



# MWC Church

## September Newsletter



### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

“Back to School” is already old news, as most of our students area started classes in mid-August. But churches across America are celebrating **BACK-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY on September 20**. Everyone is challenged to invite a friend who has not attended church anywhere for a long time. You would be amazed at how many people would attend church *this week*, if only a trusted friend would invite them! Begin now to think of those you should try to bring with you that day. We are planning a great day, September 20, at 10:50 AM, with an inspiring message and reception after service to help people make new friends.

Again this year, one high point of the Back to Church Sunday will be **baptism of new believers**. We are praying and studying with a number of people in preparation, but God has room for more! If you have put your faith in Christ and he is calling you to baptism, please speak to one of the pastors to begin preparation!

I am excited about a new program we are starting this month: **Financial Peace University** is a 9-week class developed by Dave Ramsey to help families avoid debt, budget income better, and plan for the future. Every week I speak with people who are struggling with money management in some way. This is a great opportunity to learn a new way forward--and for young adults to avoid problems before they appear. The **first class begins at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 22**, with Brandon Bundy leading. Class materials are \$93 (individual or couple)—perhaps the best financial investment you will ever make! Please contact the church office as soon as possible to guarantee enough materials, or sign up and order online at [DaveRamsey.com](http://DaveRamsey.com).

Another new idea was presented just this week: Laura Bosse is interested in helping us to develop a **Community Garden** in one of the areas behind the church. This could be a great way to help children and teens learn about gardening, put fresh food on our tables, and provide extra help to the Bread of Life Food Bank. *This will work if enough people are willing to make it happen!* Speak to Laura or any of the church staff *soon*. (And speak to a neighbor who might be interested!) We are here for YOU—to help you know God, to find God’s plans for you, and to connect you to others. Contact us anytime!

In the Love of Christ,  
Pastor Dwight T Gregory

### Financial Peace University

This life-changing class taught by Dave Ramsey and the FPU teaching team on video and coordinated by Brandon Bundy at Midwest City Free Methodist Church in Midwest City, OK will help you achieve your financial goals by showing you how to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever.

#### Class Location:

Midwest City Free Methodist Church,  
6500 E. Reno Ave

#### Class Contact:

Brandon Bundy, Class Coordinator

**Class Meets:** Tuesday at 6:00 PM

**Class Begins:** September 22, 2015

Our “Annual Meeting” was August 26.

Contact the church office if you would like a copy of Pastor Dwight’s State of the Church Report. Changes in leadership include Ed Schroyer elected to the Board of Administration, Sheri Miller to Board of Finance, Jeff Farley to Board of Trustees, and Norma Eagan to Board of Stewards/ Kitchen Care. Eric Baird and Ed Shroyer were elected as our delegates to the Mid-America Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church. Gaylon and Mary Nixon are the new coordinators of Senior Adult Ministries. The person chosen for our annual Christian Service Award will be announced at our Anniversary Service in November. A full roster of our “Servant Leaders” will be available next week.



Update

### THANKS FOR 56 YEARS of SERVICE!

In 1959, our church’s founding pastor, Hugh Wayman, asked James Farley to organize and teach a “young adult” Sunday School class. This he did very effectively, and he has led the class ever since, even as he and some of the same students have grown older! He has decided that it is time to retire, and he completed his tenure on the last Sunday of August. James has always come to class thoroughly prepared, and he says his biggest regret in “retiring” is that he won’t be able to justify buying as many Bible study materials. I am sure he will be called on by others as a substitute, and he will remain busy on lawn-mowing team, as “grandfather” to the younger Sunday School children and more.

**THANKS, James!**



thank you!

# CHURCH and YOUTH NEWS

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

The seniors adults will meet Friday, September 4 at the church at 11:30AM and then drive downtown Oklahoma City and the surrounding areas. We will eat lunch at 1:00Pm at the Boulevard Café. Ed and Lori Schroyer will be our drivers for the day. If you have any questions, contact Mary Nixon at 974.1250.

## GET PLUGGED IN

There is a place for you to plug in.... find it...



## BEREAVEMENT

When we are grieving the loss of a loved one, sometimes we need to give ourselves a little break and allow ourselves to have some fun! Our annual "Grief Day Off" Family Picnic will be on Sunday, September 27th at 1pm at the South Pavilion of Kiwanis Park. Please bring a sack lunch and a yard game if you have one. We will provide the drinks and dessert. Look forward to seeing you all there!

Please RSVP to Pastor Paula Farley at email: [jandpfarley@gmail.com](mailto:jandpfarley@gmail.com) and/or cell: 618.9595.

Winnie Savage loved to sew and Fred would like to donate or give away all of her fabric to anyone who would like to come out to the house and pick out what they would want and/or need. Please contact Fred Savage at 474-6997 before going to the house.

## NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

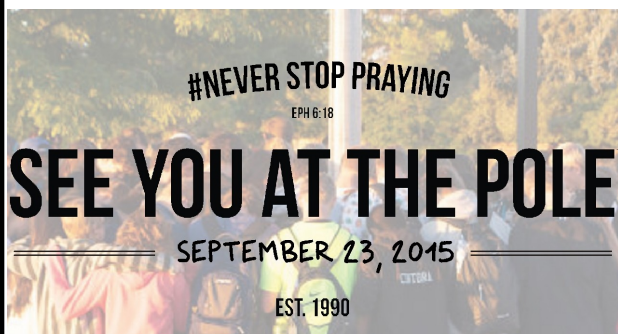
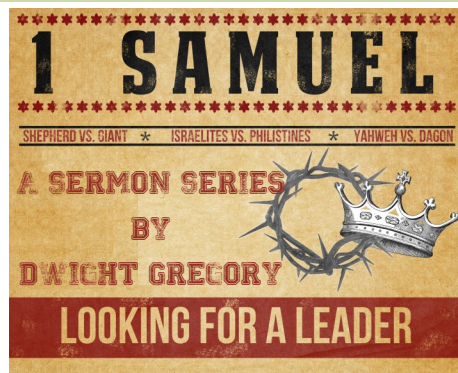
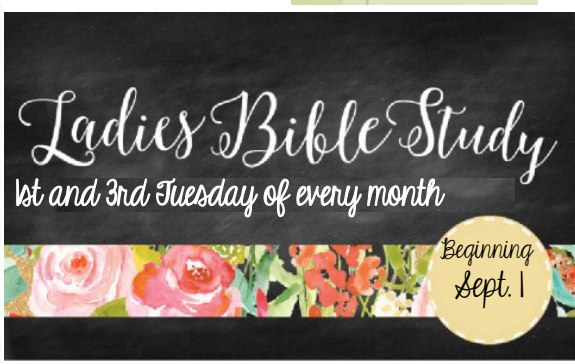
SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

Who will you invite to come to church on Sunday, September 20th?

Following the service we will have a reception in the Lobby. If you would like to help in setting up and/or bring something to eat contact Karen Hartzell at 642.6418.



Karen Hartzell and Caitlin Hernandez would like to invite you to a Baby Shower for Heather and Nathan Hartzell at the MWC Church on September 12th at 11AM. They are registered at Wal-Mart, Target, Terra Tots ([terra-tots.com](http://terra-tots.com)). For more info contact Karen at 642.6418.



The Youth and their families are invited to the Baird house, on Saturday, September 12 at 4pm. We will roast hot dogs and marshmallows. Please bring a side dish, outdoor games, a towel, and a swim suit for the lake.

