

The Calling

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Virginia Mollenkot in *What gives You Faith*, 'I love to watch students come alive. One of the courses I teach is freshman English, and that's a place where you can empower people. They often come to you beaten down. All anyone had done was tell them how bad they were in English. You try to encourage them to write about who they are, to talk about who they are, and you show some interest in them. You show them that they have something interesting in their lives. They're people.

Before I pass back their first graded paper, I give them a little speech: 'This grade is not for you. This grade is for a piece of work you turned in.'

Then I ask them if they want to know what I think of them, and usually they want to. So I continue, 'I think you're made in the image of God and of inestimable worth. There's no way anything I could put in my grade book could ever begin to estimate you.'

I learned to do this after I read Flannery O'Connor's story about the boy who went up in the attic and drew a circle with a big "F" in the middle because he hadn't been doing well in school, and hanged himself over the "F." He didn't distinguish between the grade he was getting and who he was.

For me, the meaning of life is to share with people the wonderful news that we are the daughters and sons of God. God likes to watch his sons and daughters come alive."

Zan W. Homes writes of hearing the late Bishop Paul Martin tell of the time when he "received a new church appointment early in his ministry. The congregation planned a reception for him on his first Sunday. During the reception, everyone came around to greet him except for one man who lingered in the rear of the room. After everyone else had greeted him, this man came forward and simply stood there. The future bishop asked him, 'What do you do here?' The layman said, 'I look for the preacher's weaknesses.' And he added, 'I'm good at it! But when I find them, that's where I get beneath him, and then I lift him up.'"

We all need encouragement and Sunday we will continue our series, Beyond the Cross by looking for some encouragement in a portion of Acts most preachers wish God had left out of the Bible. Hope you'll spend part of your Memorial Day weekend worshipping at Ardmore FUMC.

Blessings,
Darrell



Farewell Gathering for Darrell & Bonnie

Sunday
May 31st
9:30am

Fellowship Hall

*Refreshments will be served and a basket
will be provided for cards and letters.*



Let's all reserve that time to show Darrell & Bonnie our appreciation for their service to our church, say goodbye and wish them well.

If you have questions please contact
Janie Courtney.

Coming June
7th & 14th

Meet Our New Pastor
Rev. Jessica Moffatt Seay
Before & After Worship

**8:15 AM – MCCLURE
CHAPEL**

10:30 AM – SANCTUARY

**12:10 PM – COLVERT
MINISTRY CENTER**

Worship Services Begin:

**8:30 AM - MCCLURE
CHAPEL**

10:55 AM – SANCTUARY

11:05 AM - EPIC

[The Lectionary Readings
for May 24th](#)

Televised at 10:55am
Cable One, Channel 7

Broadcast at 11:00am
KVSO AM 1240

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
I John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

8:30 AM
McClure Chapel

10:55 AM
Sanctuary

11:00 AM
Colvert Ministry Center

Sunday's Music

This Sunday is **The Seventh Sunday of Easter**. It is also **Ascension Sunday** in the life of the church.

In both 8:30 and 10:55 worship services John Emery, organist, will play "**Prelude IX**" from *The Well-Tempered Clavier* by Johann S. Bach

In the 8:30 worship service I will sing "**Write Your Blessed Name, O Lord**" by Dale Grotenhuis. This is a wonderful setting of a text of Thomas a Kempis (1380-1471), and is copyright ©1991 by The Sacred Music Press.

In the 10:55 worship service the Sanctuary Choir will sing "**I Surrender All**," an arrangement of the familiar hymn of the same name and the hymn *Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow*. Steve Potts' arrangement includes a lovely solo for cello within it. John Emery will be the cellist and Kelley Segler will accompany the choir at the piano. The choral anthem is copyright © 2003 by Hal Leonard Company.

Please read this text from Sunday's music.

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken,
take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
May thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know Thy power divine.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power;
let Thy blessing fall on me.

Where He leads me I will follow,
I'll go with Him all the way.

Shalom, *Bab*

Missionaries Speaking Sunday

The HOPE Sunday School Class has invited Jose and Audrey Banales, Missionaries with OMS to come speak to us on their mission activities next Sunday, May 24, 2009 and would like to invite anyone who would like to hear about their ministry to join us. They are one of the missionaries supported by our Faith Promise. You can read their bios at:
<http://www.omsinternational.org/missionaries/jabanales>

The HOPE Sunday School class meets in the CMC room #116.
Everyone is welcome!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 24

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
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery

Monday, May 25 Memorial Day Church Closed

Tuesday, May 26

10:00 am Faith Circle at Elmbrook Suites
10:00 am Sanctuary Guild

Wednesday, May 27

7:30 am Intercessory Prayer
9:00 am Clothes Closet Opens
9:30 am Body Recall
5:00 pm Stephen Ministry
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

Friday, May 29

9:30 am Body Recall

Stephen Ministry

ARE YOU IN NEED OF:

Someone who cares?
Someone who supports?
Someone who listens?
Someone who shares your hurts?
Someone who will keep confidence?



If you are that someone who could use a caring person to walk beside you during this difficult or trying time, please contact Louise Daniels (226-5524) or Rev. Dan Patman (223-5390 ext. 308).

!!Volunteers Needed!!

We need volunteers to help stuff the
bulletin once or twice a month on
Thursdays at 2pm.
Please call Tami @ 223-5390 x301

Dates to Remember:

June 1-5 Youth District Camp
June 21-26 Sr. High Mission Trip
June 22-26 Vacation Bible School
June 29 Children's Summertime Ministry Begins
July 4 Independence Day / Church Closed
July 12-17 Jr. High Mission Trip
July 27-31 Dayspring
August 14-16 Discovery

Welcome, New Members!



We welcomed Deni Richards to our fellowship at the 6:15 worship service on Wednesday, May 13. Deni transferred from another church in the area. She is a tirebuilder at Michelin. Her sponsor is her husband Randal who is already a member.



We also welcomed Kevin Foster to our fellowship at the 8:30 worship service on Sunday, May 17. Kevin is an independent landman who recently attended the Walk to Emmaus. He transferred from another church in the area. His sponsor is Mark Newman.

And, we welcomed the following new members to our fellowship at the 11:00 EPIC worship service on Sunday, May 17—



Mauree Turner transferred from another church in the area. She is a junior at AHS and attends our Sr. Hi UMYF. Her sponsor is Taylor Dees.



Matthew Cooper joined by profession of faith. He is a senior customer service rep at Pre-Paid Legal Services in Ada. He will very soon move to Ardmore and wed Ronna Butler. Ronna also joined by profession of faith. She will very soon be a teller at IBC Banks in Ardmore. Their sponsors are Kevin & Kristen Butler.



Tim Dighton transferred from another church in the area. He is self-employed and runs Rack Hat Headwear. His sponsor is his wife Kelli who is already a member.



Chris & Dana Benson transferred from the First Baptist Church in Lone Grove. Chris is the manager at Farmer's Market in Lone Grove, while Dana is an admitting clerk at Mercy Memorial Hospital. They have a son Josh Duncan (age 16) who is a sophomore at Lone Grove HS. The Benson's recently attended the

Walk to Emmaus. Their sponsors are R.P. & Becky Woerz.

Welcome, folks!

FOCUS ON FOLKS

In the Hospital, or recently dismissed:

Bettie Black (OKC)

Sunday School Greeters for May:

Main Building - FELLOWSHIP

Colvert Ministry Center - SEEKERS

Memorials:

In memory of **Doug Burris** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:

Willard Hohnstein

In memory of **Sara Holden** contributions to the Memorial Fund and the Mission Fund have been received from:

Barnes Vision Clinic (Memorial)

Citizens Bank & Trust Co (Memorial)

Sue Clowe (Memorial)

Gene & Martha Ann Hill (Memorial)

Mike & Barbara Hisey (Memorial)

Lovell & Ann McMillin (Memorial)

Bill & Joanne Meacham (Mission)

Allan & Marilyn Neustadt (Memorial)

Syble Roring (Memorial)

Rick & Carol Lee Simms (Memorial)

Helen Thompson (Memorial)

Sam & Sharon Veazey (Memorial)

In memory of **Jessica Barnett McClanahan** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:

Gene Clendenin



Welcome Reception for Jessica & Chip



Sunday
June 7, 2009
9:30am
Fellowship Hall



Summer Bible Studies

Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A Study of David: Three authors. Three Generations. Three Perspectives. One Bible Study. Taped at the 2007 Deeper Still event, Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, and Kay Arthur explored their lives and the life of David. These authors' messages are divided into three segments, two lessons each. Each segment focuses on the life of David at a different stage of his life: as a young man (by Priscilla Shirer), as a middle-aged man (by Beth Moore), and as a man facing the final third of his life (by Kay Arthur). David was anointed but he made mistakes. And though he was redeemed—still he grappled with the choices he made. But he was transformed—and we can be, too. Join us for this 6 week Bible study on Monday nights, 6:30-8:30, CMC, June 1- July 20, led by Karen Chaffin.

Precept: This will be a short 4 week study of the book of Ruth that tells the story of a Moabite woman who married into a family of Israelites. But her husband and all the other men of the family died, leaving Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi in a desperate situation. This led to Ruth's encounter with Boaz, a wealthy Israelite and distant kinsman of Naomi, who eventually married the Moabite woman. Their son became the father of David's father, making Ruth and Boaz the great-grandparents of Judah's most famous king. The name Ruth means "friendship," and this book contains one of the most touching examples of friendship in the Bible. Thursday mornings, beginning July 9th at 9:00 a.m. in Room #116 in the Colvert Ministry Center. Led by Janie Courtney. Tapes by Kay Arthur.

What's in the Bible and How Do I Study?: Have you been wanting to participate in a Bible Study but afraid of not "knowing" how to study the Bible? Ever wonder how people learn the Bible and feel comfortable with talking about "What's in the Bible?" We are going to take the Sundays in June to learn how to study the Bible. Some fun ways to study as well as easy steps to help study with confidence and find meaning and hope for your life. The class begins Sunday June 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Melinda Laird will lead the class with tools, discussion, and fun.

Volunteers Needed for VBS

We are looking for individuals who love children and crafts and would be willing to volunteer to help prepare the craft activities before the week of VBS. Prep time is flexible and could be done during the day or in the evening. If you are interested please contact Kristin Chisham 223-5390 x325, Cindy Funderburg 504-7000 or Tonya Crowe 220-7937.

Golf Scramble

Saturday, June 20th at Lake Murray Golf Course starting at 10:30 am with registration beginning at 10:00 am, we will be having a four man scramble. There will be no entry fee. All you pay is the green and cart fee. The teams will be put together according to what you normally score. Dead line for sign up will be Sunday, June 7th. Sign up sheets will be located in the back of the Sanctuary and on the information desk in the Colvert Ministry Center. You can also sign up by sending an E-mail to Shawn Harkins at snlharkins@arbuckleonline.com or Ryan Parker at rpeyedoc@me.com. This scramble is open to all and you are not required to be a member to play. So invite your golf buddies to join us in this time of fun and fellowship. The only requirement is that you have your own set of golf clubs.

**In Observance of Memorial Day
The church will be closed
Monday, May 25th**



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*Loaves &
Fishes*

May

Green Peas

14-16 oz. cans

**Or you may donate money
to the emergency fund**