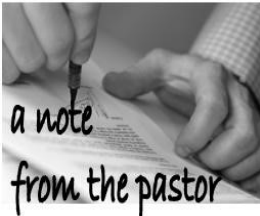


May 20, 2019

The Springs



Rev. Don Tabberer



6:24-26, NKJV)

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.” (Numbers

This will be my last newsletter article for SSUMC. After 8 years it seems strange to think about that. I have used this space to teach, to inform, and to challenge; we’ve heard from our bishop here and announced special events. Today I simply want to look back and say farewell.

I went through my records for the past 8 years and remembered some of the milestones we’ve been through together. 56 people joined the church in these 8 years, 16 of them through baptism. Considering that the world views the church in decline, those are not bad numbers. It means that people love this church and its people and want to be part of what’s going on here.

I had the honor of officiating at 12 weddings in the past 8 years. A couple of those were for mature adults living into new seasons of happiness. Several were for young adults who remain members of this church. A few couples have since moved out of the area. The point is that the church is a place where love is proclaimed through marriage and no two marriages are alike.

The sad reality is that I have led 50 memorial services for people with ties to this church. We have celebrated the lives of people we loved and whom we still miss. **“In Memoriam”**: Nick Alex, JoNan Allen, Imogene Arnold, Toby Bennett, Vera Nell Boatman, Thelma Bradshaw, William Bridges, Pauline Brown, Imogene Butts, Barbie Carter, Lora Caviness, Lora Cervantes, Don Cole, Arthur Lee Edwards, Dean Hamner, Pauline Hanigar, Harold Hilgendorf, Bobby Horn, June Horn, Irene Hueste, Homer Jackson, Mel Jones, Peggy Jones, John W. Krieg, Imogene Krismer, Milagros Lund, Jeanne McClafin, Bobby Lee McFall, Matt McFarlin, Bonnie Palmer, Eloise Patterson, B.W. Proft, Charlene Reeves, Kenny Russell, Billie Schmidt, Mary Kay Schwartz, Lovell Sharp, Billie Shore, Frank Slane, Walter Speed, Yvonne Sutterfield, Betty Jo

Swem, Virginia Vice, Paul Waldschmidt, Mona Warren, Gene Watson, Brian Wehde, Lodema Whisenhunt, Esther Williams, and Wilbur Williams. May they all rest in the peace of God’s presence.

Beyond the statistics, we’ve shared in some really exciting ministry these past years. Creek County wild fire relief; Thanksgiving meal deliveries; Restore Hope school supplies; Regional Food Bank; 9th Grade Center Adopt-a-School; and so much more. This church has always been focused on mission and it has been my pleasure to be involved with you. I can’t encourage you enough to keep up the good work!

Friends, you have loved us through the most difficult time of our lives as we fought and beat Linda’s cancer. You supported us with prayers and food, and even the occasional bedside visit. You were so forgiving of the time I had to spend away for doctor appointments and treatments. We could not have gotten through that time without you.

Finally, I want to leave you with the reminder that there is still plenty of ministry to be done in Sand Springs. It doesn’t matter what your age is, or what you think your abilities are, or how much “spare time” you think you have available; everyone in this church has a mission and ministry purpose yet to be fulfilled. You must listen and seek what God has in store for you. You must realize that the church can no longer survive by doing the things that worked in the 40’s, 50’s, 60’s, and even the 70’s. This is a whole new world with new challenges the church has never faced before. Old ways of thinking and old expectations of people must be replaced with fresh thinking and the realization that nobody is going to simply stumble into this church and ask to see Jesus. We are a **sent** people, not a **“sit and wait”** people. Jesus never told us to go out and build churches; Jesus told us to love God, love others, and change the world. It’s a **“brave new world”** out there, waiting for some brave new Christians.

Farewell, until we meet again,
Pastor Don

60th ANNIVERSARY

Please Come...

Bert & Kay Woodward will be celebrating their 60th anniversary Saturday, May 25th from 2-4 p.m. at The Well with a reception given by their children and grandchildren and new great grandchild.

We are praying for Ms. Marty. We hope to have her back with us soon and she looks forward to coming back. Get well soon, Ms. Marty! Have a great week and we'll see YOU on Sunday!

OFFICES ARE CLOSED

MONDAY, MAY 27TH

Tracey is out of the office, Thursday, May 23 and will return on Tuesday, May 28th.

EVERYONE PLEASES NOTE: This is the KidZone article, however, there is something for everyone in it. So please, take the time to read it.



Hey Kids-

We had a blast yesterday as we started our new lesson series for the summer. We'll be learning about all the things that are possible if we TRUST GOD!!

Invite a friend...it's going to be a FUN summer.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND KIDS!! VBS is July 21-25 from 6:15 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

We'll have registration forms out next month so watch for those. Please consider volunteering. And please invite all the kids you know to join us. This year we'll be exploring where God can take us with the theme To Mars and Beyond.

We have a **VBS workday on June 22 from 9:00 am to 12 noon.** Tasks are simple and we'll have a list of chores for you when you get there and we'll feed you lunch before we leave. We'll have baked potatoes and all the trimmings.

We are still in need of frosting cans or mid-sized Pringles cans. We need these for a VBS project. We could even use the tall 16 oz sour cream containers if you have them.

MEMBERSHIP AUDIT

Please look over the membership lists on the table in the narthex. There are hundreds of names of people that could not be located. If you see a name on the list of someone you know, please verify with them if they have joined another church, wish to be removed or if they have had a member (of the family who is a member of the church) who has passed away.

We really need to get this list whittled down. Thank you to everyone who has helped us removed some of the lost membership so far.

Of course, if you reach someone on the list and they have no joined another church, encourage them to come back. We have a lot of offer and we want to welcome them back!

June 2019

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2-Communion Sunday 8:45a-Contemporary Worship 10a-Sunday School 11a-Traditional Worship	10a-Al-Anon-Upstairs 7p-Boy Scouts-The Well	*5:45pm-T-Ball-The Well	7:30a-MW Bist.-Crescent Café 5:45p-Y4Y 6:30p-Youth-The Well 7pm-Chancel Choir Practice	5:30pm-JMW Executive Mtg 7p-*Collins Karate-The Well		11am-Praise Team Practice
9-Pentecost Sunday 8:45a-Contemporary Worship 9:50a-Communion 10a-Sunday School 11a-Traditional Worship 1:30pm-Finance Committee Mtg. 2:30pm-Church Council 3:00pm-Book Club-Downstairs	10 10a-Al-Anon-Upstairs 7p-Boy Scouts-The Well	11 All Day-Downstairs in use <small>Sandpile Track Team-Fundraiser Indian Tacos</small> 6p-*Cheer-The Well	12 7:30a-Men's Bist.-Crescent Café 5:45p-Y4Y 6:30p-Youth-The Well 7p-Chancel Choir Practice	13 7p-*Collins Karate-The Well	14	15 11am-Praise Team Practice
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23 8:45a-Contemporary Worship 9:50a-Communion Service 10a-Sunday School 11a-Traditional Worship	24 10a-Al-Anon-Upstairs 5:30p-4th Monday Dinner-F. Hall 7p-Boy Scouts-The Well	25 6p-*Cheer-The Well 6:30pm-Priscilla Night Out	26 7:30a-Men's Bist.-Crescent Café 5:45p-Y4Y 6:30p-Youth-The Well 7p-Chancel Choir Practice	27 1p-Ruth Esther Circle-F. Hall 7p-*Collins Karate-The Well	28	29 11am-Praise Team Practice
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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:45am-Contemporary Worship

9:45am-Communion Service

(Except 1st Sunday-Communion in Worship)

10:00am-Sunday School

11:00am-Traditional Worship

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KIDZONE NEEDS FOR V.B.S.

Frosting containers
and Pringles Containers.



What's Going On?

SUNDAY LISTS

Head Ushers

8:45am-Amanda Honeycutt
11:00am-Eddie David

Children's Church

8:45am-Kingdom Kids
11:00am-Jami Warkentin
May 26-Becky Barnes
June 2-Communion
June 9-Debbie Schmidt
June 16-Susie Honeycutt

Sunday Counters

May 26-Diana Pond & Jack Vest
June 2-Betty or Howard & Karen Wilder
June 9-Sondra Allen & Dick Ford
June 16-Bob Barnes & Jami Warkentin
June 23-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

Youth Dinners, Served 6:30, Wednesdays

May 22-Priscilla Circle
May 29-Ruth Esther Circle
June 5-CIA/Pathfinders
June 12-Faith Circle
June 19-TNT

Welcome Center—2019

CIA/Pathfinders-January
Harmony-February
TNT-March
CIA/Pathfinders-April
TNT-May
CIA/Pathfinders-June
TNT-July
CIA/Pathfinders-August
TNT-September
CIA/Pathfinders-October
TNT-November
CIA/Pathfinders-December

Prayer List... "The Prayer Box"

Please remember to pray for these...
Jim & Vi McAllister, Ralph Ward, Marty David, Martha Scudder, June Brown, Mary McGowan, Sue Shaw, Michael Bostwick, Greta Green, Bob & Cathy Hula, Bill & Clare Caldwell, John & Sylvia Johnson, Barbara McClintock, Montie Box, Owen Johnston, Ruth Weaver, Bruce Warren
Also,
Last Week's Prayer Chains
& Unspoken Requests

Help Wanted!

The Board of Trustees is seeking people who are willing and able to provide mowing services at the Main Street Campus and at The Well Family Life Center. Hiring a professional lawn care company to do this work is cost-prohibitive at this time. We must rely on volunteers. Since the church

does not own any mowing equipment, that is part of the package. Please contact Mike Stockard at 918-406-7759 if you can help.



Front Door Key Pad

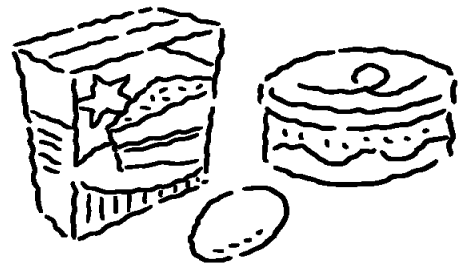
The Stockard boys have done it again! We now have a secure keypad entrance on the front door of the church. This means you have to use a code to enter unless the keypad is turned off, ie-Sunday mornings... **YOU CANNOT USE YOUR KEY ON THE FRONT DOOR.** Ring the doorbell and you will be 'clicked' in. You will hear a knock which means the door is ready to open.

FOR THE KIDDOS...

Cloud Cookies

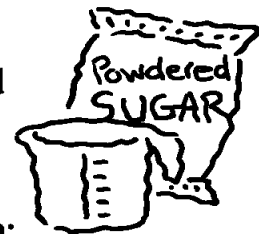
Jesus was "lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9, NRSV).

When you make these cloud cookies, remember what the angels said to his apostles: "This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven" (verse 11).



What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 white cake mix
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 container (6 oz.) of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 3 cups powdered sugar



What you do:

1. Combine cake mix and egg.
2. Fold in whipped topping.
3. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto powdered sugar and coat well.
4. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until tops are firm.

Fourth Monday COMMUNITY MEAL

4th Monday of the Month
Fellowship Hall • 5:30-7:00 p.m.

MONDAY MAY 27TH 5:30PM FELLOWSHIP HALL
BRING A DESSERT BRING CORNBREAD
BRING A FRIEND

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 21-25
6:15pm-8:30pm
(July 25 will be at THE WELL)

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