

## Ministry Opportunities

### SUNDAY, July 3

8:00-11:00 am: Come and Go Communion  
 8:00 am: Praise Team Practice  
 8:30 am: Choir Practice  
 9:00 am: Worship  
 10:15 am: Sunday School  
 8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Building

### MONDAY, July 4

**Office Closed**  
 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts  
 8:00 pm: AA meets in McBurney Bldg

### TUESDAY, July 5

8:30 am: Staff Meeting  
 12:00 pm: Loaves & Fishes  
 8:00 pm: AA meets in McBurney Bldg.

### WEDNESDAY, July 6

12:00 pm: AI Anon Meeting, Library  
 6:30 pm: Choir Practice  
 7:30 pm: Praise Team Practice

### THURSDAY, July 7

6:30 pm: Spirit Wind Emmaus Community Meeting, UMC Cordell

### FRIDAY, July 8

8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Bldg.

### SATURDAY, July 9

### SUNDAY, July 10

8:00-11:00 am: Come and Go Communion  
 8:00 am: Praise Team Practice  
 8:30 am: Choir Practice  
 9:00 am: Worship  
 10:15 am: Sunday School  
 10:15 am: Children travel to Angelwood for "Sunday Sing"  
 8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Building

\*Deadline for submissions to "The Sower" is 4 pm on Monday of each week.

### First United Methodist Church Staff

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| Ministers                    | The Baptized Members of the Church                        |
| Pastor                       | Roland Youngberg, ryoungberg@cableone.net                 |
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| Sound Technicians            | Josh Dodson and Wendy Slater                              |



# THE SOWER

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One of the great stories in Jesus' earthly ministry happens as Jesus ministry is drawing to a close and he is heading to Jerusalem for the last time before his crucifixion. He is passing through Jericho and a man named Zacchaeus hears that he is coming. Zacchaeus is a small man, so to avoid the crowd and to get a clear look at Jesus he climbs a sycamore tree, realizing that Jesus will soon pass that way. As Jesus draws near to the tree, he looks up and says to Zacchaeus "Hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house." What a bold thing for Jesus to do! It was bold for a number of reasons. First of all, Jesus knew Zacchaeus' reputation and position in the life of the community. Zacchaeus was a tax collector. Tax collectors in the time of Jesus were usually Jews who worked to collect taxes for Rome. They collected all that Rome demanded, but they often collected more than the allotment and they were allowed to keep the difference. You can see why Zacchaeus was not a popular person in Jericho. It was bold of Jesus to go to his house, because it would certainly be unpopular with the rest of the town. Jesus was never at all worried about his popularity with people, though. Jesus was concerned with Zacchaeus' eternal soul and Zacchaeus was eternally changed when he met Jesus.



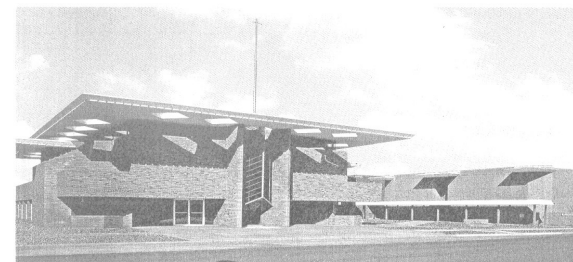
## Zacchaeus and Jesus

Jesus gave Zacchaeus a great gift. He loved him and forgave him and as a result of that love, Zacchaeus responded by completely changing as a person. Zacchaeus is converted from a taker to a giver. All of the things that Zacchaeus thought were so valuable to him become secondary compared to the value that he found in the acceptance of Jesus. Zacchaeus understands the gift that Jesus gave him. It transformed his whole life. He told Jesus he was going to give half of all that he had to the poor and that if he had gained money from anyone dishonestly that he would pay it back to them four times over. Jesus declared that salvation had come to Zacchaeus that very day. His whole priority had changed as he met Jesus and discovered how much God loved him. As we discover the love of God in our own life, we discover the teaching of Jesus is true, that it is better to give than receive. As we receive the free gift of salvation it liberates us to imitate God and become givers ourselves.

In Christ's Service,  
 Roland

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 CLINTON, OKLAHOMA





Card Shower for Goldie Pettie's Birthday on July 4, 2011.  
Send To:  
Grace Living Center  
Goldie Pettie  
2400 N. Modelle  
Clinton, OK 73601

Card Shower

Requested by Kay Fry. Thanks



IT'S A BOY!

Mr. Rustyn Paul Evans was born on June 21, 2011. He weighed 5lbs 15oz and was 19 inches.



Congratulations to proud parents Matt and Miranda Evans, grandparents Jimmy and Mary Evans, Mary Ann Stermer, Steve Stermer and great-grandparents Leon Evans and Gene Groschick.



Dear FUMC,

Thank you for your help in sponsoring our Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner. We so appreciate the church family's support with the location and childcare for the meetings each month as well. This is need we have had for sometime and so appreciate your meeting it.

Sincerely,

Area Foster Care and Custer Co. OK DHS



First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for supporting our mission trip to Alaska. We have had a great time seeing the sights and serving the church here in Homer.

From,

Christopher Blakeburn



Foster Care School Supply Drive

Collection Ends July 22nd

Thank you for your support!!!

During the month of July, Custer County OKDHS is collecting school supplies for foster kids and children in need. Suggested items include:

Pocket folders, binders, trapper keepers, mechanical pencils, pencil boxes, glue sticks, boxes of tissue, paper towels, and sandwich baggies.

Any and all school supplies our congregation collects will be gratefully accepted and distributed to children who are most in need. They are planning to pick up all donations by July 22nd, in order to distribute them in plenty of time before school starts.

We will have a collection site in the church foyer for the next few weeks. You can make a difference! Thanks in advance for your support, Jalynn Youngberg



A man who prays without ceasing, if he achieves something, knows why he achieved it, and can take no pride in it... for he cannot attribute it to his own powers, but attributes all his achievements to God, always renders thanks to him and constantly calls upon him, trembling lest he be deprived of help.

-- Dorotheus of Gaza



Calling all chefs!

It's time for Vacation Bible School July 17-21, 2011 5:30-8:00 pm

All-Church Celebration Picnic and Swim Party at the Clinton Pool July 22, 7:30-9:30pm!



It was so wonderful to see all of the youth together and represented in our congregation last Sunday. What a great group of kids! I know we are all proud of them. Be sure to remember them in your prayers this week while they are at Youth Force. They are the future of our church and it is so important that we support them wholeheartedly. We were very proud of the music in last week's service. I always love hearing Angie & C.B. sing "Born Again", it is one my favorites. We were very pleased to present our version of the traditional hymn "Here I Am Lord" and received a lot of compliments on that, which we always appreciate! I am so grateful for all the talented musicians and singers in our church. No matter what else happens, I am always lifted up on Wednesdays and Sundays when we come together and make music. The fellowship and camaraderie is so wonderful. We all know how blessed we are to have that time together. Understandably, everyone gets busy during the summer. Last Sunday we only had seven people in the choir, yet they sounded fantastic. I am so grateful and proud of those choir members! Having said that, I know that even more members will be gone on vacations and/or personal outings the next few weeks and we would certainly welcome anyone who would like to sing with us! We practice at 6:30pm on Wednesday nights in the chapel. Feel free to just show up and sing! You may call or email me if you have any questions. Cell is 405-625-0185 and email is [scott@clintonumc.com](mailto:scott@clintonumc.com).

Scott Lowber



- 07/03 Bob Ford
- 07/04 Anita Fransen
- 07/05 Georgine Jackson, Mike Engel
- 07/08 Julia Tisdal, Bryce Wolters
- 07/10 Clydene Purintun, Bobby Marsee

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those in the nursing home or assisted living

- Mary Ann Stermer Ruth McCampbell
- Goldie Pettie Ruth Brinkley
- Peggy Metheny Udell Jones
- Modean Webb Margie Brown

Prayers for healing or for comfort in difficult circumstances

- Scott Morris Harold Rehwaldt
- Brenda Boyers Tricia Riley
- Les Dawson Amanda Eaton
- Carol Allison Larry Holder
- Press Small Brett Gubitiz
- Terry Wheeler Mary Edgar
- George Powers Beverly Henson
- Lib Rosenbaum C.W. Atha
- Denton Payne Glenn Douglas
- Chelsea Brantwein (brain tumor) Ryan Parman
- Dave Anthony Rouse Jeff and Jaci Heaton
- Bob Shulz (Chad Lyon's stepdad) Melissa Goodblanket (Mother sick)
- Jenae Standingwater (back surgery) Winona Madison
- Vicki Littke (back surgery) Alma Mae Bennett
- Bob Lorenz Elise Cornell
- Kitty Fisher Matthew McCornack (surgery)
- Lisa Lott Janie Aday (knee surgery)

- Jeanette Stewart (surgery)
- The Family of James Fortson (Ann Marcy's father who passed on Monday)
- Leroy Moody Mandell, Jr. (burn victim)
- Shawna Ayala (cancer, Granddaughter of Donna and Leroy Dickson)
- Billy Barnes (Becky Lyon's Grandfather)

Prayers for ministries

- Dan Day (Worship Service at VA) Free Medical Clinic
- Foster Parent Association AA and AI Anon
- Vacation Bible School Youth Force Perkins
- Visioning Task Force Free Medical Clinic

If you have a prayer request, please call the church office at 323-3179 or mail [clintonfumc@cableone.net](mailto:clintonfumc@cableone.net) Our prayer list will be updated on a week to week basis. Please make



Car Seats Needed

Can you donate a new or gently used car seat to a local foster family? Contact Jalynn for more details 323-3179.