

Sand Springs United Methodist Church

April 16, 2018

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CHURCH

SSUMC Mission Statement

Love God.

Love Others.

Change the World.

Rev. Don Tabberer



"So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread

and the prayers." (Acts 2:41-42)

The stories of the early church, as told in the Book of Acts, have inspired countless churches over the last two hundred years. (In fact, there is a United Methodist church in Edmond, OK called "Acts 2"; Acts 2:42 is inscribed on their cornerstone as the inspiration for their congregation.) We see in these stories how a fledgling group of Jesus followers stood against an occupying army and staunch resistance from their own religious leaders to build something new. Their something new paved the way for more and more Jesus people to keep going with the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

We are standing at the edge of a new thing much like those First Century believers. We don't face an occupying army, but we do face resistance from a variety of circumstances and temptations in the world today. We have a message people need to hear, but they are often not ready to hear it. Our challenge is to discover new ways to reach today's unchurched and de-churched people.

There was a time in the past when churches were built, and they opened their doors, expecting – and realizing – people coming through those doors. The *"if you build it, they will come"* model for church growth was very popular and successful up until the 1970's. Over these past forty years, mainline churches, like the UMC, have found that this model is no longer effective, and the results have been declines in membership and mission. We have learned some very hard lessons in those years that have challenged the way we think about church and how we act as congregations. We stand at a crossroads where we can either embrace a new thing or nurse our churches to death. I prefer that we embrace the new thing and ensure the future of United Methodism and this United Methodist congregation.

On April 9th, we invited the entire church to come hear about the work of our Mission Strategy Team and their plans for the future of the Family Life Center. We discussed how we

need to become **"One church in Two locations."** We recognize that much has changed since the original plans for the church to build in Prattville and move everything to that property. The economy is very different today from what it was and there is no market for our existing property on Main. We also realize that we have a wonderful facility that is being under-utilized for "church-related" purposes. The majority of activity at the FLC is conducted by groups with no connection to our church. We believe this situation needs to be corrected.

With that in mind, we plan to move forward with establishing a stronger and more visible presence at the FLC, to include fellowship and worship events aimed at reaching out to the unchurched and the de-churched in our community. At the same time, we will be looking for ways to strengthen the ministries currently in place at our Main Campus. The idea is to allow both locations to thrive, benefitting the entire congregation and the Sand Springs community.

All of this means that we must change our view of how we "do church," with the understanding that people outside of our little group are not as familiar with, nor accepting of, our traditional ways of being the church. Our South Campus will be very different from the Main Campus. We will be giving it a new name that reflects its difference. We will be connecting with our neighbors through fellowship events that may not have any "spiritual" element. We will be offering worship that looks nothing like what we are doing at the Main Campus. We will be asking you to volunteer to help us in ways that may be inconvenient or uncomfortable at first. But first, we are asking you to PRAY. Ask God to lead us and to help us keep God's will at the top of our priority list. Pray that God will bless our efforts and that God will always be invited to our meetings and our events. Pray that SSUMC will be a light on the hill, drawing people to Jesus and helping them to hear the Good News. Pray continually for our church and the new thing we believe God is calling us into. Pray for the Sand Springs community, that God will inspire a spiritual revival in every church and in every heart. Amen.

Pastor Don



Hey Kids-

It was great to see all of you yesterday. We started our lessons on "Doubting Thomas".

We watched a video and learned that Thomas, one of Jesus's disciples would not believe

Jesus was alive until he could see Him in person. We talked about even though we have not seen Jesus, we believe in Him and He is always with us. Jesus helps us to have faith.

Have a great week at school and see you next Sunday!

Miss Debbie and Miss Marty



Saturday April 21, 2018

READY, SET, GO!!!

THE HERBAL AFFAIR IS THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 21. WE WILL BE PACKAGING GOODIES ON FRIDAY, APRIL 20 AT THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER FROM 10:00 A.M. UNTIL WE FINISH. [GOODIE DROP OFF AT 9:00 A.M.] ALWAYS, THE UMW APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT — WHETHER YOU ARE BAKING OR BUYING. THE MONEY RAISED GOES TO SUPPORT SEVERAL LOCAL MISSIONS INCLUDING VBS, CIRCLE OF CARE, NEW DAY CAMP AND THE YOUTH PROGRAM AND MISSION TRIP TO NAME A FEW. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW 918-241-3259. KAREN

Breakfast Served Before Herbal Affair

Come join us for biscuits and gravy on your way to Herbal Affair to benefit the missions and ministries of Sand Springs United Methodist Church.

What: Breakfast of biscuits and gravy with juice, coffee, or milk

When: Saturday, April 21st from 7:00-10:30 a.m.

Where: Sand Springs United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Fourth Friday Food Trucks and Fellowship 5-8 p.m.



Sand Springs UMC
Family Life Center
113th W. Ave. & 38th St.

Fourth Sunday Informal Worship 6 p.m.

More info at SandSpringsUMC.org

As Don wrote in his article this week, we are planning to do more at the FLC. The Mission Strategy Team discerned that two of the keys to being successful at the

FLC were "consistency" and "relationship building." As a starting point, they have planned food truck nights every fourth Friday from 5-8pm and an informal worship service the following fourth Sunday at 6pm. The plan for Friday nights is to have free desserts inside the FLC and Mission Strategy Team members available to greet and welcome people who purchase food from the food trucks. We'd like to be able to start meeting new people in a casual atmosphere, begin to build relationships, pray for/with them if they would like, and invite them to the Sunday FLC worship service that would follow a couple of days later.

The first set of these events is scheduled for Friday night, April 27th, and Sunday, April 29th. [Here is what we need from you:](#)

- Desserts – Please make or purchase a dessert and bring to the FLC any time after 4pm on Friday night (4-5:30pm is preferable).
- Buy dinner for a friend/acquaintance on Friday night – If you know someone that could use a great meal of BBQ or Greek food, invite them and, if possible, buy them dinner. Mission Strategy Team members will be there ready to welcome you.
- Invite the same friend/acquaintance to come with you to the Sunday worship service – Invite someone to come with you to the worship service at 6pm on that Sunday at the FLC. It will be very casual. There really is no need to dress up at all – come as you are. I wouldn't expect the service to last more than 45 minutes, at most.
- Prayer, prayer, prayer – As Don said, we need everyone to pray that God's will be done at each and every one of these events. As we discern that God's will is something different from what we are doing, we want to be flexible enough to change and do something different. Prayer is the key to discerning God's will.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on April 27th and 29th!!

What's Going On?

Head Ushers

8:45am-Amanda Honeycutt
11:00am-Eddie David

Children's Church

8:45am-Kingdom Kids
11:00am-Jami Warkentin
4/22-Volunteer
4/29-Kat Katzung
5/6-Communion
5/20-Debbie Schmidt
5/27-Amanda Honeycutt

Sunday Counters

4/22-Diana Pond & Jack Vest
4/29-Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder
5/6-Sondra Allen & Dick Ford
5/13-Bob Barnes & Jami Warkentin
5/20-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin
5/27-Diana Pond & Jack Vest
6/3-Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder
6/10-Sondra Allen & Dick Ford
6/17-Bob Barnes & Jami Warkentin
6/24-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

Youth Dinners, Served 6:30, Wednesdays

4/18-Seniors In Action
4/25-No Youth
5/2-Priscilla Circle
5/9-CIA/Noah/Searchers
5/16-CIA/Pathfinders
5/23-Faith Circle
5/30-TNT

Welcome Center

January & May & September-CIA/Pathfinders
February & June & October-Harmony
March & July & November-Discovery
April & August & December-TNT

Fourth Monday Community Dinner

4/23-5:30pm-Fellowship Hall
5/28-5:30pm-Fellowship Hall
6/25-5:30pm-Fellowship Hall
7/23-5:30pm-Fellowship Hall
8/27-5:30pm-Fellowship Hall
9/24-5:30pm-Fellowship Hall

All Church Mission Strategy Team Event

4/27 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-4/29-FLC-6:00pm
5/25 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-5/27-FLC-6:00pm
6/22 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-6/24-FLC-6:00pm
7/27 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-7/29-FLC-6:00pm
8/24 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-8/26-FLC-6:00pm
9/28 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-9/30-FLC-6:00pm
10/26 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-10/28-FLC-6:00pm

Prayer List

Leonard & Lodema Whisenhunt, Martha Scudder, Linda Tabberer, Charlene Reeves, June Brown, BW Proft, Sue Shaw, Keri Bostwick, Greta Green, Bob & Cathy Hula, Bill & Clare Caldwell, John & Sylvia Johnson, Jewell Brown, Barbara McClintock, Montie Box, Owen Johnston, Albert Kahl's mom & sister in law, Ruth Weaver, Angy Krebs-Warden, Joey Parrish

If someone needs to be added to the prayer list or someone was taken off too soon, please contact Tracey in the front office to update prayer list.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SAND SPRINGS UMC

Monday, April 16-Newsletter Week

10:00am-Al-Anon-Upstairs

7:00pm-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, April 17

6:00pm-Cub Scouts-FLC

7:00pm-NO Praise Team Practice

Wednesday, April 18

7:30am-Men's/Women's Breakfast-Crescent Café

1:30pm-Mission to Stitch-Parlor

5:45pm-Y4Y

6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth-FLC

7:00pm-Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, April 19

All Day-UMW-FLC Kitchen

7:00pm-*Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, April 20

9:00am-Bake Goods drop off-FLC

10:00am-Herbal Affair Prep-FLC

Saturday, April 21

UMW Bake Sale-Herbal Affair—All Day-Sand Springs Triangle

Sunday, April 22

8:45am-Contemporary Worship

9:45am-Communion Service

10:00am-Sunday School

11:00am-Traditional Worship

Monday, April 23

10:00am-Al-Anon-Upstairs

5:30pm-4th Monday Dinner-Fellowship Hall

7:00pm-Boy Scouts-Family Life Center

FLC-Family Life Center

*Not sponsored by SSUMC but welcome

Mission Strategy Team Event

April 27th, 5:00pm-Family Life Center

Bring a dessert, invite everyone and...

Come see what it's all about!!!

MST Worship Encounter

April 29th at 6:00pm-FLC

Invite everyone and...

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"Making disciples of Jesus
Christ for the transformation
of the world."