

The Calling

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Tuesdays with Bill.

Let me tell you what they are like.

Bill Parker is always prompt for the Tuesday Noon Prayer Time.

For many years, he has faithfully followed a specific prayer pattern.

Throughout the morning, various members of our staff will slip into the Cora Carlock Chapel and place small black prayer journals on the altar. In them, are written the tender requests of the heart. Some of the prayers requested on those pages are for you – for our church, for our ministry, for those we know who are suffering and sick. Many of the requests, however, are personal.

Pray for my sister...

Pray that I will serve God with a pure heart...

Pray for my nephew who is suffering...

Please pray for my attitude to honor God...

Pray for our family finances...

Pray for my marriage...

Tami, from the church office, writes extensively in her prayer journal, listing the many prayer requests that have come to us through emails and phone calls. She also summarizes the concerns we have named on Mondays in staff meetings.

When Bill arrives, he gathers the journals from the altar and sits about half way back in the chapel. Then, one by one, he silently lifts each concern to God. If you sit near him, you can see him linger on each page until every need has been offered.

It takes about thirty minutes for Bill to pray through all the journals. His last act is to get the list of staff members from the altar and to pray for each staff member by name. He prays for the tasks each person is assigned to do. He prays for me. *Bill Parker prays for me.*

"How long have you been doing this, Bill?" I asked him on the first Tuesday I joined him.

"Oh, as long as I can remember. I suppose it was ever since we had that event where we were asked to identify our gifts and offer ourselves in service to God in specific ways. I knew that this was one thing I could do without fail. I knew I could come to this chapel every Tuesday at noon and pray. That event was in about 1995 or 1996... I don't remember. I have been coming here on Tuesdays ever since."

Tuesdays with Bill.

You and I are invited to join him whenever we wish.

You are also invited to slip your prayer request onto the altar in the Chapel any Tuesday morning.

Be assured that Bill Parker will pray for you.

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




Awad's Are Coming!

Alex & Brenda Awad are our faith promise-supported missionaries to the Holy Land. They serve with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries in the Jerusalem/Bethlehem area. Alex is a Palestinian Christian, while Brenda is an American Christian. In fact, both are now United States citizens.

Alex will be preaching in the 6:15 evening worship service on Wednesday, August 12. Then afterwards at 7:00, both Alex & Brenda will be sharing about their ministry in Palestine in the Colvert Ministry Center Room 116 (east room).

Several of you had the opportunity to hear them speak in our church about 3 years ago. Well, they are back! And with many stories of mission and ministry! Please come, invite a friend, and hear an inspiring and very interesting commentary on what is currently happening in Palestine.



UMM
Sunday
August 16th
6:00pm
Colvert Ministry Center
Menu: Mixed Grill
Speaker: Eddie Funderburg

Girl's Night Out

Sunday
August 16th
6:00pm

Luigi's

Susan Wood President



Sunday's Music

This Sunday is the **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost.**

In both 8:30 and 10:50 worship services John Emery, organist, will play an original composition for organ/keyboard "**Fanfare.**" This original composition has a mixed meter feeling and is rhythmically exciting!

In the 8:30 worship service Taylor Dees, a 2009 graduate and an O.U. freshman; also a member of the worship team in EPIC, will be singing "**Amazing Grace,**" the very familiar hymn in a new and fresh arrangement by Richard Walters.

In the 10:50 worship service the Sanctuary Choir will sing "**They'll Know We Are Christians**" arranged by Lloyd Larson with Kelley Segler accompanying at the piano. This choir favorite arrangement, which was originally written in 1966 as a *sacred folk song*, and was very accessible to young worshippers, is copyright © 2006 by Lorenz Publishing Company, a division of The Lorenz Corporation. Also in this worship service, Kelley Segler and John Emery will play a lovely piano and organ duet "**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise,**" setting by Mark Hayes & Maynard Gaspard. This series of piano and organ duets, built on major hymntunes, is delightful to hear.

Please read these texts from Sunday's music.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

They'll Know We Are Christians

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
and we'll guard each ones' dignity and save each ones' pride.

Praise to the Father from whom all things come,
praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son;
praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Shalom, *Bab*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Aug 9

8:30 am Worship / McClure Chapel
9:30 am Sunday Morning Live
9:45 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship / Sanctuary
11:05 am EPIC / CMC
2:00 pm VIM Team Leader Meeting
6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery

Monday, Aug 10

1:00 pm Clothes Closet Opens

Tuesday, Aug 11

12:00pm Noon Prayer
4:30 pm Trustees

Wednesday, Aug 12

9:00 am Clothes Closet Opens
5:00 pm Stephen Ministry
5:30 pm Prayer Ambassadors
6:00 pm Surviving Middle School
6:15 pm Worship / CMC
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery
7:00 pm Mid-Week Youth

Thursday, Aug 13

9:00 am Children's Day Out
1:00 pm XYZ Bridge Club

Friday, Aug 14

Discovery Weekend Begins

VIM Going Places

Have you ever been on a mission? Was it a life-changing experience for you? Where would you like to go on a mission in 2010? If you would like to go on a mission this coming year, tell a trained team leader in our church where and we'll try to schedule it.

Our VIM team leaders meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 9 at 3:00 in the church parlor. Team leaders include Pat Castellow, Randle Riggle, John Mourer, Terry & Julie Myer, Bob Pfau, Harry Dodd, Joe Hamill, Mike Carnahan, Gordon Henagar, Stephen Smithers, Bob Singleton, Masoud Khaladj, DeB Edwards, Charlie Davis, Steve & Barbara Zink, Adam Ricks, Laura Carpenter, Joe McDonald, Eddie Funderburg, Janice Weaver, Paul Reed, and Dan Patman.

Dates to Remember:

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
Oct 30	Fall Fest
Nov 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 26	Thanksgiving
Nov 26-27	Church Closed

Missionary News

On July 13 we received the following email from Derek & Nancy Lehman who are working at an orphanage near Guimacá, Honduras. Nancy grew up in our church and once served as our assistant youth director. We helped them through faith promise get started on the mission to the orphanage.

"Things have been pretty busy around here! Last we heard the Honduran government would not allow the President Zelaya to land at any of the airports... Anyway, things in town have calmed down. We went grocery shopping last week and stocked up quite a bit. Also, volunteers have been able to fly in & out with no problems.

As far as the orphanage goes, Derek & I are starting to become quite acclimated. Our normal schedule is as follows. For Derek: (Mon-Fri) Wake up at 5:30. Be at Circle Time (morning worship) at 6:15. Eat breakfast at 7:00. Run the medical clinic from 7:30-8:15 (regular morning meds), 8:30 work on the day's task until lunch, 12 noon lunch. 12:30 work more, 3:30-4:15 run the medical clinic for round 2 of meds, 4:30 finish any unfinished work and then come home.

For Nancy: Wake up about 6:30 (girls start later than men because we don't do manual labor). 7:00-7:45 dispense medicines to all girls and toddlers who need it during Circle Time. 8:30-11:50 Teach English (Mon-Wed only). 8:30-11:50 work on art for kids/clean/do dishes with the girls in the kitchen; translate sponsor letters from English to Spanish or kids responses from Spanish to English (Thurs & Fri). 11:50-3:30 Help at the Toddler house (I eat lunch with them). 3:30 grab my dinner to go as I do the second round of dispensing meds until 4:00.

Other randoms we have: Mon eve—volunteer meeting; Tues eve—worship practice & dance practice (Nancy only); Wed eve—church; Sat—work half day (or full) & worship practice in the evening; Sun—church & another scheduled activity like soccer.

Derek's days are much more varied than mine... So far he has measured & cut glass, killed & processed chickens, cut grass, measured & made screen for almost all the windows in the orphanage, worked on the septic system, built a work station & shelves, taken apart scraps of wood to use for other things, & tomorrow he is going to learn how to run the dairy barn. That's about it for now.

All our love, D n N"

Help needed at the Clothes Closet!

Work Behind-the-Scenes sorting clothes or work during open hours. Two hours per month, or, substitute occasionally. Contact Marilyn Edwards at 223-5469.

FOCUS ON FOLKS

In the Hospital, or recently dismissed: *If you, or someone you know, is in the hospital please contact the church office.*

Sunday School Greeters for August:

Main Building - **WESLEY**

Colvert Ministry Center - **SEEKERS**

Memorials:

In memory of **Ora Rist** contributions to the Memorial Fund and the Budget Apportionments have been received from:

Barbara Winkler (Memorial)

David and Carol Rose (Budget)

DIVORCE *Care*

The sixth session of DivorceCare will start August 20th.

We meet Thursdays @ 6:30pm for 13 weeks in the Colvert Ministry Center. We need volunteers for weekly snacks/food. Some of our members are driving from Lawton, Ada, Temple, and Duncan and the food you bring is dinner for them. If you would like to bless us with a meal or a monetary donation, please contact Lesa Price @ 580-465-7090. Thank You So Much!

Communion Now Offered After EPIC

We are continuing our tradition of serving Holy Communion in the Carlock Chapel after the 10:50 a.m. service each non-Communion Sunday. However, we are adding a second location for the ease of those who attend EPIC worship. Each Sunday that Communion is not served in the worship service, it will be offered in (what we are now calling) the EPIC Upper Room. The room is located in the Colvert Ministry Center and is accessed by the staircase next to the sound board. If you can't make the stairs check with the sound and video technicians.



Does This Sound Like You?



Are you a person who enjoys chatting with folks on Sunday morning? Do you enjoy finding out about other people? Do you make friends easily? If so, you may wish to be a part of the visitor welcome ministry of our church. We are going to have a special meeting to launch a new part of our visitor welcome ministry. It is called First Friends and will be held on Monday night, August 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the CMC. If that sounds like you, join us!

Children of the Church Support the Heifer Project



The votes are in! Chicks and rabbits are the top farm animals among children ages 4 years through fifth grade at FUMC. Spring mission project monies are going to purchase chicks and rabbits for needy farm families. The children have collected money for the Heifer Project while learning how

families are helped by this group. The Heifer Project helps families earn money with the animals they are given. The families "pass on the gift" by sharing animals with other families in need.

This spring mission project gave children an opportunity to share some of what they have been given to help families in need. Many thanks to the Love class for their donation for the Heifer Project and their support of the children's mission efforts.

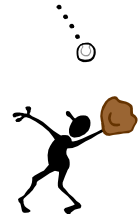


First UMC 2009 Men's Softball Schedule

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	

The Roar and Excitement of the Fans

It was a late game, plenty of time for everyone to get there. It had rained for many hours throughout the day and some players thought the fields might have been wet, but the evening's play went on as scheduled. The air was thick with moisture from the rains and we had a couple players on vacation, some at a youth event and the unthinkable happened: we had to forfeit due to a less than minimum number of players. With our faithful fans in place, the teams: both winning and losing, put on a wonderful display of hitting and fielding expertise (just for fun) and then, right before our eyes, an armadillo was on the loose in the stands and evoking loud screams from some young female fans, who don't really like armadillos!! A good time was had by all and you really missed it. One more game left!!



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)

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