



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

We have seen God's hand at work here through June, as we welcomed new people to faith and fellowship. We especially rejoice in these spiritual milestones: *Kaylyn Belcher* was baptized on June 21, by profession of faith, and in the same service *Mario Lawson* publicly affirmed the vows taken at his baptism as a child. *Kevin and Deborah Eyster, Edward, Julia, and Anton Powell, and Brooke Hall* participated in a "remembrance of baptism" to re-affirm their commitment to Jesus Christ. July may be the month for YOU to take a new step in faith!

July will be a great month, with events both here and beyond:

Our annual **JULY PICNIC, on the 3rd** is a great time to get acquainted with more folks from the church, if you are new, or to bring a friend if you have been here for a while. See information on other side. **(NO Wednesday activities at the church July 1!)**

The Free Methodist Church worldwide meets in a **GENERAL CONFERENCE** every four years, this year in Orlando, Florida, July 8-13. This is a time of celebration of God's work through our Church around the world, as well as a time for refining policies and developing strategies for effective mission and service. A number of people from our church will be participating. Pray for our Bishops and Superintendent, the delegates, and all involved.

During General Conference time, *Anita Baird, Sarah Baird, and Samantha Carlson* will travel with others, leaving Orlando for a **MISSION TRIP to HAITI**. They have been preparing diligently, and you have given generously to send them on their way. They will be assisting local churches and work on building and grounds for the new *Haiti Providence University*, founded to build leaders for the future of this troubled and impoverished nation. We look forward to a great report when they return!

We continue community **outreach through free popcorn**, at the Town Center Park during the showing of *Frozen* on July 19, and at Riverside Mobile Home Court July 24 and 31. Pray that these events will also help to draw new children for our Vacation Bible School in August!

YOUTH CAMP, July 27-31 in Texas will be a time of spiritual enrichment for our teens, as you will read on the other side. There is still time for you to contribute toward sponsoring one of our teens for this event.

As usual, the "regular" meetings of the church offer great opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth. We hope to see you soon!

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Dwight T Gregory

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ August 3-7

We are looking for a willing crew of people who like to decorate and create the background for Vacation Bible School. On Saturday, July 18th beginning around 9AM we will start creating the backdrop to Everest.

If you are interested in helping please contact Lori Schroyer at 361.0734.

We will have a volunteer meeting on July ??? following the worship service. Please plan on attending so you know what you will be doing or what you will need to bring for Vacation Bible School.

We are really excited and hope to have lots of volunteers and kids!!!!



Materials Needed for Decorations

- Plain Christmas Trees (no lights)
- Snow Skies
- Snow Shoes
- Winter Clothing
- Climbing Gear
- Pup Tents—3 to 4
- Sleeping Bags



CHURCH AND YOUTH NEWS

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES ON JULY 1ST

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 Hiawasee. 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.



Good News Festival Coming

Six from our church have already attended the counselor training program for the upcoming **"Good News Festival" with Franklin Graham** at Chesapeake Arena, August 22-23. This special event will help to bring many new people to Christ across the Oklahoma City area. Many of us feel that personal, one-to-one, sharing of the Gospel is more effective than so-called "Mass Evangelism." Nevertheless, large gatherings like this have also been fruitful means of sharing the Gospel, ever since Jesus' preaching by the seaside and John Wesley's preaching in the public squares and open fields. This event will truly be a time a "personal evangelism," because most who respond will have been invited to the event by a Christian friend. Each person who responds is prayed with on-site, one-to-one, by a counselor, visited soon after at home, and encouraged to attend a small group sponsored by the local church. I am sure that YOU know someone who might be more likely to attend a big event like this than to come to church with you or sit down to study the Bible!

BUT—good results require having enough counselors and others trained to respond: many more are needed. Additional training classes are being offered in July. These classes are required for those desiring to serve as counselors, but they will be inspirational and informative for your own Christian life and witness before and long after the coming event. The classes are free and offered at enough different times and locations to assure that almost anyone can get involved. Does God want YOU to help counsel? Contact Pastor Dwight or Pastor Paula for dates of training sessions!

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Becky Baer will be on a Mexico mission trip from the 3rd through the 11th of July 2015. The team will focus on medical care and distribution of food, clothes, toys, and hygiene items. Please pray that God's love will be evident as these individuals serve during the missions trips, and pray for safety of the team members.

Haiti Mission Trip Information

Sarah Baird, Anita Baird, and Samantha Carlson will be participating in an exciting General Conference 2015 Mission Trip to Haiti, in July 2015. After training in Orlando the 9th, they will travel to Haiti the 10th for six days of serving and adventure. Activities planned include forestation, construction of church benches, fencing, and participation in worship services and possible youth activities. Return to Orlando will be the 15th. Following celebration of accomplishments and sharing, the group will return to OKC the 17th.

YOUTH CAMP

The youth are so excited for youth camp in Glen Rose, Texas, on July 27-31. Please be in prayer for the sponsors, youth, guest speaker and worship leader as they prepare for this week.

Youth/Parents, if you have not turned in your paperwork yet, get it to Sarah Baird or Courtney Traylor as soon as possible. The youth will meet at the church at 6:45am on Monday, July 27 to head out to Glen Rose, by 7am.



**FAITH
NIGHT
SUNDAY
JULY 19**

Join us for a great time at the Oklahoma City Dodgers first Faith Night. A pregame concert featuring Hawk Nelson in the parking lot starting at 4pm. The baseball game begins at 6:05pm.

Tickets are \$15 a person, but Sarah needs to order them ahead of time. Money is due by July 5th to save your spot.

