

*The Springs*



Rev. Don Tabberer



Jesus said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the

Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

What an exciting and inspiring Holy Week we had this year. The Lenten season was a challenging journey for us as we talked about many of the uncertainties we face. Easter Sunday brought face-to-face with the proof that the Resurrection really did happen and set us on another journey yet to be mapped out. That is where I hope we can focus our thoughts and effort over the next several months. We will begin next Sunday with a message that asks the question: “*After the Empty Tomb...What’s next?*” I want us to notice today that Matthew gives us Jesus’ answer to that question in the verses above.

It is clear that Jesus has left the empty tomb behind and he wants us to do the same. He wants us to step away from the miracle and realize the mission that follows it. He doesn’t want us to get stuck in the joy of Easter and fail to go forward into a broken world in need of us. In this passage, Jesus claims the authority of God and commands us to **GO-Make Disciples-Baptize-Teach**. This is not a suggestion, it is a direct order to “**GO**.”

There many ways for us to satisfy this mandate; there are lots of places to “go” and do ministry. One of those is the local church and that’s where we have the most opportunity to serve and honor God’s command. This is certainly not the first time I have discussed this topic, nor will it be the last. But, I want us to really focus on this for the coming year. To set us on the path toward this focus on “going,” **I am urging you to attend an**

**All-Church meeting on Monday, April 9 at 7:00PM in our Family Life Center.**

You may be aware that we have had a group called the Mission Strategy Team working over the past several months to gather information and research about our community. They have tried to identify who our neighbors are and what they may need. They have imagined the possibilities of how our Family Life Center might be used more effectively as a center for mission, outreach, and worship. It is a wonderful facility, but we use it largely for social functions for our own congregation and other groups. We do very little mission or “church” in this building. I do not believe that is good stewardship of the resources entrusted to us.

We have reached a point where we want the entire congregation to begin to dream and imagine the possibilities. We want to take the time to explain how the vision has changed since the building was first built. We want you to be involved and to become enthusiastic about going and making disciples, baptizing them, and teaching them about Jesus. That is the mission of the church. We must always love and care for one another within our congregation, but we must also always work toward helping new people find a relationship with Jesus.

**Looking forward,  
Pastor Don**





## Hey Kids-

What a wonderful time we all had as we celebrated Easter Breakfast together! It was fun to have your parents and grandparents join us. Thanks to Tristan and the youth for getting extra chairs and helping with the cleanup.

Have a great week-be sure and come next Sunday. We will review the events of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter.

Miss Debbie & Miss Marty

## On Your Mark, Get Set, BAKE!!!

Well folks, we're about three weeks away from the Herbal Affair. We will have a workday at the FLC on Friday, April 20 beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you can help, that will be great. If you just have something to drop off, I should be at the FLC by 9:00 a.m. As always, anything you can do is appreciated. Remember if you are trying something new this year, please let Tracey know the ingredients so she can get labels made. If you have questions, please let me know at 918-241-3259.

Thanks so much! Karen

and in second service we have a guest speaker invited for this event.

Mission to Stitch is April 18 at 1:30 in the parlor. Ruth Esther is April 26 from 1 to 3 pm in the fellowship hall. The hostess is Barbara Fisher and the devotional is Judy Bullard. Cynthia Alex has the program.

Faith Circle is April 26 at Rita Randall's house at 6:30pm.

Priscilla Circle is April 24th at the home of Betty Box. Alida Casper is the hostess.

If you have any questions, call Cynthia Alex at 918-865-3645. (Judy's phone is out of order!)

PS: Herbal Affair Package Day is April 20. Sale is April 21.

## All Church Meeting

The MISSION STRATEGY TEAM would like to encourage everyone to attend this

All Church Meeting.

They are going to report on the

Future of the Family Life Center.

**Monday, April 9**

**7:00p.m.**

**Family Life Center**

## UMW News



Happy April Birthday to Mona Warren, Freida Puckett & Gerri Holiday. Reminder!! April 15 is UMW Sunday. We would like to see all officers and chairperson at both services. Life Service Pins will be given



## *Sunday Lists*

### **Sunday Volunteers—April 8**

Visitors Center & Coffee: Discovery  
Head Usher-8:30am: Amanda Honeycutt  
Head Usher-11:00am: Eddy David  
Child. Church: 8:30am: Kingdom Kids  
Teaching: Jami Warkentin  
Children's Church: Marty David  
Counters: Bob Barnes & Jami Warkentin

### **Sunday Volunteers—April 15**

Visitors Center & Coffee: TNT  
Head Usher-8:30am: Amanda Honeycutt  
Head Usher-11:00am: Eddy David  
Child. Church-8:30am: Kingdom Kids  
Teaching: Jami Warkentin  
Children's Church: Amy Miller  
Counters: Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

## *Please Keep In Prayer*



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 so the prayer list can be updated.*



### **Youth Dinners**

4/4-TNT

4/11-Ruth Esther Circle

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

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### **Office Hours**

Monday-8:00am-4:00pm  
Tuesday-8:00am-4:00pm  
Wednesday-8:00am-4:00pm  
Thursday-8:00am-4:00pm  
Closed Friday  
Closed Saturday  
Sunday  
8:45am-Contemporary Worship  
10:00am-Sunday School  
11:00am-Traditional Worship



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SAND SPRINGS UMC

### **Monday, April 2-Offices Closed**

10:00am-Al-Anon-Upstairs

7:00pm-Boy Scouts-FLC

### **Tuesday, April 3**

6:00pm-Cub Scouts-FLC

7:00pm-NO Praise Team Practice

### **Wednesday, April 4**

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

4:30pm-Kappa Kappa Iota-F. Hall

5:45pm-Y4Y

6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth-FLC

7:00pm-Chancel Choir Practice

### **Thursday, April 5**

UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat-Cross Point Camp-Kinston, OK

7:00pm-\*Collins Karate-FLC

### **Friday, April 6**

UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat-Cross Point Camp-Kinston, OK

### **Saturday, April 7**

UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat-Cross Point Camp-Kinston, OK

12:00pm-\*FLC in use

SIA to Pawnee-Contact Max and Sharon Schuermann

### **Sunday, April 8**

UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat-Cross Point Camp-Kinston, OK

8:45am-Contemporary Worship

9:45am-Communion Service

10:00am-Sunday School

11:00am-Traditional Worship

1:30pm-Finance Committee Meeting

2:30pm-Church Council Meeting

### **Monday, April 9**

10:00am-Al-Anon-Upstairs

**7:00pm-All Church Meeting-FLC**

7:00pm-NO Boy Scouts-Family Life Center

**Meeting** is April 15 at 2:30pm

*FLC-Family Life Center*

*\*-Not sponsored by SSUMC but welcome*

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