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Serving God Our Second 100 Years

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



*The Lord is my strength
 and song, and He has
 become my salvation; He
 is my God, and I will
 praise Him; my father's
 God, and I will exalt Him.*

Exodus 15:1-2
 NKJV

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

"Summertime, and the living is easy...." is the opening line of a classic song by George and Ira Gershwin. The composer and lyricist imply that there's not much to do during this time of year except sit back, catch a few fish, and watch the cotton grow. That is a reality that this congregation hasn't bought into yet. Already we have had a successful Vacation Bible School. There were well over 115 participating every day. Many of our adults and youth provided needed leadership. Most importantly, we worked alongside the Christian and Presbyterian churches as an example of what people of faith can do when we come together. I want to extend my appreciation to all who helped make VBS successful again this year.

Since school has ended for the summer, we have already sent one group of campers to Camp Egan and other groups will follow. This is an important ministry of the church and of our denomination. Many important decisions about faith and life are made in the setting of camp.

During the months of July and August, the scriptures and sermons will consider the fruit of the Spirit that Paul names in Galatians 5,22-23, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things." Paul implies that the church is always bearing fruit and so the question becomes what kind of fruit are we bearing? And how might the fruit of the Spirit be cultivated in our lives?

As we continue into the "easy" time of summer, I offer you these words from the English poet F.W. Harvey (1888-1957).

"God of bright colours: rainbows, peacocks,
 And the shot-silk gleam of springing
 Wind-shaken wheat
 On rolling red-ribbed Earth:
 Thou Who dost bring to birth
 From out of the womb
 Of darkness golden flowers,
 Filling the hollows
 With daffodils in March,
 Cowslips in April,
 Dog-roses in May;

REV. GREGORY J. TENER



Who in the smouldering forest
 Makes the huge
 Red flare of Autumn:
 God of all the colours
 On Earth, and hues (too bright for mortal eyes)
 In Paradise-
 Unblind me to Thy Glory,
 That I may see!

Grace & peace,

Greg

On the Prayer List

PRAYER



Following are the prayer requests listed in the worship bulletin and voiced on Sunday, June 24: Grayson Bradshaw, Ken Hammond, Mark and Edie McMillin's parents, Lois Robison, Don Baetz, Jan Graham, Lonnie Cauthron, John Lawrence, Ruby Anderson, Jordan Nagy, Shirley Blackshare's mom, Ilo Shuelz, Paul Stottsberry, Mike Anderson and family, Alisa Slater, Cindy Stoughton, Chris Clark, Brice Wilson, Bailey family, Sickman family, Jack Stanley, Gerald Aaron, Jack Rose, Betty Wilcox, Marcus Brown, Don Hutton, Warren Moore, Dula Baker and family moving, Troop 30, Christopher Gray, troops.

CONCERNS

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

2007 Average Attendance Figures for May: 150
 2007 Budget Requirements: \$317,292.00
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,294.00
 Needed through May: \$132,174.00
 May Receipts: \$24,905.71
 May Expenditures: \$31,049.26

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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 •

Pastor's Class, 9:30 a.m., CFLC
 Methodist Youth Fellowship, (6th-8th) 5:00 p.m.
 Methodist Youth Fellowship, (9th-12th) 6:00 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

- 4 Office closed.
- 7 Come and Go Baby Shower for Jake and Ashley Thompson, 10 a.m. - noon, F.H.
- 8 Blue Basket Day for Warrick Kayne Quarry, 11:30 a.m., F.H.
- 14 United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m., CFLC
- 25 Jenks trip for youth and families

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- July 1 Marvin and Janet DeSpain
- July 8 Nina Sizemore and Andi Burton
- July 15 Shannon and Amy Stubbs
- July 22 Martha and Joe Renfro
- July 29 Bob and Vera Bullock



MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

- July 1 Josie Garrett
- July 8 Sam Shore
- July 15 Connor Matos
- July 22 Kendrick Hardaway
- July 29 Connor Wheat



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

Youth and Children's News

Sara Fuchs, Youth and Children's Director

For more information about any activity, please call me at 647-2217 (office) or 839-0846 (cell) or email fuchs1@windstream.net.

July Calendar

- 1 Revolution 2, Session 2: Home Sweet Home
- 8 Revolution 2, Session 3: Life and Death Decisions
- 15 No UMYF; District Camp
- 22 Revolution 2, Session 4: Dating 101
- 29 Revolution 2, Session 5: Poverty – closer than you think

Revolution 2

Join the revolution! Five sessions of Bible study revolve around five video programs with gut-level interviews with real teenagers about the issues of their lives. There will be behind the scenes interviews with musicians Bethany Dillon and Caedmon's Call, baseball stars Andy Pettitte and JD Drew and basketball star Michael Redd. There will be commercial parodies that will make you die laughing or live thinking, or both.

July Camp Dates

Tween Discovery Camp (6th graders): July 9th-13th
 Growing In Grace Camp (3rd-5th): July 11th-13th
 District Camp (7th-12th graders): July 16th-20th

Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks

On Wednesday, July 25 we will be going to the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks. This outing is for all ages and families. We will meet at the church at 8 a.m. and carpool to the aquarium and return by 5 p.m. Everyone needs to bring a sack lunch for a picnic. The cost is \$6 for children ages 3-12 and \$10 for others. It will be a great day of fun at the aquarium!

Dinner and a Movie

On Wed., July 25 we will be eating dinner together and fellowshiping together at the Drive-In. We will meet at the church at 6 p.m. and carpool to Mazzio's and the Drive-in. Everyone needs to bring money for dinner and the movie. The cost is \$20 per person.

A Note of Thanks

I want to thank the members of Poteau First United Methodist Church for their kindness, love and grace throughout my time here. I want to also say thank you for your generosity shown at the reception. I will always treasure my time here and the precious relationships that were built. I will remember all of you always. You all will be in my prayers always as I know I will be in yours. My God bless each of you!!

Sara



A Special "WaHoo" to All VBS Workers

We want to thank everyone who helped create Avalanche Ranch VBS and make it the success that it was. We averaged 117 children each day and hopefully made an impact on their Christian life. Those who helped from this church are: Cindy Darneal, Kim Hardaway, Katie Rolens, Tami Matos, Katie Shore, Robin Morrison, Tracey Gilliam, Dana Wheat, Kyle Matos, Megan Harreld, Mallory Mixon, Josh Graham, Rachel Ware, Alicia Gilliam, David Oehlschlager, Ronna Bell, Justin Barnes, Keely Redhage, Hayley Redhage, Brittany Lewis.

Also, a special "thank you" to all of those who donated items, money, or their time for VBS, who helped behind the scenes, or who have been omitted from this list.

Babs Clark and Sara Fuchs



It's A Boy!

Kaycee and Jeremy Quarry announce the birth of their son, Warrick Kayne Quarry, on May 30. He weighed 6 lbs. 15 ozs. and was 18" inches long. Warrick has a big sister, Baleigh and is the grandson of Jerry and Carol Baker.

New Church Activity for Seniors (over 50)

Join the "Silver Bullets" (Shootin' for More Fun in Life) Travel Club! We are making plans for entertaining trips as a group. Some suggestions are as follows: concerts by the Fort Smith Symphony or at UA Fort Smith; plays at the Alma Performing Arts Center, King Opera House in Van Buren, Community Theater. For outdoor activities, we might visit the Spiro Mounds, followed by a picnic at Spiro Lake or lunch/dinner at a restaurant near the lake; tour Mount Magazine, Arkansas; or take a fall color trip up Talimena Drive with lunch at Queen Wilhelmina Lodge.

The committee (co-chairs Virginia Stanley and Jane Kilgore, Bessie Moreland and Ann Vaughan), met Saturday, June 23, with several interested members. It was decided that admission fees and meals will be paid individually. We will divide the cost of gas and any toll fees by the number of people who participate. Toll fees would apply if we went to Tulsa to see the play "Oklahoma" at Discoveryland (a good centennial activity!), or to visit the Aquarium at Jenks, or to Oklahoma City to the Art Center or new History Museum. If there is enough interest, we may have overnight trips; to see the Passion Play in Eureka Springs, for example. Bus driving will be done by Joe Renfro or Ted Kilgore.

If you would like to join the group, there will be a club membership insert in the bulletin in weeks to come. We will have an activity planned for sometime in July or August. Let's get together and have FUN!!



Correspondence



A Special Thank You to First United Methodist Church of Poteau . . .

To Rev. Greg Tener for his caring and concern for this family and his inspiring message at Bill's service; To the Methodist Men for helping us as pallbearers; To the Methodist Women and Men who helped with delicious food and aid; To the entire congregation who prayed for us and with us, who visited and sent so many expressions of your love and caring.

The Bill Fox Family
Janet, Lynda, Darla, Jerald, Susie
and Nathan Fox

To the Kind People of My Church:

Thank you for the nourishing meal you provided my mother, sister, brothers and our families on the day of my father's funeral. It was delicious and comforting on a very sad day. Also thank you to Liz Perry and Brenda Ferguson who brought food earlier in the week. We appreciated it greatly. I was touched by the cards I received and humbled by the thoughtfulness. I especially thank those special people who were present at the funeral. It meant a lot to me. Thank you, friends.

Carol Baker



BABY SHOWER

There will be a Come and Go Baby Shower for Jake and Ashley Thompson on July 7 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Wal-Mart, Toys R Us, Kohls, and Target.

SAVE SAVE SAVE

Elva Oehlschlager is asking everyone to save their 8 oz. cans. (Examples: crushed pineapple, tuna, tomato paste, etc.) Please bring them to the church. Thank you.

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.

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.

July Birthdays

- 1 Dartha Garner and Patty Redhage
- 5 Randy Bridgman, Tom Cherry, and Bea Cooper
- 7 Nina Ritchie
- 9 Randy Cox, James Ford, Ernie Owens, Judy Tener
- 11 McKenzie Wood, Maci McMillin, Frank Dehart
- 12 Kim Slater
- 13 Arch Glover
- 14 Jennifer Thompson and Clarence Blanton
- 16 Jeanne Burton
- 17 Aline Logan
- 18 Jack Sumerford and Lena Morehead
- 19 Joanne Neuharth
- 21 Kevin Morrison
- 22 Robert Allen
- 23 Alicia Gilliam
- 24 Susan Hammond and Gary Hageman
- 27 Nancy Clark and Lois Robison
- 29 Andi Burton, Zach Harreld, Lisa Dunning, and Jaime Pickle
- 30 Jack Stanley and Kelsey Sconyers



July Anniversaries

- 1 Phil and Genny Dorsey
- 2 Frank and Grace Dehart
- 4 Forest and Jean-Anne Shankle
- 5 Randy and Tami Matos
- 7 Wayne and Joanne Neuharth
Josh and Melissa Reyes
- 14 Arch and Janell Glover
- 29 Keith and Coni McCarver



Blue Basket Day for Warrick Kayne

There will be a Blue Basket Day on July 8 for Warrick Kayne Quarry, son of Jeremy and Kaycee (Baker) Quarry, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship.

Refreshments will be served and there will be a basket and table available where you may place cards and gifts if you wish.

Welcome New Member

We welcomed Nina Sizemore into membership on June 24 by transfer from Hope, Ark. We are so happy to have Nina as part of our church family.