

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



School's out, schedules are different, people are traveling, but our ministries continue in full gear at Midwest City Free Methodist Church. In addition to our Sunday and Wednesday activities here, we are planning lots of special activities for family fun, for outreach with the Gospel, and to serve the community. Throughout this newsletter you will see lots of them listed— make note of dates you don't want to miss!

The first two Sundays of June will find different faces in the pulpit, with Teen Sunday on the 1st and Rev. Jim Gillis bringing the message on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. On June 15th, we will finish the series on the appearances of Jesus "After Resurrection," looking at Jesus' dramatic intervention in the life of Saul, later known as the Apostle Paul. On June 22nd, I will begin a new sermon series from Paul's Letter to the Philippians, on "Keeping Healthy." This 2000-year-old letter to Christians in a Greek city, from their founding pastor while under house arrest, is amazingly relevant to a church in Oklahoma in the 21st Century!

The Building Committee and Board of Trustees are spending many hours seeking God's will for the next steps in our building renovation program "For the Next Generation," and for the care of our present facilities and equipment. One recent estimate suggests we need as much as \$35,000 in new heating and air conditioning equipment immediately, to replace what has deteriorated or failed completely. We are working with knowledgeable people to find the best ways of solving the problems, with the very best stewardship, and in ways that match our renovation plans. All of this highlights the need for prayer and continued faithful giving, so that our facilities can be at their best.

During the summer lots of people move to a different address. Don't forget to keep us updated with your contact information, so you don't miss anything happening here. And . . . even more important: keep your eyes open for new families moving into your neighborhood, give them a friendly welcome, and invite them to find new friends through our church and its ministries.

The Building Committee and Board of trustees are spending many hours seeking god's will for the next steps in our building program, "For the Next Generation," and for the care of our present facilities and equipment. The failure of some of our air conditioning units has taken a toll on everyone's comfort! After meeting with many different companies, we were able to find a firm willing to repair some equipment we had originally been told could only be addressed with total replacement for tens of thousands of dollars. This will allow us proceed with plans for upgrade of our overall systems within the context of the renovation and repurposing, instead of under pressure. All this highlights the need for prayer and faithful giving, so that our facilities can be at their best.

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Dwight T Gregory

Special Thanks To:

Virgil Lynn Herrold, Eric Baird, Pastor Jim and Tricia Gillis, Pastor Jeremy and Erin Smith and others, who have given so many hours of volunteer labor in preparing the "new" Sunday School classroom.



We are planning for our annual vacation Bible School at the end of July/beginning of August.

Now we are looking for YOU to come and help mold our young children into children of God.

We need volunteers in many different positions.. If you would like to volunteer please contact the office. Erin Smith will plan a meeting at the beginning of June to start planning the VBS. This will be a team effort—we need everyone on board.

The idea of Volunteers for VBS are the following:

1. Each station will have a team of 3-4 people and a designated leader for that team.
2. There will be 4-5 stations that will rotate throughout the week—will not be the same station every day.
3. We will also need a set design person to help with the set a couple of weeks before VBS.

We want to get lots of children involved with VBS and know more about what God has planned for their lives!

You may contact Erin Smith at 732.0648 if you would like to volunteer.

CHURCH & YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Starting June 1st the City of MWC will show movies on Sunday nights at 9PM at the Charles J. Johnson Central Park in Town Center. We are encouraging families to bring their lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets for an evening of great free entertainment.

If you are interested in helping out with meeting new people and popping popcorn you may contact Erin Smith at 812.7374.

- June 8: Frozen
- June 15: Despicable Me 2
- June 22: Tangled
- June 29: The Incredibles
- July 6: Up
- July 13: The Lorax
- July 20: Remember the Titans
- July 27: Space Jam



Congratulations to:

Eric Baird, on his official “retirement” from the FAA, but even more, as he begins an important new position as (Executive Director?) of the Butterfield Foundation. The Foundation is involved in providing healthcare to underserved people, in innovative ways and in a Christian spirit, across Oklahoma and around the world.

Marshall Niles, on graduation from Midwest City High School.

Joshua Gillis, recognized with the Marilyn Lindsey Award from Highland Park Elementary School. This award was as the outstanding 5th grader.

Laura Bosse, with her new position as a member of the Tulsa Opera Chorus—we are glad she will be able to commute and is not moving from Midwest City!

And to ALL of our elementary and middle school students who received special honors at the end of the school year! We are proud of you!



The church will provide the meat, buns and drinks. Please bring one of the following items to share: bag of chips, baked beans, potato salad, pasta salad, fruit salad, cold salad or maybe just a salad and/or dessert. For more information you may contact the church office at 405.732.0648.



No WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES ON JULY 2ND

3rd of July—Picnic Fireworks

There will be a church picnic and Independence Day Celebration July 3rd @ 6:30PM. The entire church is invited to join us for food, games and fireworks at Lake Hiwassee. The church will provide meat and drinks. Please bring a side dish or a dessert. Please RSVP to the church and pick up a map and instructions the Sunday before.

