

The Calling

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Here is something I didn't know until today. We have church members who are still living in a hotel due to the tornado that struck Lone Grove on February 10th.

What?

It's true. Cherrille and Bob Mashore have been living at the Ardmore Microtel since the F4 twister wiped out their house in Lone Grove that Tuesday.

That evening, Bob was watching the news. He began telling Cherrille the news reports that a tornado might be headed toward Lone Grove. It didn't take more than that for Cherrille to get settled into the safe room in the hall. Bob, however, cut it a little close. At one point, he called to Cherrille, "They are saying it's just a mile away."

"Then, get in here!" she called back.

He did. And it hit.

When the noises stopped, they opened the door of the safe room. Instead of seeing the staircase ahead of them, they looked up to see only sky. The top floor of their house was gone, as was part of the main floor.

It didn't take long for emergency workers to arrive and begin the search for the injured and the dead. Most of those who survived the tornado left the site to go to shelters and homes of relatives. Not the Mashores. They wanted to stay. Even without a roof. On the lower floor, there was a restroom still standing (and still working). They spent the next two wintry nights sleeping in that chilly safe room. Finally, emergency workers convinced them to stay in a hotel. That is where they have been ever since. For more than six months, they have been in one small room turned bedroom, den, study and make-shift kitchen. They are still unsure about when their house re-build will be finished (hopefully in September).

In our conversation Monday, Cherrille described how teams from our church and churches throughout the area helped clear the debris after the storm. She talked about ERT! I have heard a great deal about the Emergency Relief Teams, but the stories I usually get to hear are from those who work. Her story was about what it was like to be on the receiving end of the ERT initiative. It was a tremendous blessing for them. Members of our church helped clear their 25 acres of house and land.

When I visited with Cherrille, she had an unusual strength about her. Cherrille and Bob Mashore joined our church more than thirty years ago. They have lived lives of persistent faith. In these thirty years, this has not been their first season of difficulty. Other chapters of their life together include times of cancer and chemotherapy, then later a struggle with debilitating disease that has caused Cherrille to be wheelchair-bound. They now "attend" our church by television broadcast each Sunday.

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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
Colvert Ministry Center

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You might think that the patience required to push through these hard times might have robbed the Mashores of their joy. But it has not. Nor has it robbed them of their faith.

At the end of our visit, conversation moved to the topic of why certain things happen. Cherrille quickly spoke of her trust in the God who knows all things. She offered a delightful image that a friend described to her. The friend remarked that when we get to heaven, perhaps we will be able to understand the perplexing things that have happened on earth. Cherrille's friend said, "When I get to heaven, God is going to put me on His shoulders and I am going to be able to see everything from above. I will stand on God's shoulders and I will understand it."

Jessica

Round Up Rally Sunday, September 13th Worship and Luncheon

Mark your calendars! Don't miss Round Up Rally this year! Invite all your neighbors, friends, co-workers, etc! We are going to meet in the Sanctuary for a combined service! A little of EPIC and a little of traditional! (Or a little of Bob and a little of Chris!) You will have the opportunity to hear about all the wonderful programs you can be a part of here at First Church! Following the service, join us in the CMC for a free catered lunch with entertainment provided by our own children's department! Plan to join us as we celebrate together in the name of the Lord!

THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD!

We've all heard that wonderful phrase since we were children. There IS power in the blood of Jesus Christ! There is power in your blood, too. The power to save lives. On Sunday, September 20th, First United Methodist Church of Ardmore will be hosting our fall blood drive. The sign-up sheets will be available in each Sunday School Class, at the Welcome Center in the Colvert Ministry Center, and in the Church Office. Or you may contact me directly by e-mailing reser@cablone.net or calling (580) 465-5844. PLEASE TURN IN YOUR SIGN UP SHEET TO THE CHURCH OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 13TH. The week before the drive I will contact you by phone or e-mail to let you know your exact donation time. I'm looking forward to seeing your name on the list!

In Christ,
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Sunday's Music

This Sunday is the **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**. As this is the first Sunday in the month we will celebrate **Holy Communion** in all worship services.

In both 8:30 and 10:50 worship services John Emery, organist, will play "**Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich**" by Johann Gottfried Walther. This chorale prelude is translated to read *Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men*.

In the 8:30 worship service I will sing "**Come Share the Lord**" words and music by Bryan Jeffery Leech in a solo arrangement by Roland Tabell. The choral composition of this solo is copyright © 1981 and this arrangement for solo is included in the collection *The Songs of Bryan Jeffery Leech No. 3* and copyright © 1988, both by Fred Bock Music Company.

In the 10:50 worship service the Sanctuary Choir will sing a brand new anthem for the season, "**Bread of the World**" by Dennis Eliot. The familiar part of the text is by Reginald Heber, 1827 and can be found in our hymnal at number 624. The unfamiliar part is by Gilbert M. Martin, 1996. The tune Mr. Eliot has used as the basis for this choral arrangement is an American folk tune *Wayfaring Stranger*.

Please read these texts from Sunday's music.

Come Share the Lord

We gather here in Jesus' name,
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame.
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord
We'll gather soon where angels sing,
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord
For He will feed us with His presence here,
this bread and wine will do us good.
Our deepest hungers He will satisfy,
for He is life and peace and rest and drink and food.
He joins us here, He breaks the bread.
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead.
The One we love the most is now our gracious host.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord
No one is a stranger here, every one belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.
We are now the family of which the Lord is head,
though unseen He meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

Bread of the World

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:
look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be your feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed!
Sit at this place, dear Lord and Father,
fill up the cup and break the bread;
O let us feel your loving power, O let us hear the words you said:
"This is my blood and body broken, refresh your spirit, make it whole;
remember me with food, the token;
bread of the world, wine of the soul."

Shalom, *Bab*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept 6

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
6:00 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Youth
6:30 pm	Celebrate Recovery-Men
7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery-Women

Monday, Sept 7 Labor Day / Church Closed

Tuesday, Sept 8

7:30 am	Preschool
12:00pm	Noon Prayer
4:30 pm	Trustees
6:30 pm	Parenting w/ Love & Logic

Wednesday, Sept 9

7:30 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Children's Day Out
9:00 am	Clothes Closet Opens
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

Thursday, Sept 10

7:30 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Precept Bible Study
1:00 pm	XYZ Bridge Club
6:30 pm	DivorceCare
7:00 pm	Alpha

Friday, Sept 11

7:30 am	Preschool
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Dates to Remember:

Sept 13	Round-Up Rally
Sept 20	Children's Ministry Parent/Volunteer Meeting
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
Dec 13	Jr. High Progressive Dinner
Dec 20	Sr. High Progressive Dinner
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Worship
Dec 25	Christmas
Dec 25-26	Church Closed

Welcome, New Members!



We welcome Jason & Kori Casey to our fellowship. They transferred from Crossings Community Church in OKC on Sunday, August 30 in EPIC worship. Jason is a vice president at American National Bank, while Kori is the co-director of children's ministry at Ardmore FUMC. They have two children: Jackson (age 7) who is a

1st grader and Sidney (age 5) who is a kindergartener at Plainview. Jackson reaffirmed his baptism, while Sidney professed her faith in Christ and was baptized. They were added to our baptized roll. Their sponsors are Eric & BeBe Castillo.



We also welcome Bill & Kim King. They joined by profession of faith on Sunday, August 30 in the EPIC service. Bill is the general manager for DOT Foods, while Kim is an emergency room nurse at Mercy Memorial Hospital.

They have three children:

Allison (age 11), a 6th grader at Plainview; Mallory (age 8), a 3rd grader at Plainview; and, Cooper (age 4) who attends the FUMC Pre-school. Allison professed her faith in Christ and was baptized. Mallory and Cooper received child and infant baptism. All three children were added to our baptized roll. Their sponsors are Craig & Mike Gerken.



And, we welcome Casey & Tracy Rudisill. They transferred from the FUMC of Edmond, OK on Sunday, August 30 in EPIC. Casey is a construction manager for AT&T, while Tracy is a stay-at-home mom. They have two boys: Bowen & Asa (both 5½

months old). The boys were baptized and placed on the baptized roll. Their sponsors are Shane & Martha Porter.



Finally, we welcome Ashley Wain-scott. She joined by profession of faith on Sunday, August 30 in EPIC. She is a stay-at-home mom. Ashley has a daughter Saydee (age 7 months). Saydee was baptized and placed on the baptized roll. Ashley's sponsor will be her grandmother Carolyn Graysneck.

Welcome, folks!

FOCUS ON FOLKS

In the Hospital, or recently dismissed:

Maxine Cresswell
Bob Humphrey (OKC)
Billie Tipps

Sunday School Greeters for September:

Main Building - Chester Dennis / Cora Carlock
Colvert Ministry Center - Foundations

Sympathy:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Fred and Jondra Statzer and their family with the passing of Fred's brother Bill on Tuesday, August 25th. Services were held on Saturday, August 29th in Tennessee.

Fred and Jondra's new address is: 5112 Summit View Drive, McKinney, TX 75071.

Memorials:

In memory of Lena Dupy a contribution to Little School Bell has been received from:
Cleo Dupy and Daughters

In memory of Joe Lovelace a contribution to Little School Bell has been received from:
Bill and Barbara Parker

Music and Drama on Sundays

Sunday, September 20th will begin a new adventure (or a returning adventure if you examine the components)

The time: 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

The place: Rooms 205 (L.O.V.E.) and 207 (CHOIR)

The happening: Music and Drama on Sundays is for kids Kindergarten through 5th grade. In two 45 minute segments we will learn good and fun singing techniques and songs as well as God's Word through Drama. On these Sundays we will also be preparing a Christmas Drama/Musical: *Word on the Street* which focuses on the couple Mary and Joseph and asks the question, "Are we really up for this baby thing?" *Word on the Street* will premier on December 7, 8 and 9.

The hook: We need your help and your children's participation. It will really be a fun adventure time each Sunday evening. Bob, Kelley and many adventurers will be leading the way. Wanna help? Call 277-9351 or 490-1773.

Bible Studies / Christian Growth Opportunities

Alpha Course: This program of learning in basic Christianity answers such questions as "Who is Jesus?", "Why did Jesus die?", "How does God guide us?", "How can I be sure of my faith?", "Does God heal today?", and many more. Rev Dan Patman will facilitate the course which begins Thu, Sept 17, at 7:00-8:30 p.m. and continues through Nov 19. The class will be held in the Fellowship Hall and there is no cost.

Disciple I Bible Study: This first edition of the Disciple Bible Study series encompasses the entire Bible in 35 weeks. Rev. Roger Wood will enable this study which begins on Mon, Sept 14 with an orientation and will continue each Monday through the Spring with breaks for Christmas & Easter. The discussion-formatted study, held in the CMC (Rm 116) includes a workbook of daily readings, a reflection, & a video.

Financial Peace University: This 13-week program is based on video presentations by nationally-syndicated radio personality and author Dave Ramsey. Ramsey teaches families to communicate about money and equips them to beat debt and build wealth God's way. Barbara Hisey is the facilitator for the class which begins on Mon, Sept 14 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the CMC (Rm 116). There is a \$90/couple cost.

The Walk to Emmaus: This is a 72 hour spiritual renewal event held at Cross Point Camp in the spring and fall spanning Thu night through Sun night. The schedule for 2010 is: Men's Walk #77, April 15-18; Women's Walk #78, April 22-25; Men's Walk #79, Sept 30-Oct 3; Women's Walk #80, Oct 7-10.

Heavenly Minded for Earthly Good/The Inheritance: Written and taught by Karen Chaffin, the course is an 8-week tour of Heaven that will answer your questions about heaven, energize your faith, relieve your fears, and enliven the way you live and love. Teamed with Beth Moore's "The Inheritance" (a study based on Psalm 16:5-6), this course will begin on Mon, Sept 14 in the CMC (Worship Center).

Sweeter Than Chocolate!: This is an inductive study of Psalm 119 written by Pam Gillaspie. In 6 brief lessons you will journey through the Bible's greatest Psalm devoted to the theme of the Word of God. Discover insights, practical wisdom, and deep truths that will strengthen your walk and relationship with Jesus Christ. Barbara Shields will lead the class in the Colvert Ministry Center (Rm 116) on Thu at 12:30 p.m. beginning Sept 17 through Nov 12 with one break on Thu, Oct 15. Join "Sweeter Than Chocolate!" for sweet words and real solutions!

Precept Bible Study of John—Part 2: No prerequisite for this study is needed, so don't worry if you didn't take Part 1. This 14-week study is designed to draw you into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and expose you to the abundant life each of us cares. The DVD's will be by Wayne Barber and the class will be led by Janie Courtney on Thu mornings at 9:00-11:00 beginning Sept 10 in the CMC (Rm 116).

Child care for all classes must be reserved with the Children's Department (223-5390 x325) at least 24 hours before the event.



Children's Ministry Announcements

- Coming Soon...**Ignite**, a new family worship experience. Starting Wednesday, September 30th at 6:15pm in the CMC.
More info coming soon.
- Coming Soon...**POWER UP**, a new children's church experience. Starting Sunday, September 27th.
More info coming soon.
- There will be one more Volunteer / Parent Meeting for the Children's Ministry. If you are a parent or you want to volunteer for the Children's Ministry your attendance is needed to prepare for the new school year.
Sunday, September 20th, 12:00pm in room #116 in the CMC and lunch will be provided.
If you have questions please contact Amy or Kori at 223-5390 x325.

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