



The United Methodist News

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Serving God Our Second 100 Years

Sunday School
9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship
10:30 A.M.



*O give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good! For His
mercy endures forever.*

Psalm 118:1
NKJV

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

It is hard to imagine, but the summer season is quickly coming to a close. Soon, students and teachers alike will be returning to the classroom and parents will be giving a sigh of relief. During the past few months, we have sent over twenty children and youth to camp, co-sponsored Vacation Bible School with an average daily attendance of 120 children, and held two adult studies on Methodism and the current study on how the Scripture was canonized. And when many churches see low summer attendance and offerings, this congregation has remained strong.

With the return to school, the church also is making plans for new and renewed ministries. As previously announced by the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Kim Hardaway will begin her ministry as Director of Children & Youth on August 1st. Kim has already begun making plans for LOGOS, Sunday Night Youth group, and other events and opportunities. Youth will kick-off on Sunday, August 5th with a cook-out and volleyball game. More information will be given as that day approaches.

Additionally, new adult studies will begin, although not all details have been completed. Leaders are currently being recruited to teach the *Growing Children God's Way* study. Some of you participated in that group a few years ago and have spoken highly of it. We are hoping to have two studies running, one for parents of younger children and another for those with teenagers.

Another study that I am putting together will be based on the small-group process of Grief Share. This study is designed for those who have experienced loss and changes in life. It utilizes videos and discussion as a means for healing and support.

A possibility for a second study is the Invitation to the Old Testament. Several of you participated in the New Testament study about a year ago and are familiar with the format. It too is video and discussion based. Again times and start dates for all of these are still being worked out, but we anticipate them starting soon after the school year or after Labor Day at the latest. If you have any other suggestions or ideas for topics that you would be interested in, please see either myself or Susan

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REV. GREGORY J. TENER



Mixon, who is the Christian Education chairperson.

As we prepare to begin a new school year and a new season of study in the church, I offer this prayer for students from the United Methodist Book of Worship.

"At the beginning of a new school year, O God of wisdom, we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder.

We pray for teachers, students, and staff that this year might be rewarding for all.

Be with us as we face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of failure, the expectations of parents, friends, and self.

In our learning and our teaching, may we grow in service to others and in love for your world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen."

Grace and peace,

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE!

Be sure and save your aluminum cans. When you bring your aluminum cans to the church, Phil and Genny Dorsey sell them and match the amount they get with their own money. That makes the cans worth twice as much to buy food for the needy.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report For June 2007

2007 Average Attendance Figures for June: 149

2007 Budget Requirements: \$317,292.00

Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,294.00

Needed through June: \$157,350.00

June Receipts: \$33,437.88

June Expenditures: \$36,187.83

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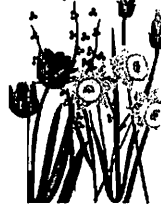
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Sunday School 9:30 — Morning Worship 10:30

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| Bishop | Robert E. Hayes |
| District Superintendent | Sanford (Sandy) Wylie |
| Pastor | Gregory J. Tener |
| Youth & Children's Director | Kim Hardaway |
| Music Director | Steve Clark |
| Church Secretary | Brenda Ferguson |
| Lead Nursery Attendant | Jayla Craig |
| Organist | Wendy Kelly |
| Custodian and Door Opener | Robin Morrison |

District web page address: www.gb-gm-umc.org/mc-dist/

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WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Sunday Worship Bulletin, 10 a.m. each Thursday

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

In order to provide an informative newsletter, information must be turned in by the **third Friday of every month** so the newsletter can be prepared and delivered by the first of the month. Thank you.

• **SUNDAY** •

Methodist Youth Fellowship, 5:00 p.m.

• **MONDAY – FRIDAY** •

Christian Preschool, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

• **MONDAY** •

Boy Scouts, 7:00 p.m., CFLC

• **TUESDAY** •

Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m., CFLC

• **WEDNESDAY** •

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

- 5 MYF Cookout, Volleyball and Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 9 Silver Bullets Trip to Rogers
- 11 United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m.
- 12 Promotion Sunday
- 18 St. Yootz Day for Youth, Okla. City
- 22 LOGOS Volunteer Training
- 23 Church Council Meeting, Aldersgate Rm, 5:15 p.m.
- 26 LOGOS Parents Meeting

Pictorial Directory Photography Dates will be
Sept. 4, 5 & 10

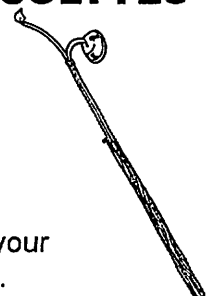
MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- Aug. 5 Curtis and Dorothy James
- Aug. 12 Aaron and Betty Ridenour
- Aug. 19 Paul and Sue Stottsberry
- Aug. 26 Jim and Ruth Ann DeCamp



MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

- July 29 Connor Wheat
- Aug. 5 Maci McMillin
- Aug. 12 Haven Perry
- Aug. 19 Kade McMillin
- Aug. 26 Taylor Darneal



Thank you boys and girls for your important part in our worship service.



Youth and Children's News

Kim Hardaway, Youth and Children's Director

For more information about any activity, please call 647-2217 (office).

Thank you for entrusting me with this ministry. I am honored and excited to be a part of it. With all of us working together, I know we will enable our children and youth to experience God's love in their lives.

Kim

Upcoming MYF:

Unless otherwise stated all events will be held at 5 p.m. with all ages together.

Aug. 5: Volleyball, cookout and meeting. This is a time for us to share together in fun but also to share our hopes, dreams and expectations for MYF.

Aug. 12: Topic study - "Making MYF Our Own - Razing"

Aug. 18: St. Yootz Day, Okla. City (details to be announced)

Aug. 19: Topic study - "Making MYF Our Own - Recreating"

Aug. 26: Topic study - "Making MYF Our Own - Implementing"

Promotion Sunday

Promotion Sunday will be August 12. During worship students will be promoted, teachers will be recognized, and third and sixth graders will receive special literature.

LOGOS

LOGOS organization and information will be coming together in the month of August so expect phone calls, conversations, and/or mailings to know what's happening in this ministry.

Here are some dates to get on your calendars.

August 22: LOGOS Volunteer Training. This is for volunteers involved in the past (who plan to still be involved) and those who are new. Time to be announced.

August 26: 9:15 a.m. (or August 29: 7:00 p.m.) LOGOS Parent Meetings. You need only to come to one meeting, but the program requires parents to attend one meeting. Look forward to an enlightening time.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men meet the second Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. for breakfast and a program in the CFLC. All men of the church are invited to attend this enjoyable activity.

Silver Bullets Travel Club

Join the "Silver Bullets" (Shootin' for More Fun in Life) Travel Club! We are making plans for entertaining trips as a group.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9 - Norman Rockwell in the 1940s: A View of the American Homefront at Rogers Historical Museum.

This traveling exhibition from the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, is composed of 40 popular Saturday Evening Post covers such as Rosie the Riveter and The Four Freedoms - the cornerstone of Rockwell's war years work. Exhibit augmented with items relating to WWII homefront activities in Benton County.

Admission: FREE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - Mount Magazine State Park.

Enjoy fine dining in the Skycrest Restaurant, with a spectacular view of the Petit Jean River Valley, Blue Mountain Lake, and Ouachita Mountains. Tall timbers and an impressive two-story chimney over a huge fireplace reflect a "parkitecture" style of a previous era.

Admission: FREE - Pay for dinner individually.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 - Queen Wilhelmina State Park.

Take the Talimena Scenic Drive to the Park through the Ouachita Mountains. A spectacular mountaintop setting, breathtaking panoramic scenery; Queen Wilhelmina State Park is this and more. The park's crowning attraction is the lodge, with a tradition born with the original "Castle in the Sky" that graced this same locale high above the Ouachita Mountains over 100 years ago. Southern fare is served in the Queen's Restaurant. There is also a treasure-filled gift shop.

Admission: FREE - Pay for dinner individually.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 - Christmas Lights Tour, Honor Heights Park, Muskogee.

The Garden of Lights Festival runs from Thanksgiving Day through New Year's Day, nights only. This evening winter celebration includes a drive-through display of more than 1.2 million shimmering lights strung so that they enhance the natural beauty of the park's gardens, waterfalls and ponds.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Admission: By Carload

Call for more information about any of the trips.



Correspondence



Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for the many birthday cards and well wishes I received at the "SURPRISE" party. It is great to be a part of such a kind and caring congregation. I feel truly blessed!

Love,
Judy D. Tener

To Our Church Friends:

Thank you for everyone's prayers, cards, calls, thoughts, and concerns for Susan Norgeot. Susan was hospitalized for 31 days, but is now on the road to recovery. Thank you so much for caring.

The Owens and Norgeot Families

Time for a New Pictorial Directory

We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. It has been a long time since our last directory, and many families have grown since then. The directory will help us to connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional photographer at the church. For the next several weeks, we will be making appointments before and after services and meetings at the church. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 Custom Natural Portrait.

- You will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing.

- The program is available at no cost to the church budget.

- You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time, with no pressure to do so.

- If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits come with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.

- Whether you decide to dress formal or casual, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

The scheduled dates for photography and portrait viewing are Sept. 4, 5 and 10.

If you have questions, please contact Tami Matos, Directory Coordinator, 647-9071, or the church office at 647-2217.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory. It just won't be complete without you!

August Birthdays

- 2 Vernon Roberts
- 4 Josie Garrett
- 5 James Fruen, Jr. and Tanya Brown
- 8 Gary Brown, Sr., Bob Bullock, Margaret Nichols
- 10 Keith Wright
- 12 Patty Wright and William Slater
- 14 Lloyd Lee
- 15 Genny Dorsey and Clint Lawrence
- 16 Chris Neurohr and Shirley James
- 17 Christie Williams
- 18 Nancy Shore and Alex Baker
- 19 Jake Thompson
- 20 Matt Stoughton and Kyle Hardaway
- 21 Mallory Mixon
- 23 Haven Perry
- 26 Gary Blackshare
- 27 Ryan Clayburn, Virginia Kidd, and Janet DeSpain
- 28 Kimberly Hardaway, Peggy Gartner, and Dula Baker
- 29 Gerry Roberts
- 30 Gary Smith



August Anniversaries

- 4 Steve and Nancy Clark
Lloyd and Dana Lee
- 5 Jerry and Carol Baker
- 8 Jim and Jayla Craig
- 12 David and Patty Redhage
- 13 Jim and Judy Hall
- 14 Warren and Roxanna Moore
- 19 Shannon and Amy Stubbs
- 27 Ken and Susan Hammond
- 29 Jack and Virginia Stanley



On the Prayer List

PRAYER



CONCERNS

Following are the prayer requests listed in the worship bulletin on Sunday, July 22: Grayson Bradshaw, Ken Hammond, Mark and Edie McMillin's parents, Lois Robison, Jan Graham, Lonnie Cauthron, Ruby Anderson, Mike Anderson and family, Chris Clark, Sickman family, Gerald Aaron, Betty Wilcox, Becky Winter, Marcus Brown, Don Hutton, Warren Moore, Christopher Gray, Marsha Klose, Susannah Smith, Kadie Dukes, Chad Barrett, Sharon Wiles, Troy Talley and family, Tina Burton, Breanne Ballew.