

# The Calling

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I would like to extend an invitation to you! Every year, as you probably know, we hold an event called a Charge Conference. At a Charge Conference, we handle many of the business matters of the church, set clergy salaries and review the "state of the church" with our District Superintendent. This event is usually for members of the Administrative Board. Unless, it becomes what we call a *Church* Conference. A Church Conference is for *all church members*, not just the Board.

**This year's Charge Conference is an All-Church Conference and you are invited!**

It will be held on Tuesday night November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Colvert Ministry Center. It is a "dessert buffet". (That is like a dessert potluck. Yum.)

I am requesting your participation on two levels.

First of all, please come! I think you will enjoy it. We will pray, sing and worship. Our marvelous superintendent Guy Ames will offer devotional words. You will be encouraged by hearing about the ministries of our church. We will look at the year behind us and we will especially look forward to how we feel God may be calling us into the future.

During the last months, every work area in our church has been asked to prayerfully reflect on three questions:

1. What needs attention in the next six months?
2. Where do we sense God calling us in the next two to five years?
3. Where do we sense God calling us as we look five and ten years down the road?

At the last Administrative Board meeting, we talked about what author Ronald Heifetz calls the "View from the Balcony". It is a metaphor for the life of an organization. We spend much of our time on the dance floor seeing mainly what is near us. We look at the people and the movement that we are able to see while in the middle of the dance. There are times, however, when we should slip to the balcony for the larger view. From the balcony we can watch the patterns, see who is and isn't dancing, and see who has left the dance early. This fall, our ministry teams have been asked to look at our church life from the balcony, asking God these important questions about our future.

That's where my second request comes in. I would like to hear from you. What do YOU see when you slip to the balcony? When you pray about our church, it's people and it's ministries, how do you sense God is leading us? How would you answer the three questions above?

Send me an email at [jseay@fumcardmore.com](mailto:jseay@fumcardmore.com), call me at the church or catch me at one of our church events and let me know how God is speaking to your heart about our church and our future.

I look forward to seeing you November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

*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**  
**Colvert Ministry Center**

## Welcome, New Members!



We welcome Ron & Shirley Roberts to our fellowship. They transferred from the UMC in Tishomingo on Sunday, October

11 in the 10:50 worship service. Ron operates Roberts Environmental Services. Their sponsors are Roger & Susan Wood.

Welcome, folks!



**UMM**

This Sunday  
October 18th  
6:00pm  
Colvert Ministry Center

*The grill is hot! Come join us for*  
**"Steak Night"**  
**Baked Potato, Salad,  
Hot Rolls, Cobbler**

**Come Early -**  
Watch the Football Game  
and have some "Fellow"ship   
*Speaker: Dr. Charlie Davis*

## Guide Book & Directory

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book and Directory for the church. This book helps us all to know more about our church—the who, what, where, when, why, and how of our church. As last year, the book is being provided at no cost to our church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses who advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and want to find out how to advertise in the book, please call the church office at 223-5390 x301. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize our Guide Book and Directory advertisers over a non-advertiser. It "does pay" to advertise in our Guide Book and Directory.

# Sunday's Music

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

At both 8:30 and 10:50 worship services John Emery, organist, will be playing "**Prelude 1**" from *The Well Tempered Klavier, second book*. The original composer is Johann S. Bach and the editor is Orlando Morgan.

In the 8:30 worship service and in the 10:50 worship service, I will sing "**Lord, Here Am I**" by John Ness Beck. The text is by Fannie Crosby (1820-1915) and the original setting is copyright © 1984. The solo is found in the collection *Sacred Songs of John Ness Beck*, transcribed by Craig Courtney. The collection is copyright © 1990. Both copyrights are by Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

In the 10:50 worship service the Sanctuary Choir will sing "**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**," text by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and the tune is BEACH SPRING from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844. The arrangement is by Mark Hayes and the anthem is copyright © 2009 by Beckenhorst Press, Inc. The text is familiar and the tune is familiar, they just haven't been used together before. We enjoy singing this particular hymn as we already know *how it sounds*. When we change the tune, melody and harmony, it should cause us to rethink Mr. Wesley's text in a new way. Mr. Hayes musical interpretation of the text gives it a whole new emphasis, with an exciting Amen! I think you'll like it. It will be accompanied by both piano with Kelley Segler and organ with John Emery.

Please read these texts from Sunday's music.

### Lord, Here Am I

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.

Teach me the mission appointed for me,  
what is my labor and where it shall be.

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;  
willing to suffer reproaches and loss;  
willing to follow, it Thou wilt but lead;  
only support me with grace in my need.

Living or dying, I still would be Thine,  
yet I am mortal while Thou art divine,  
pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity,  
and bring me again to the light.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,  
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

### Love Divine, All Love Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every trembling breast!

Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;  
take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all Thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never, never-more Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:

Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Amen!

Shalom, *Bab*

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Sunday, Oct 18

8:30 am	Worship / McClure Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday Morning Live
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Power Up
10:50 am	Worship / Sanctuary
11:05 am	EPIC
4:30 pm	Music & Drama
6:00 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Youth
6:00 pm	UMM
6:00 pm	Girl's Night Out
6:00 pm	Women for Women Mission Meeting
6:30 pm	Celebrate Recovery-Men
7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery-Women

## Monday, Oct 19

7:45 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Children's Day Out
9:30 am	Body Recall
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, Oct 20

7:45 am	Preschool
10:30 am	Elmbrook Service
12:00 pm	Noon Prayer
6:00 pm	Mission Ministry

## Wednesday, Oct 21

7:45 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Children's Day Out
9:00 am	Clothes Closet Opens
9:30 am	Body Recall
10:30 am	Mom's Praying
5:30 pm	Prayer Ambassadors
6:15 pm	Worship / Colvert Ministry Center
6:15 pm	Ignite
7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery
7:00 pm	Mid-Week Youth
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, Oct 22

7:00 am	XYZ Devil's Den Trip
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 23

7:30 am	Preschool
9:30 am	Body Recall



## Dates to Remember:

Oct 30	Fall Fest
Nov 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 10	All Church Conference
Nov 12-14	Women for Women Mission in OKC
Nov 14	Potato Drop
Nov 26	Thanksgiving

## Missionary News



We just received the 2010 Mission Aviation Fellowship calendar. This year's theme is "Overcoming the Last Barriers."

MAF pilot Craig Hollander recently wrote about the arrival of the new MAF plane on the island of Tarakan, off the coast of East Kalimantan, Indonesia, a nation with daunting barriers to overcome:

*"The new Cessna Caravan that arrived this year is getting quite a workout on the airstrips of East Kalimantan. This coming year we hope to double the number of airstrips it can access, through runway improvement projects in several villages. In the meantime, we're making great use of its load-hauling capabilities. For example, in February, I flew the Caravan and delivered more than 25,750 pounds of desperately needed cargo—in just seven days—to isolated villages in the interior mountains. Last month I transported more than 200 passengers and 21 tons of supplies with the Caravan!"*

Another MAF pilot, Dave LePoidevin, wrote about overcoming medical barriers in Mozambique:

*"Every two weeks, early on Monday morning, two physicians board an MAF plane bound for a coastal village area. They spend the rest of the week in that area going from health post to health post, ministering and giving medical aid to people who haven't been examined by a doctor or dentist in a long time, perhaps never! The needs are overwhelming, but what a blessing it is to be able to help some of these suffering people."*

The accompanying letter says, "Barriers are conquered and lives won for Christ every single day through MAF flights. The global impact of MAF is significant. In the past 12 months, your partnership with MAF helped to transform 126,912 days of arduous, dangerous land travel for missionaries, medical personnel, and indigenous church leaders into productive days of ministry. That's a total of 524.4 work years redeemed for Kingdom work!"

We have been supporting the MAF missionaries Mike & Sharol Shutts in Lesotho, a mountainous country surrounded by South Africa, for 10 years through Faith Promise.

### *Girl's Night Out*

This Sunday

October 18th at 6:00pm

***Santa Fe Cattle Co.***

President: Glenna Bourne



## FOCUS ON FOLKS

### In the Hospital, or recently dismissed:

Sue Ellis  
Betty GoodEagle

### Sunday School Greeters for October:

Main Building - FELLOWSHIP  
Colvert Ministry Center - HOPE

Loaves & Fishes for October: Green Beans 14-16oz

**Congratulations:** Brad Downing and Kelli Grimes announce the birth of their daughter, **Jewels Janice Devon Downing**, on Wednesday, August 19th. She weighed 7lbs-14oz and was 20 inches long. Jewels' grandparents are Ron and Addie Downing.

### Memorials:

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

Maytha Mead

In memory of **Jack Thompson** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:

Harry and Carol Brown

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.

## 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
Roger Wood - Adult Christian Education	313
Adam Ricks - Associate Pastor / Youth	314
Chris Hopper - Assistant Youth Director / Media Arts	315
Patricia Merritt - Evening / Sunday Nursery	317
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Shawna Carnahan - Community Ministries	319
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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The Rio Bravo Mini-Medical Mission Team wishes to express our thanks to the following: Hope Sunday School class, Seekers Sunday School class, Faith Promise and numerous folks who continue to pray, give and support this 2009 team.

The 2010 dates are October 7-10, 2010  
Get On Board!

In Christ's Service,  
Steve Zink  
Team Leader



## Children's Ministry Announcements

Children's Ministry....what is going on????

**Sunday Morning LIVE** starts at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall and will be followed up this week with **POWER UP** (children's church).

9:30-9:50 Sign your child in at Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast.

9:50-10:00 We will escort your child to their Sunday school classroom.

10:40 Children's will be brought back to the Fellowship Hall for worship with Mr. Chris

11:00 We start **POWER UP** in Fellowship Hall

Just come to Fellowship Hall to sign out your child after your worship service.

Don't forget to **IGNITE** your week!! Everyone is welcome to join us for a FUN family style worship time on Wednesday nights in the CMC room 115. We get started at 6:15 with a LIVE band and more fun than you can imagine!! Come check us out this week.

Children's Choir and Drama will be held on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-6:00. Any kindergarten through 5th graders who are interested should attend. We will be rehearsing for the Christmas program in December and other special performance times in worship.

Want to volunteer, bring breakfast or snacks??? Just give us a call 223-5390 x325.

## Troop 5 Eagle Scout Project

On October 16th & 17th, as his Eagle Scout project, Garrett Dees will supervise the Troop 5 Boy Scouts in the construction of a large deck. It will measure 32' x 12' and be attached to Cabin 5, also know as the Enid Cabin, at Cross Point.

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