

# August Newsletter



## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

During this first week of August we are in the midst of our annual *Vacation Bible School*—this year with the theme of “*Everest—Conquering Challenges With God’s Mighty Power.*” With more than 30 children involved, and about the same number of volunteers helping with transportation, teaching, music, games, snacks, and set-up, the building has been humming every evening. We are especially happy with the number of new families involved, who have not been part of our church’s ministry before.

**WELCOME!** We know this week will make a deep and lasting impact in these children’s lives! And

**THANKS** not only to *Director Lori Schroyer* and this week’s volunteers, but to *all* who served beforehand in set design, publicity, and donating materials.

Our church is joining with more than 100 other Oklahoma City area churches in a special event at Chesapeake Arena, **August 22 and 23, the “Good News Festival.”** The guest speaker is Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham, together with some of the nation’s favorite Christian musicians. The music and message on Saturday night are geared to youth, with a family emphasis for all ages on Sunday afternoon. This is one of the few times you will get into Chesapeake for free! Invite a friend to go with you, or car-pool from the church. We will have more details on posters and flyers at church and around town. This can be life-changing for you or someone you love!

Our **Annual Meeting of the entire congregation** will be on **August 26**, beginning with dinner in the fellowship hall at **6:00 PM** and presentations in the sanctuary at 7:00. The legal name for this gathering is *Society Meeting*, as all full members of the church comprise the “society.” But if you are not yet an official member of the church, you are most welcome to attend this celebration to understand more of the mission and functioning of the church. We will have presentations reporting on our ministries to children and teens, the next steps in our building renovation program, and our vision and goals for the coming year, along with election of servant-leaders.

***Don’t miss it!***

And a most special welcome to the new families who are receiving our newsletter for the first time. We are so glad that God has brought us together to bless each other!

In the Love of Christ,  
Pastor Dwight T Gregory



Join us for a  
**WEEKEND OF HOPE**  
AUGUST 22 & 23, 2015  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY ARENA

**On Saturday, August 22nd the Good News Festival is geared toward youth and their families. Franklin Graham will speak that night along with Skillet and some lesser known bands as well. Admission is free. The doors will open at 5:30PM so it is first come first serve. We will meet at the church at 3:00PM to go to Chesapeake Arena to wait in line. Please bring a sack dinner. The event begins at 7:00PM and we should be home by 10:00PM.**

**For more information you may contact Sarah Baird at 640.8228.**

**“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. 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. 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!

# Church and Youth News

## THANK YOU

Lori Schroyer would like to thank all of her youth and adult volunteers for helping out all week: Pre-School Peak, Mountaintop Treats, Base Camp Celebration, Bible Exploration, Imagination Station, Kidvid Video and Glacier Games.

This could not have been accomplished without all of your help and team work. The Lord did some amazing things that week and we just want to praise His Holy Name!!!



This year's annual meeting of the whole congregation is on AUGUST 26 at 6:00PM with a light dinner and the meeting beginning at 7:00PM. It will include reports on recent progress and coming plans in children and youth ministries, building improvements, community outreach, and more. You don't have to be a member to attend, and this will be a great way to learn more about the mission and vision of our church.

The meal is potluck: - sandwiches, salads, chips and dessert.  
The church will provide the drinks.

## MISSION OFFERING FOR AUGUST

Our August Mission offerings help to support Dr. Ken and Linda Kaufmann, serving in Jordan.

They provide medical and other services to refugees from ISIS terrors in Iraq and other countries, as well as helping to prepare new believers for effective ministry in the Middle East.

**Volunteer**  
Opportunities



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING  
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE 405.732.0648.

Dear Lord, we lift up our kids to You as they begin this new school year. Your Word says that you know about all the days of our lives before even one comes to be. Prepare our students for what lies ahead in the school year to come for each one of them. We pray that You would protect them physically, emotionally and most importantly, spiritually. Help each of them to "put on the full armor of God that they might be able to stand firm" against anything either from this world or the evil one that might be thrown their way.

Lord, help each student to be an ambassador of Your love to everyone they encounter whether a teacher or a fellow student.

Lord, be with their teachers. We pray that You give them Your wisdom, patience, stamina and love as they work with each student.

Thank You for entrusting us with the lives of each child. Help us to be faithful to lift them up in prayer to You.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

# Peace & Prayer

As Our  
Kids Head  
back  
SCHOOL

On Thursday, August 13th the youth will play sand volleyball. You will need to meet at the church at 6:30 PM, we will return around 10 PM. Bring money for Sno Cones afterward.

**BRING A FRIEND!!!!**

For more information contact Sarah Baird.

## YOUTH

# BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH

**TO BE ANNOUNCED**

