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## ***It's Here!***

**W**hat a joy to have the new Yinger Youth Center up and running! If you have not already seen how our old sanctuary area has been transformed into a state-of-the-art facility for our middle and senior highs, you must take a few minutes to wander through it, or plan to come to our official dedication during the Confirmation Class reception on May 16th after the 11 am worship service. The number of people who gave their time and expertise to this project is too large for singling everyone out, but I want to publicly thank the Youth Design team headed by Steve Hurst for their vision and leadership:

Faith Clune  
Mona Earnest  
David Bailey  
Elise Port

Traci Blanks  
David Reid  
Mark Moore  
Martha Blaess

Chris Palmer  
Jan Fees  
Ann Ozan-Willis  
Chris Lashley

The hours and effort they gave in meetings, research, field trips and oversight went far beyond "required duty." Our youth and coming generations will be the direct beneficiaries of their labor!

I want you to be fully aware of the good stewardship involved in this \$1.5 million project. By deciding to remodel existing, underused space rather than building a separate center, we have saved future costs on utilities and new custodial staffing. By replacing old and tired HVAC units with new, efficient ones, our costs to heat and cool these spaces will decrease as well. And as part of the total makeover, FPCE received much needed new HVAC units, roofing and flooring for the Family Life Center, as well as a fresh paint job.

But of course, the main visual difference is the new Youth Center with all its audio-visual wonders, breakout rooms, gaming areas and snack bar-coffee center known as The Filling Station.

Timberlake Construction Co. oversaw this project from beginning to end, provided us the highest quality of workmanship and product, and came in under budget! We have much to be grateful for, indeed!

To date, we have received roughly \$1.15 million toward the total cost of our new youth center. The remaining \$350,000 we have covered temporarily through our Stone by Stone reserves, but we are hoping to raise this needed amount by further gifts from folks who are able, having seen the finished product!

Our dream as a church is that the Yinger Youth Center will be a warm and inviting place where youth from our church and our Edmond community (including Central Middle School just across the street) will discover Jesus Christ and deepen their life in him, and find encouragement to build their lives around his love and teachings so that they become lifelong disciples who increasingly impact this world for his glory!

*Thank you again for the part that you are playing in making this vision a reality!*

*Yours in Jesus' Name, Mateen  
Senior Pastor*

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*The Yinger Youth Center by Night*



**IN THE BEGINNING** God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2 NIV



*The Yinger Youth Center by Day*

AND GOD SAID, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Genesis 1:3-5 NIV



## The Youth Center Mural Project

### the {challenge}

We chose the location of the mural far before we thought of the concept. Our goal was to tie the family life center in with the new youth center, and give the newly painted walls some color and personality. Soon after we decided the mural would be broken up into three separate canvases and painted as one 4 1/2' X 36' art piece, the brainstorming challenge began.

### the {inspiration}

Our inspiration was "Love, Love Serve," which is being developed as the mission of student ministries. *Love God, Love Others and Serve!* I asked Shelly Frank, a good friend of mine, and an Advertising major at the University of Central Oklahoma, to team up with Zena Nipper and myself in creating the design and completing the project. Together, we decided to use the tree of life concept and add a whimsical element into the branches. The lively and spiritual nature of this piece was to become the source of inspiration for other artwork that was chosen for the center.



### the {thought process}

We wanted to incorporate "Love, Love Serve" into the piece itself, which challenged our creative minds in ways it could be done. We came up with several ideas, but chose to hide the words in the branches. Then we added a caterpillar biting into the symbolic apple on the left canvas and a butterfly on the right. The butterfly and caterpillar symbolize the transformation from old life to new life. Finally, we added the verse John 15:5 to the middle piece to tie it all together.

### celebration! {the end result}

I could not be more enthused about the end result. We worked on each piece separately, and didn't get to see them put together to reveal the whole tree until the day the new youth center opened. I am extremely proud of the hard work put in by both Shelly and Zena! It is truly unbelievable to see the talent that others have been blessed with- used for God's glory!

Written by Natasha Crane, Intern of Student Ministries



# FPCE Student Ministries Update

Plus everything you  
need to know about  
how to get involved

by Christy Ford

**Summer is just around the corner**, which is why we bring you  
everything Student Ministries has to offer- minus the confusion!

## where you can find information:

### Calendar/the web/enews fpce online: [www.fpcedmond.org](http://www.fpcedmond.org)

May 2010 through May 2011 calendar  
featuring events for Student Ministries  
“enews”: Email updates about upcom-  
ing events, reminders, etc. If you are  
not receiving these, please email us:  
[cford@fpcedmond.org](mailto:cford@fpcedmond.org)  
and we will add you to the list.

**The Palmer Lounge**  
Registration Forms & Event Info.  
located in the info center

**The First-in-Focus**  
We have a “student” section in the  
weekly worship bulletin for events that  
week.

**The PRES**  
We have the “student ministries” pages  
in our quarterly Pres. Check here for  
articles, an updated calendar, major  
events, and other special information.

## we want to pray for you:

Submit your praise or prayer requests  
in the prayer box located in the Palmer  
Lounge.

## nancy norton fund & scholarships:

We realize that the cost of our events  
adds up over the year for each student  
and their family, so we want you to  
know that your child can earn money  
toward the cost of these events through  
the Nancy Norton Fund. Students may  
earn \$5/ hour by serving others in the  
church and community. We also have  
scholarships available. We never want  
the cost of a trip to be the reason your  
child is not able to participate.  
Applications for the Nancy Norton  
Fund and Scholarships are available on  
the website and in the Palmer Room.  
Please call for more information and to  
discuss your financial concerns or set  
up an alternate payment plan.

## ADULT/PARENT opportunities:

*Serve as a partner in ministry with our  
students!*

### Adults Needed

#### SMALL GROUP LEADERS (needed now)

**2 HOSTS** FOR SENIOR SUNDAY RECEPTION:  
Traditionally parents of Juniors  
(call Christy Ford for commitment info.)

**2 HOSTS** FOR CONFIRMATION RECEPTION:  
Traditionally 7th grade parents  
(call Christy Ford for commitment info.)

**PROJECT LEADERS (4 FOR EACH WEEK)**  
REVOLUTION “SOUL FOOD” WEEKLY  
MISSION (commit by May 1)

**8 SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**  
(commit by May 1)

**4 FEMALE COUNSELORS** FOR THE MISSION  
TRIP TO GOODLAND (commit by June 1)

**4 MALE COUNSELORS** FOR THE MISSION  
TRIP TO GOODLAND  
(commit by June 1)

**8-12 ADULT CHAPERONES** FOR MAY 21  
CLUB CAOS - 6:30pm to 11:30pm

**\*\*NOTE:** If we do not have counselors and leaders  
for these summer trips we will have to cancel them  
to ensure the safety of our students.

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

- MAY 1-2** CONFIRMATION OVERNIGHT RETREAT
- MAY 3** STUDENT MINISTRIES COMMITTEE MEETING (7PM)
- MAY 5** SUMMER PREVIEW (INCLUDING 5TH GRADERS)
- MAY 9** SENIOR SUNDAY
- MAY 12** LAST CAOS & REVOLUTION FOR SCHOOL YEAR  
SUMMER TICKET SIGN UP DEADLINE
- MAY 16** CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
- MAY 21** CLUB CAOS - END OF THE YEAR PARTY! (7 - 11PM)

## JUNE {LOVE GOD}

- JUNE 2** FRONTIER CITY: TIME TBA
- JUNE 6** SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS  
CELEBRATION #28: TRAINING (3 - 6 PM)
- JUNE 7** STUDENT MINISTRIES COMMITTEE MEETING (7PM)
- JUNE 9** LOVE GOD WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY
- JUNE 12** VOX SATURDAY OF FUN (2PM - 10PM)
- JUNE 13** CELEBRATION #28 WORKDAY (10AM - 5PM)
- JUNE 16** LOVE GOD WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY  
MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION DEADLINE
- JUNE 18/20** CELEBRATION #28
- JUNE 21/25** BILL'S PHOTO & VIDEO CLASS
- JUNE 23** LOVE GOD WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY  
SUMMER MISSION TRIP FINAL PAYMENT DUE.
- JUNE 30** WHITE WATER (TIME TBA)

## JULY {LOVE OTHERS}

- JULY 12-16** SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO GOODLAND
- JULY 21** LOVE OTHERS WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY
- JULY 28** LOVE OTHERS WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY

## AUGUST {SERVE}

- AUGUST 5** SERVE GOD WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY
- AUGUST 11** SERVE GOD WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY  
PASTA PARTY FUNDRAISER  
HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN

## SUMMER TRIPS

### JUNE 18-20 CELEBRATION #28

**COST:** \$100

Celebration is for high school students and is a  
student led opportunity to explore your faith  
and experience the love of Christ.  
The cost covers all meals and lodging at Canyon Camp.  
Registration deadline is June 13.

### JULY 12 - 16 GOODLAND SUMMER MISSION TRIP

**NEAR HUGO, OK COST:** \$250

Goodland Academy is a Presbyterian based school. We will be making  
improvements to their property. 6th Grade through College Students and  
their Families are invited. There are only 40 spots available –  
registration due June 16. Late Fee of \$50 on Thursday, June 17.  
Registration and final payment due DUE Wednesday, June 23.

## THANK YOU!

Have you seen the new youth area? It  
is awesome! We would like to thank the  
following for taking a lot of time and  
effort to create this great area for the  
students of FPCE:

### The Yinger Center Building Committee:

David Bailey, Martha Blaess, Traci Blanks,  
Tom Boles, Chris Brown, Faith Clune,  
Bill Crouch, David Dabrowski, Mona Ernest,  
Jan Fees, Steve Hurst, Chris Lashley,  
Mark Moore, Chris Palmer, Elise Port,  
David Reid, David Timberlake,  
Ann Ozan Willis, Studio Architecture  
and Timberlake Construction

A Special Thank you to our Student  
Ministries Committee and our New  
Youth Center Building Committee:  
This has been a year of change for Stu-  
dent Ministries and without their time  
and efforts our programming would not  
be as successful as it is. We appreciate  
EVERYTHING you have done.

### Our Committee:

Robert Reid, Stephen Ernest, Jayne Spies,  
Joel Hall, Kelli Bailey, Cindy Gessouroun,  
Todd Lisle, Steve Ewing, Robyn McPherson,  
Sally Story, Nancy Matthews, John Jennings,  
Bill Crouch, David Dabrowski & John Gruel.

The Student Ministries staff would also  
like to thank the adult leaders who  
have partnered with us to teach Sunday  
School, lead small groups in Confirmation  
Class and/or on Wednesdays, and  
to those who join us for youth group.  
Our recent Angel Fire Ski Trip and BIG  
Weekend events were a huge success.  
(We apologize if your name was inadver-  
tently left off the list).

### Adult Leaders

Carol Alexander, Kelli Bailey, Linda Birsner,  
Dana Bixby, John and Kay Denneny,  
Mona and Steve Ernest, Kristin Emerson,  
Steve Ewing, Andy Fugitt, Susan Gamber,  
Mo & Cindy Gessouroun, Sarah Hall,  
Carol Hartzog, Pam Heinen, John & Julie  
Higginbotham, Brian Horner, David and  
Charlotte Houck, Steve Hurst, Becky LeForce,  
Todd and Donna Lisle, JeanAnn Lundein,  
Dana McLain, Crystal McGee, Terri McGee,  
Robyn Mc Pherson, Sandi Morgan,  
Kim Nelson, Roy Page, Chad Parks,  
Lisa Price, Carrie Ann Richter, David Reid,  
Robert Reid, Steve Slawson, Sally Story,  
Sarah Timberlake Brandon Thompson,  
Tye & Bronwyn Toles, Bill Warner

## 2010 GOODLAND SUMMER MISSION TRIP JULY 12-16

**For:** 6th Grade-College Students  
and their Families are invited.  
Only 40 spots available!

**Cost:** \$250 w/\$100 deposit  
is due by June 16. A late fee  
of \$50 on Thursday, June 17  
Final Payment due June 23.

**Location:** Goodland is located in  
rural southeastern Oklahoma 4 miles  
north of the Red River, 25 miles north  
of Paris, Texas, 48 miles east of Durant,  
Oklahoma, 47 miles west of Idabel,  
Oklahoma and 60 miles south of  
McAlester, Oklahoma.

**Mission:** Improving their property  
will be determined upon arrival.

### Needs may include:

Preparing gardens  
Cleaning the facilities  
Painting  
Clearing and repairing the ice storm damage  
Updating buildings

### What to bring:

A Great Serving Attitude  
Work Gloves  
Closed-toed “work” shoes  
Work Clothes – long sleeves, long pants  
Modest swimsuit & towel  
Bug spray  
Bedding  
Toiletries  
Bath towel

**Founding:** Goodland was founded by  
early Presbyterian missionaries in 1848  
and maintains a covenant relationship  
with the PCUSA to this day. Goodland  
is governed by a self-appointing board  
of trustees from various states.

**Campus:** Goodland sits on a beautiful,  
rural 390-acre campus with three homes;  
four staff houses; a student center with  
a cafeteria, performance area and game  
room; a gymnasium; a main classroom  
building; and support buildings

Need more information? [www.Goodland.org](http://www.Goodland.org)



# TURNINGpoint

## » and God's Vision

By Martha Turner

### How large is God's vision compared to ours!

THE INITIAL CONCEPT of Turning Point Ministry was to provide affordable Edmond housing for some single mothers and handicapped situations already on our radar. Little did we realize God's vision would take this small unassuming idea further than we could have imagined. Edmond's First Presbyterian Church had provided the resources for a number of Habitat homes in the Oklahoma City area but in recent years, none of the homes were in Edmond.

Our community had an obvious need, so how hard would it be to bring Habitat to Edmond? And how hard would it be to build to ADA standards when merited? As it turned out, harder than we imagined. Habitat wasn't building in Edmond because of the high price of land. In addition, Habitat hadn't been building to ADA compliance because of the additional cost involved.

We wondered: what if there was a non-profit ministry to bridge the gap between the Edmond community, the needs of the handicapped and Habitat? What if several Edmond churches, civic organizations, and the City of Edmond were to work together? *What if?* Two of the Turning Point Board members had served on the Central Oklahoma Habitat Board and an informal partnership was established. The idea was Turning Point would purchase lots for Habitat builds in Edmond. A couple of lots were located in existing neighborhoods and became the first two brick Edmond Habitat homes. The first was for a Santa Fe High School teacher- a widow with two children, including one with several challenges. The second home was for a single woman confined to a wheel chair since birth. This home won the "Clearing the Path Award" presented by the OKC Mayor's Council on Disability - a unique recognition, considering the home is in Edmond!

So far so good, but finding suitable building lots soon became impossible. As is often the case, God stepped in with "Plan B." One of Turning Point's Board Members was a

land developer and quite suddenly, a parcel of land became available near downtown Edmond that was perfect for a small new neighborhood. "Buy it," whispered God. Could Turning Point take on this significant financial commitment? "Buy it", whispered God again. A local bank provided a favorable mortgage and a substantial HUD grant was obtained through the City of Edmond for the infrastructure. Within a short time, Legacy Station, located just west of the downtown Post Office, was platted for 12 Habitat homes.

The first resident in Legacy Station will become a homeowner this summer. She is a public school teacher of autistic children. As a single mother of four (one with extensive medical needs), she never dreamed she would ever be able to provide her family with the security of homeownership.

When the land for this new community was acquired, it came with a small frame home that would have to be removed to make way for a street. Our initial goal was to trash it but just days before its removal a tornado destroyed some homes north of Edmond. A couple of teens recognized a woman standing by the road after her mobile home was destroyed. They shared their discovery with their parents and we were able to donate the home to be moved. A Bible study group committed to make it livable. God smiled and said, "I will provide - just watch!"

Soon, we recognized that we would need a professionally designed video to share with other churches and civic organizations. The cost of this would be far beyond our financial resources, but we prayed for guidance and, once again, God was faithful. Two men, both experienced in video production, donated their time and resources- and a local tv newscaster stepped in to become the voice. "See," said God, "didn't I say trust me?"

There was another need. As low income families move

from Section 8 toward homeownership, they must rent a home for at least one year. However, because Edmond is a university town, nearly all rentals are occupied by students at rates far beyond the means of those coming out of subsidized apartments.

**OUT OF THE BLUE**, a Realtor called with a perfect home, not yet exposed to investment buyers. Then, another property followed. "See," said God, "I've got you covered!" Time passed as time does and Turning Point continued focusing on providing safe, clean shelter for those who had been living in substandard situations. God, of course, was planning far beyond our dreams.

When we visited with one sister church, we learned of an existing ministry with a Section 8 apartment community in Edmond. They had identified about 50 youngsters eager to attend Sunday school and Bible school. Although too large for one church, networking connected several churches and God said, "Your shelter goals are fine, but just watch what happens when I multi-task!"

As we expanded into the community, volunteers from the church connected with those unchurched. Then God said: "See, reaching out is good - remember what I said about multi-tasking?" We shouldn't have been surprised! The Bible provides several examples of God's vision and the smallness of the goals of us humans. It was God's vision that Moses would lead the people out of Egypt to the Promised Land. The problem: *Moses had plenty of excuses and was unable to catch the vision right away.*

**IT'S FASCINATING** how Moses struggled to reach the point of surrender. On the other hand, there is Paul on the road to Damascus when God approached him in a way that would certainly get his attention. Paul was given a vision



TURNING POINT/HABITAT EDMOND BUILD-2009

» We honor the self worth of our clients with a "hand up" rather than a "hand out."

which seems to have unfolded over time. His surrender preceded his awareness of the vision. As Turning Point has grown, those involved have learned to surrender, and this, too, is part of God's vision.

His vision is never fully realized by a single person or even by a single interested group. God's vision is vast and takes many hands and hearts - working together, sometimes over long periods. Entire lifetimes can pass and we may never realize the magnitude and direction of God's plan or how many it will touch along the way! Turning Point got its start with a small group who wanted to meet a social need, providing affordable housing in Edmond. God's vision was so much larger, moving along paths we never imagined.





**T**he Ministry of Music is thrilled to again host an Arts Camp for kids entering 2nd through 6th grade. Since its inception five years ago, the week long Summer Arts Camp at First Presbyterian has served over 250 students, instructing and encouraging them how to serve God through their gifts and talents in the arts.

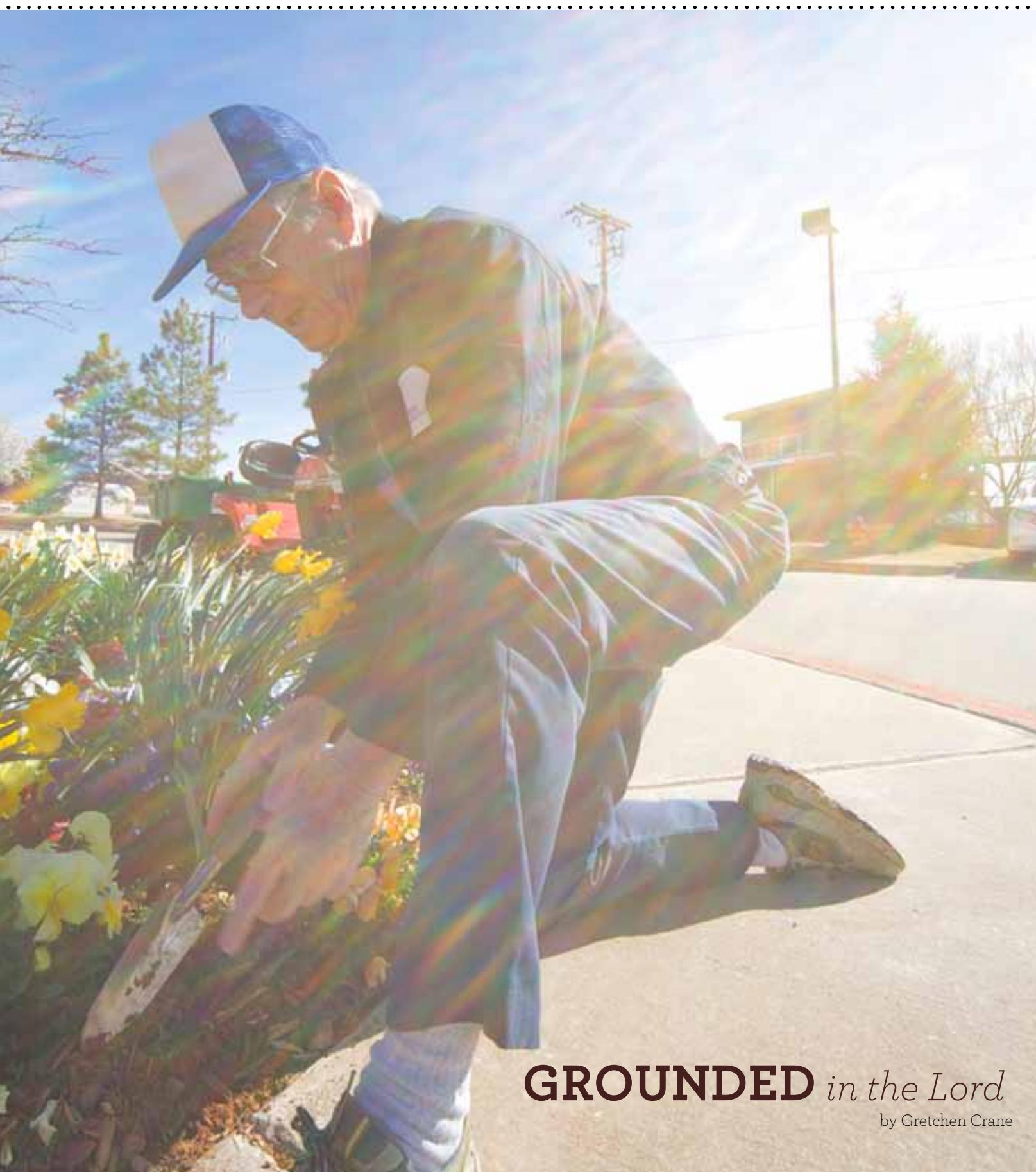
**"Made for Praise" arts camp is as an outreach to students of our community and our church members.** Each year, the camp enrollment among community members has been over 60%. Several families have visited our church after their student has been involved in the camp. Five families have placed membership at our church as a direct result of this camp.

**The 2010 Arts Camp promises to be an experience in which students will grow in Christ and within themselves.** An essential element of each day will be a time for worship. Each day of camp begins with worship and ends with worship. Based on scripture, worship sessions are a time to teach the students about the glory of God and about how they can be participants of that glory. This year, the camp will run from 8:45 am -3:30 pm each day, with a closing event on Friday evening. In addition, campers will participate in a service project and enjoy games during the lunch break.

**The strength of this arts camp is in its class offerings.** Input from former students has helped us build a program that promotes student success. This year we will be offering classes in Creative Writing, Drama, Drawing, Paper Art, Percussion, Photography, Praise Team, and Recorder. Another huge strength is the quality of directors (Jim VanHemert & Michele Baker) and instructors with whom we have been blessed. Many are either educators within the Edmond Public Schools and other school districts, or they are educated and welltrained in their field. Having instructors that are highly qualified, and know how to work with children is a blessing to any camp!

**Details & Registration Information Coming Soon!**

We have all heard the old saying “April showers bring May flowers,” but our May flowers had a little help from our very own **Jim Pennington**.



## GROUNDED in the Lord

by Gretchen Crane



Long before winter snow melts and the first green shoots of life appear in our church flower beds, Jim works to prepare the soil, plant the bulbs and sow the seeds.

Jim does a task that truly brings the entire community a vivid picture of Jesus' *Parable of the Sower*. He plants the seeds in the good soil and waits patiently, believing that God will bring a bounty of beauty. Jim is a man of deep faith who loves to study the Word of God. He has a rich history of service to his family, his faith and FPCE.

Jim and his wife Raymona, both born in Oklahoma, were married in 1956 and have been married for 54 years and After immigrating to Canada, where they raised their five sons, they moved back to Oklahoma in 1992 to care for their aging parents. Jim began working at FPCE in 1993 and has lived in two separate homes near the church, so he has been able to keep a close eye on every single flower bed, tree and shrub that grows on our property. His own yard is a garden of various



blooms, and he grows vegetables as well. Over the years he has seen many changes to our grounds and as the building has grown, the need for his landscaping skills has increased. Our staff at FPCE benefits from Jim's expertise and generosity when he shares his knowledge of gardening with us.

He will even harvest seeds upon request to share with others. Jim enjoys driving his little red lawn tractor from one side of the property to another, and he loves

seeing the results of his labor. When he isn't outdoors, Jim can be found fixing something indoors, down in his workroom where he works wonders of a different kind. He helps keep this congregation comfortable both inside and out.

Jim & Raymona both love reading, and next to being raised on a farm, Jim credits his knowledge of gardening to being an avid reader on the subject of landscaping. If he gets stumped by a gardening question, he calls the OSU Extension Service for advice.



**Psalm 84:10** can be used (with a few slight liberties taken) to describe Jim's contribution to the ministry, and his passion for his current profession: **“Better is one day in your court(yard) than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a groundskeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.”**

Jim has been called into an additional kind of service over the past couple of years, and that is the daily care of his wife Raymona. She has been ill since 2007 and the tasks of cooking and cleaning have fallen to Jim. He appreciates cooking tips and recipes that people share with him.

So next time you see the amazing work of God's hands through Jim's efforts, say a prayer of gratitude for the richness of His creation- and remember our Groundskeeper, Jim.



Did you know that FPCE has a wonderful new member of our staff? After just two months of working with us, he has already brought a new dimension of experience and skill to our Communications Department. Bill has a quiet demeanor and gentle approach that blesses all who come in contact with him. Together with Zena Nipper, he will help us reach our congregation and community in creative and strategic ways. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Bill Parrish, Director of Communications.

Born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, Bill is number 11 of 14 children. Bill is a graduate of The Art Academy of Cincinnati with a BFA in Communication Design. After a successful corporate career with the Rocky Mountain News in Denver, Colorado as an Editorial Illustrator/Page Designer, and with Bristol Myers-Squibb as Director of Creative Services, Bill answered the call in 1999 to use the gifts developed in the corporate world to support large churches with Strategic Communications.

Before being led to First Presbyterian Church of Edmond, he was Director of Communications for Perimeter Church (PCA) in Duluth, Georgia in Greater Atlanta. In 2007, he was led to Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas and worked closely with Joe Rightmyer. Bill has also provided design and strategic support for Outreach Marketing in Vista, California.

Bill's wife Edna is originally from Hazard, Kentucky but raised in Dayton, Ohio. They met while she was a local radio Morning Show Host, and News and Public Affairs Director. Her gifts are many. Among them is her ability as a public speaker to minister to women. She is currently working on syndication of a ministry called, "Voices of Courage" collecting life-transforming stories and sharing them as testimonies for others to find the path to Christ. Edna is also an excellent cook. For fun and relaxation, when Bill isn't getting his daily dose of ESPN, Bill and Edna enjoy a good book, Jazz and Classical music, and good hearty laughs. Among Bill's hobbies are: singing, playing guitar, painting, drawing, watching CSI, House, and hanging out with Edna doing anything. Outside of home Bill's favorite meal is Sushi. They have 2 adult children. Devin and Craig. Bill and Edna see their faith as simple: Love God, Love People, Live Surrendered!



## Caregiver Support Group

by Marchia Peeler

**A**s a longtime member of FPCE, I have discovered through the years that our congregation is made up of a "plethora" of members with a "plethora" of gifts. When I need help with a project or have questions about a service needed, I often find myself thinking, of who in our church I can call for help.

One situation that comes to mind is when it became apparent to me that my mother's mental health was failing and I was faced with the fact that her living situation was going to need adjusting. I realized I had a source from our church - Rachel Boggess. At that time, Rachel was working at Third Age Life Center through Integris Hospital.

Rachel's position at Third Age was Geriatric Care Manager and Community Educator. I called her and explained the situation with my mother. She suggested I attend the Support Group she facilitated that met twice a month. Well, I did and what a blessing it has been for me, -and a great resource as I faced other situations with my mother.

With that said, how many of you, in this congregation, are faced with

taking care of a loved one, friend, or neighbor? Do you sometimes feel as if you are not equipped to take this job on for very much longer?

Did you know that Rachel is Chair of Congregational Care for seniors and their families here at First Presbyterian? She also facilitates the Care Giver Support Group that meets here at First Presbyterian the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month.

Rachel is available to help you find answers, solutions or point you in the right direction. Plus, she has 22 years of experience working with people faced with making difficult decisions about how to care for their loved one.

Think about it. Our church family is a great resource in times of need!

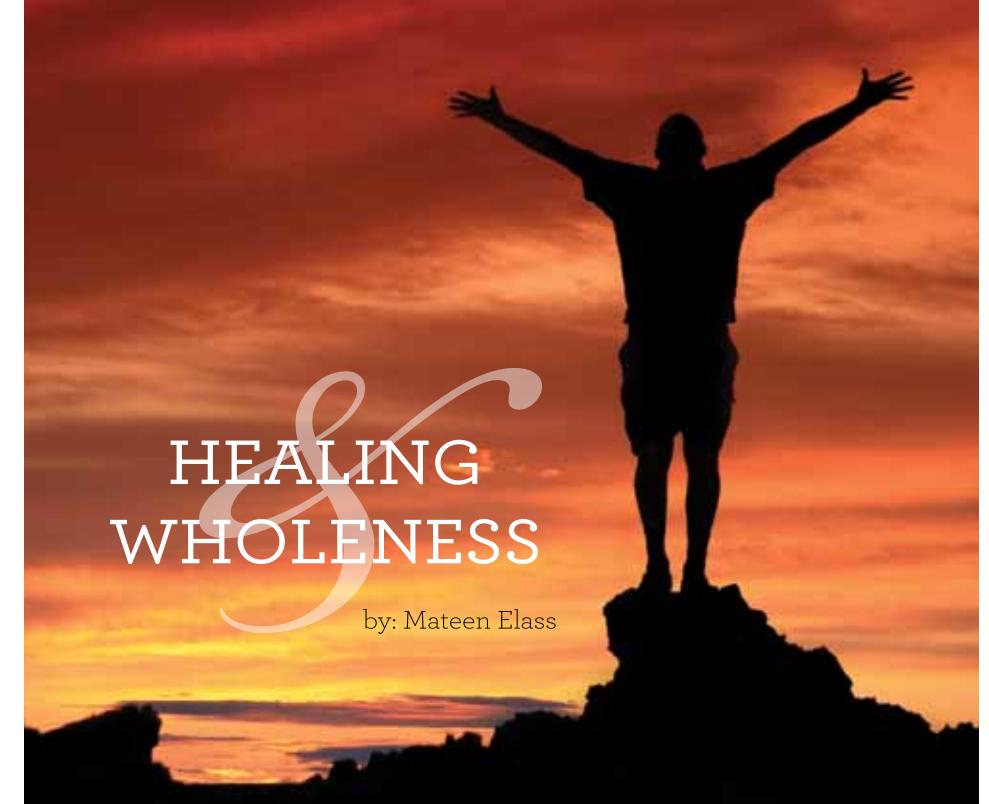
Experience the healing power of the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ.

**O**ur healing and wholeness service, held on April 11th, brought people into the presence of God to experience the healing power of the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ. We were grateful to be able to offer the opportunity for this expression of the inbreaking of the Kingdom of God into our world of suffering and sorrow, and hope to do this as a monthly ministry.

Jesus is rightly known as the Great Physician. The Gospels are filled with examples of His healing work. He cured all manner of diseases and sicknesses. He cast out demons. He raised the dead. He used many means to demonstrate the Kingdom of God with power. His touch brought restoration; healing power flowed out from him to those who touched his robe; he cast out evil spirits with a word; he commanded Lazarus to emerge alive from his tomb.

Jesus fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah in 53:5 - "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed."

During his earthly ministry, Jesus gave his disciples authority to heal the sick and cast out evil spirits.



HEALING & WHOLENESS

by: Mateen Elass

Luke 9:1-2 records: "He called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal." His 21st century disciples have that same authority. Through Jesus we know God as a merciful Father who hears the prayers of His people and will answer them. And James 5:14 instructs us: "Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well."

I have been teaching on the signs and wonders of Jesus and training a prayer team for the last several months. It is the fervent desire of everyone on the prayer team that each individual who comes to future services for healing will experience the love of God through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit.

We cannot, of course, guarantee physical, spiritual or emotional healing by our efforts, but we can love each participant as Jesus loves us.

If God chooses to send the Holy Spirit in ways that provide healing and wholeness, we will rejoice together.

We are called to trust that He will honor His promises. We know God loves us; His Word tells us to anoint the sick with oil and to pray for them, knowing that the prayer offered in faith will heal them. So we seek to be obedient to the Word of God and, in faith, pray for healing.

We invite you to come to our next service to be held May 9th at 7 p.m. at the church. Experience the love God has for you and let the prayer teams pray for you. If you have family members or friends who seek healing of any kind, ask them to come and we will pray for them as well.

May the power of our Lord Jesus be made manifest in our lives today and every day, to the glory of God our Father!

- Mateen



## FAITH Lessons by John Gruel

Last summer for the combined Sunday school class, we showed the Truth Project DVD series. The lessons were well constructed, the content was solid, and the class was well attended. Many voiced their appreciation for the series and hoped we could offer something similar in the future!

This summer we are planning a similar experience using the "Faith Lessons" curriculum which, like the Truth Project, is produced by *Focus on the Family*. We will be offering fourteen classes beginning June 6 and extending through September 5.

The class will be hosted by a pastor each week and will include the video presentation followed by a time for guided discussion. We will be able to cover volumes 1 (The Promised Land) & 2 (The Prophets and Kings of Israel), and at least part of volume 3 (Life and Ministry of the Messiah).

This series is filmed on location in Israel and offers an in-depth video tour of the places where the stories of the Bible actually happened. From this perspective teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan challenges long held assumptions about even the most familiar passages of Scripture and provides insights which will truly transform your reading of the Bible.

This promises to be an interesting and illuminating study. We hope to see you there, especially if your regular Sunday school class is taking a break for the summer. For questions about Faith Lessons, please contact me, John Gruel at 341-3602, x227/jgruel@fpcedmond.org.

*John Gruel is Missional Leader & Associate Pastor of Christian Education*

## Summer Offerings

### Becomers

Room 2124, Led by Bill Hainer

The Becomers Class will continue its studies using study resources from Charles Colson. Colson is an internationally known commentator, columnist, author and founder of Prison Fellowship. Among the resources used are Faith (What Christians Believe, Why They Believe It, and Why It Matters); Politics and the Christian Faith; and Defending the Truth. Come join them for some "lively" discussion!

*Bill Hainer has been a member of First Presbyterian for 23 years and has served as Adult Sunday School Coordinator in the past. Bill has been a member of the Becomers class since it started and has been mentored by such former teachers as Raleigh Holt.*

### Summer Class: FAITH LESSONS

Room 2115, Led by the Pastors

This summer in the combined adult class we are planning on using the "Faith Lessons" curriculum which, like the Truth Project, is produced by *Focus on the Family*.

We will offer fourteen classes beginning June 6 and extending through September 5. The class will be hosted by a pastor each week and will include the video presentation followed by a time for guided discussion.

We will cover volumes 1 (The Promised Land) & 2 (The Prophets and Kings of Israel) and part of

volume 3 (Life and Ministry of the Messiah).

This series is filmed on location in Israel and offers an in-depth video tour of the places where the stories of the Bible actually happened. From this perspective teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan challenges long held assumptions about even the most familiar passages of Scripture and provides insights which will truly transform your reading of the Bible.

### Building FAITH/Building FAMILY

Room 2114, Led by Alvin Myers & Mike Heinen, w/class members' assistance

Building Faith/Building Family will use a combination of topical and video based material with group discussion. The topics will always be focused on building our Faith as it relates to our personal and family life.

*Building Faith/Building Family is a class made up of adults in the 30's, 40's and 50's with children ranging from infants to college.*

### Women's Sunday AM Bible Study:

Class Study: *Spiritual Realities Illustrated in Earthly Actualities*

Room 2106, Emily Blaess

Let's see how God uses marriage and other practical life applications to teach us and give us practice in spiritual realities. Women of all ages are welcome, and will find

age appropriate meaning and application for life right now!

*Emily Blaess, an inactive Elder of FPCE, coordinates the Women's Sunday Morning Bible Study including curriculum, writing and teaching. Having grown up in FPCE, she has a love for the history and mission of the church, and delights in enabling women to study God's Word and apply it in their daily lives. Emily also has a passion for the whole wellness of women and is currently completing her Masters degree in Wellness Management at UCO.*

### The Called

Room 2101, Led by Tim Hast

Class Study: *The Cost of Discipleship*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The "Cost of Discipleship" is a compelling statement of the demands of sacrifice and ethical consistency from a man whose life and thought were exemplary articulations of a new type of leadership inspired by the Gospel, and imbued with the spirit of Christian humanism and a creative sense of civic duty.

*Tim Hast has been married for 30+ years, they have two adult children and one grandchild. Tim holds a M.Ed degree from UCO and is a licensed professional counselor.*

### Questions?

Contact Melissa Tisdell at 341-3602 x225 or [mtisdell@fpcedmond.org](mailto:mtisdell@fpcedmond.org)



## Summertime fun for the kids and the whole family!

by Linda Birsner

**S**it back, relax & imagine someone else doing all your planning for you. (I imagine you are there already) Summer is just around the corner. You can see it, taste it, hear it, smell it & feel it! It isn't a time to be overprogrammed - it's a time for fun times together as a family!

**I**nstead of taking the chance that you had already scheduled the vacation, signed up for sports camp, ended up sick, had grandma visiting... yada, yada, yada, VBS will be spread out into 5 big events. They take place throughout the summer, so if you must miss one, you can make the other!

**T**his Summer, Kids' Ministries at First Pres is going "5D" and we want you to be there! Summer Story 5 is a wonderful opportunity to experience God together and build on that as a family. Each of these events has just that in mind!

## It's vbs (x5)



Real guitar. Real Person. Real ministry. Rock Musician from Nashville, Tennessee, Alan Root, will be in concert at Hafer Park. According to Michael W. Smith,

"Alan is a sincere and gifted minister of the Gospel." The work that he has done with tweens and their families, is unique- and needed. I don't know anyone out there with a bigger heart or a bigger vision for our kids. His work is amazing and I highly encourage you to check it out!

Alan was called to kids' ministry by a seemingly harmless comment to him by Michael W. Smith. He's since been signed as an artist for Word and Starsong Records. He wrote and performed the music behind Sandi Patti's reading of the International Children's Bible. is a recipient of 3 national Telly awards, and has also written, arranged, produced and performed music for McDonald's, Wrigley's, General Mills, Oscar Meyer, Kellogg's, Dr. Seuss and Sesame Place..... the list goes on! Check out Alan's website at [www.alanroot.com](http://www.alanroot.com). The 3rd, 4th and 5th "dimension" of this summers kids' activities

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follow with more fun-filled adventures:

### 3 July 29 Are You "Board?" (6-8:30 pm)

Consider this a family style VBS evening. We'll begin with a large group opening, break out into stations where we will experience life size board games and more! We'll end the evening back together in the Family Life Center to make your own Sundae!

### 4 August 28: Pelican Bay Pool Party! (6:30-8:30 pm)

End-of-Summer celebration! Put on your suit, grab a friend and jump in!

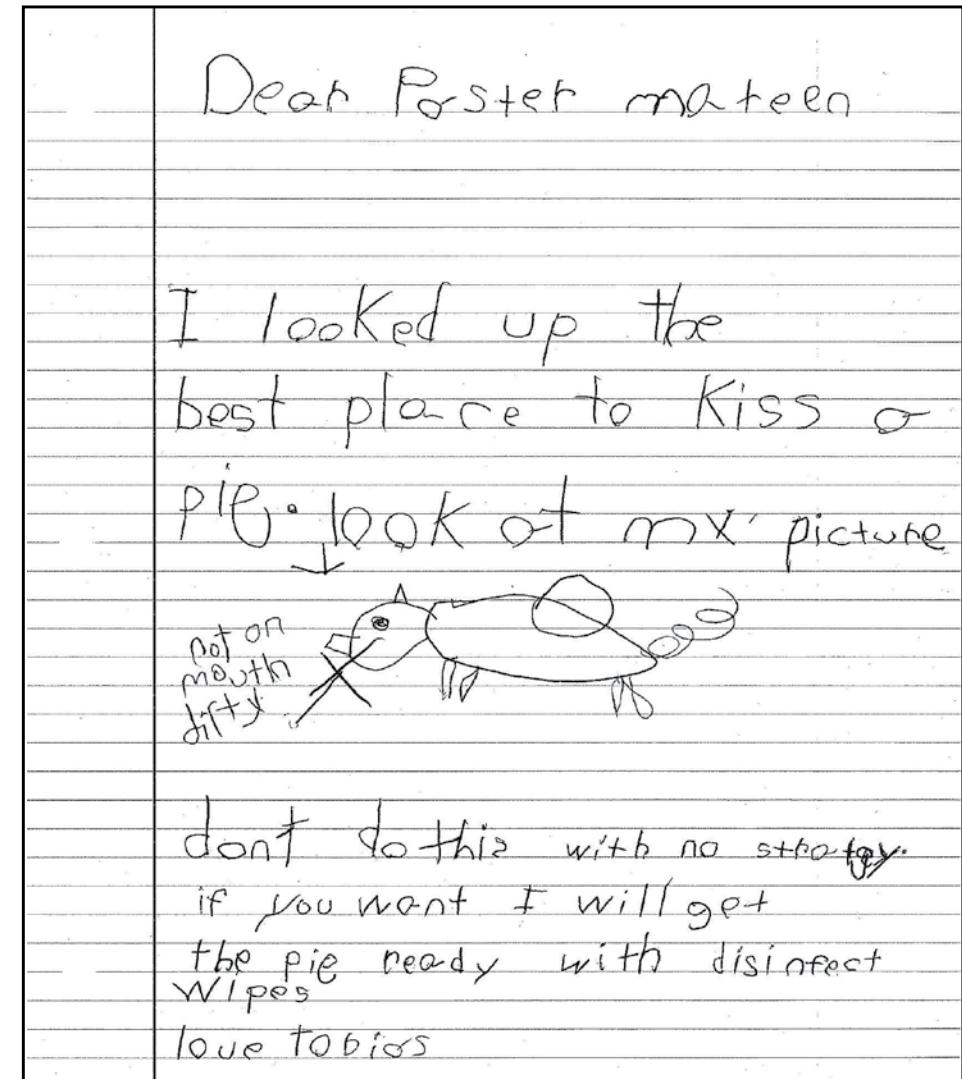
### 5 Sundays: High Seas Adventure (9:45-10:45 am)

Set sail for an exciting "High Seas Adventure" VBS experience every Sunday. Feel sea spray on your face as sails snap overhead. You and your crew will plunge through rugged waves—and experience the deep, rolling waters of God's love. We'll know God's Word is true as God frees Peter from prison. We'll experience that God's Word is comforting when God comforts Paul in a storm at sea. We'll discover that God's Word is surprising when we find that Paul survives a bite by a poisonous snake. We will understand that God's Word is life-changing as Peter and John teach about Jesus. Foremost, we will show that God's Word is for everyone, as a community of believers share.

### More Kids' Ministries Summertime Fun:

#### Rolling Green Apartments Ministry

We will meet at the kitchen at First Presbyterian weekly on Thursdays at 5:00 to prepare sacks of hotdogs, chips, drinks and cookies. Once the bags are assembled, we will head to the apartment complex to share supper with the



residents. We'll play ball and games, facepaint, blow bubbles, and most importantly be the hands and feet of Jesus! We also plan to lead the kids in a relevant Bible study after supper and recreation.

Contact Linda Birsner: 341-3602 x233 or [lbirsner@fpcedmond.org](mailto:lbirsner@fpcedmond.org), if you would like to join us in this outreach.

#### Camp KidJam

**JUMP! Put faith in motion!**

**Austin College, Sherman, TX**

**July 22-25, 2010**

**\$265/person - Scholarships available**

Camp KidJam gives kids an opportunity to find answers to some of those vital questions through practical applications like how to navigate the Bible, how to personalize Scripture, how to worship God with their life. It is a new concept in

children's camp designed, not only for kids going into 4th-6th grade, but for their leaders.

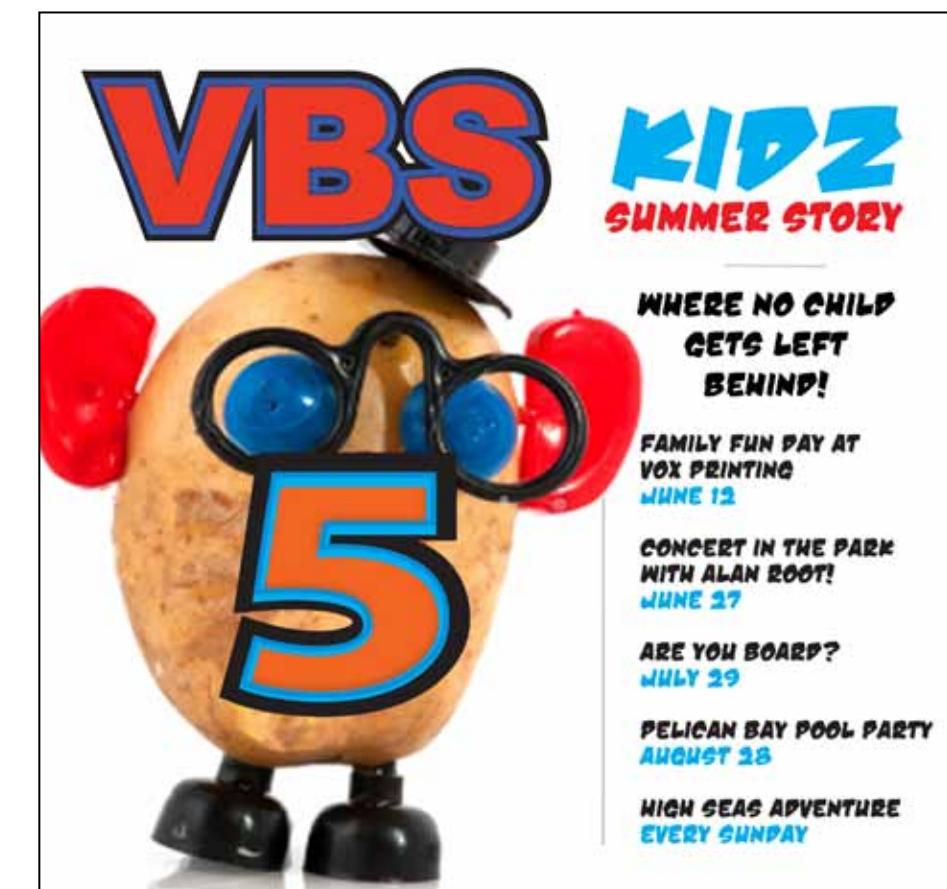
At Camp Kidjam, kids grow in wisdom, faith and friendship.

We will also look at Paul's journeys and watch the story of his radical faith unfold. From the moment his faith was sparked by the light on the Road to Damascus, all the way to the crucial works of Paul and Timothy speaking to the next generation of the church, we trace Paul's story of faith—a never-ending adventure.

#### Nonevent events

Stay tuned for a summer calendar with creative morning activities that are sure to put a smile on your face!

-Linda Birsner



**Sandcastles 2010**  
**a daycamp for children of all ages**

**Toddler thru Pre-k**

**Who?** Children 1 yr. of age by Sept. 1, 2009 thru the completion of 1st grade

**What?** Sandcastles Summer Reading Round-up!

**Where?** First Presbyterian Church of Edmond

**When?** June 1 - June 24  
Mon. - Thurs. Only  
9 am - 1 pm  
Bring a sack lunch.

**How Much?** \$20 enrollment fee due at time of enrollment & \$14/day- tuition due by May 15. You can sign up for 1-15 days - you choose!

**School Age Adventures**

**Who?** Children who have completed 2nd-5th grade

**What?** Every day is an adventure! Possible adventures: horseback riding, Laser Tag, Zoo, Omniplex & more!

**Where?** Begins at First Presbyterian Church of Edmond

**When?** June 1 - June 24,  
Mon. - Thurs. / 9 am-1 pm  
Bring sack lunch on designated days.

**How Much?** \$20 enrollment fee due at time of enrollment & \$14/day plus cost of the adventure. Tuition is due May 15. Sign up for 1 to 15 days - you choose!

**Questions? Contact the ECP office at 341-6209**

## MARRIAGE RESOURCE BANK

These resources are provided by FPCE member Jack Myrick of the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative and advisor to the Marriage Ministry.

### Should we wait until we're older to get married?

Waiting may be the answer to a longer, happier marriage. Greg and Amy, both still in high school, can't imagine not being together forever. They want to get married right after school. But their parents think that's too soon.

Sound familiar? In Oklahoma, people get married younger than the average American. 44 percent of Oklahomans get married before they turn 20. In other states, more people wait until they are 20 or older to get married. These states also have lower divorce numbers.

So, it may surprise you to learn that getting married at a young age can up your chances of getting a divorce. In fact, most of the divorced men and women in Oklahoma said that getting married too young was a reason they got divorced.

While many couples that marry before they turn 20 stay together for a long time, those who wait a few years are less likely to divorce. Here is some information young, dating couples should think about before taking the plunge:

- Older couples usually do better in marriage because they are more mature.
- People in their twenties are more settled.
- Older couples usually have a job or are in school and have started making plans for their future.
- Teens, especially young men, are typically not ready to make big decisions about their future.

So what is the best age to get married? For many people, although not everyone, the middle to late twenties seems to be the best time to marry. If you're young and thinking about getting married, take some time to get to know each other better. Explore your dreams and options as an individual so that when you do marry, you'll have a good sense of who you are, and what you can bring to your marriage. Healthy marriages take time, and if you're young, time is on your side.

If you want to learn about healthy relationships and marriage, go to [www.okmarriage.org](http://www.okmarriage.org).

This tip sheet was prepared for the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative by Courtney Harrison, MPA of Public Strategies; Christine Johnson, PhD of Oklahoma State University; Norval Glenn, PhD of University of Texas; and was approved by the OMI Research Advisory Group.

For more information, contact Jack Myrick at 848-2171 x117 or Martha Turner, Marriage & Congregational Care Ministry.

[www.marriageministries.net](http://www.marriageministries.net)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS **SUMMER 2010**

## May

<b>SATURDAY, MAY 1</b> 8:00 AM AA	Group 6:45 AM Summit Group 6:00 PM Edmond Memorial Orchestra Banquet	<b>FRIDAY, MAY 14</b> 6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group 6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group 6:45 AM Summit Group - Lavaughn Carey 8:00 AM ECP Classes & Activities 9:30 AM MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) 12:00 PM My Network OKC 6:00 PM Cooks Night Out	<b>FRIDAY, MAY 21</b> 6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group 6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group 6:45 AM Summit Group - Lavaughn Carey 12:00 PM My Network OKC 7:00 PM Club CAOS - Middle School End of Year Party
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 2</b> <b>CONFIRMATION RETREAT (OFFSITE)</b> 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service 12:00 PM Officer Training 12:00 PM New Members Class 3:00 PM Blackwelder Brass Recital 4:30 PM Contemporary Choir 5:30 PM JuBELLation 6:30 PM Renewal Group	<b>SATURDAY, MAY 8</b> 8:00 AM AA 11:00 AM Inspirations Tea Room 6:30 PM Civil Air Patrol Air Force Auxiliary Banquet		
<b>MONDAY, MAY 3</b> <b>CONFIRMATION RETREAT (OFFSITE)</b> 1:30 PM Congregational Care 5:30 PM Personnel Committee 6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts 6:30 PM FCA - Central Middle School 5:30 PM Kids' Ministry Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Monday Evening Summit Group 7:00 PM Denominational Relations 7:00 PM Student Ministries Committee	<b>SUNDAY, MAY 9</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> FPCE SENIOR SUNDAY 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service 12:00 PM Officer Training 12:00 PM New Members Class 4:00 PM Summit Group 4:30 PM Valley Girls - "Doing Life From the Pit" 4:30 PM Contemporary Choir 5:30 PM JuBELLation 6:30 PM Renewal Group	<b>SATURDAY, MAY 15</b> 8:00 AM AA	
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 4</b> 6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group 9:15 AM Lovely Tuesday Morning Ladies 1:00 PM Tuesday Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM Pack 78 6:30 PM Pack 78 Den Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Evangelism 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Tuesday Supervision Group 7:00 PM Troop 78 Committee Meeting	<b>MONDAY, MAY 10</b> 8:00 AM ECP Classes & Activities 1:30 PM Congregational Care 6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Monday Evening Summit Group 6:45 PM Assimilation Committee 7:00 PM Adult Discipleship Committee 7:00 PM Worship Committee	<b>MONDAY, MAY 17</b> 8:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship 1:30 PM Congregational Care 6:00 PM Joint Session & Deacon Dinner 6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Monday Evening Summit Group 7:00 PM Joint Meeting of Elders and Deacons	
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 5</b> HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL PREVIEW NIGHT 6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Spiritual Direction 5:30 PM Moms-In-Touch	<b>TUESDAY, MAY 11</b> 6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group 9:15 AM Lovely Tuesday Morning Ladies 1:00 PM Tuesday Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM Mission & Evangelism Committee 6:30 PM Pack 78 Den Meeting 6:30 PM FCA - Central Middle School 6:30 PM Monday Evening Summit Group 7:00 PM Board of Deacons	<b>TUESDAY, MAY 18</b> 6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group 10:00 AM ECP Kindergarten Graduation 1:00 PM Tuesday Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM Pack 78 6:30 PM Pack 78 Den Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Tuesday Supervision Group	
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 6</b> 9:30 AM Miriam Circle 9:30 AM CDO Bible Time 12:00 PM CDO 3's 12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group 5:30 PM Stephen Ministry Leader's Meeting 6:15 PM Care Giver Support Group 6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group 7:00 PM True North 7:00 PM Pack 78 Cub Scout Parent Planning Meeting	<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 12</b> 6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study 8:00 AM ECP Classes & Activities 12:00 PM Sisters Seeking Christ 1:00 PM ECP Speech Therapist 4:00 PM Spiritual Direction 5:30 PM Moms-In-Touch 6:00 PM Financial Peace University 6:30 PM CAOS & Revolution Worship & Teaching 6:30 PM Revolution & CAOS	<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 19</b> 6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Spiritual Direction 5:30 PM Moms-In-Touch	<b>THURSDAY, MAY 20</b> 9:30 AM Miriam Circle 12:30 PM Daughters of the American Revolution 12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group 6:15 PM Care Giver Support Group 6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group 7:00 PM True North 7:00 PM Troop 78 Patrol Leaders Council 8:00 PM Drug Addiction Anonymous
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 7</b> 6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group 6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's	<b>THURSDAY, MAY 13</b> 9:30 AM Miriam Circle 9:30 AM CDO Bible Time 12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group 2:00 PM Cooks Night Out 6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group 7:00 PM True North 7:00 PM Troop 78 Patrol Leaders Council 8:00 PM Drug Addiction Anonymous	<b>FRIDAY, MAY 28</b> <b>Last day of School- Edmond</b> 6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's & Women's Groups 6:45 AM Summit Group 12:00 PM My Network OKC 5:00 PM Parents' Night Out	<b>SATURDAY, MAY 29</b> 8:00 AM AA

11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
4:00 PM Summit Group - R Bath  
4:30 PM "Valley Girls - "Doing Life From the Pit"

**MONDAY, MAY 31**  
**Memorial Day- Church Building/Offices Closed**

6:00 PM EFCA Monthly Meeting  
6:30 PM Mission & Evangelism Committee  
7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study  
7:00 PM Troop 78 Scoutmaster Conference

**8:00 AM Celebration #28**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2010**  
**CELEBRATION [AT CANYON CAMP]**

**8:00 AM AA**

## June

**TUESDAY, JUNE 1**  
**SANDCASTLES BEGINS**

6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group  
7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study  
7:00 PM Evangelism  
7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Tuesday Supervision Group

**MONDAY, JUNE 21**

9:00 AM Sandcastles 2010  
1:30 PM Congregational Care  
5:30 PM Finance & Property Committee  
6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts  
6:30 PM Monday Evening Summit Group  
7:00 PM Board of Deacons

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12**

2:00-10:00 PM Family Fun Day at Vox Printing  
8:00 AM AA

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13**

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
10:00 AM Celebration #28  
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
4:00 PM Summit Group  
6:30 PM Renewal Group

**MONDAY, JUNE 14**

9:00 AM Sandcastles 2010  
1:30 PM Congregational Care  
6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts  
6:30 PM Monday Evening Summit Group  
6:45 PM Assimilation Committee  
7:00 PM Adult Discipleship Committee  
7:00 PM Worship Committee

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15**

8:00 AM AA

10:00 AM Kids' Summer Sunday School Room Decorating

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6**

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS - 9:45 AM

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
3:00 PM Celebration #28  
4:00 PM Summit Group  
5:30 PM Oklahoma Presbyterian Pilgrimage Renewal Group

**MONDAY, JUNE 7**

9:00 AM Sandcastles 2010  
1:30 PM Congregational Care  
5:30 PM Personnel Committee  
6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17**

9:00 AM Sandcastles 2010  
12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group  
6:15 PM Care Giver Support Group  
6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group  
7:00 PM True North  
7:00 PM Troop 78 Patrol Leaders Council  
8:00 PM Drug Addiction Anonymous

**TUESDAY, JUNE 29**

6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18**

CELEBRATION [AT CANYON CAMP]

6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group  
6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30**

6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study

## July

**THURSDAY, JULY 1**

12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group  
5:30 PM Stephen Ministry Leader's Meeting  
6:15 PM Care Giver Support Group  
6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group  
7:00 PM True North  
8:00 PM Drug Addiction Anonymous

**FRIDAY, JULY 2**

6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group  
6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group

**SATURDAY, JULY 3**

8:00 AM AA

**SUNDAY, JULY 4**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
4:00 PM Summit Group  
5:30 PM Oklahoma Presbyterian Pilgrimage Renewal Group  
6:30 PM Renewal Group

**MONDAY, JULY 5**

1:30 PM Congregational Care  
5:30 PM Personnel Committee  
6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts  
5:30 PM Kids' Ministry Committee Meeting  
7:00 PM Denominational Relations  
7:00 PM Student Ministries Committee

**TUESDAY, JULY 6**

6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 7**

6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study

**THURSDAY, JULY 8**

12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group  
2:00 PM Cooks' Night Out  
6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group  
7:00 PM True North  
7:00 PM OK Presbyterian Pilgrimage Council  
8:00 PM Drug Addiction Anonymous

**FRIDAY, JULY 9**

6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group  
6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group  
12:00 PM My Network OKC  
6:00 PM Cooks' Night Out

**SATURDAY, JULY 10**

8:00 AM AA

**SUNDAY, JULY 11**

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
4:00 PM Summit Group  
6:30 PM Renewal Group

**MONDAY, JULY 12**  
 8:00 AM Fine Arts Camp Begins  
 1:30 PM Congregational Care  
 6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts  
 6:45 PM Assimilation Committee  
 7:00 PM Adult Discipleship Committee  
 7:00 PM Worship Committee

**TUESDAY, JULY 13**  
 FINE ARTS CAMP 2010 BEGINS  
 6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group  
 6:00 PM EFCA Monthly Meeting  
 6:30 PM Mission & Evangelism Committee  
 7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Troop 78 Scoutmaster Conference

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 14**  
 6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study

**THURSDAY, JULY 15**  
 12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group  
 6:15 PM Care Giver Support Group  
 6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group  
 7:00 PM Troop 78 Patrol Leaders Council  
 8:00 PM Drug Addiction Anonymous

**FRIDAY, JULY 16**  
 FINE ARTS CAMP 2010 ENDS  
 6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group  
 6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group

**SATURDAY, JULY 17**  
 8:00 AM AA

**SUNDAY, JULY 18**  
 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
 4:00 PM Summit Group  
 5:30 PM Oklahoma Presbyterian Pilgrimage Renewal Group  
 6:30 PM Renewal Group

**MONDAY, JULY 19**  
 1:30 PM Congregational Care  
 5:30 PM Finance & Property Committee  
 6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts  
 7:00 PM Board of Deacons

**TUESDAY, JULY 20**  
 6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group  
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Tuesday Supervision Group  
 7:00 PM Troop 78 - Life to Eagle

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 21**  
 6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study

**THURSDAY, JULY 22**  
 12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group  
 6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group

**FRIDAY, JULY 23**  
 6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group  
 6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group  
 12:00 PM My Network OKC

**SATURDAY, JULY 24**  
 8:00 AM AA

**SUNDAY, JULY 25**  
 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
 4:00 PM Summit Group - R Bath  
 6:30 PM Renewal Group

**MONDAY, JULY 26**  
 1:30 PM Congregational Care  
 6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts  
 7:00 PM Session Stated Meeting

**TUESDAY, JULY 27**  
 6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group  
 7:00 AM Primary Elections & Special Elections  
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28**  
 6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study

**THURSDAY, JULY 29**  
 12:00 PM VBS Family Night  
 12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group  
 6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group  
 7:00 PM True North  
 8:00 PM Drug Addiction Anonymous

**FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2010**  
 1:30 PM Congregational Care  
 6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts  
 6:45 PM Assimilation Committee  
 7:00 PM Adult Discipleship Committee  
 7:00 PM Worship Committee

**Saturday, August 1, 2010**  
 6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group  
 6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group  
 12:00 PM My Network OKC

**SATURDAY, JULY 31**  
 8:00 AM AA

**August**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 1**  
 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11**  
 6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 12**  
 12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group  
 5:30 PM Oklahoma Presbyterian Pilgrimage Renewal Group  
 6:30 PM Renewal Group

**MONDAY, AUGUST 2**  
 1:30 PM Congregational Care  
 5:30 PM Personnel Committee  
 6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts  
 5:30 PM Kids' Ministry Committee  
 7:00 PM Denominational Relations Committee Meeting  
 8:00 PM Drug Addiction Anonymous

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 13**  
 1:30 PM Congregational Care  
 5:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group  
 6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group  
 12:00 PM My Network OKC  
 6:00 PM Cooks' Night Out

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14**  
 8:00 AM AA

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15**  
 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
 4:00 PM Summit Group  
 5:30 PM Oklahoma Presbyterian Pilgrimage Renewal Group

**7:00 PM Evangelism**  
**7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Tuesday Supervision Group**  
**7:00 PM Troop 78 Committee Mtg.**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4**  
 6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study

**MONDAY, AUGUST 16**  
 1:30 PM Congregational Care  
 5:30 PM Finance & Property Committee  
 6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts  
 7:00 PM Board of Deacons

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2010**  
 12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group  
 5:30 PM Stephen Ministry Leader's Meeting  
 6:15 PM Care Giver Support Group  
 6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group  
 7:00 PM True North  
 8:00 PM Drug Addiction Anonymous

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2010**  
 6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group  
 6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group  
 12:00 PM My Network OKC

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2010**  
 8:00 AM AA

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 8**  
 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
 4:00 PM Summit Group  
 6:30 PM Renewal Group

**MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010**  
 1:30 PM Congregational Care  
 6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts  
 6:45 PM Assimilation Committee  
 7:00 PM Adult Discipleship Committee  
 7:00 PM Worship Committee

**Tuesday, August 10, 2010**  
 6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group  
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:00 PM EFCA Monthly Meeting  
 6:30 PM Mission & Evangelism  
 7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Troop 78 Scoutmaster Conference

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21**  
 8:00 AM AA  
 8:00 AM Pilgrimage #44 Training

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**  
 8:00 AM Blood Drive  
 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship  
 4:00 PM Summit Group - R Bath  
 6:30 PM Renewal Group

**MONDAY, AUGUST 23**  
 1:30 PM Congregational Care  
 6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts  
 7:00 PM Session Stated Meeting

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 24**  
 6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group  
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25**  
 6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26**  
 12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group  
 6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group  
 7:00 PM True North

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28**  
 6:30 PM VBS- PELICAN BAY POOL PARTY

**6:30 PM Renewal Group**

**(Continued)**

**8:00 AM AA**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**  
 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
 4:00 PM Summit Group  
 6:30 PM Renewal Group

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30**  
 1:30 PM Congregational Care  
 6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 31**  
 6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group  
 7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study

**Note: Scheduled summertime programming is tentative and subject to change. Watch your weekly bulletin and enews for the latest information.**

## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

**MAY 2010**  
 Sally Tappert 5/7  
 Timothee Sarran 5/12  
 Issac Johnson 5/14  
 Rachel Johnson 5/20

*(no June birthdays)*

**JULY 2010**  
 Benjamin Boyd 7/02  
 Brett Heidebrecht 7/03  
 Jennifer Boyd 7/15  
 Etienne Sarran 7/28

**AUGUST 2010**  
 Matthieu Sarran 8/13  
 Emily Johnson 8/18  
 Edelmira Ruiz 8/19

## YEAR TO-DATE RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES COMPARED TO BUDGET AT MARCH 31, 2010

**Where we should be**  
 Receipts Budgeted thru March  
 Expenses Budgeted thru March  
 Receipts less Expenses

\$592,968  
 (592,968)  
 0

**Where we are**  
 Receipts - Actual  
 Expenses - Actual  
 Receipts less Expenses

\$523,575  
 (566,077)  
 (42,502)

**Budget versus Actual**  
 Receipts/Income  
 Expenses  
 Income less Expenses

(\$69,393)  
 11.70% Under Budget  
 (26,891)  
 4.5% Under Budget  
 (42,502)  
 Shortfall through March

The Finance and Property Committee Members listed below thank you for your continuing financial generosity that permits FPCE to work in so many areas toward the accomplishment of our mission. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions about this report.

David Timberlake  
 Tim Hopkins  
 Steve Kinney

Gordon Andersen  
 Gary Moore  
 Rick Roberts, Treasurer



## COMING SOON PRESBYTERIAN URBAN MISSION SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

July 18-25

**WHAT TO BRING**  
 backpacks, rulers,  
 construction paper,  
 glue, etc.

# It's Ladies Night!

Please join us for  
**"Wednesdays with Beth"**

6 INDIVIDUAL VIDEO LECTURES WITH BETH MOORE

Plus Discussion & Prayer Time

Bring your friends! ♡ All are welcome!

No prep time/reservations necessary

Dates (to be announced)

You choose your time:

9:00-10:30 am or 6:30-8:00 pm

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