

Crossroads Journal

August 24, 2011

*Win the lost,
Disciple the saved,
Empower to serve*

Servant's Calendar

August 28, 8:30 am Service

Prayers

Ushers

Donnie Avants,
Carl Daugherty,
Bill Edwards,
Roger Patterson
Belinda Bennett
John Mason

Wiggle Time

Audio/Video

August 28, 10:50 am Service

Acolytes

Tyler & Morgan Ray

Prayers

Ushers

Bob Kimble,
Mike Petersen,
Larry Rourke,
Bryan Vaughan
Belinda Bennett
John Mason

Wiggle Time

Audio/Video

Children's Church

Marsha Lovelace

Hugger & Rocker

Kathy Munsell

Communion Stewards

Donna Rourke & Karen Reynolds

August Rotation Sunday School

Pre School

Linda Kimble

Pre School Guide

Bob Kimble

K/1st Guide

Nell Bailey

Cooking

Kim Binder

Story

Rebecca Ricks

Video

Jackie Savage

Servants: Please be sure to find a replacement if you will be unable to be here at the time you have been scheduled. This is very important to the smooth and efficient functioning of Sunday Services.



Disciple Bible Study begins soon!

DBS 1, with Mike & Dana Pierce

DBS 2, with Karen Reynolds

Orientation: Sun., Aug, 28, 5 pm.

Classes: Sun., Sept. 11, 5-7 pm.

Childcare available by reservation.

Partial scholarships are available.

Register NOW by emailing Karen at

karen@mustangumc.org or call the

church office, 376-3139

ATTENDANCE:

Worship: 367



Reminder: Golf Carts & Servants Needed

We are still looking for golf carts and servant to help distribute the water on **Western Days**. We will begin at **9:45 am., Saturday, September 10.**

If you can help please contact Joe Nelson at jnelson23@cox.net, call 376-1138, or talk with him on Sunday morning.

We're Going Back To School



Pre-School starts

August 29th

9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

We are excited for the new school year to begin and look forward to the many blessings we receive each year as we welcome new children and their parents to **Growing God's Children Preschool**.

Please remember to lift up in prayer Barbie Grider, the children, parents and the teachers:

3 yr. old teacher—Amber Northcutt & Bridget Smith assistant teacher

4 yr. old teacher—Bobbi Legg & Kyra Oldham assistant teacher

4yr. old teacher—Linda Kimble & Stephanie Baker assistant teacher



Growing God's Children Preschool

**Preschool starts
August 29th**

We still have room in some of the classes. So call or come by today to reserve your Child's spot!

All Children must be 3 or 4 by September 1, 2011 Contact Barbie Grider for more information. Phone: 376-2956 or email: barbie@mustangumc.org

Prayer Concerns

Members: Bill Armes; Dana & Donnie Avants; The Phil Brady family in the passing of his mother; Burt Chesterfield; Laura Coopriders; Janet Francis; Betty Hill; Cindy & Mike Irwin & family; Joyce Johnson; Hailey Jones & parents Kevin & Jeanne Jones; Sydney, Joe & Cara Nelson's grandson Norma Kelley; Pastor Larry & Family; Jimmy Nowlin; Hayes Robbins; Charley Templeton; Charlie Warner; Cole Williamson & parents Bryson & Kelly.

Family & Friends: Marlene Christophersen & family, J.D. Peer's sister, (loss of her grandson Blake) Mike Enriquez, Stephanie Baker's cousin (cancer); Don Gieson, Peggy Freymiller's dad (healing); Kelly Hurst, Bob Howard's niece; Cole Jackson (MHS student with cancer) & his family; Jerry Jones, Joe & Cara Nelson family member, (cancer); John Manning, William & Fran Hoyle's nephew (cancer & chemo); Wesley Nixon & family, Greg Blevins friend(has terminal cancer); John Ripley (cancer); Phil Shelton (brain, lung & pancreatic cancer); Mark Swenson, Mike Baker's brother-in-law (Sclerodma); Gene Vandenberg; Terry Visor, Minnie Anderson's son.

The families of Aaron Custer & Ed Drury SWOSU students who died in car accident August 16th. Also, Shane Fry and his family. Shane is the only survivor in this accident he is also Valerie Golden's brother's nephew.

Our Active Military:

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| Charles An | Mark Lehenbauer |
| Chad Smith | Justin McDaniel |
| Country Beard | James Montgomery |
| Christopher Blevins | Tobias Shatswell |
| Julio DeLeon | John Wesley |
| Chad Doougherty | Eli Wilkerson |
| | Kevin Zybach |

Other Concerns: Christians living in persecution; Israel; People of Norway; People of Middle Eastern countries in turmoil; President & Military commanders

Pastor Holder & Staff

Missionaries –Eisenbergs in Paraguay, Whittalls in Israel, Lupu family in Romania, Selina & Jared Travis in China

m & m is our Wednesday Night meal and ministry program with something for the whole family.

Classes begin **Wednesday, September 7.**

There are three great classes to choose from for adults. Choose your class and enroll by return email to karen@mustangumc.org.

m & m adults

Invitation to Psalms,

10 wks., 6:30 pm

.....**Kay Nix**, Kay is a local pastor in the United Methodist Church who most recently served Trinity UMC in Shawnee. Kay has taken a leave of absence from the pulpit after her marriage to new husband, Richard. We are blessed to have the benefit of Kay and Richard presence in our congregation and her leadership in Bible Study.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German executed by the Nazis, called the Psalms "The Prayerbook of the Bible." We will be exploring the Psalms as prayers, poetry and ways of expressing our faith. Praying the Psalms allows us to express our human emotions: our adoration and thanksgiving, our complaints and petitions, our hopes and fears, and our frustrations and desires. And through it all, the Psalms draws us to give thanks and praise for those things we often take for granted.

LIVING BEYOND YOURSELF,

11 wks.(\$15), 6: 15 pm

.....**Anita LaPat & Karen Reynolds**

An in-depth study exploring the Fruit of the Spirit, the living proof that the Spirit of God dwells in us. A Beth Moore study. (*This is not a study on the Tabernacle as it was mistakenly identified on the enrollment form.*)

COURAGEOUS MEN & WOMEN OF THE BIBLE,

10 wks., 6:15 pm

.....**Joe Nelson**

A study of men and women who may not have always done the right thing at first but ended up furthering the kingdom of God.

For information about:

Children contact barbie@mustangumc.org

Youth contact gary@mustangumc.org

Music contact tom@mustangumc.org



**Reminder:
For Choir**

**There will be
a Choir Party
August 31, 6 pm at the Holders**



**Kiwanis
Annual
Pancake
Breakfast**

**Coming up on September 10th
5:30 am to Noon In the
Fellowship Hall come join us &
bring your appetite!!!**

Dear Friends,

We have been talking about the “7 Deadly Sins” for the last four weeks. And I have been talking about the Old Testament idea of sin being that of following a path. And in life there are many paths to follow. I have also lifted the idea that God has a path for our lives, and that path is God’s will for our lives. This past Sunday we talked about “Gluttony” and at the end of the sermon, as I talked about how to overcome Gluttony, I asked, “What are you really hungry for?” I read the following and thought it hits the nail on the head.

Pastor Edward Markquart of Seattle tells about **hearing a former NFL football coach, Sam Ratigliano**, speak one time at a banquet. Pastor Markquart assumed he was going to hear one of those “jocks for Jesus” banquet speeches in which he would be told how Jesus helped this NFL coach win so many victories. In his mind Markquart was cynically humming his favorite football hymn, just before Ratigliano spoke: *“Drop kick me Jesus through the goal posts of life, end over end neither left or the right, straight through the heart of those glorious uprights, drop-kick me Jesus through the goal posts of life.”* That’s the kind of witness Markquart expected.

Instead Sam Ratigliano told how he and his wife were driving one evening with their two-year-old daughter in the back seat. Suddenly a car was upon them; there was an accident; their car rolled over; the child was thrown out; and was pinned underneath the car. Markquart with his cynical attitude expected the NFL coach to say something like, *“I found enormous strength in myself, picked up the back bumper of the car one inch, just enough for my wife to get her safely out.”* Or he would tell them, *“Suddenly, miraculously, a tow truck came driving by at that very instant; latched onto our car; lifted it up; and we pulled her safely out.”* Or he would say, *“The ambulance arrived, so did a tow truck. She was taken to the hospital; we prayed for months; and she finally was healed.”* But instead, he simply said: **“She was dead.”**

Ratigliano then went on to tell how he and his wife grieved so deeply for so long over the death of their little girl. It was an awful time for them, the most difficult time in their marriage. Time went on, and they got pregnant again, finally, an answer to prayer, and that baby was about to be delivered . . . and it was **stillborn**. It was too much for them to take, too much to handle, too much to grieve. As time went by, **Sam Ratigliano started to negotiate with God**, *“God, if You bless us with another pregnancy, we will give our lives to You and dedicate the child to You. If You give us a healthy child, we will be Yours and do what You want us to do with our lives. If You . . . If You.”* And a quiet voice spoke back to Sam’s inner spirit: *“No deals, Sam. No deals. No manipulations. I rule over you in all times of your life.”*

So here they were at this banquet, says Ed Markquart, and Sam Ratigliano went on to say: *“God has called me to be his servant in my turf, the National Football League. He rules over all aspects of my life, when winning or losing, in triumphs and tragedies. How about you? Where is your turf? Does God rule you there in your turf, in your situation? Not just when you’re winning, but when you are losing. Not just during the triumphs but during the tragedies of your life? Does God rule you then?”*

Here was a professional football coach who has learned to look at life through the eyes of Jesus. No easy answers. Rain falls on the just and the unjust. But still we can trust God. Following Christ will not guarantee a happy marriage, healthy children or a fat bank account. But following Christ will guarantee that you are in alignment with God’s purpose for your life and will guarantee that neither life nor death, nor powers nor principalities can separate you from God’s love. And in the midst of that journey, you will experience a full life. A life that matters. A life that is not just fulfilling, but is full filling.

—Larry

Jesus Said.....

Worship

“23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in the truth.”

John 4:23-24

Thank you,

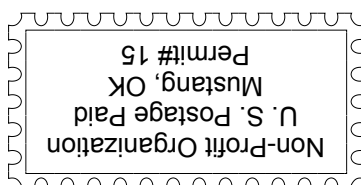
We would love to just thank everyone for all their thoughts and prayers for Cole. He is doing great and we know it is because of all the prayers!

Thank you,
Bryson & Kelly Williamson



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211 SH 152, PO Box 180
Mustang, OK 73064



Coming up August 25th through September 5th

Thursday August 25
Women's Bible Study, Parlor 10:00 am
Grief Share, G.Y.M. 7:00 pm
Preschool Open House,
FLC gym & Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm

Saturday August 27
Skyline 5:00 pm

Sunday August 28
Worship 8:30 & 10:50 am
Communion 9:30 & 10:45 am
Orchestra practice 9:30– 10:20 am
Family Life Team, Parlor Noon
Youth 5:00 pm
Disciple Bible Study,
Orientation 5:00 pm

Monday August 29
Pre-school 1st day,
FLC building & Gym 9:00 am-3:00 pm
SPRC, Agape classroom 7:00 pm

Tuesday August 30
Men's Prayer, McD's 6:00 am
Pre-school, FLC Building
& Gym 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Wednesday August 31
Pre-school,
FLC building & Gym 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Youth Meal 5:15 pm
Youth Worship 6:00 pm
Choir Party, Holders 6:00 pm
Youth 6:30-7:30 pm

Thursday September 1
Pre-school,
FLC building & Gym 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Grief Share, G.Y.M. 7:00 pm

Saturday September 3
UMM, Fellowship Hall 7:30 am

Sunday September 4
Worship 8:30 & 10:50 am
Orchestra practice 9:30– 10:20 am
Youth 5:00 pm

Monday September 5
Office Closed, Labor Day All day

HAVE A SAFE LABOR DAY



STAFF

Pastor

Larry Holder

Program Minister

Karen Reynolds

Youth Minister

Gary Higgins

Youth Intern

Stephen Bumgarner

Worship Minister

Thomas Green

Children's Minister

Barbie Grider

Asst. Worship Leaders

Rheuben Green

Chris Lehew

Financial Secretary

Becky King

Custodial Staff

Rich Schompert

Bill Bennett

Administrative Assistant

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Office: Phone 405-376-3139
Mon –Thurs., 8 am - 5 pm
Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm