



THE Calling

Church Events

June 30

Popsicles in the Park

9:45-11:00 am
Central Park

July 4

**Church Closed
Independence Day**

July 5-8

Dayspring Camp

July 7

United Methodist Women

3:00pm
Colvert Ministry Center

July 19-21

Declare Camp

July 19

Friendly Neighbors Picnic

10:00am - 1:00pm
Colvert Ministry Center

July 21

United Methodist Men

6:00pm
Colvert Ministry Center

July 22 - August 1

Jordan Mission Trip

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body-whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free---and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (New International Version)

For almost 25 years, I've wrestled with trying to figure out how to utilize God's spiritual gifts for the church. I've had congregants take spiritual gift inventories to help them identify their spiritual gift, which has really been the easy part of this task. Yet, figuring out how to match up one's spiritual gift(s) with a particular ministry has been the challenge. You need to know that I believe that the spiritual gifts that are listed in 1st Corinthians, Romans 12 and 1st Peter 4, are as viable now as they were when they were utilized in the early church.

Our Lay Leadership team is praying and working towards an event where we will invite you to come and take a spiritual gift inventory and then work with you on finding out what ministry area you should be serving in for the common good. It might mean that we create new ministries to take advantage of the spiritual gifts that you have been given by the Holy Spirit. This might take a little time, but I'm convinced that the Lord is wanting us to experience His love and His power in even greater ways in the days ahead.

Our congregation is having a tremendous summer. We are preparing for Dayspring Senior High Camp, Declare Children's Camp and our mission trip to Jordan. Your prayers and financial support have been invaluable to making these events possible. Our monthly financial responsibilities continue to be expected of us as a church, even when all of us are going every which direction. Please make sure your financial commitment is up to date. We want to move into the Fall with great momentum.

Each part of the body is important to and for the kingdom of God to grow and become on earth as it is in heaven. Please invite someone to church this coming week. Invite them to your Sunday School class or small group. So many people have never experienced the joy of being a part of the body of Christ. You can help change that now and forever! God bless you!!

Jesus is Lord,

Pastor David Daniel



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Join us on Sunday, June 30, for Popsicles in the Park! This is a fellowship event for all Sunday School classes in Central Park. We will begin serving at 9:45 AM and stop at 11:00 AM. We will have gourmet popsicles from the local business "John," located here in downtown Ardmore. Popsicles are free of charge. Bring your whole family and join us for this incredible event, to meet new people and build greater community with your current Sunday School class. This is also a great way to find a Sunday School class if you are not plugged in yet.

Nursery will still be available for children ages 6-weeks-old to Pre-K, but all are invited. No Sunday School class will meet for study time, due to participating in the event.

focus on folks

SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob and Joan Harper, with the passing of his brother, Virgil Lee Harper, on June 3. His services were June 7 at the First Baptist Church in Pauls Valley.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Roger and Georgia Beth Hughes, with the passing of Roger's aunt, Carolyn Breeden, on June 13. Services are pending.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Terry and Julie Myer, with the passing of Terry's father, Bernard "BC" Myer, on June 16. His services were June 19 at Restland Abbey Chapel in Dallas, Texas.

MEMORIAL

In memory of Clem Smalley, a contribution has been received from Carolyn Lemmon for the Youth Department.

In memory of Billy Barnes, a contribution has been received from Jerry & Susan Henderson for the Memorial Fund.

In memory of Bettie Black, a contribution has been received from Bill & Barbara Parker for the Memorial Fund; and from Carol Rose for the Emmaus Scholarships.

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- Wesley Patzkowsky - Army (Pilot, Deployed)
- Tyler Black - Army (Iraq)

If you have a loved one serving in the Armed Forces, please contact the church office. We want to be in prayer for each of our service men and women.

Come to the Table
Ageless
 at Senior Women's Retreat
 September 14, 2019
 9:00am - 3:30pm
 \$25 (includes lunch)
 Colvert Ministry Center

Thank You!

The Youth Force team would like to thank and acknowledge the following for donating to the Youth Force Ardmore mission:

FUMC Global Outreach Team, FUMC Finance Committee, FUMC Fellowship Sunday School class, Holy Cow Ministries/Kent Donica, Gabriel Hull - Half Price Ice on Grand, Lawn Pro



FIRST UNITED METHODIST ARDMORE



CCDC CHURCH SERVICES Jail Ministry News

Romans 7:21 **“So, this is the principle I have discovered: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.”**

For several weeks the county jail study group has been considering our human condition of being self-centered, contrasting our human condition with the example Jesus set in becoming God-centered. Saturday evening, the Lord had me select a special book for one of the young men who has been participating in our studies. Sunday morning, I learned he was in lockdown for hiding marijuana in his recovery Bible. My immediate response was to find humor in the irony of hiding drugs in a recovery Bible. The immediate response of many others was righteous indignation, to question the sincerity of his desire to know Jesus, and to scrutinize his motives for participating in Bible studies. He is chastised, ridiculed and accused of only receiving a “Jailhouse Jesus”, as if there could be a lesser form of the Savior.

Romans 7:21 was part of their Sunday lesson. If Paul could be tempted by the constant presence of evil, after having a supernatural experience with Jesus accompanied by an undeniable physical change, should we be surprised that this man succumbed to temptation after only a month of Bible study? I considered the hours in jail he has spent studying the Bible and working his weekly lessons. I recalled his insightful comments and questions regarding his identity in Christ and his future in Jesus. All of this study taking place in the constant presence of fellow gang members who until now, have been his confidence.

Does it matter whether conversion comes outside or inside prison walls? Without it, we are all slaves to the evil that is right here with us. I am happy to report he was allowed to have his Sunday lessons and the book the Lord selected. Today, we can all smile at God’s perfect timing and wonderful sense of humor, as our friend is locked down with a book you made available, entitled “Supernatural Deliverance, Freedom for your Soul, Mind, & Emotions”. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry and our community.

Every Spiritual Blessing, Kim Hunt

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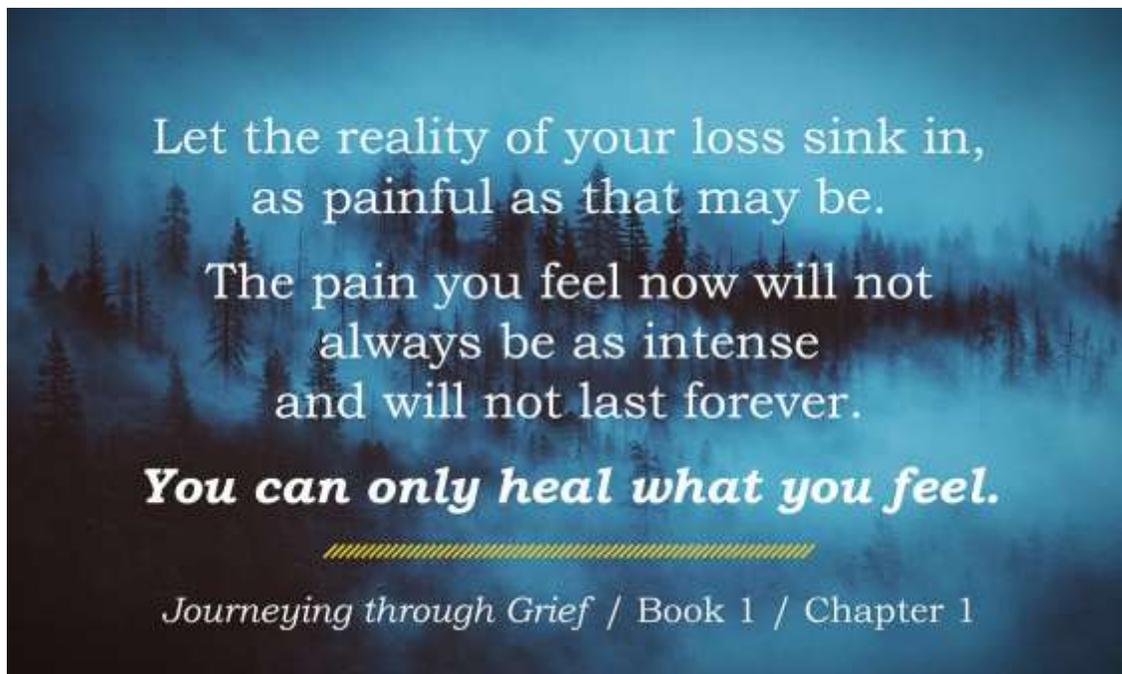
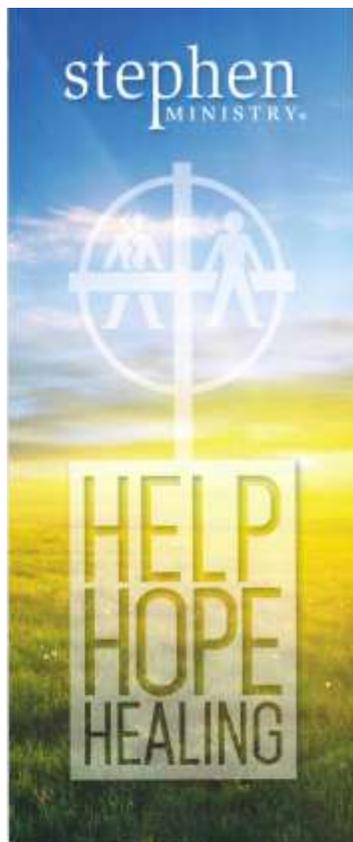
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