve both worship services so that they are welcoming and sacred. Worship is our chance to give glory to God for all that God does for us and it is a time for us to gather to nurture and pray for one another. We want every worship encounter at our church to be a place where you feel the presence of God in your life. Worship is at the center of all we do and it starts each week for us at a place where we can be open to God’s leading.

Mark Giovi, our Youth Director, has recently taken on the additional assignment of Missions Coordinator for the

church. In this role Mark will be planning and organizing mission projects big and small. Mark has taken leadership of our monthly **Helping Hands** mission that seeks to provide services to our neighbors close to the church. He is also taking leadership of our **Second Sunday** mission projects that are designed to offer anyone in our church a chance to serve, regardless of age or ability. Going forward, Mark will continue to plan the annual Youth Mission Trip and look for new ways to reach out with inter-generational mission opportunities that extend the love of Jesus Christ.

You may have heard that someone has expressed a tentative interest in purchasing our Main Campus facility. This is in the infancy stage at this point, but it is something that does hold our interest as we look to our plans to locate our ministries south of the river. We are also looking at new ways to be a visible ministry from our Family Life Center and how we can reach out to those people who live in that neighborhood. There is much to do before a plan of this magnitude can be realized, but know that we are working on it.

There are other ideas working their way through various ministry teams that are designed to help us reach more people in the name of Jesus. The thing is that we really need the entire congregation to be involved in this process if we have any hope of moving our church forward into the future God has planned for us. We need the whole church to participate in framing the vision and understanding what the vision means for us. We want everyone to be in touch with what the plans are and how we hope to accomplish them. We really covet all your prayers that we will discern God’s will and that we will have the courage to carry it out. That is what **ARISE!** is all about. This is our chance to listen for God’s leading and respond with our ideas, our hopes, our dreams, and our prayers. Please be part of the process by attending this **Sunday, October 12th at 9:30AM** as we cry out – **“Let the church *ARISE!*”**

*Praying for God’s leading,
Pastor Don*

what is \$1 a day?



or \$7 towards apportionments

A percentage of apportionment money goes to **Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries**. CJAMM consists of ministries of justice advocacy and education—restorative justice, as well as ministries of mercy.



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

Please Keep In Prayer

Sunday Lists

Acknowledgements

Ruth Weaver, Destinee Tackett, Martha Scudder, Virginia Vice, , Darryl Muse, Tristan Schwartz, Billie Schmidt, Irene Stogsdill, Owen Johnston, SSUMC, Lance Day, Mrs. Frank Dudek, Bob McFall, Paul Waldschmidt, Barnard Family, Jim McCormick, Hal Cauthron, Anderson Family, Tate Finley, Clare Caldwell, Shawn Cole, Unspoken requests

Sunday Volunteers—October 12

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Susie & Family
 Counters-Sheree Buttler & Jamil Warkentin

Sunday Volunteers—October 19

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Jami W. & Kat K.
 Counters-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

Sunday, October 12th:

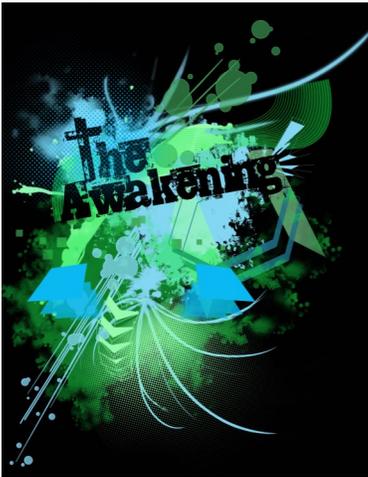
ARISE! - 9:30 a.m.—Opening
 - 10:30 a.m.—Worship
 - 12:00 N—Pot Luck Lunch
 - 1:00 p.m.—Workshop
 - 3:00 p.m.—Adjourn



TRUNK OR TREAT
 Friday, October 31
 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 4th & Main Parking Lot

Please decorate your trunk, truck, tractor... come on out and enjoy giving back to the community. You will be offering a safe and fun place for kids in the area to trick or treat.

If you can't make it, WE NEED CANDY!!!! We need lots and lots and lots of candy for this event. There are boxes in the Narthex where you can drop it off. Your participation in this event has made it a success for many years-and many more to come!



The Awakening

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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

October 12th – Arise Sunday

October 18th – Bowling at Andy B’s

October 31st – Trunk or Treat

Update

I hope that you are doing well and enjoying the fall weather and having a great week!

Just a reminder that next Sunday is our Arise Sunday. It is our chance as a church to look at our vision and mission and decide how we go about accomplishing those things. The day will start at 9:30 and go until 3. I would love the students to be involved in the process as best as you can. Even if you cannot come the whole day, come for as much as you can.

The next event coming up is on October 18th. We will be going bowling at Andy B’s in Tulsa. We will be meeting at the Family Life Center at 4, going bowling, eating dinner, and then returning. This is our second outreach event and a great opportunity for your students to come, invite their friends, and have a good time together.

The last event this month will be Trunk or Treat. I would love the students to be involved and we will be done early enough to make sure we can all make it to the football game in time that night.

Please continue to join me in prayer for our church, our student ministry, and that we can accomplish what God wants us to accomplish the way He wants us to.

Your Fellow Servant,
Mark



KidZone...

Didn't the children do an awesome job with on their musical on Sept. 28th, The Big Fish! Thank you to Ms. Cathy, Ms. Marty and Ms. Debbie for their leadership on Children's Sabbath.

We also want to congratulate the 3rd graders and one 4th grader who received Bibles on the 28th: Alesha Castille, Hannah Hendon, Hallye Warkentin, Gracey Kate Massey, Gracie Blair, Jasmyn Smith, Chandler Baze, Hayden Baze, and Adrian Jacob.

We continue lessons on Jesus and disciples and how they helped and served others. These lessons teach that even when you don't understand, Jesus loves you. The next lesson will be on Ananias & Saul, even when you are afraid, Jesus loves you.

Save these dates for November:

On Saturday, Nov. 8th from 10am–12pm, children will be making BBQ Sauce and other items for our Operation Christmas Child fundraiser.

Sunday, Nov. 9th, will be our annual Operation Christmas Child Fundraiser.

Join us on Saturday, Nov 15th from 10am–12pm for our annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox packing party at the FLC. All church members are welcome to join us.

See you Sunday!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FLC-Family Life Center
***Un-sponsored Event**

Wednesday, October 8

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Bible Study
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening Youth
6:30 p.m.-Chancel Ringers
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 9

6:00 p.m.-Last Women's Bible Study-Home of Janna C.
6:00 p.m.-Staff Parish Meeting
*6:30 p.m.-FLC Yard in use
*7:00 p.m.-Karate-FLC
*Football Dinner-FLC

Friday, October 10

No Activities

Saturday, October 11

7:00 a.m.-Helping Hands
*FLC in use

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:30 a.m.—Opening
10:30 a.m.—Worship
12:00 N—Pot Luck Lunch
1:00 p.m.—Workshop
3:00 p.m.—Adjourn

Monday, October 13

6:15 p.m.-2nd Monday Book Club
6:30 p.m.-Bible Study
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, October 14

10:00 a.m.-Intercessory Prayer-Parlor
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts-FLC
7:00 p.m.-Praise Team
7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, October 15

*7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast
10:00 a.m.-Bible Study
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers
6:30 p.m.-Youth-FLC
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers

NOTE: There will be someone in the Fellowship Hall Sunday at 8:00 a.m. to take potluck lunch dishes.

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

CLOSED 12-1 p.m.

The offices are now
closed on Friday.

Return Service Requested

Questions about SSUMC Women?

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