

The Calling

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From Dan Patman

I knew that we were going to have a party. But I had no idea—

The retirement reception in my honor was wonderful. How can I thank you enough? To see old friends and new! To experience the presence of some of my family! To celebrate 19+ years of ministry at First Church! To see and hear the appreciation in the faces and on the lips of so many! And then the agape letters, gifts, and a trip to the Holy Land for Cheryl and me! It was just overwhelming. Thank you! Thank you!

I knew something was up when Jessica asked me to attend all three worship services. Somehow I thought I'd be acknowledged in each service, but to be lifted up as an example in scripture, I didn't know what to think! Honestly, it was emotionally draining to hear all the kind and good things that Jessica spoke, that people wrote in letters, that former senior pastors and their spouses recalled, and the First Church members' witnesses. I was literally worn out by the end of the morning.

Some of what people were saying was actually true. I'm kidding, of course. But, honestly, I felt that if I could live up to the example that Jessica portrayed in her comments and that people spoke of in their notes— If I could do those things and be that person, I think the Lord would be mighty pleased.

There was a part of me that wanted to say, "No, no! I'm the one who needs to say thank you. I'm the one who has been blessed by your ministry. You have given yourselves to the Lord so freely over the years. You have been so ready to go to new heights of endeavor for the Lord, to enter new fields of ministry, to literally go around the world for Christ's sake. You have said 'yes' to God again and again."

When I went into the ministry, I had a standard by which I wanted to measure my value and effectiveness in ministry. That standard for me was "changed lives." I have been so blessed to see changed lives in this church with regularity— Some of which I had something to do with and some of which I had nothing at all to do with! Thank you, thank you that you haven't only began your relationship with Jesus the Savior, but you have deepened your relationship with Jesus the Lord.

Thank you for blessing me so with the gifts of your lives and with the gifts of your thanks.

Blessings & Much Love,

Dan

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

Welcome, New Members!



We welcome Dan & Donna Hickok to our fellowship. Dan transferred from St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in St.

Paul (MN), while Donna transferred from Ravia Baptist Church on Sunday, September 20 in the 10:50 worship service. Their sponsors are Roger & Susan Wood.

Welcome, folks!

Paint mission to Cross Point Camp

Harry Dodd is coordinating a paint mission to Cross Point Camp on Monday-Friday, October 12-16, 2009. Missioners will arrive Monday at noon for lunch and depart after lunch on Friday.

The team will prep and paint 12 cabins and trim doors and windows outside. If it rains, the painting will be done inside. Team members will work from 8 am to 5 pm daily with an hour break for lunch. Evenings are free to roam the camp area, go fishing, go to the cross or fellowship.

The team will stay in cabins with a/c, heat, and showers. Each cabin will house 10 persons. There is a central bathroom with 2 showers, 2 stalls, and 4 sinks. Efficient and comfortable!

The total cost of the week-long work camp experience is \$85 which is reduced for us more than half. In addition, a \$30 scholarship is available to each missionary who is an Ardmore FUMC member or constituent through Faith Promise. If you can participate only part of the time, then the cost will be further reduced. Contact Harry Dodd at 226-6549 or Dan Patman at 223-5390 x308 to sign up. You may register with your \$40 deposit by October 7.

Cross Point Camp is located about 7 miles south of Kingston, OK on beautiful Lake Texoma. It's an excellent opportunity to get away, eat hearty, work hard, fellowship, and see the place where so many lives, young and old, have been touched by Christ. And we need YOU!

Sunday's Music

This Sunday is the **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**. In last week's article I mentioned we were singing "**Ubi Caritas**" by Mark Burrows, and how special that anthem, in Traditional Latin, really is. We finalized all the plans for *Dan Patman Day* and when the Sanctuary Choir gave up its place in the choir loft, another anthem was chosen. I hope you enjoyed "**Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name**" and maybe even associated it as an integral part of our Celebration of the Day (tongue in cheek, of course). The Sanctuary Choir will, indeed, sing "Ubi Caritas" at a later date.

At both 8:30 and 10:50 worship services John Emery, organist, will be playing "**Brightest Star in Heaven**" by Gregg Sewell. The well hidden hymntune is somewhat familiar.

In the 8:30 worship service Sally Reser, a Soprano in the Sanctuary Choir, and I will sing a duet adaptation "**Song of the Potter**," by Ruth Elaine Schram. The anthem (see below for more details) is being sung by the Sanctuary Choir in the 10:50 worship service.

The Sanctuary Choir will be singing "**Song of the Potter**" by Ruth Elaine Schram. The anthem's text is by Brent Stratton and incorporates a familiar and original text by Adelaide A. Pollard (1862-1934), along with the tune ADELAIDE by George Stebbins (1846-1945). This anthem, new for this singing season, is copyright © 2009 by GlorySound, a division of Shawnee Press, Inc. Kelley Segler will accompany at the piano.

Please read this text from Sunday's music.

Song of the Potter

Master, Creator, in earnest I pray;
You are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me.

Savior, Sustainer, begin me anew;
bend me and break me; my trust is in You.
Mold me and make me.

Sculpt me with care so that I may serve,
shape me for ever with Your Holy Word.
Test me and prove me with fire from above;
create in me a heart for Your love.

Artist, Designer, touch me with grace;
I now surrender to Your firm embrace,
because You love me.

Have your own way, Lord, have Your own way,
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Your will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.
Mold me because You love me.

Shalom, *Bab*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept 27

8:30 am Worship / Chapel
9:30 am Sunday Morning Live
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Power Up / Children's Church
10:50 am Worship / Sanctuary
11:05 am EPIC Worship / CMC
12:15 pm Women for Women Mission
4:30 pm Music & Drama
6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth
6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery-Men
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery-Women

Monday, Sept 28

7:30 am Preschool
9:00 am Children's Day Out
1:00 pm Clothes Closet Opens
5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 pm Heaven Bible Study
6:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study
6:30 pm Financial Peace

Tuesday, Sept 29

7:30 am Preschool
12:00 pm Noon Prayer Time
6:30 pm Parenting w/ Love & Logic
7:00 pm Adult Ministry Council

Wednesday, Sept 30

7:30 am Preschool
9:00 am Children's Day Out
9:00 am Clothes Closet Opens
10:30 am Mom's Praying
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, Oct 1

7:30 am Preschool
9:00 am Precept Bible Study
12:30 pm Sweeter than Chocolate Bible Study
1:00 pm XYZ Mah Jongg
6:30 pm DivorceCare
7:00 pm Alpha

Friday, Oct 2

7:30 am Preschool
10:00 am XYZ Ministry

Dates to Remember:

Oct 30 Fall Fest
Nov 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 12-14 Women for Women Mission in OKC
Nov 14 Potato Drop
Nov 26 Thanksgiving
Nov 26-27 Church Closed
Dec 13 Jr. High Progressive Dinner

Pilgrims go on Walk to Emmaus

We invite you to be in special prayer for the six men from our church who are embarking upon their Walk to Emmaus (Men's Walk #75) this weekend (September 24-27) at Cross Point Camp. They include Chad Carroll, Charles Davis, Vince Pineda, Gary Heller, Robert Albreski, and Troy Williams.

The following weekend (October 1-4) the following women will embark upon their Walk to Emmaus (Women's Walk #76): Fran Davis, Stacy Keith, Donna Spring, Shelly Weder, and Missy Williams.

The Walk to Emmaus is a 72-hour, Thursday night - Sunday night spiritual retreat held at Cross Point Camp. In addition to the above pilgrims who will be venturing on their first Emmaus Walk, 15-25 team members from our church will also be in attendance and conducting the program both in the conference room and behind the scenes.

Team members will offer prayer in the prayer room, give talks, lead table discussion, participate in skits and/or poster making, lead music, cook meals, make beds, clean toilets, set up snack agape, and present table agape. Sponsors of pilgrims will also be in and out during the weekend.

Typically, lives are forever impacted for the cause of Christ on an Emmaus weekend. Pray for those pilgrims listed above. And, if you've not gone, we encourage you to pray about going on the next set of Emmaus Walks in the spring.

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
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Adam Ricks - Associate Pastor / Youth	314
Chris Hopper - Assistant Youth Director / Media Arts	315
Patricia Merritt - Evening / Sunday Nursery	317
Julie Maher - CDO / Daytime Nursery	318
Barbara Shields - Preschool Director	320
Jana Jackson - Preschool Office	322
Amy Byrd & Kori Casey / Children's Ministry	325

223-5391 Colvert Ministry Center Extensions:

Bruce Hammond - Building Superintendent	302
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FOCUS ON FOLKS

In the Hospital, or recently dismissed:

Marilyn Edwards
Jimmie Garner
Betty GoodEagle

Sunday School Greeters for September:

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

Sympathy:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Betty Murrah and Beth Patterson and their family with the passing of Betty's husband and Beth's father, Bill Murrah, on Tuesday, September 15th. Services were held on Thursday, September 17th in the Sanctuary.

Memorials:

In memory of **Bill Murrah** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:

Fred and Nancy Jones

In memory of **Bill Statzer** a contribution to the Ministry Center Trust Fund has been received from:

Maytha Mead

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

FALL FEST

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 30TH
5:00PM

COLVERT MINISTRY CENTER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE FALL FEST PLEASE CONTACT BOB PFAU AT 223-5390 x312.

Children's Ministry Announcements

- Children's Choir has started with a bang! All Kindergarten - Fifth Grade children are invited. Sundays from 4:30-6:00. Rooms 205 (L.O.V.E.) and 207 (choir) Questions contact Bob Pfau at 223-5390 x312.
- Coming soon... Ignite, a new *family* worship experience. Located in the Colvert Ministry Center. Starting Wednesday September 30th at 6:15.
- POWER UP, a new *Children's Church* experience. Starting this Sunday, September 27th. Sign in your child at the Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast from 9:30 -9:45. A children's minister will then escort your child to their Sunday school classroom. Sunday school called *Plug In* will be held from 9:45-10:45. Children will then be escorted back to the fellowship hall for worship from 10:45-11:00. After worship they will be invited to have a small snack from 11:00-11:15. *Power Up* will begin at 11:15 and finish at 12:05. Children are signed out at the Fellowship Hall after your church service.

Kids Helping Kids

FUMC Preschool would like to be a part of helping other children in our community. Therefore, we are beginning our mission ministry called

Kids Helping Kids.

We have looked into a variety of ways to give as a school. To keep you informed as families we will post our collection needs on the bulletin board outside the Preschool office as well as the Before School Hallway. There will be various drop off boxes marked

Kids Helping Kids

for you to donate items.

Our first collection will be for

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

including:

- *pencils *markers *school paper
- *crayons *coloring books

School items will be given to the area

After School Care Programs.

We hope you will want to be a part of our
Mission Ministry

Kids Helping Kids!!

A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE GOES TO FUMC
FOR COLLECTING 17 SINGLE UNITS AND ONE
DOUBLE UNIT OF WHOLE BLOOD!

Twenty-three people signed in on Sunday and
several of you told me you had previously given
at the SOBI. Many thanks to all of you.

Your gift will save lives!

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*Loaves &
Fishes*

*September
Corn*

14-16 ounce can

Or you may donate money
to the emergency fund