



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

The past few weeks have been full of blessings as we celebrated new milestones in many lives. On June 22 we:

- honored **Brian Bediako** and **Mario Lawson** on their graduation from high school. Mario will begin basic training for the United States Army this week, and Brian will begin classes soon at Rose State College
- received **Teresa Gomez** as a new full member of the church
- baptized new believers, **Irish Gomez**, **Marcus Bradford**, and **Kameryn Bradford**
- welcomed guests from Arkansas, Arizona, Kansas, Washington, and elsewhere to celebrate **Joyce Farley's** 80th birthday.

On June 29 we welcomed **Dr. Glenn Lorenz** and family, representing the Free Methodist Department of World Missions, as they prepare for a new assignment in developing ministerial training opportunities in Central and South America. His message on moving forward in faith was a great challenge to us. I am thankful that our church continues to have a heart for the whole world!

Most of you have already learned that I will be retiring in early June. In the Free Methodist Church the "Annual Conference," usually in early summer, is the traditional time for pastoral changes. I received my first pastoral assignment in June of 1971, 45 years ago this week. The years have gone quickly at each of my five different assignments in New York City area, San Francisco area, and now here in Oklahoma. Although the five and a half years here are the shortest time I have ever served in one place, they have been rich with friendships and the joy of seeing progress in different areas of church life. I am thankful for new people who have come to Christ and into the church during this time, and for obvious growth in the lives of others. I have enjoyed participating in home groups, Vacation Bible Schools, food bank, and many other ministries of the church, as well as visiting in many of your homes. **I look forward to seeing ALL of you on Sunday, June 5, and at the cookout June 8!**

Nina and I will continue living in Midwest City for the immediate future, so we will see you from time to time. Having started preaching at age 16, I am not ready to leave "ministry" at only 70 years of age, so by September I may be serving in a part-time capacity in some other assignment, as God leads.

Until a new full-time pastor is appointed, the church will be under the general direction and supervision of Dr. Jeffrey Johnson, Superintendent of the Mid-America Conference of the Free Methodist Church. A great team of local leaders is prepared to carry on all aspects of ministry, but we need *every* member to step forward to offer your talents to the Lord for service through the church. *Every member has a ministry!* If you have felt more like a spectator, this is a great time to move closer to the center, get to know others on a deeper level, and discover the joy of fellowship and service.

I finish my term here knowing that God is building his church in his power. I expect to hear good news from all of you!

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Dwight T Gregory

MID-AMERICA CONFERENCE OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH USA

This year's annual conference begins Sunday evening June 5th with worship service starting at 6:30PM and the business of the annual conference beginning at 7:30PM. On Monday, June 6 Annual conference begins at 8:30AM. It will be held at Prayer of Faith Church (5801 South Anderson Road OKC 73150).

There are maps in the lobby on how to drive to the church since Anderson Road is closed.

Everyone is invited to visit one or all of the sessions.

church and youth news

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

The Senior Adults will have a lasagna lunch on Friday, June 10th at noon. The cost is \$7.
Contact Lori Schroyer at 361.0734.



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!

Volunteer Opportunities



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

6:30-8:00PM

July 11-13

AGES 4YR-5TH GRADE



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Everyone is invited!
When: June 8
Time: 6:30-8:00PM

The church will provide the meat, buns and drinks.

Please bring one of the following items to share:
baked beans
potato/pasta
fruit/cold salad
dessert.

FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU MAY CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 405.732.0648.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

On Saturday, June 11th at 10AM there will be a Vacation Bible School Meeting. Anyone who is interested in volunteering in anyway is invited to attend. Volunteers are needed to be story tellers, craft teachers, buddies, assist with attendance, etc. We will discuss in greater detail scheduling, responsibilities, questions and more.
If you have any questions please contact Anita Baird at 405.659.3322.

Building Fund Update

THANKS to all who continue to give regularly to the Building Fund. It is wonderful to see a significant amount added to the fund each month, even without new fund-raising appeals in the past year. The improvements you see in the sanctuary, welcome area, and elsewhere are just the beginning! Classrooms, kitchen, exterior appearance, and infrastructure such as drainage, heat and air, and parking/driveway surfaces need improvement. The heating and air conditioning unit for the west side of the sanctuary is scheduled to be replaced this summer. We also have a lot to do to bring the parsonage up-to-date before a new pastor or youth director moves in. Memorial gifts, and contributions towards special aspects of the building needs, are really appreciated. Keep up the good work, and look forward to updates on the next projects!

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