

# The Calling

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## All Things Are Possible...

Text: Philippians 4:13

Bad news is the news of the day. Tune in to any newscast and hear how the stock market has taken another dip, unemployment is up, layoffs are with us again, school budgets are being cut and war continues to be our daily fare.

A pessimist might begin to think that he's finally right. How do you look at impossible situations? The New Testament uses the phrase, "all things" 78 times to describe ways we are called to face tough situations.

Read some of these passages as you prepare for this Sunday's message. Matt. 19:23-26, Mark 14:36, Luke 18:27, John 1:3, John 3:35, Acts 2:44, Romans 8:28, Romans 11:36, I Corinthians 6.:2, Ephesians, 1:11, 22, Philippians 2:14, 4:13.

Blessings,

Dr. Guy C. Ames III

## Celebrate Recovery Enters New Phase

Are you struggling with something that separates you from being the person that God wants you to be? How about every day life issues? Anger! Depression! Grief over the loss of a loved one! Divorce! Maybe an eating disorder or food addiction! Gambling! Alcohol or drugs! Perhaps a health issue!

Let's face it! Everyone struggles with something. And that something frequently separates us from God and others. If you want to stop struggling! If you want to deepen your faith! If you want to make Jesus Christ Lord of every area of your life! Then Celebrate Recovery is the place for you.

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12 step recovery program based on 8 principles from the Beatitudes in Matthew 5 that will help you deal with all of life's Hurts, Hang-ups and Habits once and for all.

We meet every Wednesday night beginning February 4<sup>th</sup> in the Colvert Ministry Center.  
6:15-7:00 pm Worship Service  
7:05-7:30 pm Large Group Meeting  
7:35-8:30 pm Small Groups  
8:30-9:00 pm Coffee & Conversation

For more information, contact Rev. Dan Patman at 580-223-5390 x 308 or Chris Shadle at 580-504-2402 or email him at mo-par64@brighttok.net.

## Loaves and Fishes Needs Your Help!

The pantry at Loaves and Fishes is desperately low on Pork & Beans (14-16 oz).

If you can donate this item, please do so.



## The Youth Department Invites the Church to a Family Superbowl Party

Feb. 1, 2009 @ 5:00 p.m.  
CMC (Rms. 115, 116 and the main room)

Bring your favorite football snack.

We'll also have games (volleyball, video



## The Lectionary Readings for February 1st

Deut. 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Cor. 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

Televised at 10:55am  
Cable One, Channel 7

Broadcast at 11:00am  
KVSO AM 1240

8:30 AM  
McClure Chapel

10:55 AM  
Sanctuary

11:00 AM  
Colvert Ministry Center

## Sunday's Music

This Sunday is **The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany.**

As it is the First Sunday in the month, we will celebrate **Holy Communion** in all three morning worship services.

In both 8:30 and 10:55 worship services John Emery, organist, will play "**Trumpet Voluntary**," the same *Trumpet Voluntary* that is heard in many weddings and other National and Festival occasions. This *Trumpet Voluntary* is usually ascribed to Jeremiah Clarke.

In the 8:30 worship service I have asked John to play the offertory, which is based on a familiar hymntune GORDON which we title as "**My Jesus, I Love Thee.**" The tune composer is Adoniram J. Gordon, 1876.

In the 10:55 worship service the Sanctuary Choir will sing "**Alleluia, Alleluia!**" This percussion accompanied anthem is an original by Amy Bernon. The entire text is just one word: Alleluia! What a word it is! *Alleluia* is the Latinization of the Hebrew *hallelujah, praise the Lord*. It is an expression of joy and praise of God which occurs frequently in Gregorian chant. During Eastertide, the word *alleluia* is added to all antiphons, and to various other chants. *Alleluiatic antiphons* are antiphons which consist of the word *alleluia* repeated many times. In our anthem this Sunday, which is copyright © 2008 by Heritage Music Press, we will sing this *hallelujah, praise the Lord* in a very rhythmic way with percussion instruments and with bright and energetic dynamics. (source: Harvard Dictionary of Music, 1961)

Please read this text from Sunday's music. (it's okay to memorize it if you want, especially the translation)

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Alleluia!**

*Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!*



### ATTENTION FUMC MEMBERS!!!

Your X.Y.Z. Ministry Nurture Team is trying to locate two of our members, BETTY RALSTON and EILEEN DISS. If you have any information please call Janice (223-5390, Ext. 313).

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, Feb 1

- 8:30 am Worship / McClure Chapel
- 9:30 am Sunday Morning Live
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:55 am Worship / Sanctuary
- 11:00 am EPIC Worship / CMC
- 4:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth (**SuperBowl Party**) CMC

### Monday, Feb 2

- 7:45 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Children's Day Out
- 1:00 pm Clothes Closet Opens
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:30 pm Beth Moore Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Invitation Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, Feb 3

- 7:45 am Preschool
- 5:30 pm SPR
- 7:00 pm Worship Ministries

### Wednesday, Feb 4

- 7:30 am Intercessory Prayer
- 7:45 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Children's Day Out
- 9:00 am Clothes Closet Opens
- 5:00 pm Faithweavers
- 5:30 pm Prayer Ambassadors
- 6:15 pm Worship / CMC
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery
- 7:00 pm Mid-Week Youth
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, Feb 5

- 7:45 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Precept Bible Study
- 6:30 pm DivorceCare
- 7:00 pm Alpha

### Friday, Feb 6

- 7:45 am Preschool

### Saturday, Feb 7

- 8:00 am Local Church Leaders' Workshop

### Dates to Remember:

- Feb 22 Chili Cook-Off
- Feb 25 Ash Wednesday
- March 1-3 Festival of Faith (Wade Paschal)
- March 6-8 Mid-Winter Youth Retreat
- March 8 Center Point

## Faith Promise Goes Around the World

During 2008 our Faith Promise dollars impacted persons around the globe with 22 different mission projects.

We provided for 4 different United Methodist Committee on Relief appeals: 1) \$2,000 for the Hurricanes '08 relief, especially Hurricanes Ike and Gustaf; 2) \$1,400 for victims of the political violence in Kenya for their election and upheaval (one of our mission teams ministered to those persons in January of '07); 3) \$2,000 for layette and sewing kits for victims of disaster which was an Annual Conference VIM Drive; and 4) \$3,000 for flood buckets (\$45/bucket) for victims of the MidWest Floods during the summer of '08.

We provided for 14 different international outreach projects: 1) \$720 to Campus Crusade for Christ for (60) Bibles for Sudanese leaders where a revival is going on in the midst of the Civil War; 2) \$700 for the Nothing But Nets Program which provided 70 nets (\$10/net) for persons in sub-Sahara Africa for protection against malaria; 3) \$700 to Gideons International for distribution of Bibles world-wide; 4) \$750 to the Living Prayer Center in Nashville which receives prayer requests from Methodists and others every day; 5) \$1,000 to the Maua Hospital Service Fund in Kenya which provides care for AIDS mothers; 6) \$1,000 to the Maua AIDS Orphan Program in Kenya which provides medicine for children with AIDS; 7) \$1,625 to Campus Crusade for Christ for 500 Rapid Deployment Kits distributed to our military in harm's ways which includes a New Testament with Psalms, a devotional book, and the plan of salvation; 8) \$440 to the West Africa Theological Seminary in Lagos, Nigeria for security officer uniforms to protect the seminarians there; 9) \$1,000 to WATS for their Phase 2 construction project; 10) \$1,000 for Upper Room devotional booklets to be distributed to prison and military chaplains; 11) \$1,000 for a Kodiak plane for the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua, New Guinea for missionary flights; 12) \$1,000 for a Chinese leader to attend the International Leadership National Conference in China during the Olympics; 13) \$330 for a Siberian pastor to attend the ILI National Conference in Siberia; and 14) \$2,000 as matching gift to ILI to send leaders/pastors to ILI national conferences during 2009 (ILI trains leaders to do evangelism).

By way of a signature project Faith Promise also supported the Bolivia/Oklahoma Partnership with: 1) \$400 for the purchase and printing of Sunday school curriculum for one district in the Bolivia Methodist Church; 2) \$1,000 to underwrite the cost of Bolivian Christian education leaders to get together and write the 2009 Sunday school curriculum for the I.E.M.B; and 3) \$4,000 as part of the quadrennial campaign for the Bolivian pastor's endowment fund (we have committed \$16,000 over 4 years). Bolivian pastors live on starvation wages.

Faith Promise has also committed to a signature project at the Manos Juntas Ministry in Rio Bravo, Mexico. We have built over 20 concrete block homes down there and sent down at least 10 different medical teams over the years. We support the director (Marsha Alexander) and the medical director (Dr. Elias Lara). Dr. Lara will attend our 2009 Mission Festival in May. Faith Promise sent \$2,500 for construction needs and \$2,500 for medical needs.

## FOCUS ON FOLKS

### In the Hospital, or recently dismissed:

Quannah Davis	Jimmie Garner
Geneva Vangundy	Travis Billingsley
Tami Fasgold	Max Williamson

### Sunday School Greeters for February:

Main Building - LOVE class  
Colvert Ministry Center - SEEKERS class

Loaves & Fishes for January: Tuna 6-1/8 ounce can

### Memorials:

In memory of **Sue Newman** contributions to the Memorial Fund and the Ministry Center Trust Fund have been received from:

Harry & Lajuana Dodd, Juanita & Tex Jennings, Don & Carolyn Lemmon (Memorial)  
Harry Spring (CMC)

### Sympathy:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **David Seals** in the passing of David's mother, Dorothy Seals, on January 16, 2009. A memorial Service will be held at McFarlin UMC in Norman, OK on January 30th.

### Children's Choir

rehearsals will begin  
Sunday February 1st  
Kindergarten - 5th Grades  
at 4:30-5:15 in the Choir Room.



### Local Church Leaders Workshop

Ardmore District

Saturday

February 7, 2009

Registration begins at 8:30am

Colvert Ministry Center

Church officers who are seeking to enrich their leadership skills and their lives are encouraged to attend LCLW, which provides a forum to share your ideas with other leaders from churches in your district, and also to gain new insights from well-prepared and skilled workshop leaders. Brochures are available in the church office. Registration deadline is January 28th (to sign-up, please contact Pat Castellow at 223-5390 X 303).

## February 4 2009 Prayer Ambassadors

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you. Then you will be my witnesses to testify about me in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8*

### 1. Our Jerusalem—Ardmore

All Worship services—Pray we focus on making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Gloria Ainsworth Daycare Center

PIE ministry and Muggers--ministries to 1<sup>st</sup> time visitors

Rio Bravo Volunteer in Mission (VIM) construction team—Feb.28-March 6

### 2. Our Judea—Oklahoma

Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (CJAMM)—especially pray for Rev. Chickanga at Redemption church here in Ardmore

### 3. Our Samaria—North America

Campus Crusade for Christ Rapid Deployment Kits for military and their families

Pray for our country, our President, leaders and that we will humble ourselves before God and learn and practice righteousness in all our ways.

### 4. To the Ends of the Earth

Mike and Sharoll Shutts—Lesotho, Africa—Aviation Fellowship


Bethlehem Bible College—Bethlehem, Palestine—preparing students for Christian ministry in Israel and Palestine

### 5. Persecuted Church

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*


*With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Eph. 6:18*

Somalia—pray for radio stations that broadcast the gospel—that many would hear the Good News and believe.



## Faithweavers Friends Children's Bible Study

Begins: Wednesday, February 4th  
5:00pm-6:15pm  
Rooms 115 A & B in the Colvert Ministry Center  
Questions? Contact Missy or Troy Williams 768-1403



DIVORCE *Care*

*Thursdays*

*6:30 pm*

*Colvert Ministry Center*

### Feeling Down?

Our Stephen Ministry can help. Stephen Ministers aren't just there for the BIG crises. They're also available for the small ones, because many times the little

things can **really add up**. Consider Stephen Ministry if the little things have you feeling down. Contact Louise Daniels (226-5524) or Rev. Dan Patman (223-5390, ext.308) for more information about Stephen Ministry.





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