

The Calling

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I learned a little-known fact about a church member yesterday. It is the kind of discovery every pastor loves to find. The church member is Dru Nall. She is a faithful attendee of the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Did you know that after the 8:30 worship service every Sunday, Dru Nall goes to the sanctuary and gathers a handful of traditional worship service bulletins and delivers them to our United Methodist residents at Elmbrook Assisted Living Center? Our members are then able to follow along with a bulletin while they watch the television broadcast of our service. Miss Dru goes down each of the long hallways and slips them under nine doors.

I learned this because on Thursday I ventured to try to find Elmbrook. There it was, tucked back in a quiet neighborhood behind businesses and medical offices. One by one our saints who live there spoke of their love for our church and told me stories of the beloved pastors and Sunday School classes from our past. They each said they recognized me from the television broadcast. Each of them! I whispered a prayer of gratitude for the investment of our resources into a television ministry that connects us to these faithful members.

Each visit blessed me. Rev. Burney and Sara Cope talked at length about their church in Mannsville and how he used to be our United Methodist District Superintendent. He told me funny stories that he had used in sermons. I found Mrs. Clotee Evans in a game of dominos. She let me interrupt and meet her friends and family. I had to search to find Mrs. Melba Todd and Mrs. Betty Moore who were at an afternoon social in the dining room. Their love for our church was obvious. Mrs. Louise Clabaugh has only lived at Elmbrook two months but loves her end-of-the-hall apartment and view of the flower garden. Our prayers were sweet and our talks were about the work of Christ in each of our lives.

A few of our members didn't answer my knock, but I will get back soon to try again. I did want to note that we have a new Methodist at Elmbrook. His name is Jake Gilliam, brother of country and western singer Les Gilliam. He has some great stories to tell! He will bless your socks off.

I cannot adequately express my appreciation for the quiet faithful ministry of Dru Nall. She has been doing this simple, quiet, stealth service for a long time and never drawn attention to herself. Some residents didn't actually know who put the bulletin under the door, they just felt the love of our church because of it.

Don't you know that it brings God pleasure to watch Dru Nall going to door to door each Sunday with her act of love?

Jessica

Televised from the Sanctuary at
10:50am on Cable One, Channel 7

Broadcast from the Sanctuary at
11:00am on KVSQ AM 1240

8:30 AM
McClure Chapel

10:50 AM
Sanctuary

11:05 AM
Colvert Ministry Center

From Your Staff Parish Relations Committee

It is a deep blessing to see God's love and grace radiate through the life of Dan Patman. He has dedicated his life to serving Christ and our church family selflessly over the past 19 years. Dan continues to shower us with countless acts of faith, prayers, and blessings. His compassion and kindness has walked alongside us during our joy and grief, our illnesses and healings, and our struggles and victories while building our faith for Christ's eternal good... always with a comforting smile and cheerful heart.

We trust God's timing in all things but the reality of Dan's retirement is something we didn't want to face. Since last January, when Cheryl and Dan shared their decision to retire July 1, 2009, we hoped their minds would change. When discussing Dan's plan with Bishop Hayes, he shared his great admiration for Dan and emphasized 'Dan Patman has always been the glue for FUMC and is most important to the life of our church, especially in this time of transition. We, of course, agree with Bishop Hayes whole heartedly, as we've always known this to be the case. Dan generously proposed a retirement plan that looks like anything but that. Dan will serve in the same role as Associate Pastor. His ministries and duties will include much of what he is already doing with the exception of, in his words, 'preaching and teaching'. Weddings and memorial services will be included in his areas of ministry. His new schedule will be more flexible to allow time with his family and grandchildren, while renewing his energies with a lessened work schedule.

Dan's first love is devoting time to call on worship visitors and talking with them about the Lord and our church. He says that 'serving the Lord and serving our church is fun'. We appreciate Dan, his ministry, and his continued dedication to our congregation. Our lives have been richly blessed by Dan and Cheryl, and we look forward to this new chapter in our lives together. In August, upon their return from vacation, we plan to honor them and celebrate their pseudo retirement.

With Blessings,
Christy Mordy and the SPR Committee

*Psalm 89:1 - 'I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
With my mouth I will make Your
faithfulness known through all generations.'*

Sunday's Music

This Sunday is the **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**. It is also the Sunday closest to July 4th and in all three worship services we will recognize our present and former Armed Forces personnel. As it also is the first Sunday in the month and we will celebrate **Holy Communion** in all worship services.

In both 8:30 and 10:50 worship services John Emery, organist, will play "Free Indeed!" by noted organ and keyboard arranger David Paxton.

In the 8:30 worship service Taylor Dees, a soprano and a member of our EPIC worship team will sing "Wayfaring Stranger," a Southern American Folksong arranged by Richard Walters. Mr. Walters' arrangements are rhythmically and harmonically very interesting and challenging to the singer as well as to the accompanist. Mr. Walters also notes: "This song seems like a spiritual, and it may well be one, but those origins have been unconfirmed." This solo collection is copyright © 2003 by Hal Leonard Corporation.

In the 10:50 worship service the Sanctuary Choir will sing "Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones," words and melody by Orrin Hatch, Lowell Alexander & Phil Nash, with the choral arrangement by Keith Christopher. This anthem, written especially for the July 4th remembrance, is copyright ©2006 by Sony/ATV Tunes LLC and StarSaylor Music Publishing. Kelley Segler will accompany at the piano. For this special *Armed Forces Recognition* worship, Kelley and John will play a piano/organ duet "America, the Beautiful" arranged by Lani Smith.

Please read these texts from Sunday's music.

Wayfaring Stranger

I am a poor wayfarin' stranger while travelin' through this world of woe,
yet there's no sickness, toil or danger in that bright world to which I go.

I'm goin' there to see my father, I'm goin' there no more to roam.

I'm only goin' over Jordan, I'm only goin' over home.

I know dark clouds will gather 'round me.

I know my way is rough and steep,

but golden fields lie out before me

where God's redeemed shall ever sleep.

I'm goin' there to see my mother. She said she'd meet me when I come.

I'm only goin' over Jordan, I'm only goin' over home.

I'll soon be free from every trial, my body sleep in the church yard.

I'll drop the cross of self denial and enter on my great reward.

I'm goin' there to see my Savior, to sing his praise forever more.

I'm only goin' over Jordan, I'm only goin' over home.

Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones

Blades of grass and pure white stones

shelter those who've come and gone.

Just below the emerald sod

are those who've reached the arms of God.

Blades of grass and pure white stones

cover those who left their homes,

to rest in fields, here side by side,

lest we forget their sacrifice.

Buried here with dignity,

endless rows for all to see.

Freedom's seeds in sorrow sown,

'neath blades of grass and smooth white stones.

Shalom, *Bali*

Welcome, New Member!



We welcome Bonnie Rigney to our fellowship. Bonnie joined by profession of faith at the 10:50 worship service on Sunday, June 28. She is a recent graduate from OSU in Stillwater and will be going to the school of optometry at Northeastern in Tahlequah in the fall.

Her sponsor is her grandmother Bernice Parkerson who is already a member.

Welcome, Bonnie!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 5

- 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 / CMC
- 6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery

Monday, July 6

- 1:00 pm Clothes Closet Opens

Tuesday, July 7

- 9:00 am UMCOR Training
- 12:00 pm Noon Prayer
- 5:30 pm SPR
- 7:00 pm Worship Ministries

Wednesday, July 8

- 9:00 am UMCOR Training
- 9:00 am Clothes Closet Opens
- 5:00 pm Stephen Ministry
- 5:30 pm Prayer Ambassadors
- 6:15 pm Worship - CMC
- 7:00 pm Mid-Week Youth
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 9

- 9:00 am Precept Bible Study
- 9:00 am Children's Day Out
- 1:00 pm XYZ Bridge Club

Dates to Remember:

- July 12-17 Jr. High Mission Trip
- July 27-31 Dayspring
- August 3-6 Growin' in Grace Camp
- August 3-6 Tweens Camp
- August 14-16 Discovery
- Sept 7 Labor Day / Church Closed
- Sept 13 Round-Up Rally
- Sept 24-27 Men's Emmaus Walk
- Oct 1-4 Women's Emmaus Walk

Sanctuary Guild

The Sanctuary Guild invites you to help provide fresh flowers for worship each Sunday. Flowers may be donated in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary. Each arrangement costs \$55. For more information or to schedule flowers for a specific Sunday, call Pat Castellow at 223-5390, x 303.



Prayer Chain

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

Lenny Frank at 465-7515

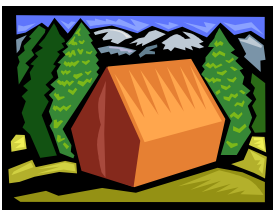
Wadell & Sheila Altom at 223-7272

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

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

ATTENTION YOUTH

(incoming 6th through graduated seniors)



We have some exciting trips and camps coming up this summer:

- Jr. High trip to Austin, Tx 7/12-7/18
- Sr. High Dayspring Camp at Cross Point Camp 7/27-7/31
- Tweens Camp for incoming 6th graders at Cross Point Camp (8/3-8/6)

- Discovery '09 (8/14-8/16)

Contact Laura or Adam for details
or get forms on our website

fumcardmore.com/youth/forms



FOCUS ON FOLKS

In the Hospital, or recently dismissed:

Sunday School Greeters for July:

Main Building - LOVE

Colvert Ministry Center - HOPE

Sympathy:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill and Barbara Parker and their family with the passing of Barbara's sister Thelma Cronic on Thursday, June 18th. Services were held on Monday, June 22nd in Oklahoma City.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with Roger and Susan Wood and their family with the passing of Roger's brother Kent on Saturday, June 27th.

Memorials:

In memory of **Lou Butler** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:

Billye Jobe

In memory of **Sara Holden** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:

Waylan and Sandra Morris

In memory of **Ora Rist** contributions to the Ministry Center Trust Fund, the Memorial Fund and Faith Promise have been received from:

Billye Jobe (Memorial)

Maytha Mead (CMC)

Kent and Ginger Tucker (Faith Promise)

Perceptions

We now have the voice of our new pastor doing the **Perceptions** broadcast every morning. Tune in to **KKAJ 95.7** at about 7:30am Monday through Friday and invite others to listen as well!

Stephen Ministry

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble." 1 Peter 3:8.

Stephen Ministers are there to serve you—to provide the support, empathy, love and compassion. Does that sound like something you can use? Want to learn more? Louise Daniels 226-5524 or Rev. Dan Patman 223-5390 x308.



July 8, 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
- Pray for our Children's Summertime Ministry—July 6-8
- Pray for the Junior High Mission Trip—July 12-17
- May your prayers include The Gloria Ainsworth Day Care Center—caring for children of working Mom's
- Prayers and Squares – a caring ministry that need prayers
- Prayerfully remember Adult Bible Studies—Precept (Book of Ruth) taught by Janie Courtney. CMC, Room #116, 9:00 a.m.

2. Our Judea—Oklahoma

- Remember in prayer the Wesley Foundations in Oklahoma
- Always keep our ERT members in your prayers

3. Our Samaria—North America

- Pray for the General Board of Global Ministries—their ministry is far reaching
- 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

- Include in your prayers the Palestinian Children's Summer Day Camp—July 9-13—for West Bank children, both Christian and Muslim. They are planting a seed of love for their neighbors.
- Bill and Jerri Savuto are doing superior works in Kenya—pray that they can continue to grow this program

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

- Pray for strength within the Church in India . . . that it will be a powerful witness for the truth of the Gospel.

First UMC 2009 Men's Softball Schedule

June 1st	9:30p field 1 vs. Lone Grove Assembly of God	Ⓜ
June 8th	6:30p field 2 vs. Emmanuel Baptist	Ⓛ
June 15th	9:30p field 3 vs. Milo Baptist	Ⓜ
June 29th	9:30p field 2 vs. Maranatha	
July 6th	6:30p field 3 vs. Lone Grove Assembly of God 8:30p field 2 vs. Faith Center	
July 13th	7:30p field 2 vs. Emmanuel Baptist	
July 20th	6:30p field 4 vs. Milo Baptist	
July 27th	9:30p field 3 vs. Faith Center	
Aug 3rd	6:30p field 2 vs. Maranatha	

Church Staff Directory

You can reach the following church staff members by dialing 223-5390 & the following extension numbers anytime during the recorded telephone greeting:

Tami Fasgold - Administrative Assistant	301
Jessica Moffatt-Seay - Senior Pastor	302
Pat Castellow - Finance	303
Lori Eddington - Receptionist & Finance Assistant	305
Dan Patman - Associate Pastor	308
Bob Pfau - Music Director	312
Adam Ricks - Associate Pastor / Youth	314
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Patricia Merritt - Evening / Sunday Nursery	317
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Barbara Shields - Preschool Director	320
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July

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to the emergency fund