

hello, MAY Midwest City Church News 2016



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

May is a great month at Midwest City Free Methodist Church! On the first two Sundays, we continue celebrating Resurrection, with sermons from John 21 to help us live in the presence of the Risen Christ and carry on his work. **On May 7**, we will honor **Anita Baird** as she retires from public school teaching. Have you noticed that her zeal to serve children through our church seems to be growing as she has neared retirement? You will hear more from her soon about plans for a very special sort of Vacation Bible School! We will also honor and *celebrate all the mothers on May 8*. **May 15 brings Pentecost Sunday**, as we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to help us fulfill the calling Jesus gave us.

May 22 is a doubly special day as we honor **Mario Lawson and Bryan Bediako**, whose **high school graduations** will be that week, and as we plan to celebrate the **baptism** of some young new believers. We are so pleased with the academic and spiritual progress of our youth. Just today one of our youth leaders remarked to me about how one of the teens was remembering and referring back to earlier lessons from the Bible. Please pray for all those who work with children and teens, that they may have wisdom, insight, courage, and everything else they need. That's a prayer God promises to answer!

I am glad this church is a *mission-minded congregation*. We support regularly a young family reaching out in creative ways to *an Asian country closed to formal "missionaries."* Each month we feature a different local, national, or international ministry touching lives for Christ, and direct special offerings there. Last month we shared with a Free Methodist church of about 100 people in *Jordan*, ministering regularly to *4000 refugee families fleeing the ISIS terror* in the Middle East, and over the past six years we have also supported and had live reports from a couple ministering in *Iraq*. Next month we will focus on *Umri Mission Hospital in India*, and learn through Eric Baird of opportunities to support evangelistic and health care ministries in that country. May mission offerings will help to fund scholarships for our *youth to this summer's Christian camping* activities.

We will finish this month with a special presentation on **May 29 by Dr. Glenn Lorenz**, currently head of the Religion Department at Central Christian College of Kansas, who, with his wife Wendy and family will be going soon to *Costa Rica to develop new ministerial training options* for the rapidly expanding Free Methodist churches of Central America. As we learn of what God is doing around the world, we are inspired to pray, give—and for some of us, also, to GO! Stay tuned . . .

Be sure to look over all the activities noted on the other side—there is something very good for every one of us!

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Dwight T Gregory

FREE METHODIST CHURCH USA

Our local church is part of a dynamic regional organization, the Mid-America Conference of the Free Methodist Church. This year's annual conference sessions will be the evening of June 5, and June 6, at Prayer of Faith Church, just seven miles southeast of us on Anderson Avenue. This will feature ordination of and testimonies from new ministers, as well as new ministerial candidates. We will hear from our Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Johnson, and others, of new and effective ministries in the churches of our conference, and also reports from around the world, though our Bishop David Kendall. We have elected official "delegates" to represent our church at the annual conference, but *everyone* is encouraged to visit one or more of the sessions. Printed schedules will be available soon.

Church and Youth News

Senior Adult Luncheon

The Senior Adults will have a soup/salad lunch on Friday, May 13 at noon. The cost is \$7. For more information, contact Lori Schroyer at 361.0734.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study has been moved to the second and fourth **THURSDAY** of each month at 10AM at the church. If you are interested in being a part please call Martha Borgers at 590.9792.

Volunteer
Opportunities



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

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday School for all ages	9:45AM
Sunday	10:50AM
Wednesday Bible study, Youth and Children	7:00 PM

Contact Pastor Jeremy Smith (405.821.8575) to learn of a Community Life Group at a time and place that works for you!

BEREAVMENT BREAKFAST

Let's get together! Anyone who is experiencing a time of grief in their lives is invited to a grief support breakfast to be held on Saturday, May 14th at 9:00AM at the church.

Please RSVP to Pastor Paula Farley at 618.9595 by Wednesday, May 11th.

Let her know how many are attending and what you are available to bring to share with others.

You're Invited to a
RETIREMENT PARTY

honoring

Anita Baird

*On May 7th from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon
Midwest City Free Methodist Church*

PENTECOST

Pentecost is the Jewish spring harvest festival, referred to in the Old Testament as the Feast of Weeks, Festival of Reaping or Day of First Fruits. Because it is 50 days after Passover it was called **PENTE**cost in the Greek Language.

It was celebrated also as the anniversary of the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai under Moses. In the Christian Church, Pentecost celebrates the day, seven weeks after the Resurrection, when the early Christians first experienced the giving of the Holy Spirit. It is sometimes called the "Birthday of the Church." As we celebrate on May 15th, let us rejoice that through the Holy Spirit, God is with us every day.

GRADUATION
SUNDAY
WE HONOR YOU

Sunday, May 22nd
at 10:45AM



If you are graduating from High School and College please contact the church office.

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