



The Springs

Rev. Dennis Adlof

March 30, 2011

From Dennis the Minis—ter:

Yesterday, our Staff-Parish Committee met with District Superintendent Mike Chaffin. He came to share news of your new pastor come June 1. He is **Don Tabberer**. Currently, he and his wife, Linda, are in Mangum, Oklahoma, where he is pastor of the First United Methodist Church. I understand that Don graduated from Phillips Theological Seminary and once served in our Tulsa District at Turley UMC. I look forward to working with Don as he transitions to Sand Springs. I know that you will do all in your power to give Don and Linda a warm welcome.

In the meanwhile we continue our journey to Easter. This Sunday (April 3) we celebrate **Holy Communion** with the theme *Who is This Man Going to the Cross: The Light of the World*. We will also take a special offering for the **One Great Hour of Sharing**. If you would like to designate your gift for Japan, you can write *Advance #3021317 or Pacific Emergency* on your check.

Just some reminders about the schedule of services for **Palm Sunday** and **Easter**:

- On Palm Sunday (April 17) there will be two worship hours—8:45 and 11:00 am. The Praise Team will present their musical at the earlier hour; the Choir will sing their Cantata at the later. As you know we have an excellent music program, you might think about going to both services.
- On Easter (April 24) we will again worship at two different hours in our sanctuary at 4th and Main—8:45 and 11:00 am. Both services will, however, be the same. Don't forget, we begin Resurrection Day with a sunrise service at the Family Life Center (W. 38th/113th W. Ave.). We start with a potluck breakfast at 6 am and then we will greet the sunrise at 6:30.

Lastly, I hope that you have had the opportunity to worship with our community **Tuesday Lenten services**. It is good to join with our brothers and sisters in Christ across Sand Springs. Next week (April 5) we are hosted by First Christian Church and their new pastor, Joyce Hogan. On April 12, Rev. Dan Milford will host us for the last time at First Presbyterian. Dan and his family have accepted a call to a church in San Antonio, Texas. The final Tuesday, April 19) we will conclude our series at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. As always, this series has been excellent.

See you in church, Sunday!



There's lots happening in Kidzone lately! We just finished a page in our Heroes of the Bible books on Gideon. During the month of April we will be doing lessons about Easter and will return to our books in May. Our first Easter lesson will include making a mosaic cross.

On April 3rd we will be shopping. Kids will have the opportunity to make up any pages they may have missed.

On April 10th, the children are invited to stay after church and help the Missions committee create Easter Baskets for Sand Springs Community Services clients.

On April 17th the kids will be singing in the 8:45 service.

The Valentine caroling was such a success that we want the children to join us Saturday, April 23rd from 1-3 to go Easter caroling. A special treat will follow.

A big THANK YOU goes to Don and Glenda Osburn for repairing and refurbishing our "throne chair." All the kids want to sit in it!

Our current Bible verse: Psalm 109:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."
Worth \$3 bible bucks.

See you Sunday!!

Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast

The missions committee will be providing breakfast of biscuits & gravy, eggs and drinks in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00 – 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 16th for donations. Round up your buddies and come eat breakfast with us before shopping for plants and UMW baked goods (yummy!) at the Herbal Affair. All donations will support missions projects. Don't forget to tell all your friends!

SSUMC Mission Project

Our church in partnering with Sand Springs Community Services (SSCS) as a missions project to help meet the needs of those around us by helping to provide items for the Easter season to families in our community. This will include collecting items for Easter baskets and fixings for a family Easter meal. We need your help! We will include signup sheets with suggested items (ex. Easter baskets, Easter grass, Easter candies, gum, small stuffed rabbits or chicks, egg-dyeing kits, children's Easter books, crayons, coloring books, hair barrettes/ponytail holders, lip balm/gloss, matchbox cars, yo-yos, small hams, boxes of scalloped potatoes, cans of green beans, small family Bible, etc.) in the Sunday School folders. Please sign up as a class or individually as to what you are interested in contributing whether it be items or cash donations. On Sunday, April 10th, we will have a salad lunch and work together to sort the items and stuff Easter baskets. Please bring a salad item to share and come participate in this fun project. All ages welcome! **Then, come join us at 4:00 p.m. and hear Judy Treat from SSCS speak on the needs SSCS has identified of families in our communities.** Also, be on the lookout for future 2011 mission projects and opportunities to get plugged in by serving others close to home!



Herbal Affair

April 16

...but before you go shopping in downtown Sand Springs on Saturday, you will want to do some baking for the UMW Bake Sale. This is their big fund raiser

and it is all because of you. It's time to dig out the recipes and gather ingredients because they will be bagging items and tagging them on Friday, April 15th at 9 a.m. upstairs. All items need to be dropped off early. Tracey will be in the office early to let you in upstairs.

Crumbs From The Cracker

News:

As many of you have heard, our friends over at Trinity Baptist Church will be hiring a new pastor and their youth pastor Matt Richie, the young man who helped me unite our two youth programs about 6 months ago will be taking a new job in Oklahoma City and leaving Trinity. This is sad news that I have to announce, but God has truly used Matt to help minister Christ's love to our kids and shared his kids with us to minister to as well. So the question is, will the Trinity kids keep coming to our Wednesday night youth gathering or will they go back to their normal program? Well good news is being released today! The new pastor of Trinity has agreed to allow our youth programs to continue meet! Praise God for this! So may we continue to pray for the youth of our community and expect God to continue to do big things such as crossing denominational boundaries so that this next Generation of youth will be well rooted and focused on our Savior and seeing the Church unite and work together.



We will be looking for volunteers that want to help with our parent's night out at the FLC on April 16th. If this is something that you would like to help our youth with, please send me an email at gcollett@sandspringsumc.org or call 918-245-5955.

Did you miss our First Movie Night Fundraiser? Don't worry, we are going to have another one Saturday Night April 2nd @ 6:30pm @ the FLC! Bring your chairs, blankets, or just sit in one of ours! It's going to be a great time. Ask those who caught our first Movie Night! Fully Stocked Concession with (Nachos, Popcorn, Candy, and Drinks). Come and join us and support our youth as they prepare to go on their mission trip to Birmingham, AL.

Movie Hint: It's about a horse. It's a true story. It is a Disney Movie. It is New out on DVD.

Upcoming Events:

- April 2nd: Youth Fundraiser Family Movie Night 6:30pm @ FLC (\$2 Adults, \$1 Children under 12)
- April 5th: Youth Mission Parent and Youth Meeting 6:30pm @ Caleb House (Brief Meeting/Update on Fundraising)
- April 6th: Metro Worship
- April 13th "Miracle" series Week 1 "Tap in"
- April 16th: Youth Fundraiser Parents Night Out @ Family Life Center 6pm-9pm
- April 20th: "Miracle" series Week 2 "I raise dead people"
- April 27th: Community Wide Youth Service "If you really knew me"
- May 1st: Spaghetti Lunch @ FLC @ 12pm (Youth Mission Fundraiser)

(If you are interested in being apart of any of these upcoming events please do not hesitate to call me at 918-245-5955, or email me at gcollett@sandspringsumc.org. Continued on next page

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(These pictures were taken of our youth serving at Voice of the Martyrs making Bible Parachutes)

Weekly Youth Topics:

We have had some great discussions on Sunday with our new book that we are going over, "13 Questions about God." A few weeks ago we talked about the difference of "Creation and Evolution", and this past week we discussed, "What is the difference between Jesus, Buddha, and Allah?" This was a powerful message to teach the kids about Jesus being the way, the truth, and the life! We had our farewell to Matt Richie on March 23rd. It was sad, but Praise God the Trinity students and new pastor still desires to meet together. We will be having a stand-alone message on the 30th of March, and then on April 6th we will be heading to "Metro Worship". We will begin our "Miracle" series on March 13th.

Weekly Lesson:

"Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand."

Psalm 73: 23

When I read this verse I couldn't help but to think of the Creator of the universe wanting to hold hands with me?! Really? Even though I doubt you? Even though I take your work into my own hands? Even though I get angry with you? God really? Are you sure you want to hold this sinners hand? This was my thought when I read through Psalm 73 and how the Psalmist discusses how even though he was grieved at heart and ignorant to God's might and power, God still had his right hand! Guess what? He is holding your right hand today as well! There are many things that we might think that would keep the King from holding our hands and walking through life's up's and down's with us, but the reality is that He is here today to hold and He will be there tomorrow and the day after that and so on. Just like he held Moses' hand as he lead the Israelites out of bondage and into the wilderness. Even though they worshiped a golden calf, He was still willing to hold their hands. How about the disobedient Jonah? He went against what God was desiring, and yet God still held his hand to lead a whole nation to turn from their sin and to God. So where are you? Are you feeling alone? If you are, take heart. That same God that held these men's hands, is holding yours today!

Fun Fact: "The average cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven is \$16,400 US Dollars."

Scholarship a Youth:

I have had multiple people come up to me asking about sponsoring a youth for either the mission trip or summer camp, and some who have already helped. Are you interested in sponsoring a youth for their mission trip or summer camp? We need all the help we can get! Please feel free to write a check to SSUMC and in the memo put scholarship youth mission or youth camp, and put it in the Youth mailbox or hand it to me. Thanks!

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers April 3

Welcome Center

Discovery

Head Ushers

Howard Smith

Lay Reader

Linda Adlof

Children's Moment

Marty David

Children's Church

No Children's Church

Counters

Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

Visitors Center

Mel & Norma Jones

Youth Dinner for Wednesday, April 13

Discovery Class

Sunday Volunteers April 10

Welcome Center

Discovery

Head Usher

Howard Smith

Lay Reader

Timothy Alex

Children's Moment

Kristen Henry

Children's Church

Marty D., Susie H. and Brooke Herndon

Counters

Diana Pond & Jack Vest

Visitors Center

Mel & Norma Jones

Youth Dinner for Wednesday, April 20

TNT Class

Please Keep In Prayer

Bill & Mary Lea Forsythe, Thelma Bradshaw, Gene Watson, Vera Nell Boatman, Walter Speed, Rebecca Ward's Family, Linda McCormick, Irene Hueste, Jewel & Wilbur Williams, Virginia Vice, Harold Hilgendorf, Ruth Weaver, Merle Parsons, Candice Walter's family

Recognitions...

Boy Scout Troop 101

Garage Sale

April 8 and 9th

Sand Springs UMC Family Life Center

Begins at 7am both days

****We will be taking items for donation on Thursday April 7th @ 6pm at FLC.**

Come out and support our Boy Scouts, they are raising money to go to

Yellowstone in July.

Dinners for 8

Maybe we should call it "Dinner for *at least* 8." We have a group going to Te Kei's Restaurant April 10th after church, but anyone can come. We have a room reserved so call Kay Woodward at 918-24-3881 or 918-245-9571. Te Kei is located at 1616 S. Utica. Hope you join us!



69 T-Shirts Ordered

And will be here in about 2 weeks.

Warehouse Market Receipts

Don't forget, we still need your Warehouse Market receipts. You can turn them in by the offices in the recycling drawer marked for them. The drawers are blocked with Book Fair tables so for now, put them on Tracey's desk.

Thank you!

Bereavement Teams Updated

Our Bereavement Teams have done a wonderful job of providing a meal on the day of a funeral for family members. The meal is usually served at the church either before or after the service. We have four teams that alternate, therefore team members are not required to serve more than 2 or 3 times a year, at the most. The team leaders plan the meal and call those on their team to provide a dish or help with set up or clean up, if available. We realize that a team member may not be available when called to help, and that is OK.

We are in the process of updating our Bereavement Teams. Several of our newer members have already agreed to help, but we want to give everyone an opportunity to serve in this very important part of the church's ministry. Men are very much needed as well as women. Tables and chairs need to be set up and taken down, dishes need to be washed, in addition to preparing and serving the food. If you would like to serve on a Team, or if you are on a Team and find you cannot continue at this time, please call Mona Warren (241-8584) or Virginia Baldrige (245-9248) right away. The lists will be updated next week.

emdoodles by Chris Hambrecht



Volunteers Needed to Mow Lawn at the Family Life Center

David Allen is gathering volunteers who could mow 2-3 hours a week. It involves mowing with the Zero Turn mower at the Family Live Center. Volunteers will need to check, service and clean the mower before and after use. They are encouraged to report any problems with the mower and needed service.

David will put together a check list that will be posted at the Family Life Center of what needs to be done before and after use as far as servicing is concerned. At this point, David says, they do not have a process to purchase the gasoline for the mower. It needs to be filled with Ethanol Free gas to ensure the long life of the mower. The only place that is found to have Ethanol Free Gas is at the Service Station at the corner of W. 41st Street and 129th W. Ave. Many volunteers have donated the purchasing of their own gas for the mower to this time.

Bob Schmidt or David will be out in the foyer after church on April 3 to sign up volunteers.

Library Book Review by Roger Nelson

Lee Strobel, author of *The Case For Christ* and *The Case for Faith*, investigates the core issues of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in his book, *The Case for Easter*. Mr. Strobel probes *The Medical Evidence of Christ' death*; *The Evidence of the Missing Body*; and *The Evidence of Live Appearances*.

You may check out the book from our church library and reach your own verdict.

Sanctuary Clean-Up

Saturday, April 2, the Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a sanctuary clean up. We will meet at 9 a.m. to noon to clean the sanctuary. We mainly need to clean the pews with wood soap and then polish them. We would like to have the sanctuary clean for Easter morning.

Book Fair

Books, Books, and More Books! Book Fair in the Narthex! Our congregation is experiencing the privilege of selecting books from Pastor Dennis's 35 years of ministry library and some from UMW for donation. Please mark your checks for which donation your book is chosen or, if cash, attach a note: Apportionments or UMW Books. The Book Fair will end on Sunday, April 10th. So do your browsing and make your selections soon.



UMW Mission Study

Jo Nan Allen and Charlene Reeves will present a mission study on "Joy to the World! Mission in the Age of Global Christianity" on April 9 in the Parlor from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served. Part 1 sets the biblical and historical context for the reality that Christianity is now the largest world religion. Part 2 draws upon the New Testament and Methodist History to help us understand Christian Mission and Evangelism. Part 3 examines hospitality, healing and reconciliation to witness for hope and wholeness for the world through Jesus Christ. Books are available from Jo Nan Allen for \$10 each. They can be used again at Mission School, because the same study will be presented again. Come join us and learn of Mission in our Age and how we got here. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Maundy Thursday Service

Maundy Thursday will be Thursday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center. The worship committee will have sign-up sheets. We need to know the number of people planning to attend. Also, there is a sign-up sheet for the food we need (nuts, fruit, olives, bread, and cheese). We welcome everyone at every age to attend this night of remembering the Last Supper. If there are any questions, call Katherine Reeves at 918-241-8136.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CP=Childcare Provide ~ FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, March 30

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:00 p.m.-Junior High Youth
7:00 p.m.-Senior High Youth
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells-CP
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir-CP

Thursday, March 31

4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts Troop 601-Caleb House

Friday, April 1

12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers
5:30 p.m.-Grief Support

Saturday, April 2

6:30 p.m.-Family Movie Night-FLC

Sunday, April 3

9:00 a.m.-Book Fair
9:00 a.m.-Sunday School-CP
10:15 a.m.-Worship-CP

11:45 a.m.-Praise Team Practice
1:00 p.m.-Education Committee Meeting

Monday, April 4

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:30 p.m.-Disciple 1-3
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts 101-FLC

Tuesday, April 5

12:00 p.m.-Lenten service at 1st Christian
1:30 p.m.-Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts-Upstairs
6:30 p.m.-Youth/Parents Mission Trip Meeting
7:00 p.m.-FLC Oversight Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m.-AI Anon

Wednesday, April 6

7:30 a.m.-M/W Breakfast—Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
530 p.m.-Youth to Metro Worship
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells-CP
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir-CP

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