

The Calling

12 Go To Emmaus

First United Methodist Church is sending 12 persons on the next set of Emmaus Walks at Cross Point Camp near Kingston, Oklahoma on beautiful Lake Texoma.

On Friday-Sunday, April 13-16, Cross Point Men's Walk #73 is scheduled. Going as pilgrims will be Bruce Hammond, Ryan Parker, Doug Loder, Bob Sperry, Craig Wainscott, Chris Benson, and Wayne McClure.

Cross Point Women's Walk #74 is scheduled on Friday-Sunday, April 23-26. Attending will be Shana Hammond, Brook Parker, Dana Benson, Esther Wainscott, and Rita McClure.

These men and women will experience 15 lay and clergy talks on the basics of the Christian faith. The clergy talks center on grace. There will be singing, good food, and rich fellowship with Christians from all over southern Oklahoma. Special services highlight the weekend.

Pray for each of these pilgrims as they embark upon their Walk to Emmaus.

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While Courtney Ellis attended graduate school for English, there were many occasions when her fellow students openly ridiculed the name of Christ. She said, "To my great detriment, I stayed silent. I was quite vocal about my belief in Christ at church and with my friends, but I was terrified of what might happen to my reputation if the people at my school found out I believed in Jesus. ... Most of them were just ignorant about who Jesus is. Several of them had never even met a Christian before and assumed that all Christians were the uneducated, judgmental stereotypes we sometimes see in the media. Yet, I was still afraid.

As the program went on, I began to feel guiltier for these silences. If I couldn't be obedient to Christ in such a central thing, how would I be able to serve him in other ways? God was faithful in my rocky road to obedience—opportunities to speak up for Christ continued to come my way.

One day a fellow student asked me flat out—right before class, when many other people were around—if I was a Christian. I was at a crossroads. ... I had a clear decision to make.

I took a deep breath, and, with God's help, I said a soft, shaky, 'Yes.' The student looked at me for a second, skeptically.

'Interesting,' she said. 'I always thought that Christians were like circus freaks... but you're actually kind of smart!'

It was a small step, but even the smallest step made in obedience is progress. God tells us not to fear for our reputations, because the truth will always win out."

Sunday, we will begin a series of messages "Beyond the Cross" from the book of Acts. We'll look at how the first followers of Christ moved beyond Easter, overcame their fears and concerns to be used of God to establish the first communities of faith. We'll be looking for insights and understanding in how we can overcome our weaknesses and limitations to reach out to a whole new generation of people who've never heard or responded to Christ.

Blessings,

Darrell



**New Adult Sunday
School Class**
Starting Sunday
April 19th

Join us for
Food and Fellowship
9:45am
Adult Annex Room A-9



The Lectionary Readings for April 19th

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
John 1:1-2:2, 20:19-31

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 Second Sunday of Easter.**

In both 8:30 and 10:55 worship services John Emery, organist, will play "**Redemption Song**" by Charles Gounod. This lovely up-beat voluntary is taken from the opera *Faust*. The organ setting is by Ellen Jane Lorenz.

In the 8:30 worship service I will sing "**Come, Peace of God**" by Eugene Butler. May Roland wrote and copyrighted the text in 1935 and Mr. Butler wrote the original anthem score in 1966. This solo is contained in a collection titled *Sacred Songs* compiled by Dale Wood, and copyright © 1988 by The Sacred Music Press.

In the 10:55 worship service the Sanctuary Choir will sing "**Give Me Jesus,**" a traditional Spiritual arranged by Jonathan Rodgers. This anthem is a part of the Jo-Michael Scheibe Choral Series, *Committed to Musical & Educational Excellence*. This anthem is copyright © 2008 by Walton Music.

Please read these texts from Sunday's music.

Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus;
you can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

And when I am alone, give me Jesus;
you can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

And when I come to die, give me Jesus.

Come, Peace of God

Come, peace of God, and dwell again on earth,
come with the calm that hailed thy Prince's birth,
come with the healing of thy gentle touch,
come, peace of God, that this world needs so much.

Break every weapon forged in fires of hate,
turn back the foe that would assail thy gate;
where fields of strife lie desolate and bare
take thy sweet flowers of peace and plant them there.

Bring selfish lives from shadow-lands of loss
into the radiance of the Savior's cross,
wherein that gift so precious, yet so lone,
life finds its brotherhood and love its throne.

Come, peace of God, and rule within our hearts!

Shalom, *Bob*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 19

8:30 am	Worship / Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday Morning Live
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:55 am	Worship / Sanctuary
11:00 am	EPIC Worship / Colvert Ministry Center
4:30 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:00 pm	Confirmation Class
6:00 pm	Girl's Night Out
6:00 pm	UMM
6:00 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Youth
7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery

Monday, April 20

7:45 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Children's Day Out
9:30 am	Body Recall
1:00 pm	Clothes Closet Opens
5:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Training
6:30 pm	Who Stole My Church

Tuesday, April 21

7:45 am	Preschool
10:30 am	Mom's Praying
6:00 pm	Mission Ministry

Wednesday, April 22

7:45 am	Intercessory Prayer
7:45 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Children's Day Out
9:00 am	Clothes Closet Opens
9:30 am	Body Recall
5:00 pm	Stephen Ministry
5:00 pm	Faithweavers Bible Study
5:30 pm	Prayer Ambassadors
6:15 pm	Worship / Colvert Ministry Center
7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery
7:00 pm	Mid-Week Youth
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 23

7:45 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Precept Bible Study

Friday, April 24

7:45 am	Preschool
9:30 am	Body Recall

Dates to Remember:

May 1-3	Mission Festival
May 7	Senior Banquet
May 10	Mother's Day / Senior Sunday
May 14	Confirmation Banquet
May 17	Confirmation Sunday
May 25	Memorial Day / Church Closed
June 1-5	Youth District Camp
June 21-26	Sr. High Mission Trip
June 22-26	Vacation Bible School

Faith Promise and You

Changing Lives, Together We Can

The 11th year of Faith Promise and our Mission Festival, held May 1-3, includes many things each of us can do. Jesus made it clear that he expects us to help others (see Matthew 25: 32-46).

There are many ways everyone can serve at the Mission Festival. Next week's "Calling" will have a schedule of events. There are opportunities to serve in various ways. If you cannot attend, or you are physically unable to attend, you can pray for those working on the different projects. And, as always, there is financial giving through Faith Promise.

Faith promise funds are used for many purposes, among them 1) 11 missionaries on five continents, 2) mission outreach in Ardmore, 3) seminary students in other countries who will spread the Good News in their area, 4) scholarships and supplies for missions in the US and other countries, and 5) funds for local people in emergency need.

In the past eleven years, Faith Promise has raised almost \$1,000,000 for missions at home and abroad. This amount is above and beyond the annual apportionment and fair share mission giving.

Think of the lives that this amount of money, used in a prayerful and skillful way, can change for the better. We will have missionaries and local lay people who have served on missions speak about how these funds have changed lives. Participate in the Mission Festival and give through Faith Promise. It will enrich your life at least as much as the person's life you help.



UMM

Sunday, April 19th
6:00pm

Colvert Ministry Center
Baby Back Ribs & Trimmings

Speaker: our very own Austin Powell
Bring your neighbor, friend, father, son...
All men welcome!

FOCUS ON FOLKS

In the Hospital, or recently dismissed:

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Sunday School Greeters for April:

Main Building - **CHESTER DENNIS & CORA CARLOCK**
Colvert Ministry Center - **HOPE** class

Sympathy: Our thoughts and prayers are with Carol Thompson and her family with the passing of her brother Jack Gordon on Monday, April 6th. Graveside services were held on Thursday, April 9th in Ardmore.

Memorials: In memory of **Sue Newman** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:
Val Washburn

Health Kit Supplies Needed

The Mission Committee Needs Your Help. We will be assembling Health Kits on the Missions Festival Workday, May 2, 2009 for several Non-Profit Organizations. If you have any of the following items, we can use them. Containers will be placed in various places around the church for these donations.

Hygiene Items: (Hotel or Travel size)

Soap
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Mouthwash
Shampoo
Conditioner
Lotion

Prayer Chain

To place a prayer request with the FUMC Prayer Chain ministry please call:

Lenny Frank at 465-7515

Wadell & Sheila Altom at 223-7272

**Joann Keithley at 223-0062 or
joannkeithley@sbcglobal.net**

**Mary Lou Fisher at
223-6898 (H)
223-9367 (W)**

April 22, 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
- Mission Festival Weekend: May 1-3 Changing Lives: Together We Can
 - a. Pray for great participation in the May 2nd workday projects
 - b. Pray for greater congregational awareness and understanding of Faith Promise
 - c. Pray for the speakers—both lay and special guest speakers
 - d. Pray for a large increase in the numbers of children who participate in the special mission activities on May 2nd
 - e. Pray for strong personal faith promise commitments
- Habitat for Humanity—helping families in need of safe shelter
- Divorce Care

2. Our Judea—Oklahoma

- New Day Camps—pray for volunteers and adequate resources to put on these summer camps for children and youth who have a parent or parents who are incarcerated.

3. Our Samaria—North America

- UMCOR—United Methodist Committee on Relief—ministering to families who have survived disasters
- 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

- Bill and Jerri Savuto—missionaries serving in Maua, Kenya with the AIDS Orphan project, and Palliative Care Program for AIDS mothers

5. Persecuted Church

- Bhutan—Bible and materials for youth and children are in great need for these Bhutanese Christians. Pray that each believer will be able to have his/her own Bible.

Stephen Ministry

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME I AM AMONG THEM . . .

In Matthew 18, Jesus promises to be with us. That's one of the great miracles of Stephen Ministry. When a Stephen Minister meets one-to-one with his or her care receiver, Jesus is present too. He brings the power of His transforming love and the peace, healing, and comfort that only God can give. Contact Louise Daniels (226-5524) or Rev. Dan Patman (223-5390, ext.308) for more information about Stephen Ministry.



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Senior University Hearts In The Park

*Come join us for a healthy heart
as we get fit and enjoy Regional Park.*

Time: 9:30am - approximately an hour

Date: April 20th (start date)
Monday / Wednesday (6 weeks)

Place: Meet at Regional Park Pavilion

Trainer: Vicki Richardson
and other YMCA fitness instructors

For questions or information call Helen 220-2852

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