

The Calling

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"I want to come to your office, tell you a story and take you on a field trip."

It was Tom Coble on the phone. He was in my office within hours. The story was about the Gloria Ainsworth Day Care Center and the way in which our church has been involved in its renovation, upkeep and support over these last many years.

Tom explained how it began because of one United Methodist woman who understood the needs of struggling families in Ardmore. Mrs. Ainsworth had the vision for a day care center that would provide the neediest children in our city with love, education, and healthy food.

Tom and I piled into his truck and drove to the center. Until we arrived, I hadn't realized its proximity to Warren Memorial United Methodist Church.

I met the director and many of the staff. You would have thought Tom and the director were kin watching the warm way they treated each other. It wasn't long before I learned why they were so close. Tom, and many of you, have put generous sweat equity into working on the roof, restrooms, classrooms and the playground.

Tom and the director took me on a tour.

It was nap time. We quietly walked room to room while Tom softly described the purpose of each learning area. The whole center was hushed and dark. Fluorescent lights were off. Dim lamps glowed in corners while teachers wrote on charts. Children slept on blue pallets with favorite blankets. We could hear patterned breathing and a few gentle snores.

Most areas had double use. Every corner was used and it was cramped and crowded. Clean, but maxed out.

I still didn't get the whole picture until the director said "We can't wait until we move into the new center."

"New center?"

Here was the "reveal" part of Tom's story.

I was about to experience an Extreme Home Makeover of the holiest kind.

Back in the truck we went. Tom drove only a few blocks and rounded a corner. Before us was the site of the new Gloria Ainsworth Day Care Learning Center. It was abuzz with construction workers. The exterior was fully complete. The building was impressive. Patterned brick with detailed trim.

It looked huge. I learned that the new facility will have 21,000 square feet. It will have 14 independent classrooms (no more partitions!) It will have a sick room with a nurse. There will be a piano lab, a math lab, a computer lab, a large multipurpose room/indoor playground and two wonderful outdoor playgrounds.

It is nice to see a grown man cry when the reason he is crying is because he is amazed at what God can accomplish through a woman who followed a holy vision and through the Methodist Christians who have come behind her to continue her work.

Jessica

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

Dear Friends at Ardmore First United Methodist,

I want to personally thank you for the celebration and outpouring of love on "Dan Patman Day." All the kind words with expressions of love and appreciation overwhelmed me! As the wife of a United Methodist Minister, I didn't think that I would ever be able to live in one place for such a long time. You truly have become my home church.

I am anticipating the trip to the Holy Land with great excitement!

Thanks again for your love and kindness.

In Christ,

Cheryl Patman

Paint mission to Cross Point Camp

Harry Dodd is coordinating a paint mission to Cross Point Camp on Monday-Friday, October 12-16, 2009. Missioners will arrive Monday at noon for lunch and depart after lunch on Friday.

The team will prep and paint 12 cabins and trim doors and windows outside. If it rains, the painting will be done inside. Team members will work from 8 am to 5 pm daily with an hour break for lunch. Evenings are free to roam the camp area, go fishing, go to the cross or fellowship.

The team will stay in cabins with a/c, heat, and showers. Each cabin will house 10 persons. There is a central bathroom with 2 showers, 2 stalls, and 4 sinks. Efficient and comfortable!

The total cost of the week-long work camp experience is \$85 which is reduced for us more than half. In addition, a \$30 scholarship is available to each missionary who is an Ardmore FUMC member or constituent through Faith Promise. If you can participate only part of the time, then the cost will be further reduced. Contact Harry Dodd at 226-6549 or Dan Patman at 223-5390 x308 to sign up. You may register with your \$40 deposit by October 7.

Cross Point Camp is located about 7 miles south of Kingston, OK on beautiful Lake Texoma. It's an excellent opportunity to get away, eat hearty, work hard, fellowship, and see the place where so many lives, young and old, have been touched by Christ. And we need YOU!

Sunday's Music

This Sunday is the **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**. It is also the first Sunday in October and is known as **World-Wide Communion Sunday**. Holy Communion will be served in all three worship services at First United Methodist Church, as well as in worship services throughout Ardmore and in all parts of the world.

At both 8:30 and 10:50 worship services John Emery, organist, will be playing "Praise Him! Praise Him" based on the very familiar gospel hymn of the same name. The original hymntune, JOYFUL SONG, is by Chester G. Allen with this arrangement by Franklin Ritter.

In the 8:30 worship service an ensemble from the Sanctuary choir will sing an adaptation of "The Welcome Table" by Joel Raney (see below for more information about this wonderful, timely anthem).

The Sanctuary Choir will sing "The Welcome Table" arranged by Joel Raney. It was chosen especially for *World Communion Sunday* and incorporates two Traditional Spirituals: *I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table* and *Let Us Break Bread*, into a joyful, uplifting choral sound. Violinist Judy Adams and Cellist John Emery will lend their substantial talents to this anthem, which is copyright © 2009 by GlorySound, a division of Shawnee Press, Inc. As Kelley Segler is away this Sunday, Andy Price will join the ensemble at the piano.

Please read this text from Sunday's music.

The Welcome Table

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table, O Lord,
one of these days, hallelujah!
And we'll break bread together on our knees.

I'm gonna feast on the bread of heaven;
I'm gonna share my cup with Jesus;
I'm gonna sing with the heavenly choir!

Shalom, *Bab*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct 4

- 8:30 am Worship / McClure Chapel
- 9:30 am Sunday Morning Live
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Power-Up
- 10:50 am Worship / Sanctuary
- 11:05 am EPIC / CMC
- 4:30 pm Music & Drama
- 6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth
- 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery-Men
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery-Women

Monday, Oct 5

- 7:30 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Children's Day Out
- 9:30 am Body Recall
- 1:00 pm Clothes Closet Opens
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Heaven Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Financial Peace

Tuesday, Oct 6

- 7:30 am Preschool
- 12:00 pm Noon Prayer
- 5:30 pm SPR
- 6:30 pm Parenting w/ Love & Logic
- 7:00 pm Worship Ministries
- 7:00 pm Fourth Day Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 7

- 7:30 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Children's Day Out
- 9:00 am Clothes Closet Opens
- 9:30 am Body Recall
- 10:30 am Moms Praying
- 5:30 pm Prayer Ambassadors
- 6:15 pm Ignite - CMC
- 6:15 pm Worship - CMC
- 7:00 pm Mid-Week Youth
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct 8

- 4:30 am Rio Bravo Mission Team Leaves
- 7:30 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Precept Bible Study
- 12:30 pm Sweeter than Chocolate Bible Study
- 1:00 pm XYZ Bridge Club
- 6:30 pm DivorceCare
- 7:00 pm Alpha

Friday, Oct 9

- 7:30 am Preschool
- 9:30 am Body Recall

Dates to Remember:

- Oct 30 Fall Fest
- Nov 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 10 All Church Conference
- Nov 12-14 Women for Women Mission in OKC
- Nov 14 Potato Drop
- Nov 26 Thanksgiving
- Nov 26-27 Church Closed

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES
FALL FEST
FRIDAY
OCTOBER 30TH
5:00PM
COLVERT MINISTRY CENTER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP
BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE FALL
FEST PLEASE CONTACT
BOB PFAU AT
223-5390 x312.

Faith Promise Report

Our Mission Ministry Team recently met and approved the following Faith Promise expenditures—

1) We authorized \$6,775 (\$625/missionary) for the quarterly salary payments for our 11 support missionaries around the globe.

2) We paid our second year/third quarterly payment of \$1,000 of a \$16,000 commitment for the Bolivian Pastor's Endowment Fund.

3) We approved \$1,000 each for the Maua Hospital Service Fund for palliative care for mother with AIDS and for the AIDS Orphan Project in Maua, Kenya. They are advance special projects for the General Board of Global Ministries of The UMC.

4) We re-upped our support of \$1,000 annually for our Global Mission Partner, Carla Gonzalez, who is the VIM director for the Guatemala Methodist Church.

5) We continued our annual support of \$1,000 for Oklahoma VIM Director Jeremy Basset and his office in Oklahoma City.

6) We authorized up to (20) \$30 scholarships and \$200 for construction supplies for the Women for Women Mission to OKC, led by Julie Myer, on Nov. 12-14, 2009 for a total of \$800.

7) We also authorized up to (10) \$30 scholarships for \$300 for the Cross Point Camp Construction Mission, led by Harry Dodd, on Oct. 12-16, 2009.

8) We sent \$500 for 100 copies of the Strength for Service to God and Country devotionals to our troops.

9) We allocated \$600 for the World Communion Sunday offering which was to be taken on Oct. 4 which supports scholarships for students preparing for Christian leadership in our world.

10) We enthusiastically endorsed sending \$2,500 to the Society of St. Andrews for the transportation (from Minnesota) of 45,000 lbs. of potatoes for distribution to the poor and hungry in Ardmore and the surrounding communities on Sat, Nov. 14, 2009.

11) We approved (5) \$100 lunches on Tuesdays for the Wesley Foundation at Southeastern in Durant as a student outreach ministry for a total of \$500.

12) We also made \$200 available to the Rio Bravo Mini-Med team for the purchase of reading glasses for their mission on Oct. 8-11, 2009.

13) We sent \$600 to Estonia for the 4FREEDOM Project, an outreach ministry to drug addicts and alcoholics in Estonia. Addiction is a major problem in this former Soviet-bloc country. We also currently support a seminary student in the Methodist Seminary in Tallinn, Estonia. A recent graduate of the seminary directs this Christian social action project.

14) And, we authorized (2) \$300 scholarships and \$250 for construction supplies for the Mexico City Construction Mission in February, 2010 for a total of \$850.

This expenditure of \$18,625 for 25 different missions, missionaries, and mission projects will touch persons globally and locally. Thank you for your commitment to Faith Promise. We are literally making a Christian difference around the world.

FOCUS ON FOLKS

In the Hospital, or recently dismissed:

Betty GoodEagle

Sunday School Greeters for October:

Main Building - FELLOWSHIP

Colvert Ministry Center - HOPE

Congratulations to Renny and Becky Collins, married on Saturday, September 26th.

Sympathy:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Laura Harmon, Darryl Roberts, Allison Disney, Jill Falvey, Lincoln Keck and Kara Simonson and their families with the passing of Laura and Darryl's mother, and Allison, Jill, Lincoln and Kara's grandmother, Louise Roberts, on Thursday, September 24th.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with Lynn and Beverly Watkins and their family with the passing of Lynn's father Everett Watkins on Thursday, September 24th. Services were held on Sunday, September 27th in Ardmore.

Memorials:

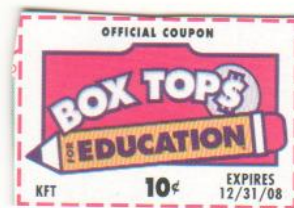
In memory of **Alan Brown** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from: Roy Butler

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

In memory of **Bill Murrah** contributions to the Wesley Sunday School Class and the Memorial Fund have been received from:
John Baggett (Memorial)
Mark & Sidney Douglass (Memorial)
Calvin & Lorraine Lovell (Wesley SS Class)
Kent & Ginger Tucker (Memorial)

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

Preschool News...



Join us as we collect Box Tops off our favorite grocery items! The preschool receives 10 cents for every box top! There is a drop box outside the preschool office or you can leave them with Tami in the church office.

Thank for your support!

Kids Helping Kids

FUMC Preschool would like to be a part of helping other children in our community. Therefore, we are beginning our mission ministry called

Kids Helping Kids.

We have looked into a variety of ways to give as a school. To keep you informed as families we will post our collection needs on the bulletin board outside the Preschool office as well as the Before School Hallway. There will be various drop off boxes marked

Kids Helping Kids

for you to donate items.

Our first collection will be for

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

including:

- *pencils *markers *school paper
- *crayons *coloring books

School items will be given to the area
After School Care Programs.

We hope you will want to be a part of our
Mission Ministry

Kids Helping Kids!!

Come Join the Fun!

"WORD ON THE STREET"

A Modern Christmas Production

We are starting to cast the upcoming drama—
"Word on the Street"

Auditions will be Sunday, October 11th
6:00 p.m.—in the Sanctuary

We need actors, singers, dancers, set-designers, stage-crew, tech crew, etc...experienced or those who would like to try something new! Ages 8—80 welcome!

If you can't make the auditions, but would like to participate, call Kelley Segler @ 490-1773. Scripts, rehearsal and performance schedules will be available in the church office.

Children's Ministry Announcements

What is going on in Children's Ministry this week????

- Sunday morning live is going strong. Please make sure you are signing your child in and out at the Fellowship Hall. Also, if you would like to bring breakfast for the kids we would LOVE that. Just let Amy or Kori know when we can count on you.
- Power UP (children's church) was a great success last Sunday. If you missed out on the FUN make sure you join us next Sunday. ***There will be no Power UP (children's church) this Sunday due to it being communion Sunday but we will be back in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday October 11th for more fun and excitement. See you there!!
- Don't forget we have started IGNITE. It is our FUN family style worship time on Wednesday nights in the CMC. We get started at 6:15 with a LIVE band and more fun than you can imagine!! It won't be the same unless you are there so...BE THERE and bring your family!!!!

We are in need of volunteers for the mug ministry. We deliver FUMC mugs to first time visitors. This is a great ministry for briefly meeting each new visitor. If you are interested in participating or want further information, please call Gail Shadle at 504-2403.



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to the emergency fund