

The Calling



Soles 4 Souls

During the month of April, the Junior High Youth are teaming up with "SOLES4SOULS" to collect shoes for people in 45 states and 61 countries who do not have shoes. You will see youth around the church in April wearing tie-dye shirts to advertise the event.

There are boxes on the landing by the east door of the main building and at the CMC. Please deposit your "gently worn" shoes into these boxes (newly purchased shoes are welcome, as well). Also, if you put \$1 in one of the shoes, that will help pay for the shipping cost. Last year, over one million shoes were sent to the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina hit land.

Finally, we will be participating in "barefoot Sunday" on April 26th. Wear a pair of shoes to church that Sunday that you would like to donate to this cause. You will remove the shoes and leave them at the altar as you are dismissed. You will then go home barefoot!

Together, we can "change the world one pair (of shoes) at a time."

James Moore in *Some Things Are Too Good Not To Be True* shares:

Several years ago, The Saturday Evening Post ran a cartoon showing a man about to be rescued after he had spent a long time ship-wrecked on a tiny deserted island. The sailor in charge of the rescue team stepped onto the beach and handed the man a stack of newspapers.

"Compliments of the Captain," the sailor said. "He would like you to glance at the headlines to see if you'd still like to be rescued!" Sometimes the headlines do scare us. Sometimes we feel that evil is winning, but then along comes Easter, to remind us that there is no grave deep enough, no seal imposing enough, no stone heavy enough, no evil strong enough to keep Christ in the grave.

As we journey through this week leading to Easter, you can be sure we will see and hear disturbing news and challenging headlines, but the good news of Easter is still with us, and that makes all the difference.

I wish you a blessed Holy Week and glorious Easter. I hope you will join us for one of the four Easter services scheduled at Ardmore First UMC.

Blessings,

Darrell

Adult Ministries Meeting

Wednesday, April 15th
5:00pm in the Parlor

Questions? Contact Melinda Laird

The Lectionary Readings for April 12th

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
I Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18
Mark 16:1-8

Televised at 10:55am
Cable One, Channel 7

Broadcast at 11:00am
KVSO AM 1240

8:30 AM
McClure Chapel

10:55 AM
Sanctuary

11:00 AM
Colvert Ministry Center

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Sunday's Music

This Sunday is **Easter**. It is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Both 8:30 and 10:55 traditional worship services will be in the Sanctuary. They will begin with a dramatic retelling of that first Easter at the tomb as Susan Yeager, a soprano in the sanctuary choir, will sing "**The First Day**" by Allen Pote. Miki Hartwell, a member of the Ardmore Contemporary Dance Company, will dramatically interpret the moving text, with choreography by Misty Reynolds, also of Ardmore Contemporary Dance Company. Mr. Pote's solo is copyright © 2003 by Hope Publishing Company. The Vesper Chimes Handbell Choir will ring "**Raise Your Joys and Triumphs High,**" a quite dramatic handbell arrangement of the two hymns: *Christ, the Lord Is Risen Today* and *Up from the Grave He Arose*. The handbell composition is by Sandra Eithun, and is copyright ©2009 by Choristers Guild. The Sanctuary Choir will sing "**Alleluia, Alleluia!**" by Amy F. Bernon. This anthem is copyright © 2008 by Heritage Music Press. The worship services will end with the uplifting "**Hallelujah Chorus**" from *Messiah* by George F. Handel. It is a wonderful music day and I'm sure you will not want to miss any part of it.

Please read these texts from Sunday's music.

The First Day

It was the first day, and we had to go alone,
and I heard the others say, "Who will roll away the stone?"
For the hour is so early, we'll arrive before the sun,
then we saw the open entrance and we knew that it was done.

It was the first day, and we came with our perfume,
and we knelt as if to pray when we entered in the tomb.
And we saw the empty linens and the cloth that bound his head,
and a figure like the morning, out of place among the dead.

And I wondered at the sight, then my wonder turned to fear,
when the stranger all in white turned and said, "He is not here!"
Then I knew that he was gone and my sorrow made me blind,
as I stumbled on my way, leaving every hope behind,
and I wondered without seeing, going back the way I came,
when I hear a word of healing, someone calling out my name.

And I trembled at the sound, and I trembled at the word,
like a child returning home, where a loving voice is heard,
and I remembered all the promises he made,
how he said he would be with me, how he said, "Don't be afraid!"

Then I turned and saw him standing in the sunrise,
and I knew it was the first day of my life,
and I trembled in the light, and I trembled when I knew,
I had seen the end of night, and the promises were true.

Hallelujah Chorus

Hallelujah! For the Lord God, omnipotent, reigneth.
King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The Kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ.
And He shall reign forever and forever.

Shalom, *Bob*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 12

8:30 am	Worship / McClure Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday Morning Live
9:30 am	EPIC / CMC
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:55 am	Worship / Sanctuary
11:00 am	EPIC / CMC

Monday, April 13 CHURCH CLOSED

Tuesday, April 14

7:45 am	Preschool
10:30 am	Moms Praying
4:30 pm	Trustees

Wednesday, April 15

7:45 am	Intercessory Prayer
7:45 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Children's Day Out
9:00 am	Clothes Closet Opens
9:30 am	Body Recall
5:00 pm	Faithweavers
5:00 pm	Adult Ministries
5:30 pm	Prayer Ambassadors
6:15 pm	Worship / Colvert Ministry Center
7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery
7:00 pm	Mid-Week Youth
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 16

7:45 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Precept Bible Study
1:00 pm	XYZ Mah Jongg
6:30 pm	DivorceCare

Friday, April 17

7:45 am	Preschool
9:30 am	Body Recall
10:00 am	Friendly Neighbors

Dates to Remember:

April 23-26	Women's Emmaus Walk
May 1-3	Mission Festival
May 7	Senior Banquet
May 10	Mother's Day / Senior Sunday
May 14	Confirmation Banquet
May 17	Confirmation Sunday
May 25	Memorial Day / Church Closed
June 1-5	Youth District Camp
June 22-26	Vacation Bible School
June 22-26	Sr. High Mission Trip

Missionary News



We just received an email note from Mike & Sharol Shutts, our Mission Aviation Fellowship missionaries in Lesotho (a tiny mountainous country surrounded by South Africa). We have supported

the Shutts' with our Faith Promise since 1999. Recently we partnered with a couple of other churches and individual donors to help the Shutts' get a new car for their work in Africa. Thank you for participating in the Faith Promise.

"Hi FUMC, We just want to say 'Thank You' so much for your love and gifts to us. You have been such a blessing to us all of these years. We just want to show you the new car we were able to buy with your help. It is a 2009 VW CitiStorm. It is a basic, no frills car. But it will meet our needs here in Lesotho for many years. We bought our last car in 1996 and it has served us well. But it was starting to show signs of age. We put over 230,000 kilometers on it and the engine is starting to get very tired. It is our prayer that this new car will last us for many more years. Our old car saw us to many places in the mountains of Lesotho, many places in South Africa and even went on a long trip up through Zimbabwe. As our kids are all grown and gone except Joanna, who most of the year is at boarding school, a small car is just right for us. It will meet our needs well as we minister to folks here in Lesotho. Thanks again for all that you do for us. May God continue to bless you all.

*In Him,
Mike & Sharol Shutts"*

Friendly Neighbors

an X Y Z Ministry

Fun & Fellowship

All Seniors Welcome

10:30am / April 17th

Colvert Ministry Center

Speaker: Tom Coble, *Elmbrook Enterprises*

Bring a side dish or dessert

Meat is furnished

10:30am Fun, Games & Fellowship

12:00pm Invocation and Lunch

12:30pm Program

1:00pm Adjournment



FOCUS ON FOLKS

In the Hospital, or recently dismissed:

Allene Tidwell

Sunday School Greeters for April:

Main Building - **CHESTER DENNIS & CORA CARLOCK**
Colvert Ministry Center - **HOPE** class

Sympathy:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Bill McMurry. Bill passed away on Sunday, March 29th. Services were held on Friday, April 3rd in Ardmore.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with the family of Louise Watkins. Louise passed away on Wednesday, April 1st. Services were held on Monday, April 6th in the Sanctuary.

Memorials:

In memory of **Doug Burris** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:

Genie Clendenin & Family

In memory of **Lena Dupy & daughters Jane, Jean & Joan** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:

Cleo Dupy

In memory of **Gary GoodEagle** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:

Jim and Virginia Young

Health Kit Supplies Needed

The Mission Committee Needs Your Help. We will be assembling Health Kits on the Missions Festival Workday, May 2, 2009 for several Non-Profit Organizations. If you have any of the following items, we can use them. Containers will be placed in various places around the church for these donations.

Hygiene Items: (Hotel or Travel size)

Soap

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Deodorant

Mouthwash

Shampoo

Conditioner

Lotion

April 15, 2009 Prayer Ambassadors

1. Our Jerusalem—Ardmore

- All Worship services –Pray we focus on making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world
- Mission Festival Weekend: May 1-3 Changing Lives: Together We Can
 - a. Pray for great participation in the May 2nd workday projects
 - b. Pray for greater congregational awareness and understanding of Faith Promise
 - c. Pray for the speakers—both lay and special guest speakers
 - d. Pray for a large increase in the numbers of children who participate in the special mission activities on May 2nd
 - e. Pray for strong personal faith promise commitments
- Gloria Ainsworth Day Care Center
- Stephen Ministry

2. Our Judea—Oklahoma

- Circle of Care—Ministering to children and youth “at Promise” at the Boys Ranch, Children’s Home in Talequah, Holsinger Home in Enid, Francis Willard Center and Child Share (providing support for foster families)

3. Our Samaria—North America

- Rio Grande Conference Parish Ministry—giving financial support to pastors in this very poor conference
- Pray for our country, our President, leaders and that we will humble ourselves before God and learn and practice righteousness in all our ways.

4. To the Ends of the Earth

- Mar Elias Educational Institutions—providing peace and academic education for Jews, Muslims, Drus and Christian students Kindergarten through college located in a village 30 minutes from Haifa, Israel.
- International Leadership Institute—led by Joy and Wes Griffin—providing strong Christian leadership training around the world

5. Persecuted Church

- Uzbekistan—pray for the Shestakov family. Dmitry was arrested in 2007 and remains in prison camps. Pray for his protection, health and release. Pray for his family: wife Marina and their three daughters.

Stephen Ministry

COMPASSION:

Deeply sharing the suffering of another,
together with the inclination to give aid or support.

As we look at Jesus’ suffering, death and resurrection, we observe the ultimate example of compassion. He now calls us to follow His example and to be deeply concerned for one another. Stephen Ministry provides empathetic Christians with a place where they can use those gifts of ministry. It also provides a haven where those in need of care can receive it in a confidential relationship with a Stephen Minister. Contact, Louise Daniels (226-5524) or Rev. Dan Patman (223-5390, ext.308) for more information about Stephen Ministry.



UMM

Sunday, April 19th
6:00pm

Colvert Ministry Center
Baby Back Ribs & Trimmings

Speaker: our very own Austin Powell
Bring your neighbor, friend, father, son...
All men welcome!

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