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Serving God Our Second 100 Years

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



As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

One of the most important dates on the church calendar is quickly approaching. That is the annual Charge Conference. Now I know most of us think of this as a meeting that is routine and required. But it offers the local church the opportunity to review and vision for the mission at the local level as well as connecting to the mission of the universal church. Charge conference is the official voice and spokesperson of a local congregation. Our Charge Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 10th at 6 p.m. in the Christian Family Life Center. Dr. Sandy Wylie, the McAlester District Superintendent will be here to preside over the meeting.

Starting in mid-October, I will offer an eight-week study "Invitation to the New Testament." Using the Gospel of Matthew and other New Testament writings, the class will look at the story of Jesus as the source of the church's identity and mission. The class will be offered on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings. The Monday class will begin on October 16 at 6:30 p.m. The Wednesday class will start on October 18 at 10 a.m. Both will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Study books are \$9. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office so that we might know which session you will be in.

The first Sunday of October is World Communion Sunday. The church receives an offering to fund scholarships for racial and ethnic minority students in the U.S. and around the world. More importantly, we celebrate with our brothers and sisters the universal and inclusive Church, Christ calls us to be. So for the Church, we pray:

Almighty God: from the ends of the earth
 you have gathered us around Christ's table.
 We come to feast together.
 Have mercy on your church, troubled and divided.
 Renew us and make us one. Amen.



Greg

REV. GREGORY J. TENER



Heavener Pumpkin Patch

This will be the sixth year for the Heavener First United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch. From Sept. 30 through Oct. 28 they will be selling pumpkins, decorative gourds, and Indian corn. They will have a storytelling area for children and an area to take pictures in the patch. Hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to noon and 3 to 6 p.m., and Sunday noon to 6 p.m.

On Sat., Oct. 14 there will be a lunch of chili, stew, beans, cornbread, or sandwiches in the fellowship hall beginning at 11 a.m. There will also be a craft and bake sale. All proceeds support missions.

The church is located at 201 E. Ave. B.



Our Sympathy Extended

We extend our love and sympathy to the McCarver family on the death of Coni's father; to the Redhage family on the death of Patty's father; to the family of Lattie Hoyle; and to the Stottsberry family on the death of Paul's sister, Patsy Mings. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Baptism

Ted Allen Charter III, infant son of Ted and Jennifer Charter, was baptized on August 27, 2006.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report For August, 2006

2006 Average Attendance Figures for August: 167

2006 Budget Requirements: \$305,794.00

Needed for Budget Each Week: \$5,880.66

Needed thru August: \$188,181.12

August Receipts: \$32,335.85

Year To Date Receipts thru August: \$254,318.57

August Expenditures: \$36,654.62

Year To Date Expenditures thru August: \$256,568.30

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Sunday School 9:30 — Morning Worship 10:30

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

District web page address: www.gbgm-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 it is important that information is turned in to the church office by the **third Friday of every month**. This will ensure that events can be placed on the calendar, and the newsletter prepared and delivered by the first of the month. Thank you.

• SUNDAY •

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

• WEDNESDAY •

Logos Program, 3:15

Adult Handbell Practice, 5:15 p.m., Bell Room

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

• SATURDAY •

Cub Scouts, 10:00 a.m., CFLC

Sept. 30 - Church Building Care Day

Everyone is invited to help.

- 1 World Communion Sunday
- Youth Council, 11:30 a.m., CFLC
- 10 Charge Conference, 6 p.m., CFLC
- 13-14 Building Disciples Workshop, Tulsa
- 15 Youth Hayride and Bonfire at the Gilliam's 5 p.m.
- 16 New Testament Bible Study begins, 6:30 p.m., F.H.
- 18 New Testament Bible Study begins, 10 a.m., F.H.
- 29 Fall Carnival, 6-8 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

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| Oct. 1 | Reedy Gothard and Dorthea O'Neal |
| Oct. 8 | Aaron and Betty Ridenour |
| Oct. 15 | Brian and Katie Shore |
| Oct. 22 | Jim and Ruth Ann DeCamp |
| Oct. 29 | Wayne and Joanne Neuharth |



MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

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| Oct. 1 | Kade McMillin |
| Oct. 8 | Ronna Bell |
| Oct. 15 | Bailey Baker |
| Oct. 22 | Kyle Matos |
| Oct. 29 | Michael Preston |



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



Correspondence



Youth and Children's News

Sara Fuchs, Youth and Children's Director

A Special Thank You:

Thank you all for your good wishes and concern during my recent hospitalization. Thank you, beloved choir members, who sent the exquisite fruit basket that staved off the hunger from the blandness of hospital food.

Thank you, blessed church family, for your visits, cards, flowers, and prayers that quieted the bland loneliness of being in a strange place facing challenging circumstances.

Thank you, Greg, for your visits and your calmness that encircled me and chased away the blandness of worry and fear.

Thank you, God, for giving me a church family that dissipates the blandness of life by inspiring me to move forward, leaning on my faith; therefore, bringing me closer to your way of life. May the Lord bless our church family for their kind and giving hearts which allows them to walk in the footsteps of Christ.

With love in Christ,
Clyta Britton

Dear Friends,

Thank you for lifting us up with your many beautiful expressions of sympathy. It is amazing how many people have sent cards or called. Mom touched many people over the course of her life with her faith, optimism, and compassion.

She and Leo moved to Stillwater June 16 and she was able to enjoy family visits, especially getting to know Grant, her first great-grandchild and our first grandchild who was born to Chris and Libby. We were so blessed to have those last few weeks together.

Our pastor at First United Methodist Church here in Stillwater is Stan Warfield. His ministry to all of our family was remarkable. He visited two and three times a day for the last two weeks of her life and led us in some very holy moments of prayer.

Leo plans to stay here for now, but will be taking some short trips to reunions in Arkansas.

George embarked on a new career this week. He is training to be a public health specialist with the county health department.

My job at the OSU Library is wonderful.

Thank you, again, for your thoughtfulness. You hold a special place in our hearts.

Warmly,

Karen and George Neurohr

Congratulations to all the youth for the wonderful worship service they led on Sept. 24. What talent and leadership was shown! Thank you for showing us how great our youth can be.

October UMYF Schedule

- 1 Regular UMYF, CFLC
- 8 Regular UMYF, CFLC
- 15 Hayride and Bonfire, 5 to 8 p.m. at the Gilliam's
- 21 No UMYF due to Fall Break
- 29 Fall Carnival, CFLC

YOUTH SPONSORED CARNIVAL

As a fundraiser, the youth group will be sponsoring a fall carnival for children, youth and our church families. The carnival will be held on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be food, fun and fellowship for all ages. Tickets are \$5 a person. Tickets will be sold by youth group members and can be purchased beginning Oct. 10.

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Calling all youth council members! Throughout the next couple of months, we have several events coming up that need some planning. Because of this, I need to meet with the youth council on Sunday, Oct. 1 in the CFLC immediately following morning worship. At this meeting we will schedule fundraisers, look at upcoming events, and make plans for future events. Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend!

LOGOS UPDATE

LOGOS is off to a wonderful, exciting and energetic beginning. It is never too late to join the fun at LOGOS. This month the themes are:

- Oct. 4 "Beauty and the Beast" – Guest Night
- Oct. 11 "Cat in the Hat" – Crazy Hat Night
- Oct. 18 No LOGOS, (Fall Break)
- Oct. 25 "The Incredibles" – Masquerade/Magic Night

REAL ENCOUNTER RALLY – OCTOBER 9-11

Do you sit next to, eat lunch with or know someone who does not know Christ? Do you have a heart for those people to hear the word of God? If you answered yes to either or both of these questions the youth ministers of Poteau and LeFlore County have a wonderful opportunity for you.

Real Encounter Youth Crusades incorporates extreme sports, drama, a band and hi-tech video and lighting to capture the attention and curiosity of lost teens. In school assemblies, the Real Encounter team will use humorous dramas, videos and music that resonate with teen issues, and freestyle motorcycle stunts to present a character-based message. They address topics like bullying, positive attitudes, personal integrity, goal-setting and encouragement – and the positive difference that even one person can make.

Students are invited to attend the crusade's large-scale extreme sports events over the next two evenings. The gatherings are held in locations like a school gym, stadium or parking lot, or at the county fairgrounds, rather than at a church where unchurched teens might be reluctant to go.

The dates for our event here in Poteau are Oct. 9-11. Time schedules will be announced and passed out soon. Mark these dates on your calendar and begin praying now for God's movement in the lives of LeFlore County students.

CANDY NEEDED:

Candy will be needed for the Fall Carnival for the children on Oct. 29. You may bring your candy donations to the church either during the week or on Sundays. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



The Preschool has 45 students enrolled at the present time and we have gotten off to a great start. August and September passed by quickly.

The playground has a new look. Thank you to Alan Ware, Simon Billy, Randy Matos, and David Redhage for installing the new playground equipment. The preschool also thanks the youth for spreading the gravel.

The preschool children and the preschool teachers are enjoying a Children's Moment with Pastor Greg and Ms. Sara who come to the preschool once a week. Thank you!

In October we will be working with the letters C, D, E, F and the numbers 1 through 5. The shape triangle and the color orange will also be emphasized this month.

~ Evelyn's Inspiration ~

By Evelyn White

A Happy New Day to You -

God gives us a new day each morning. How we live it is made up from our choices. How often do we say, "Speak, Lord, for I am listening." How many blessings do we miss?

The Good for which we were born into this world is that we learn to love.

Our Father who art in Heaven - teach us to number our days, that we will apply our hearts unto wisdom. Thank you, dear Lord. Amen

Love to all,
Evelyn

Building Disciples

Building Disciples That Make a Difference - a conference-wide training event in Tulsa will be held Oct. 13 and 14 at Christ United Methodist Church, 3515 S. Harvard. The church van will be driving there both days. If you are interested and would like more information, please call the church office, 647-2217.

October Birthdays

- 1 Joe K. Thomas
- 2 Peyton Stubbs
- 3 J.J. Hall
- 5 Pamela Ausburn and Cindy Brody
- 6 Jim DeCamp
- 8 Andrea Traywick and Aaron Ridenour
- 12 Lloyd Swinford and Jarod Garrett
- 13 Phyllis Kemp
- 15 Tiffany Mason and Judy Curtis
- 16 J.L. Ford
- 17 Drew Baker
- 20 Jack Hornbuckle and Steven Cherry
- 22 Tracey Gilliam
- 24 Alison Garrett and Jim Shore
- 26 Rozelle Hardaway
- 28 Susan Oehlschlager
- 29 Katie Shore
- 30 Ruth Ann DeCamp and Bob Reed
- 31 Bill Cupp, Ben Curtis, and Kendra Hammond



October Anniversaries

- 10 Mike and Linda Lee
- 18 Cody and Sarah Bradshaw
- 18 Matt and Cindy Stoughton
- 24 Vernon and Phyllis Roberts
- 28 David and Gerry Roberts



A Word From Helen Lenn

The freshly turned soil behind the plow, like dust, clung to Lattie Hoyle's feet. A bit of Tarby followed in his footstep 'til God called him home where I believe there will be others who have reached the city limits of the Eternal Home, after working and laboring in the tiny bit of God's domain - called Tarby. What a celebration awaits us there!

No more pain, war, betrayals, fear, hard labor or loneliness. Lattie suffered them all and left his legacy in our schools, local government, and church to a younger generation. He has graduated.

Meanwhile - Yes, God weeps at good things left undone. God bleeds at children's empty stomachs while fields rich with grain stand unharvested.

But God also waits - for repentance of mankind, knowledge and wisdom to penetrate the darkness and we all (yes, Tarby) understand the Christ, who is Love to all.

God is our refuge and strength. A very present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, waters roar and foam, we need not fear.

We will not fear. We will not fear.