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First United Methodist Church
 Cornerstone Newsletter, August 29, 2008

On Sunday, August 31, 2008:

Kevin Tully preaching at 8:30 and 10:55 am

"It's God Calling...Do You Want to Take It, or Shall I Say You're Busy?"

What does it mean to be called by God;
 what is it like; how and why does it happen?



FUMC Variety Show

Ephesians 2:19-20 *You are members of God's household, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief...*



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From the Pastor's Desk

Among my main tasks these past couple of months have been "finding out" and "catching up" - there's so much about First UMC that I need to learn and know! Every day I read over one of the files in my office, and at least once or twice a week I have a meeting with one of our committee chairs to find out about what they've been doing and their plans for the future.



Before coming to Bartlesville, I heard that there had been discussions about the possibility of doing some big, new, challenging things at First Church. What I did not know was that these discussions have actually been going on for years, dating back to the pastorate of Dr. Paul Bowles. Dr. Bowles, along with every pastor since then, has heartily endorsed these ideas, based upon examination of all other alternatives.

I've been reading, hearing, and researching the history of this very important matter and have discovered that there has been a thorough process going on for quite a while now - in fact, for years! In the coming weeks, you will be reading and hearing about just what has been considered, the prayerful and thoughtful deliberations that have brought us to this point in time, and the exciting possibilities before us. In this issue of the *Cornerstone* you will find the first installment in a series of articles (below) designed to inform our entire congregation of where we've been, where we are, and where we sense God leading us as regards the possibility of reaching more people for Christ than ever before. I hope you'll read carefully, listen openly and prayerfully, and join us in the exciting adventure of following where God leads!

See you Sunday, Kevin Tully



Question:
How was the Long-Range Planning Committee formed?

Answer:
 The need for a group to address ministry needs with facility needs has been around for a long time. Several years ago the Trustees attempted to relocate ministries of the church accompanied by some type of modest remodeling activity. On three separate occasions, plans were drafted by the Trustees that failed to generate church consensus. Dr. Paul Bowles recognized that a more prolonged effort would be needed to deal with this increasingly complex task and requested the formation of the current Long-Range Planning Committee as an ad hoc committee reporting to Church Council.

Meet the
 Newest Member
 of our
 Church Family

Chalea Armstrong joined our church by profession of faith and baptism on Aug. 24. Chalea is in the 8th grade at Madison. She is active in the Youth Group. Welcome, Chalea!!!



Coming up...

Holiday Hours

The Church offices and Kids First will be **CLOSED** on Mon., Sept. 1 for **Labor Day**.

Energizers resume their exercise activity on Sept. 2 at 9:30 am in Bogan Hall.

Lay Leadership meets Tues., Sept. 2 at 5:30 pm in the Library.

Evangelism meets Mon., Sept. 8 at 6:30 pm in the Library.



Wednesday Night Dinner is at 5:00 pm in Wesley Hall. on Sept. 3, we'll have BBQ Pork Ribs, Potato Salad, and Baked Beans, green Salad, Dessert, and Beverage. The cost for those over 12 is \$5.00 (\$3.00 for under 12). A family of 4 or more can eat for \$15.00.

Dr. Kevin Tully begins his new class: *5 Weeks to Understanding the Bible*, on Wed., Sept. 3 at 6:00 pm in Wesley Annex.

Breaking Free: Making Liberty in Christ a Reality in Life continues on Wed., Sept. 3 at 6:00 pm in the Library.

The **Youth** meet on Wed. at 6:00 pm in Bogan Hall for a class led by Wayne Middleton, *Can You Believe in God and Evolution?*

Finance meets Tues., Sept. 9 at 6:00 pm in the Library.

Long-Range Planning meets Tues., Sept. 9 at 7:30 pm in the Library.

Kids First students and their parents are invited to a free **"Back-To-School-Dinner"** on Thurs., Sept. 11 at 5:00 pm in Wesley Hall.



The **Book Club** meets Wed., Sept. 17 in the Library at 1:15 pm, to review *The End of the Spear*, by Steve Saint.

United Methodist Women

General Meeting

United Methodist Women get their fall schedule going on Thurs., Sept. 4, at 6:00 pm, for dinner and a program in Wesley Hall. The UMW Executive Board is hosting the event. Jerry Jordan will give the devotion. The Executive Board will decorate at 4:00 pm and have a brief meeting in Room 25 at 5:00 pm.

Betsy Pemberton, Fitness Services Coordinator at Jane Phillips Medical Center will present the program on "Becoming Physically Active." Betsy received her B.S. in Kinesiology and Mathematics from East Texas Baptist University and a M.Ed. from the University of Texas at Tyler. She is certified as a Health/Fitness Instructor through the American College of Sports Medicine and as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

The cost of the meal is \$5.00. Reservations should be made to your Circle leader. Call the church, 336-3361, if you need transportation.

There will be a free breakfast each Sunday in September from 9:15 to 10:30 am in Wesley Hall. We will focus on a particular group in the church each week, having a slide presentation during the breakfast time in Wesley Hall.

Sun., Sept. 7, Grandparents Day/Senior Adult Sunday. We will focus on the more "mature" members of our congregation and on grandparents. Frankie needs pictures of class parties, OFF trips, XYZ, or even a picture of you with a grandchild or great-grandchild (please, just a couple from each person). E-mail pictures in J-peg form to: frankie.wood@fumcville.org or drop them off at the church as soon as possible (we will not be able to add pictures to the presentation on Sunday morning, September 7). Please include the names of those in the pictures and your name so the pictures can be returned.

Sun., Sept. 14 we will focus on the **Youth**. Mark will be putting together a PowerPoint slide presentation of the youth. If you have any cool pictures of a church-youth activities, please drop it by the church. Invite a friend to Wednesday Night Dinner. Those Sr. High youth who come for pizza each week, should invite friends. Youth who bring a guest to

UMW Circles

Some of the Circles have joined together (Elizabeth and Ruth are no longer meeting) and/or changed their meeting days for the Fall:

Grace Circle meets (the 2nd Wed. of each month) Sept. 10 at 12:00 noon, in Room 25 for a brown bag lunch.

Eve Circle meets (the 2nd Wed. of each month) Sept. 10 at 6:00 pm, in the Parlor.

Deborah Circle meets (the 2nd Thurs. of each month) Sept. 11 at 9:30 am, in the home of Jo Hoffman, 1420 Apple Alley St.

Hannah Circle meets (the 2nd Thurs. of each month) Sept. 11 at 9:30 am, in the home of Evelyn Smith, 6609 Abbey Rd.

Mary Circle meets (the 2nd Thurs. of each month) Sept. 11 at 9:30 am in the Parlor.

Faith Circle meets (the 2nd Thurs. of each month) at 7:00 pm. Please call your Circle Leader for location.



September is

Seven-2-Ten on Friday nights (Sept. 12, 19, 26) will get dinner free. And, there just might be another "Destination Unknown" in September.

On **Sun., Sept. 21**, we will focus on **children**. The children will be playing chimes during the service and again there will be a slide show in Wesley Hall. Children leave the sanctuary, during the 10:55 service, for their own service in the Chapel. The children have choir, chimes, boom whackers, lessons, and more on Wednesday nights. On Sept. 27, the children have a "Meet Me at the Rock" party at *On the Rock Ministries*.

Sept. 21 is also the **Sun. for Sunday School pictures**. Frankie Carroll and Bonnie Ramirez will go to the classes and take pictures. We hope you have 100% of your members present. (Cracked Pots had 100% last Sun., and already had their photo taken)!

On **Sept. 28**, we will have a slide show presentation of all the Sun. School class pictures (taken the previous week). We will be focusing on teachers, past and present.

We hope you will come to Open House, with a guest!

Sunday, August 31

- 8:00 Cov. Singers Rehearsal, Chr. Rm.
- 8:30 Worship Service, Sanct.
- 9:15 Coffee Time, W.H.
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:25 Sanct. Choir Rehearsal, Chr. Rm.
- 10:55 Worship Service, Sanct.
Children's Church, Sneed Chapel
- 12:00 Youth Lunch, Simple Simon's
- 4:00 Green Country Vespers
James Campbell

Monday, September 1, Labor Day Church offices and Kids First Closed.

Tuesday, September 2

- 6:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast, W.H.
- 9:00 Kids First Chapel Time, Chapel
- 9:30 Library Committee, Libr.
- 9:30 Energizers Exercise, B. H.
- 12:00 Moms In Touch, Rm. 21
- 5:30 Lay Leadership, Libr.
- 7:00 Gamblers Anonymous, Rm. 25
- 7:00 Fencing

Wednesday, September 3

- 9:00 Prayer Group, Prayer Rm.
- 10:00 Ad Meeting, Libr.
- 10:30 Staff Meeting, B.H.
- 4:30 Joyful Noise Handbells, Bell Rm.
- 12:00 Men's Reunion Group, Rm. 23
- 5:00 Fellowship Dinner
- 5:45 Kid's FEAST, Rm. 217
- 6:00 "5 Weeks to Understanding the Bible," Wesley Annex (Rm. 22)

- 6:00 "Breaking Free: Making Liberty in Christ a Reality," Libr.
- 6:00 Youth, "God & Evolution," B.H.
- 7:00 Sanct. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 4

- 12:15 Sr. High Pizza, FOY
- 5:00 UMW Exec. Board, Rm. 25
- 6:00 UMW, Parlor
- 7:00 Gamblers Anonymous, Rm. 25

Friday, September 5

Saturday, September 6

Sunday, September 7, Open House

Focus on Grandparents and Sr. Adults

- 8:00 Cov. Singers Rehearsal, Chr. Rm.
- 8:30 Worship Service, Sanct.
- 9:15 Open House Breakfast, W.H.
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:25 Sanct. Choir Rehearsal, Chr. Rm.
- 10:55 Worship Service, Sanct.
Children's Church, Sneed Chapel
- 12:00 Youth Lunch, Wendy's
- 4:00 Green Country Village Vespers
Kevin Tully, Communion



(Over Fifty-Five) and Having Fun is Back On

Wayne Ford and Wayne Middleton have been busy getting an **OFF** trip ready. On **Wed., Sept 24**, the group will go to Tulsa and tour Asbury United Methodist Church. The tour will be conducted by FUMC former minister, Dr. David Tho-

Monday, September 8

- 10:00 Staff Meeting, Rm. 114
- 1:30 Worship Meeting, P/O
- 6:00 Evangelism, Libr.
- 6:30 Troop 2 Meeting, 3rd Floor
- 6:30 Cub Scouts, 3rd Floor

Tuesday, September 9

- 6:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast, W.H.
- 9:00 Kids First Chapel Time, Chapel
- 9:30 Library Committee, Libr.
- 9:30 Energizers Exercise, B. H.
- 12:00 Moms In Touch, Rm. 21
- 6:00 Finance, Libr.
- 7:00 Gamblers Anonymous, Rm. 25
- 7:00 Fencing, Rm. 22
- 7:30 Long-Range Planning Com., Libr.

Wednesday, September 10

- 9:00 Prayer Group, Prayer Rm.
- 12:00 Men's Reunion Group, Rm. 23
- 12:00 Grace Circle, Rm. 25
- 4:30 Joyful Noise Handbells, Bell Rm.
- 5:00 Fellowship Dinner
- 5:45 Kid's FEAST, Rm. 217
- 6:00 "5 Weeks to Understanding the Bible," Wesley Annex (Rm. 22)
- 6:00 No "Breaking Free: Making Liberty in Christ a Reality," Libr.

- 6:00 Eve Circle, Parlor
- 6:00 Youth, "God & Evolution," B.H.
- 7:00 Sanct. Choir Rehearsal, Chr. Rm.

Thursday, September 11

- 8:00 Voice of the Martyrs, Rm. 25
- 9:30 Deborah Circle, Jo Hoffman
1420 Apple Alley St.
- 9:30 Hannah Circle, Evelyn Smith
6609 Abbey Rd.

Friday, September 12

- 9:30 Mary Circle, Parlor
- 12:15 Sr. High Pizza, FOY
- 5:00 Kids First/Parent Dinner, W.H.
- 7:00 Faith Circle, Off Site
- 7:00 Gamblers Anonymous, Rm. 25
- 10:00 Retired Teachers Assoc., W.H.
- 6:00 Parent's Night Out, Wesley Annex
- 7:00 Seven-2-Ten, B.H., FOY

Saturday, September 13

Sunday, September 14, Open House

- Focus on Youth**
- 8:00 Cov. Singers Rehearsal, Chr. Rm.
- 8:30 Worship Service, Sanct.
- 9:15 Open House Breakfast, W.H.
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:25 Sanct. Choir Rehearsal, Chr. Rm.
- 10:55 Worship Service, Sanct.
Children's Church, Sneed Chapel.
- 12:00 Youth Lunch, Tully Home
- 4:00 Green Country Vespers, Bob Farmer

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mas. The tour will last about an hour. The complex (some refer to it as the "little Vatican") is very large, so be sure to wear comfy shoes. As is the custom, the group will have a nice lunch (place to be announced later). Call the church, 336-3361, to reserve a place on the van.

For Sundays, Aug. 31 and Sept. 7

Minister on Call:

- Aug. 31** Wayne Ford, 336-3361
333-3067, 332-0419
- Sept. 7** Kevin Tully, 336-3361
213-4500, 397-3042

Van Drivers:

- Aug. 31** Lori and Warren Hibbard
- Sept. 7** Jim Williamson, Penny Griffin

Coffee Time:

- Aug. 31 Aldersgate SSC

All of September: Breakfast in Wesley Hall, 9:15 am

Welcome Center Hosts:

- Aug. 31 Explorers SSC
- Sept. 14 Aldersgate SSC

Altar Flowers

were given...

On Aug. 17: "In thanksgiving for my many blessings," by **Jack Phillips**.

"In loving memory of **L.M. (Johnnie) Johnson**," by **Virginia, Jan and Douglas Johnson**.

On Aug. 24: "In remembrance of **Don Ross and Helen Goth**," by **Jo and Pat Goth**.

"In memory of **Marti DeSalme Weber**," from **Tom and Judy and family**.

Altar Flowers

were delivered...

On Aug. 17 to: **Harriet Railsback, Victoria Whitehorn and Ed Tolstrup** by **Ann Woodin**.

On Aug. 24 to: **Melvin McCluskey; Ruth Smith; and LaRue Moore** by **Jan Gewecke**.

Christian Sympathy

is extended to...

Lorraine Marie (Railsback) and **Jerry Feierabend** (2345 N. Houston St., Apt. 403, Dallas, TX, 75219-7631); **Darrell Clifton** and **Alison Railsback** and **Naomi** (233 Sugarbin Ct., Longmont, CO, 80501-9720), on the death of mother, **Harriet Railsback**, who died, following her brave battle with MS, on Aug. 23 in Bartlesville.