

The Calling

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I have been to lots of camps throughout my very Methodist life. However, I had not attended anything at Cross Point Camp until a clergy event last week with Bishop Hayes. My mileage indicator showed that the camp is just 36 miles from my house. It took less than 45 minutes to drive there.

Cross Point Camp is simply beautiful. It is woody and natural. It has cabins that need a little work, but do the job. It has a large dining hall with a porch that looks out over the lake. It has a well-worn tabernacle that has character. The camp, though large in land, sleeps less than 200 guests. The tabernacle can hold about the same number.

There were many high points to my two days at Cross Point. One of them came the evening that the men of our church served the evening meal to those attending. Unlike the meals where campers go through a line in the kitchen, the cooks from our church invited the pastors to sit at the tables and relax and talk while they served. They brought us plates loaded with the work of their grill and perfectly prepared side dishes. The dessert was their signature dish. Melt-in-your-mouth bread pudding. At the end of the meal, Guy Ames, our Ardmore

District Superintendent, spoke words of gratitude to our men from all of those attending. I was blessed to be associated with these servants of cuisine.

Another high moment came when I found the cross of Cross Point. It is the focal point of an outdoor amphitheater that gives a spectacular view of the lake. The cross is so big and so white that it can be seen by boaters and residents from quite a distance. The cross is a visual announcement of the great act of forgiveness by our Great God. The view from it took my breath for just a moment. *How many times has God whispered the truth of his love at this cross?*

I remember an annual conference-wide finance campaign that was led years ago to raise money to update our camps. The campaign went well, but most of the resources went to the two other camps in Oklahoma. That made sense at the time, since the other camps (Camp Egan and Camp Canyon) are more easily accessed by the entire state.

At our event last week, our District Superintendent mused aloud with us, wondering if it were not time for a strong focus to be placed on the future of Cross Point Camp. Guy asked those of us in attendance, "What if we had a state of the art lodge, dining hall and conference center on the cliff looking over the pier?" He spoke of corporations, churches and organizations that would be eager to use facilities that offered the amenities of an excellent conference location at the lake. Guy said, "It could become a 'point of destination' even for non-Methodists and quite possibly pay for itself."

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

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

8:30 AM
McClure Chapel

10:50 AM
Sanctuary

11:05
Colvert Ministry Center

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Apparently, Cross Point has one of the best ropes courses around, both high and low ropes. It has already been host to sports camps, even some that have included equine training. Over 20 horses have been brought in at times. The big open field is perfect for such competitions. Guy indicated that the camp could be rented for some of the finest sports camps in our state.

I have observed a love relationship between our church and Cross Point Camp. Now I know why.

Jessica

AHEC Senior University Devil's Den & Sipokni West -a trip back in time-

Come join us for a fun filled trip to Devil's Den: A place we remember for family fun!!

Our host, John Bruno, present owner, will treat us to a tour of this delightful spot of yesterday. We will leave Ardmore and travel by bus to Devil's Den stopping at Sipokni West for lunch. This old west movie set is tucked away near the town of Reagan. Leaving there around 1:00 pm we will proceed to Devil's Den!! Since it has been closed for several years this is an opportunity we don't want to miss. We will return to Ardmore by 4:00 pm. Reservation deadline is October 16th.

Date: October 22nd, 2009

Time: 9:30 am- 4:00 pm

First Methodist Church West Parking

Reservations are required- call Helen
@220-2852 or Bruce @ 222-4037

DON'T FORGET!

FUMC ARDMORE

BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN EACH

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM, AT THE

WELCOME DESK IN THE CMC, AND IN

THE CHURCH OFFICE –

OR CALL SALLY RESER AT 465-5844

OR E-MAIL

reser@cableone.net

BE A BLESSING

BY GIVING BLOOD!!!!

Sunday's Music

This Sunday is the **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**. Musically this will be a more normal Sunday than last Sunday was. It will, however, also be **Dan Patman** Sunday and we will affectionately remember many *Patman-isms* as we join in worship.

At both 8:30 and 10:50 worship services John Emery, organist, will be playing a delightful voluntary "**Rigaudon**" by noted composer Andre Campra, in an arrangement by Diane Bish.

In the 8:30 worship service I will sing "**Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You**" by Jay Althouse. The text is a prayer of Charles Wesley (stanza 1) and Mr. Althouse. It is copyright © 1992 by Hope Publishing Company.

The Sanctuary Choir will be singing "**Ubi Caritas**" by Mark Burrows. This is an original composition based on a familiar Traditional Latin text. The text is translated: *Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.* This anthem is copyright © 2008 by Heritage Music Press, a division of the Lorenz Corporation.

Please read these texts from Sunday's music.

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.
If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go?

Lord, I give my soul to you. I seek your care and love.
No other blessings do I need but those from you above.

Lord, I ask you: give me faith, and help me understand.
And Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand.

Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.*

Shalom, *Bab*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept 20 Blood Drive
8:30 am Worship / McClure Chapel
9:30 am Sunday Morning Live
9:30 am Retirement Reception for Dan Patman
9:45 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship / Sanctuary
11:05 am EPIC Worship / CMC
12:00 pm Children's Ministry Parent Meeting
6:00 pm UMM
6:00 pm Girl's Night Out
6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth
6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery - Men
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery - Women

Monday, Sept 21
7:30 am Preschool
9:00 am Children's Day Out
1:00 pm Clothes Closet Opens
5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 pm Heaven Bible Study
6:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study

Tuesday, Sept 22
7:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Faith Circle at Elmbrook Suites
10:00 am Sanctuary Guild
12:00 pm Noon Prayer
6:00 pm Evangelism Ministry
6:00 pm Finance Ministry
6:30 pm Parenting w/ Love & Logic
7:05 pm Church Council

Wednesday, Sept 23
7:30 am Preschool
9:00 am Children's Day Out
9:00 am Clothes Closet Opens
10:30 am Moms Praying
5:00 pm Stephen Ministry
5:30 pm Prayer Ambassadors
6:15 pm Worship / FELLOWSHIP HALL
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery
7:00 pm Mid-Week Youth
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Sept 24 Men's Emmaus Walk Begins
7:30 am Preschool
9:00 am Precept Bible Study
12:30 pm Sweeter Than Chocolate Bible Study
1:00 pm XYZ Mah Jongg
6:30 pm DivorceCare
7:00 pm Alpha

Friday, Sept 25
7:30 am Preschool
10:00 am XYZ Ministry

Dates to Remember:

Sept 27 Children's Church Begins
Sept 30 Ignite (Wednesday night family experience)
Oct 1-4 Women's Emmaus Walk
Oct 30 Fall Fest
Nov 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 12-14 Women for Women Mission in OKC
Nov 14 Potato Drop

Wednesday Worship Potluck September 23rd

For Wednesday Night Worship on September 23rd we will have a feast! We will hold a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the main building. Bring a dish of any type and the church will provide the beverages. We will begin at 6:15pm as usual and conclude in time for the 7:00pm meetings and studies.

We have an excellent reason to change our venue that evening. On the morning of Wednesday the 23rd, High school and Jr. High students from around the country will gather at the flag pole on their campuses to pray for their school and country. On the evening of the event nearly every youth group in the Ardmore area will gather to worship together. This worship event is named "**Saw You At The Pole.**" The Ardmore youth ministers have asked Ardmore FUMC to host the "**2009 Saw You At The Pole Rally.**" Of course our congregation is very excited to host an event that can reach young people in our community for Christ. We will offer our Colvert Ministry Center for this great event and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship!



UMM

Sunday
September 20th
6:00pm

Colvert Ministry Center
Mixed Grill

Joseph's Coat, Southern Gospel

Girl's Night Out

Sunday
September 20th
6:00pm

Applebee's



FOCUS ON FOLKS

In the Hospital, or recently dismissed:
Betty GoodEagle

Sunday School Greeters for September:
Main Building - **Chester Dennis / Cora Carlock**
Colvert Ministry Center - **Foundations**

Memorials:

In honor of **Margie Thompson** a contribution has been received for the Little School Bell Fund.

In memory of **Delones "Sudie" Jordan** a contribution to the Little School Bell Fund has been received from:
Harold Holden

In memory of **Jack Thompson** a contribution to the Little School Bell Fund has been received from:
Pat, Roger and Priscilla Cude

Music and Drama on Sundays

Sunday, September 20th will begin a new adventure (or a returning adventure if you examine the components)

The time: 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

The place: Rooms 205 (L.O.V.E.) and 207 (CHOIR)

The happening: Music and Drama on Sundays is for kids Kindergarten through 5th grade. In two 45 minute segments we will learn good and fun singing techniques and songs as well as God's Word through Drama. On these Sundays we will also be preparing a Christmas Drama/Musical: *Word on the Street* which focuses on the couple Mary and Joseph and asks the question, "Are we really up for this baby thing?" *Word on the Street* will premier on December 7, 8 and 9.

The hook: We need your help and your children's participation. It will really be a fun adventure time each Sunday evening. Bob, Kelley and many adventurers will be leading the way.

Wanna help? Call 277-9351 or 490-1773.



HANG ON TO YOUR INDEPENDENCE
KEEP MOVING!

The Great Commission charges us to GO!

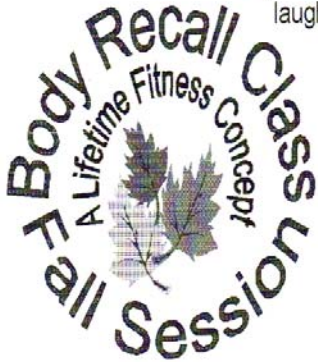
Can you step out and do your part?

Movement is a must for all! *It is a great gift.* Use of the body does not wear it out - rather, the body wears out from

lack of use. The simple yet profound truth is that the body was designed to move. No one is exempt from the need to **move** if good health and independence are to be maintained.

God created us for movement. We continually witness the miracle of this truth in Body Recall class. sensation returning to hands and feet that were feelingless, frozen joints loosed, renewed energy and vitality, medications reduced or even eliminated, walkers and canes left idle, freedom from the fear of falling.... all by people who took the initiative to move wisely.

Body Recall classes give you an opportunity to take charge of your gift and bring it to full potential. Come and regain the strength and flexibility that helps to make living pleasurable and independent. Come and enjoy the fellowship, laughter and fun.



REGISTRATION
MONDAY
September 21, 2009
9:30am
Room #116
Colvert Ministry Center



Children's Ministry
Announcements

- Children's choir starts Sunday, September 20th! All Kindergarten through Fifth Grade children are invited. Sundays from 4:30pm - 6:00pm, rooms #205 and the Choir Room. Question call Bob Pfau at 223-5390 x312.

There will be one more Volunteer / Parent Meeting for the Children's Ministry. If you are a parent or you want to volunteer for the Children's Ministry your attendance is needed to prepare for the new school year. **Sunday, September 20th, 12:00pm** in room #116 in the CMC. Lunch will be provided.

- Coming soon...Ignite, a new family worship experience. Located in the CMC starting Wednesday, September 30th at 6:15pm.
- Coming soon...POWER UP, a new children's church experience. Starting Sunday, September 27th.

If you have questions please contact Amy or Kori at 223-5390 x325 or email: children@fumcardmore.com

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