

# The Calling

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In Jesus' day, it was the washing of feet. In our day, perhaps it is cleaning of shoes. Here is how it happened:

I was invited by Linda and Bob Humphrey to come to a piece of their own to do a "land blessing" before the construction of their retirement house. I have done plenty of house blessings, but never the blessing of a vacant lot. I was delighted to be asked.

It had rained. The lot had dried a little, but not completely. We stepped carefully on the ground, trying not to get muddy. Impossible. First the bottoms of our shoes were covered in mud, and then it began to creep up the sides of our shoes. We didn't care. Not at all. It was a sacred event and a little mud added a nice, earthy touch.

I looked at the feet of those gathered. The words that came to my mind were a modification of a favorite song, "We are standing in holy MUD..." Sacred mud. We read aloud the scripture about "the house built on the rock" and prayed for all that would happen on that land in the decades ahead. We asked God to let this home be built on The Rock.

I got back to the church about 6:00 p.m. I came inside in my bare feet and put my muddy shoes in the downstairs kitchen for a little scrubbing later before I went home. I was thinking that perhaps if my shoes dried a little they would be easier to clean. I went up to my office and got caught up in a project. I didn't get back to those shoes for three hours.

When I went back to the kitchen, someone had carefully and thoroughly cleaned my shoes and placed them on paper towels, ready for my home going. I said aloud, "What kind of a sweet church is this?" I asked a few folks hanging around, "Did anybody see who cleaned my shoes?" Nope.

Who was the quiet, sleuth servant?

I was struck by the irony of it. The cycle of it. We serve others and before we know it, God is blessing us through others who are also serving.

It also came to me that the discovery of those clean shoes is representative of what I am seeing everywhere: a Monday morning team of volunteers who clean the ministry center, people who faithfully sort, hang and distribute clothes from our clothes closet, a church which provides medical transportation vouchers to those who need them. You are serving in our church, in our city and far beyond in distant countries. But for me, you simply cleaned my shoes.

*Jessica*

Televised from the Sanctuary at  
10:50am on Cable One, Channel 7

**8:30 AM**  
**McClure Chapel**

Broadcast from the Sanctuary at  
11:00am on KVSQ AM 1240

**10:50 AM**  
**Sanctuary**

**11:05 AM**  
**Colvert Ministry Center**

## We Commission Our Stephen Leaders this Sunday July 19, 2009



Joy Pfau and Pam Plesher, our newest Stephen Leaders, have been preparing. They have attended a seven-day Stephen Series Leader's Training Course and have returned charged up and eager to work in this lay caring ministry. They bring their gifts for leadership, vision, wisdom, administration, organization, discernment and teaching to select and equip those who will be the Stephen Ministers – lay Christian caregivers – in our congregation. Join us in thanking God that they have answered his call for this ministry and in praying for them as they begin this important work of the Lord's!

## Does This Sound Like You?



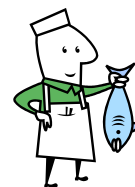
Are you a person who enjoys chatting with folks on Sunday morning? Do you enjoy finding out about other people? Do you make friends easily? If so, you may wish to be a part of the visitor welcome ministry of our church. We are going to have a special meeting to launch a new part of our visitor welcome ministry. It is called First Friends and will be held on Monday night, August 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the CMC. If that sounds like you, join us!

## UMM

Sunday, July 19th, 6:00pm  
Colvert Ministry Center

Menu: Fish Fry

Speaker: Chris Shadle



## *Girl's Night Out*

Will not meet  
in July



## Sunday's Music

This Sunday is the **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**. On this third Sunday in July our new Stephen Leaders will be commissioned in all three worship services.

In both 8:30 and 10:50 worship services John Emery, organist, will play "**Toccata on EIN FESTE BURG**" arranged by Joyce Jones. We know the hymntune as the familiar *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*.

In the 8:30 worship service I will sing "**Devotion**" by John Ness Beck. This is an original setting of two familiar hymns *I Am Thine* by William H. Doane and *I Want To Be a Christian*, an American folk melody. This solo is found in the collection *Hymn Settings of John Ness Beck* by Craig Courtney, copyright ©1982, 1991 by Beckenhorst Press.

In the 10:50 worship service the Sanctuary Choir will sing "**God Be In My Head**" by K. Lee Scott. The text is from the Sarum Primer, 1514, and Mr. Scott's setting is copyright © 1988 by A.M.S.I., Minneapolis, MN. Also in this worship service, John Emery will play cello in the setting "**Be Thou My Vision**" arranged by Stan Pethel. Lori Capshaw will play the piano for this musical duet.

Please read these texts from Sunday's music.

### Devotion

I am Thine, O Lord I have heard Thy voice,  
and it told Thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith  
and be closer drawn to Thee.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,  
by the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope  
and my will be lost in Thine.

Draw me nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where Thou hast died,  
Draw me nearer, blessed Lord,  
to Thy precious, bleeding side.

Lord, I want to be a Christian, in my heart.

### God Be In My Head

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and my departing. Amen.

Shalom, *Bob*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, July 19

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 8:30 am  | Worship / Chapel                       |
| 9:30 am  | Sunday Morning Live                    |
| 9:45 am  | Sunday School                          |
| 10:50 am | Worship / Sanctuary                    |
| 11:05 am | EPIC Worship / Colvert Ministry Center |
| 6:00 pm  | UMM                                    |
| 6:00 pm  | Jr. & Sr. High Youth                   |
| 7:00 pm  | Celebrate Recovery                     |

### Monday, July 20

|         |                      |
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| 1:00 pm | Clothes Closet Opens |
| 6:30 pm | David Bible Study    |

### Tuesday, July 21

|          |                      |
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| 10:30 am | Elmbrook Service     |
| 12:00 pm | Noon Prayer          |
| 6:00 pm  | Mission Ministry     |
| 6:00 pm  | Sr. High Bible Study |

### Wednesday, July 22

|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 9:00 am | Clothes Closet Opens              |
| 5:00 pm | Stephen Ministry                  |
| 5:30 pm | Prayer Ambassadors                |
| 6:00 pm | Surviving Middle School           |
| 6:15 pm | Worship / Colvert Ministry Center |
| 7:00 pm | Celebrate Recovery                |
| 7:00 pm | Mid-Week Youth                    |

### Thursday, July 23

|          |                      |
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| 9:00 am  | Children's Day Out   |
| 9:00 am  | Precept Bible Study  |
| 10:00 am | Jr. High Bible Study |

### Calling All Volunteers for Discovery 2009

Discovery Weekend 2009 - "Celebrate Life," will be held August 14-16 at our Church. This is a 42 hour spiritual formation retreat for 6th, 7th & 8th graders. We need to fill the following volunteer positions: Jr. High small group leaders, host homes for Sr. High helpers, meal preparation, prayer team, set-up and clean-up, volunteers to spend the night at the church with the Jr. High students, and just general help throughout the weekend. Please contact Laura (223-5390 x315) or Adam (x314) to volunteer. Let's make this year's weekend be a wonderful spiritual experience for the Jr. High students.

### Dates to Remember:

|              |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| July 27-31   | Dayspring                 |
| August 3-6   | Growin' in Grace Camp     |
| August 3-6   | Tweens Camp               |
| August 14-16 | Discovery                 |
| Sept 7       | Labor Day / Church Closed |
| Sept 13      | Round-Up Rally            |
| Sept 24-27   | Men's Emmaus Walk         |
| Oct 1-4      | Women's Emmaus Walk       |
| Oct 30       | Fall Fest                 |

# ATTENTION YOUTH

(incoming 6<sup>th</sup> through graduated seniors)



We have some exciting trips and camps coming up this summer:

- Sr. High Dayspring Camp at Cross Point Camp 7/27-7/31

• Tweens Camp for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Cross Point Camp (8/3-8/6)

- Discovery '09 (8/14-8/16)

Contact Laura or Adam for details or get forms on our website [fmcarmore.com/youth/forms](http://fmcarmore.com/youth/forms)



*Prayer Chain*  
To place a prayer request with the FUMC Prayer Chain ministry please call:

**Lenny Frank at 465-7515**

**Wadell & Sheila Altom at 223-7272**

**Joann Keithley at 223-0062 or [joannkeithley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joannkeithley@sbcglobal.net)**

**Mary Lou Fisher at 223-6898 (H) 223-9367 (W)**

Hello 6<sup>th</sup> grade Parents!

We are doing a summer 6<sup>th</sup> grade study called "Surviving Middle School," and I am very excited about getting started! It will begin Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> in the youth room on the third floor, and meet every Wednesday through August 12<sup>th</sup>. Middle School is a time when a lot of changing takes place, you move to a bigger school, and you're making new friends, and trying to figure out who you are. My hope for this study is to make an impact on your 6<sup>th</sup> graders and help them into a smoother transition to middle school. We are going to play games, watch videos, read a little, and talk A LOT! I look forward to it, and know we are going to have a blast!

Love Allyson  
223-5390 x315

## FOCUS ON FOLKS

**In the Hospital, or recently dismissed:** *If you, or someone you know, is in the hospital please contact the church office.*

**Sunday School Greeters for July:**

Main Building - LOVE

Colvert Ministry Center - HOPE

**New Arrival:** Kerry and Camille Kampschmidt would like to announce the birth of their daughter **Kira Ann Kampschmidt** on Monday, May 18th. She weighed 6lbs-2oz and was 18 inches long. Kira's grandparents are Ralph and Frances Kampschmidt.

**Sympathy:** Our thoughts and prayers are with Larry & Jana Lovelace and Jason & Mandy Roberts and their family with the passing of Larry's father Joe Lovelace on Friday, June 26th. Services were held Monday, June 29th in Ada.

**Memorials:**

In memory of **Lou Butler** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:

Ralph and Frances Kampschmidt

In memory of **Thelma Cronic** a contribution to the Stephen Ministry Fund has been received from:

Louise Daniels

In memory of **Sara Holden** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:

Ralph and Frances Kampschmidt

In memory of **Greg Lutts** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:

Ralph and Frances Kampschmidt

In memory of **Ora Rist** contributions to the Memorial Fund and Stephen Ministry Fund have been received from:

Louise Daniels (Stephen Ministry)

Mark and Sidney Douglass (Memorial)

Eleanor Williams (Memorial)

In memory of **Louise Watkins** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:

Ralph and Frances Kampschmidt

In memory of **Kent Wood** a contribution to the Stephen Ministry Fund has been received from:

Louise Daniels

## Stephen Ministry

**God is the Curegiver.**

*"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."*

*Matthew 11:28.*

If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, please call Louise Daniels 226-5524 or Rev. Dan Patman 223-5390 x308.



## July 22, 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
- Children's Summer Ministry continues—pray for the children involved and their leaders.
- Pray for our Bereavement Ministry and become involved in this program
- Pray for the Prayer Chain Ministry
- PIE/Mugger Ministry—baked goods & coffee mugs given to first time visitors

### 2. Our Judea—Oklahoma

- Pray for Dayspring Camp—Camp for Senior High students that is discipleship orientated—July 27-31

### 3. Our Samaria—North America

- Pray for our country, our President, leaders and that we will humble ourselves before God and learn and practice righteousness in all our ways.
- Jose and Audrey Banales—Regional directors for the OMS South continue to work with the people of Mexico – pray for this work they are doing.

### 4. To the Ends of the Earth

- Mike and Sharol Shutts in Losotho, Africa—email asks that they be remembered in prayer.
- Uganda—Watoto orphanage/clinic covets prayers
- Mexico City—SOS (Save Our Street Kids) – The above mentioned Banales' work with this program and prayers continue to be desired

### 5. Persecuted Church

- Pray that the continuing violence against Christians living in India will stop and for complete recovery for the victims from both physical and emotional trauma.

## First UMC 2009 Men's Softball Schedule

|           |  |        |
|-----------|--|--------|
| June 1st  | 9:30p field 1 vs. Lone Grove Assembly of God                                   | Ⓜ      |
| June 8th  | 6:30p field 2 vs. Emmanuel Baptist   | Ⓛ      |
| June 15th | 9:30p field 3 vs. Milo Baptist   | Ⓜ      |
| June 29th | 9:30p field 2 vs. Maranatha  | Ⓛ      |
| July 6th  | 6:30p field 3 vs. Lone Grove Assembly of God<br>8:30p field 2 vs. Faith Center | Ⓛ<br>Ⓜ |
| July 13th | 7:30p field 2 vs. Emmanuel Baptist   |        |
| July 20th | 6:30p field 4 vs. Milo Baptist   |        |
| July 27th | 9:30p field 3 vs. Faith Center   |        |
| Aug 3rd   | 6:30p field 2 vs. Maranatha  |        |

### Two for the Price of One: It Doesn't Get Any Better!

Perhaps it was just a feeling in the air as the faithful fans gathered; (the 6:30 game time meant more young mothers with small children could attend) maybe it was the brightness and heat of the 6:30 hour, but the team seemed to lack its usual *swagger*. First of all we were playing on alternate fields due to the extreme wetness of the usual playing fields, but it was somewhat more than that. The coin toss, crucial in many ways, was lost and we were underway as the visitors. Many things happened in that first game that were expected and many that were not expected. The first game was exciting with many runs being scored overall, but for us it was too little and too late; a good game played but the wrong outcome. In the second game we took the field as a completely different team, with a slightly altered batting order that seemed to change the entire team dynamic. As the visitors again and batting first (another lost coin toss), our bats rang out with such complete confidence that we batted 13 or 14 batters without looking up and scored our best first inning ever. That confidence carried into the field and our team made many excellent defensive plays, completing the game as the resounding victors. Once again the fans greeted our team's success with rousing and intense cheering. You should've been there!

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to the emergency fund