

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

September was one of the most wonderful months in the life of the church, in nearly four years that I have been here! As we enter October, we know that God will continue to show his blessings among us. Just a few highlights looking back at last month:

In this new month:

- "Back-to-Church Sunday" on September 21 was a marvelous experience. We witnessed five baptisms during the morning service: **Alexis Powell, Teaira Powell, Kaylynn Rodriguez, Abigail Siglar, and Chelsea Walls**. We welcomed around 50 first-time guests, including many family members and friends of those baptized. We were especially thrilled to meet teachers from Crutch Middle School who attended the service to affirm their students!
- After a wonderful dinner in the fellowship hall on the 21st, we met with families and friends to share in the baptism of **Morgan Glenn and Isaac Parker**. Ron Simon, ministerial candidate appointed to our church, joined with me in this wonderful celebration of God's grace touching his extended family.
- On September 28 we welcomed **Brandon and Kristin Bundy** and **Chelsea Walls** into full membership in our church. We are so thankful for their presence and their commitment!



In this new month:

- We continue to receive gifts and pledges for the **building renovation project**. If you haven't yet turned in a card indicating your plans, please contact the church office to get one. This will help us to know how much of the project we can undertake right away. We are so excited about upgrading the facilities, but as cost estimates rise, we want to be realistic in our planning.
- The sermon series from Philippians continues as we finish the fourth and final chapter.
October 12, verse 8, "What Do You Think??" (cultivating a Christian mind)
October 19, verse 10, "YOU can Be a Model!" (the power of Christian example)
- On October 26, our Mid-American Conference Superintendent and former pastor, **Dr. Jeff Johnson, will be our guest speaker for the 10:50 AM worship time**. His challenges to us from the Word are always invigorating, and we want him to meet all who are new here.

Looking ahead:

- **November 9** will be our annual **Anniversary Service**, celebrating the founding of our church in November, 1957, AND celebrating what God is doing now. Save the date, and watch for more news about guests, dinner, and more!

May you know God's grace in special measure these days.

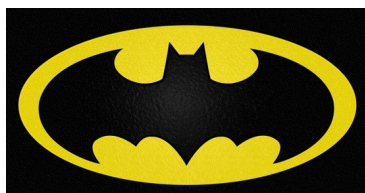
In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Dwight T. Gregory

TIME: 6:30-8:30PM

THEME: Super Hero Theme

So, dress as your favorite Super Hero character and decorate your car accordingly. We need volunteers to provide treats, decorate cars, etc. The church is going to donate candy but if you would like to make a candy donation you may leave your bag of candy in the office. If you would like to decorate a car or volunteer to help, you may contact Anita Baird at 659.3322.

SUPERHEROES WANTED



CHURCH & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Brown Sack Dinner Social

On Wednesday, October 15 from 5:30-6:30PM, the church will have their third Wednesday brown sack social. Bring a sack dinner, enough for your family, whether it be something from home or something you pick up at a drive thru on the way to church. The church will provide drinks and possibly some desserts. This will be a fun way to get to know other people in the church and fellowship with one another.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study



The Ladies Bible Study is on October 14 and 28, Tuesday at 10AM. The new study is on *Women of the New Testament*. This is a vital study in daily living for the Lord. If you would like to be part of this study please call Martha Borgers at 619.1196 to order your study guide.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

The Seniors will meet at the church on October 10 at Noon for a salad luncheon. The program will be put together by Mary and Gaylon Nixon. For more information contact Harold and Bonnie Bishop at 741.6484.

GRIEF FOR THE HOLIDAYS

If you have lost a loved one and are not sure how you will cope through the upcoming holiday season, we want to help. Please come to our annual "Grief for the Holidays" support group seminar on Saturday, November 1st from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the church in the fellowship hall. Bring an item that reminds you of your loved one. Contact Pastor Paula Farley at 618.9595 for more information.

October is *Pastor* ★ APPRECIATION MONTH ★

children's program



This year's children's Christmas Program will be *The Best Gift* on Sunday, December 21 at 6pm. Christmas Program practice will be during Children's Church on Sunday mornings beginning October 12 with a dress rehearsal on December 20. Children ages 4-5th grade are invited to participate. If you would like your child to be a part of this years program, they must attend practices. For more information contact Anita Baird at 659.3322.

On Sunday, October 12 we will go to a matinee movie as a youth group. We will see *Left Behind* at 4:40pm at Harkins Movie Theater. Please meet at the church at 4pm and bring your permission slip and \$7 for the movie with you (\$7 does not include snacks).



Middle School Fall Retreat is October 17-19. The theme is "iGlo" and we will learn about how Jesus is the light of the world and we are to shine His light to those around us.

The retreat is at Milford Lake in Milford, Kansas. We will join with youth groups from the McPherson and Lawrence churches. This retreat is for 6th - 8th graders and the cost is \$90 per person which includes all meals and the cost of the cabins.

