



CHAPEL HILL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connections

September 2011

Robert E. Rose, Jr., Valerie Jones Steele, Stephen Hale, Suzann Wade, and Doug Burr, pastors

Thank you so much for your generous support of the *Food for Kids Backpack Program* at Stonegate Elementary. We are so grateful for your donation of \$4,000 that was matched dollar for dollar by Chesapeake Energy. Your compassion provided a backpack of kid-friendly food every Friday and long holiday to 40 children that may have not had food otherwise. This past school year we had even more children than anticipated at Stonegate that needed the program. We had 44 chronically hungry kids that received the backpack of food.



Sadly the need for nutritious supplemental food is increasing even among the children in our own backyard. During the 2010-2011 school year the number of children that participated in the *Backpack Program* rose from over 8,000 children in 2009-2010 to over

10,000 children. We know that there are still about 5,000 more children that we are not reaching. Our goal in the 2011-2012 school year is to make the *Backpack Program* available in every school where a child is in need of food. If you would like to help us in this fight against childhood hunger, there is a special opportunity during the month of August to have your gifts matched dollar for dollar again. I have added a story below from a *Backpack Program* coordinator to show the immense impact of this program and your gifts.

"I had a child come to me this past week telling me that the only thing that he had for dinner the evening before was some leftover strawberries his teacher had given him; the bag had three strawberries. My heart sank. I put him on the Food for Kids Backpack Program list the next day. Thank you for giving him and all the others on this program food. You make the difference!"

Lisa Perry
Regional Development Manager - Food for Kids Backpack Program
Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma
405-604-7107

Spend a Day In the Rock

Little Rock, Arkansas, Thursday & Friday, October 6-7. Check out the complete itinerary at the table in the Great Hall. 4 meals in 2 days, hotel and baggage handling, admission to attractions, motorcoach transportation, snacks are included in the price of the trip ranging in cost from \$241 for a quad to \$318 for a single room. Besides the fellowship while traveling, you will enjoy Yaya's Euro Bistro, Shopping, the Big Dam and bridge in Little Rock, Murry's Dinner Playhouse and show (Purlie), Heifer Village, Marlsgate Plantation and Kopper Kettle. Whew! You are going to be tired after all that fun. Sign up in the Great Hall if you are interested. Money will be due by September 3. For further information call Robin at 507-7307.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

8:30 & 11:00 in the Sanctuary
Rev. Robert E. Rose, Jr. Preaching
(unless otherwise noted)

Sunday, September 4
Rev. Doug Burr preaching
Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 11
"Forgiven to Forgive"
Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 18
"Working for Reward?"
Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 25
Matthew 21:23-32

CHAPEL HILL LIVE SERVICE

11:00 in the Family Life Center
Rev. Valerie Jones Steele Preaching
(unless otherwise noted)

Sunday, September 4
"Wake Up!"
Romans 13:8-14

Sunday, September 11
"Jesus Is Lord of ALL"
Romans 14:1-12

Sunday, September 18
"What Doesn't Kill You..."
Philippians 1:21-30

Sunday, September 25
"Taking It to the Streets"
Philippians 2:1-13

Rose's Ramblings

Our Purpose: "Growing Christ's Kingdom on Earth."



Are you satisfied with being successful? Is the focus of your life to become successful? With success come many wonderful blessings for you and those you love. But many successful people later in their lives find that success grows hollower as time passes. In time, our accomplishments will be forgotten by others. In time, our memories will fade and the benefits of suc-

cess will become a poor substitute for what our soul really craves. Will your life have mattered to more than your family? Will your witness have served as a GPS device showing people the way to God and eternal life?

We live among many people who are hurting and discouraged. Who will be the one who heals the deep wounds from life and mends the broken hearts? Usually it is not the people who strive to be successful who take the time to so participate. It is those people who desire to be significant who make the biggest difference.

Piedmont Tornado

For the next two Sundays, we will be receiving an offering that will go to help the un-insured and under-insured affected by the tornado. You may place your gift in the offering plate or send it to the church with Tornado Recovery on the memo line. The recovery process will soon be to the place where rebuilding can begin.

Nominations

We are in the process of nominating people for various boards, committees and work areas of ministry for the coming year. If you feel like God is calling you to some area of ministry in our church, please let me or one of the members of the Nominations Committee know. The members are Beth Hammack, Rhonda Williston, Johnny Williams, Linda Wegener, Chad Detwiler, Macy Wilson and Jan Hurley.

Spiritual Gifts

Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Are you using those gifts? If not, please talk to me, or take Terri Hunt's WatCH class on Spiritual Gifts. When you use the spiritual gifts that God has given to you, you will make a significant difference.

Summit (our new church start)

Over the next six months, Summit will be moving toward launching weekly worship services. You can be a part of giving life to this ministry and eternal life to many who will find Jesus Christ through the ministry of Summit. There are so many different ways to help. We need many people willing to help with setup and tear down. We need people who will sit in the chairs. We need people who will support this church in prayers. Is God calling you to help? If you have questions, please call either Dr. Allen Buck or me.

Robert

More Opportunities

Habitat For Humanity Mission Opportunity

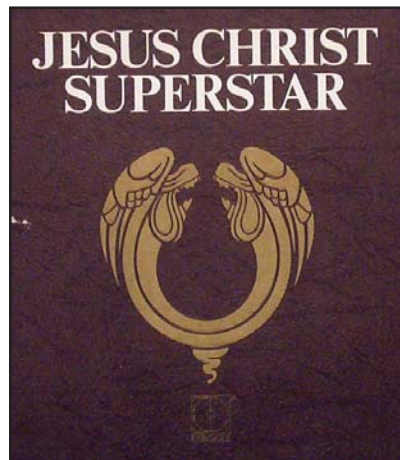
On **Saturday, October 1**, Ross Plourde will lead a team to help with framing a new home for a family in our community. This Habitat for Humanity project is a wonderful opportunity to connect with Jesus as we engage in local mission that changes the lives of people with whom we are neighbors.

All are welcome; this can be a family mission project (minimum age 12), if you so desire. We will meet at the church at 8am that morning and travel to the worksite where we will work until 3pm with a lunch break (lunch provided) at noon. Please bring your own tools. Specific tool lists will be provided later, but in general, carpentry tools are the order of the day.

Please sign up in the Great Hall or contact Ross (552-2277, ross.plourde@mcafeetaft.com) for more information.

OCU to Present Jesus Christ Superstar

Music students from Oklahoma City University will present selections



from *Jesus Christ Superstar* in the sanctuary worship services on **Sunday, September 4**. The Gospel-inspired rock musical, which recounts the final week in the life of Jesus through the eyes of Judas Iscariot, will be performed September 23-25 at OCU's Kirkpatrick Auditorium. Tickets (\$12-25) will be available after the services in the Great Hall, by calling 208-5227 or by ordering online at www.okcu.edu/ticketoffice after September 6. Group discounts are available.

Chapel Hill prays regularly for those in need.

The most recent prayer concerns may be located in the Great Hall or www.mychapelhill.org.

Please call the care line at 752-8919, ext. 4, for daily updates.

Our "prayer chain" can be accessed by calling the church office.

From the Business Office

Your Board of Trustees continues to work toward Phase II of our Sanctuary renovations. We plan to initiate Phase II in February, 2012, if finances allow it. Completion is scheduled for just after Easter (if not before). We are extremely hopeful that we can complete this renovation, including new pews, carpeting, chancel area, altar table, pulpit and lectern. If you have suggestions or comments regarding the Sanctuary renovations, please complete one of the information cards in the Great Hall and let us know what you would like to see done.

Renovations of our Family Life Center are underway, including new lighting, stage relocation and improved A/V capabilities. With the growth of Chapel Hill LIVE, the Bikers' Ministry, men's basketball and our youth, it was necessary to make some improvements. Come by and take a look. These renovations will be completed by late September.

Don't forget that on September 25th we will honor Argus Hamilton for our final 50th Anniversary "Former Minister Day." A luncheon will be held immediately following the 11:00 service. Please reserve your place by calling the office. We hope everyone has enjoyed this year's celebration of our 50th anniversary. There is more to come as we continue this year-long

celebration, including an anniversary cookbook and "memory dvd."

If you did not receive your "50th anniversary coin," please let an usher know or come by my office to pick one up.

As many of you know, our marquee was damaged in one of the recent storms. We are in the process of having the marquee repaired. Hopefully, these repairs can be completed within the next two weeks. Our long-term plan is to construct new signage, perhaps located more in the center of our property. Your suggestions/comments would be appreciated.

If you have suggestions or comments regarding our facilities, please let any of the members of the Board of Trustees or me know. We are interested in what our congregation would like to see done.

We are still seeking volunteers to assist in our A/V for our Sunday morning worship services. If you're interested, please let Ryan Line or me know. We would like a few members of our congregation to volunteer for one Sunday each month to assist our A/V technician. Training will be provided.

Randy

News from Summit



Greetings, Mother Ship!

What a blessing to celebrate your 50th Anniversary! I am still carrying the coin that I received after worship! As a Church Planter, I find Chapel Hill's Kingdom-minded mission, faithful laity, beautiful facilities, and dedicated staff all rich sources of encouragement. The fact that you exist at all is a light unto my path! And, that you are still vibrant and practicing life-transforming ministry, well, that is what it is all about, right?

Allen Buck

Mom, We Want To Be Like You! Really!

A deep understanding of what it takes to start a new church is alive in Chapel Hill. It is at the root level, it is in the DNA, passed on from Nichols Hill UMC and many others. It simmers deep in the core of your collective essence as a community! We need it!

In an effort to reach more of the people who feel disconnected from God and the Church, and as part of our strategy for building up a "Launch Team", we are making a change from Sunday evenings to Sunday mornings. This will mean a move from Oakdale to Chisholm Elementary, since Oakdale already has 2 other churches using their facilities on Sunday mornings. Our first morning worship experience will be on September 25 at 10:40AM.

During this transition and as we move into launching weekly worship, we are asking for reinforcements, additional support, new missionaries, temporary and/or fully committed pioneers.

As a member of CHUMC, God is calling you to help start a new Christian Community, but how? Are there ways that you could pass on Chapel Hill's healthy DNA to Summit?

I am glad you asked! Robert and I have been in conversation about this very subject. We have come up with a few suggestions, but would never want to limit what the Spirit might call you to do. Thank you in advance! Come climb with us!

- 1) Pray for Summit (everyone can do this one!)
- 2) Serve as a short-term missionary to Summit—
 - A) Be a "pew sitter" once or twice a month in worship and commit for the first four Sundays when Summit launches (tentatively, Jan. 1, 2012).
 - B) Be a helper once or twice a month and for the first four Sundays when Summit launches. "Helpers" arrive early and/or stay late. They will assist in areas like hospitality, setting up chairs, and so on.
 - C) Become a full participant in Summit's "Launch Team" through the first three-six months after Summit launches.
- 3) Serve as a charter member for Summit.
- 4) Financially support Summit.

Visit
www.SUMMITOK.ORG

The Wild Goose Chase

The Celtic Christians called the Holy Spirit "The Wild Goose," because it was untamed, not able to be captured and smarter than any other bird. Hence, this column has to do with chasing the Holy Spirit and joining forces to bring God's Mercy, Grace and Love into reality for those we encounter. Thank you for the opportunity to share in this column the work that God has placed me at Chapel Hill to enable and coach.

It was the fourth time I had encountered rain on this particular day. And to top it off, the last two times had included some very small hail. I was wondering what I had gotten myself into, riding away up here to the Black Hills of South Dakota pretty much by myself. I had been out all day, riding the bike, meshing with thousands of others on their motorcycles but I did not have a riding comrade or wingman.

Alone, I had awoken that morning, had breakfast and then set out to discover what it was like to ride the Iron Mountain Road. There are over 700 turns, over 300 switch backs, over 25 pigtails (a road that corkscrews back on itself while climbing or descending a mountain), and a dozen or so one-lane bridges and tunnels down that road, so it is a challenge to ride at any time. And here I was, going down it in slick rain! What on earth was I doing out there?

Then I rounded a curve and pulled into a grove of pine trees with half a dozen others as the rain began to fall even harder. I pulled in and tried to turn the bike around before parking it and could not back it uphill; it DOES weigh about 800 pounds. And these total strangers came over and helped me, pushed the bike, helped me get it as much under a tree as possible, and then

one of them tossed me a bottle of water.

The friendly helpfulness of one biker to another, one stranger to another, touched my heart, and I began to reflect on what it means to be Christ's own child and to be a part of a church that reaches out to the folks whom much of society does not care to touch.

Let me ask you something. What would it take for you to offer water, living water, to someone whom you do not know, who is NOT just like you? What would it take for you to help someone push their burden to a better place?

I pulled out of that grove of pine trees a half hour later, no longer thirsty, no longer alone. I knew, as I pulled back on that road and began another pigtail headed down off the mountain, that the rainbow in front of me had been painted by the Wild Goose, the Holy Spirit, just so I would remember that there is no one who is truly alone when you walk or ride or drive or sit with Jesus.

Still In One Peace,
Stephen Hale
stephen@mychapelhill.org

Suzann's Holy Spirit Sightings

We are truly blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit here at Chapel Hill! In recent weeks, I have watched our children imagine, plan, practice and prepare for our first Children's Sabbath in Chapel Hill Live. Our first through fifth graders truly grasp and understand the concept of letting God use you and your talents to help others worship.

I am awed by the stirrings I see in our youth and in those involved with the Biker ministry to create a new worship experience that might allow those who have been burned by the church over the years or feel skeptical about church to find an authentic way to reconnect with God.

Most of all I have been amazed by how the spirit has moved us to share care and prayers with people in need. Thanks to a friend of my friend Stephen Hale, our church is at the end of a four-month journey with a couple who had no real connections to anyone in Oklahoma. In May they were stranded here in the hospital after a car accident. Our church has been a source of support and a prayerful presence for them along the way. The motivation for helping them was nothing more than a kingdom call, and in so doing, I believe it is a sign that our church is becoming more and more willing to reach out and help others based, not on the returns we may get, but instead on how Jesus wants us to share love with others with no conditions or strings attached.

In our cancer support ministries, we have had a resurgence of purpose and understanding that, just by reaching out to

others and being willing to share our stories, our hearts, our prayers, our laughter, and most of all our love, we make a difference in others' lives and help their journeys with cancer to be a bit more tolerable and even comical along the way.

Visits, prayers, phone calls, and notes all help others see how God is with them wherever they are.

As we had our first blessing of the backpacks, our children received physical reminders of this great truth that God is with them. One boy remarked to his mom right away, "Miss Suzann said if other people are mean to me or I am mean to other people, I can look at my fish carabiner and know that God still loves me and forgives me." Another girl, as her nerves were overwhelming her on her first day at a new school, looked at her carabiner and then turned to her mom and said, "I'll be okay because I know God is with me."

WOW! That is how we grow Christ's kingdom. We remember that our job first and foremost is to do all we can to show as many as we can in as many ways as we can that God loves them and is with them always. Then that knowledge will allow them to see God's presence and be open to God touching their hearts in a multitude of ways. If that's not the movement of the Holy Spirit, I am not sure what is....

Love and Blessings,
Suzann Wade, Diaconal Minister
suzann@mychapelhill.org

Outreach at Chapel Hill

Whiz Kids Needs Tutors for the Chapel Hill Site

Whiz Kids after school tutoring is encouraging all potential adult volunteers to attend our **Fall training on Tuesday, September 13th, 3:00 - 5:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

Every Tuesday afternoon at Chapel Hill from 3:00 until 4:45 pm, volunteers young and old have the opportunity to meet one on one with a young neighborhood child to help them learn more about God, Christ and reading. If you have ever felt God nudging you to help spread your faith and want to experience the great joy of changing lives, please join us at this important training to learn more about this great opportunity in faith. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Hammack, 659-6731 or bethhammack@yahoo.com. We are seeking as many volunteers as possible so that more children will be allowed into this awesome program!



CHapel Hill UMC
A.C.T.S.
Acknowledging Christ Through Service

WATER DROPS

Saturday, Sept. 3 & 24,
from 1:00-3:00pm

Join us as we hand out
cold bottles of water!

Servant Driver Needed

Mission can take many forms. One of those is delivering donations received at Chapel Hill to the Skyline McKee Center. Does this sound like a mission for you? We need one or several persons to drive to Skyline once a month. With several people this could be done on a rotation by month. Skyline McKee Center is a United Methodist ministry serving the poor and needy in Oklahoma County. It is located at 500 Southeast 15 Street, a short 20 minute drive from Chapel Hill. The center is open 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday, so you can set your own delivery schedule. The church van can be made available if necessary. If you would be interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Shari at 751-0755 or shari@mychapelhill.org. Your prayerful consideration of this important ministry is appreciated.

Drivers are also needed for Mobile Meals. Can you spare 1 to 1-1/2 hours a month to brighten someone's day? Mobile Meals needs a driver for the first Thursday of each month to deliver meals to recipients. It is a rewarding experience. Contact Cecelia at 216-5230.

Loads of LOVE

Offer quarters to those at our local Laundromats.

Saturday, Sept. 10
from
8:00am-10:00am.
Meet at the church
at 7:50am.



It's High Time For Britvil & Skyline!

September is our annual canned food drive. This year's collection will be split between Britvil and Skyline food pantries. Look for the shopping cart in the Narthex to pick up a sack or two, fill it up with items from the list below and bring it back to the shopping cart during the month of September.

Thank you for helping to feed hungry families in our community!

- Peanut Butter
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Meats
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Hearty Soups
- Canned Fruits
- Cereal
- Dry Milk



Memorials

In Memory of Doyle Smith

- Jerry & Diana Stow
- Patsy Smith
- Margaret Smith & Bobbe Campbell
- William & Sharon Smith

In Memory of Dale Sullivan

- Beverly Williams & Randall Sullivan

In Memory of Ron & Rex Rosser

- Linda Rosser

In Memory of Don Womack

- Deanna Wright

Thank You

Local Teachers Appreciation Luncheon

Dear Members of Chapel Hill Church,

Thank you so much for the delicious luncheon and the generous Wal-Mart card. They both lifted my spirits and helped me get ready for the new school year!

Sincerely,
Sheryl Robertson
Greystone Elementary, 1st Grade

Dear Pastor Rose,

Words cannot begin to express my gratitude for EVERYTHING Chapel Hill has done for me (us). You and your congregation are a blessing to us all. Thank you for the wonderful luncheon and gift card.

Sincerely,
Tina Widell (1st Gr.)

Pastor Rose & Chapel Hill Members,

Thank you for your willingness and commitment to the Greystone School Community. Your volunteering partnership and prayers mean so much to us. I will never be able to express in words how much you mean to the students, parents, and staff. We are truly Blessed!

Thank you so much,
Rochelle Converse, Principal

Thank you for your generosity & support! Chapel Hill is doing a wonderful job reaching out to the community. You are allowing us to do things we would not be able to do otherwise.

Katherine Van Duyne

Dear Chapel Hill,

Thank you so much for helping the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma in countless ways this past year. Not only did our congregation give \$5,250 from various groups and offerings, most of which was matched by Chesapeake, but you have also helped by giving of your time. Since July 1, 2010, Chapel Hill members have volunteered 1,249 hours at the Food Bank. This equates to a savings for the Food Bank of \$21,296 that would otherwise have been spent on wages. This is a tremendous gift. If you would like to join the teams that are continually volunteering at the Food Bank, please meet up with these folks:



Hearts & Hands

Every month on the second Wednesday from 9am-11:30am
(transportation available)

Saturday Team

Every month on the third Saturday from 9am-12pm

Please know that your support has a tremendous impact on the lives of our fellow Oklahomans. This story from a *Food for Kids Backpack Program* coordinator illustrates how important your help is:

"Two brothers were referred by our cafeteria staff for strategizing after breakfast to take food out of the trash cans to take home with them. This is a single parent family of seven children. Now, one brother is confident enough to ask about food bags during the week when I see him just to make sure that I don't forget to send them home. They have improved their grades and smile a lot more."

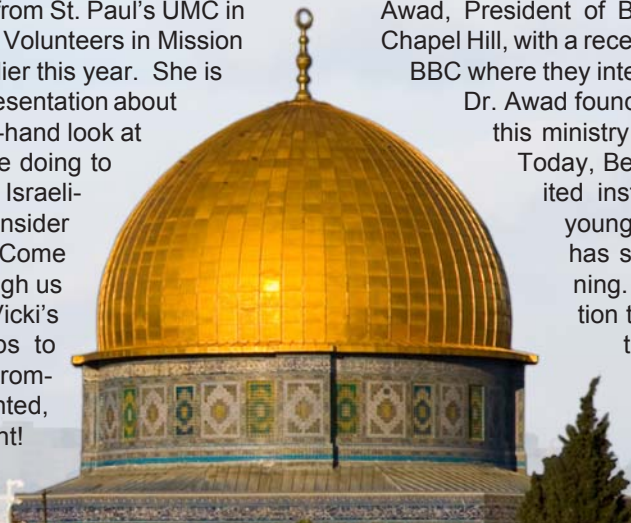
Lisa Perry

Regional Development Manager - Food for Kids Backpack Program
Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma (405-604-7107)

More Opportunities

2012 Holy Land Mission - Guest Speakers

On **Sunday, September 18, at 12:15pm** in the Parlor we will host Ms. Vicki Spurgeon from St. Paul's UMC in Lawton, OK. Vicki led St. Paul's Volunteers in Mission (VIM) team to the Holy Land earlier this year. She is coming to Chapel Hill to give a presentation about their trip. If you would like a first-hand look at what Oklahoma's Methodists are doing to help our fellow Christians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, please consider attending Vicki's presentation. Come and see what God is doing through us on His home turf in Israel. Vicki's passion is building relationships to share the light of Jesus Christ. I promise that you won't be disappointed, and this is just the warm-up event!



On **Thursday evening, September 22, at 6:30pm** Dr. Bishara Awad, President of Bethlehem Bible College, will speak at Chapel Hill, with a reception to follow. VIM teams often lodge at BBC where they interact with students and faculty. In 1979, Dr. Awad founded Bethlehem Bible College, beginning this ministry during evening hours at Hope School. Today, Bethlehem Bible College is a fully accredited institution that serves approximately 170 young men and women each year, and Bishara has served as its president since the beginning. A true peacemaker, he leads an institution that educates Jews, Muslims and Christians who go on to serve their communities as pastors, Christian educators, counselors and youth directors.

More Opportunities

All Star, Gold Star & Stellar Church Awards

The "5 Star Church Award" was revised this year and renamed the "All Star Church Award", to recognize outstanding leadership by local churches in United Methodist missions and ministries. Awards were given at the OK United Methodist Annual Conference in May to churches that earned five or more stars.

Chapel Hill UMC received the following awards:

- **Gold Star Church** – 4+ consecutive years of 5 Star Awards.
- **Stellar Church** – 10+ stars in one year
(Chapel Hill earned 11 stars).

Stars are earned for the following criteria:

- 100% payment of Conference & District Apportionments - Chapel Hill paid \$249,898 to Conference
+ \$11,689 to NOKC District.
- Star 1 – Support a GBGM missionary
Chapel Hill gave to Meri Whittaker at Cookson Hills = \$2500.
- Star 2 – Volunteer service in local or short term missions
Chapel Hill volunteers gave over 2900 hours of mission service in 2010 —Rio Bravo, Bolivia, Belize, New Orleans, Sharefest, and Rebuilding Together.
- Star 3 – Offerings for 6 special Sundays = \$1800.
- Star 4 – Support of an Advance – Chapel Hill gave to Circle of Care, Cookson Hills, Haiti, CJAMM, and Imagine No Malaria = \$27,602.
- Star 5 - Covenant Relationship with GBGM missionary – met with Star 1.
- ADDITIONAL STARS:
 - Stars 6 & 7 – U.M. sponsored disaster relief – Chapel Hill served at Lake Charles, LA. + Haiti.
 - Stars 8 & 9 – Local Church Mission Sunday or Festival – Chapel Hill held M&M Fair
+ Faith Promise/Mission Sunday
 - Stars 10 & 11 – Additional "Advances" – Chile (\$665)
+ Bolivia (\$2631).
- Other Mission Work included: UMCOREmergency Kits, Stonegate School, Lydia Patterson Institute Mission Team, Regional Food Bank, Support Our Soldiers, Project Transformation, and Whiz Kids.

Chapel Hill has shown its outstanding leadership and passion for mission. Only 50 out of over 500 U.M. Churches in OK received All Star Church recognition for 2010. THANK YOU for the rich blessings of your generous gifts and your amazing Christian service!

Barbara Perry
Lay Member of Annual Conference



Reasons for Your Children to Join a Choir

10. Music is an integral part of every culture, including the Christian culture. "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High." (Psalm 92:1)
9. Music is a language. Like any language, the younger the person is exposed to it, the better is the retention.
8. Research studies starting in the 1990's have shown that students who listen to music have higher spatial (the ability to form mental images of physical objects) scores on intelligence tests. (Rauscher, 1994)
7. In 1996, research by the College Entrance Examination Board found that on the SAT music students scored fifty-one points higher on the verbal and thirty-nine points higher on the math sections of the test than the national average. (Campbell, *The Mozart Effect*, 1997)
6. Children make new friends in choir.
5. Choir teaches teamwork and self-discipline, which yield a sense of accomplishment.
4. Words learned to music are retained in memory better than those learned without a "tune." Both sides of the brain are utilized. Texts that children learn in church choir are part of their Christian beliefs for life and help support them through life's difficulties.
3. Choir teaches children to praise God and pray through music.
2. Choir offers children the opportunity to serve their church and meaningfully participate in worship.
1. It's fun!



United Methodist Women

DESSERTS WITH UMCOR

Tuesday, September 6, at 6:30pm

\$3.00 will pay for your selections of various desserts and fruits by Susannah Wesley Circle members. Special Guest program: Donna Kraiza, Director of Sager Brown UMCOR Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. Hear about the storage, authentication and distribution of Kits and Storage Buckets that are given for Relief Missions around the World. We may want to form a team, or teams, to go as volunteers for some of the work there.

Donna is a cousin of our own Nancy Moore, thus giving a wonderful opportunity for Chapel Hill members to plug into direct information!

If you need Nursery Care, one will be available by request to Audell Hughes, 359-2254. Please make requests by Sunday, September 4.

UMW CIRCLE NEWS

All Circles will meet on **September 20** unless stated otherwise. All women are invited to join a circle. You do not need to be a member to join.

Faith Circle — Organization for the year ahead! We will meet at **10:00am** at Sue Pederson's. Bring a Sandwich.

Mary Martha Circle — Program will be a report of Russian Mission Trip by Chris Massey. Meet in Parlor Kitchen at **7:00pm**.

Susannah Wesley Circle— Organization for the year ahead! We will meet at **10:00am** at Chapel Hill. Bring a Sandwich.

MASH Unit — We will serve UCO Wesley Foundation Lunch on **October 13**. Students love our Mac and Cheese, plus other goodies. An Offering to take care of expenses will be taken at the October General Meeting



OTHER UMW ACTIVITIES

Holy Hands will continue to work on lap robes on **Sunday, September 11, at 3:30pm** in Fellowship Hall

Oklahoma City North District Annual Meeting is scheduled for **9:00am on Saturday, September 17, in Piedmont**. Please contact Audell for transportation arrangements.

Oklahoma Conference Annual Meeting will take place on **Saturday, October 1**, in Shawnee; speaker will be Bishop Hays. Registration blanks (\$12.50 for lunch, etc.) and transportation information will be available at the September 6 meeting and September Circles.

Thursday Morning Bible Study will resume a study of Luke on Thursday, September 8, from 10:00-11:30am in the Conference Room. Anyone may join the study at any time. Bring your Bible.

More Opportunities

Making a List and Checking it Twice *Add Us to Your "To Do"*

Computers are amazing. They can play music, television shows, and compile lists from thousands of sources. The strange thing—some human still has to enter the data. Our church is trying to fully utilize the abilities of our systems, but we need volunteers with basic computer skills to construct our lists, check them twice and then get the info out to the people who need it.

Do you have two hours a week to sit at a monitor in the front office and work the facts? Shift commitments will run from September through December. The necessary training will be provided. To learn more, contact Michele at michele@mychapelhill.org.



Up Close and Personable!

Did you know you can hear a smile? It's true. Next time you answer the phone, stretch your lips, turn up the corners of your mouth and smile. It feels good. You'll want to do it again. And the person on the other end will hear it, and chances are good they'll smile, too.

Would you be interested in smiling for Chapel Hill? People come into our church for comfort, company, compassion, and your smile is a sign they've found the right place. Volunteers are needed for our Welcome Center in the Great Hall throughout the week. In addition to greeting those who enter our building, you'll also be the first voice for Chapel Hill — the first to say hello with a smile! We will gladly instruct you how to use the phone system. You will also have an opportunity to see your friends and to make some new ones.

If you are interested in this kind of work for Christ, please call Ashlee or Michele in the front office (751-0755).

More Opportunities

Older Adults

Wednesday, September 7 - Livewires at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall. Come and be entertained by *Not Just Country Variety Show*. Lunch is 5:00 and prepared by our very own Joane Schmidt. Sign up in the Great Hall so we don't run out of food before you get through the line!

Sunday, September 11 – Grandparents Day Dinner Celebration at 6:00pm. Come and celebrate being a grandparent! It is National Grandparents' Day and we want to honor you with dinner and entertainment in the Parlor. Bring your favorite pictures of your grandchildren or great-grandchildren to display and exchange stories. A delicious catered dinner will be provided just for you! Great food, musical entertainment, pride in our grandchildren filling the room – just a great day to be a grandparent! The event is free, but we do need you to sign up in the Great Hall as soon as possible to help us plan. Questions can be directed to Joane Schmidt at 755-9097 or Robin Dickerson at 507-7307. No children, please, just their pictures!

Monday, September 12 – Retired Fellowship is back on track with fellowship and entertainment every 2nd Monday of the month at **11:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Sandy at 752-0582 if you have questions.



Wednesday, September 14 – Hearts and Hands will leave promptly at **8:30 am** for the Regional Food Bank to volunteer. Please sign up in the Great Hall so the food bank will know how many to expect. Whether you place labels on bags, bag frozen foods, or pack backpacks for school kids, you will leave with a sense of accomplishment in helping those less fortunate. After leaving the food bank the group stops for lunch at a local restaurant for continued fellowship before returning approximately 1:00pm. Inquires can be directed to Peggy at 751-7598.

Wednesday, September 21 – Livewires off to the old Harvey House, Guthrie – We will have lunch at what previously was the Harvey House, take a tour of the museum, followed by a trolley tour of Guthrie. Lunch will be ordered from the menu and pay as you go. You won't want to miss it!

Cancer Support Group at Chapel Hill

Are you on a journey with cancer? Have you come through the tougher patches and now wonder what to do with all the after affects and symptoms that are the gift of cancer that keep on giving? Have you just found out that cancer is now part of your life?

No matter where you are on the journey, if cancer has been a challenge you have had to face, this group is a group for you. We are not about whining or bemoaning. We are not about solving problems or telling you how you should live. Instead, we are a group of survivors (something you become from the moment of diagnosis) who have faced a variety of cancers and who are willing to share our stories and our faith journeys with one another in the hope that, through our shared experiences and prayers, all of us may emerge a little stronger.



If you are interested in coming to a meeting, our door is always open. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in GH 3 from 6-7:30 pm. This month, that means September 13 and 27.

If you would like more information or want to visit with someone one on one, contact our Diaconal Minister and brain cancer survivor, Suzann Wade at suzann@mychapelhill.org or 405-205-9157 any time.

If you know of people who might benefit from our group or could use prayers or a card of encouragement, please send their contact information to Suzann at the e-mail above.

Cancer may be the end of life as you know it, but it can also be the beginning of a new purpose and a new perspective on the life you have. Know that God is with you on the journey, and we are here too.



Flu Season is Getting Closer

Flu shots are coming to Chapel Hill. Be prepared and get your flu shots before the flu starts going around! Shots will be given in the Great Hall from **1:30-5:30pm on Wednesday, September 21**. Medicare Part B will be filed by Visiting Nurses Association for those that qualify. Cash or check payment will be expected at time of service. If you can't afford the \$25 for the flu shot or you wish to receive a pneumonia shot (\$65), please contact Robin at 507-7307.

Children & Families

WWJD

(Wednesdays With Jesus' Disciples)

Wednesday September 7 - October 12
for

Children Kindergarten thru 5th Grade
Kids' Program is 6:30-7:30



Small Groups

Grades K-2nd "Traveling Through the 23rd Psalm"

Grades 3-5th "6 Very Bad Days and How God Fixed Them"

Dinner begins at 5:15

See your WatCH brochure for new dinner times & options. Sign up is required for dinner.

September Sunday School

Kids 1st - 5th Grades

Rotation Sunday School

September 4

Labor Day at the Movies

September 11th - October 2nd

"David the Boy"



Pre-school & Pre-K/Kindergarten

September's B.I.G. Idea

Stories in Genesis help us understand God's plan for God's people.

September's Bible Verse

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. Psalm 24:1



Don't Miss Out . . .

September is a month which offers new opportunities for you to share your gifts with Chapel Hill's children, and we invite you to prayerfully consider serving in children's ministry. We have some new openings in the children's ministry arena. So, whether your gifts lie in relational roles (up-front working with kids) or in the crucial behind-the-scenes operations, your gifts and talents can make a difference in our ministry with children.

Relational Roles

Sunday School leaders - all ages

Sonshine Corner leaders - pre-school

(during 8:30 or 11:00 worship services)

WWJD leaders - Wednesday nights (school age children)

Nursery volunteers - Sunday mornings

Behind-the-Scene Roles

Kitchen help - VBS, Wednesday nights

Event set-up or clean-up

Photography - Sundays, special events

Children's reception desk - Sunday mornings

Phone contacts

Organizing supplies

Please contact Marilyn or Rana if you see your name and face starring in any of the above roles: marilyn@mychapelhill.org
rana@mychapelhill.org.

Questions regarding Children's Ministries at Chapel Hill ...

Marilyn Henderson, Director of Children's Ministries — marilyn@mychapelhill.org or 507-7315

Rana Shelton, Nursery Director and Assistant to Children's Ministries — rana@mychapelhill.org or 507-7314

Student and College Ministries

For The Parents ...

During WatCH from September 7-October 12, we would like to invite you to join the class "The Five Love Languages of Teenagers" led by Doug Dowler from 6:30 to 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall #3. We love our kids and want to let them know, but sometimes the message just doesn't seem to get through. In addition to the generation gap, many parents and children face a sort of language barrier as well. "The Five Love Languages of Teenagers" is an invaluable tool for analyzing a teen's love language and expressing your affections in an effective way. Purchase of the book is optional and will be available for \$8.

College Connection ...

We are currently meeting with Rev. Rose from 4:30-6:00pm on Sunday afternoons in GH 1. We will be starting a new study on the New Testament. Once a month we will have a potluck dinner. We hope you join us as we encounter God through the scriptures.

We also meet every Sunday for worship in the Family Life Center at 9:45. Starting on September 4 after worship is done, we will go down to our Authenticate Classroom (College age room) for Sunday School. Free doughnuts every Sunday!

Questions?

kourtney@mychapelhill.org / fernie@mychapelhill.org or
751-0755

SOMETHING FOR YOUR HEART

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." (Psalm 90:1-2)

Life is short and hard, and God is angry with us. Have a good week! Okay, there's more to it than that, but those are the messages that come through the loudest in the first half of Psalm 90. We're going to camp out with this depressing, motivating, and inspiring (really!) psalm of Moses (yes, that Moses) this week.

For starters, though, Moses points out that God has been around for a really long time. As each new generation of humans is born, lives, and then dies, God remains — an unchanged and unchanging home for His people.

The first step to seeing ourselves for what we are — temporary, fragile, minute — is to see God for who He is — endless, indestructible, expansive. And available to His people.

Think: What does it mean to have God as your dwelling place as a Christian? Do you think of yourself as living "in Him"?

Pray: Thank God that He is everlasting and an unchanging home for His people.

Do: Up for some math? If we think of a generation as 40 years or so, about how many generations of humans has God seen come and go since the time of Moses in about 1500 B.C.?

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This Month At A Glance ...

September 7

School Spirit Theme Night, 6:00-7:30pm

September 11

Fatal Vision Presentation, 4:00-6:00pm

September 14

Common Grounds and Elevate, 6:00-7:30pm

September 18

Refuge, 4:30-6:00pm

September 21

Common Grounds and Elevate, 6:00-7:30pm

September 25

Refuge, 4:30-6:00pm

September 28

Common Grounds and Elevate, 6:00-7:30pm



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"One in a Million" *Bible Study*

Ladies, coming this fall!
Priscilla Shirer's Bible study
"One in a Million".

Every week millions of believers will fill the pews of the church and hear about the greatness and power of God. They are told that they can experience it, yet few ever do. If you hunger to experience His power, hear

His voice and live in the abundance promised you, this is for you.

There are 7 video sessions with 6 weeks of light homework.
Participant cost is \$18 (includes member book).

TUESDAYS

September 20 – November 1 • 6:30-8:30pm in the Parlor
led by Donna Symes (722-2515)

WEDNESDAYS

September 14 – October 26 • 9:00-11:00am in the Parlor
led by Rhonda Williston (348-8654, rhondawilliston@att.net)

CHAPEL HILL'S **GOLF** TOURNAMENT

Our Annual Golf Tournament will be held on **Wednesday, October 5, at 8:30am** at the Kickingbird Golf Club in Edmond. If you can swing a club you should be out playing on the course with the rest of Chapel Hill! A sign-up sheet is located in the Great Hall. For further information please contact Tanya at 751-0755 or tanya@mychapelhill.org.

Put Together Your Favorite Team!

\$80.00 per Person

(includes lunch, cart, & goodie bag)

Hole Sponsorship:

\$100.00 Corporate / \$50.00 Individual

Registrations are requested by Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Do you or your company have items you would like to donate for "goodie bags" (such as company pens, golf related items, envelope openers, etc.) or items to be given as prizes (gift certificate for dinners or movies, gift baskets from salons or boutiques, etc.)? You may bring the donated items to the church or call Tanya for pickup.