

From the Pastor's Desk

When I was a young boy I couldn't wait for my independence. No more having people telling me what I should do and how to do it, until one night when I was going to sleep in the back yard in my tent all alone. We lived on the edge of the city in a rural area. There were lots of critters roaming around and there I was all alone.

We all seem to want the same thing out of life today. We want to be

in charge of our lives and for the most part we are just that. We rock along doing as we please just hoping day to day that everything will come out as we have planned it. Either because we are good planners or just lucky most of the time we achieve our goals in some fashion or another.

But what about during the dark times of our lives? We didn't plan for them so how can we fix them or make them go away. It is during

times like these we need each other the most—we'll actually we need each other long before the darkness enters the room. You wouldn't go on a vacation and not know where you were going or how you would get there. The same should be true of our daily lives. We should make preparations for those times in our lives where or when we are not in control.

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Summer Worship at St. Matthew

I recently had an object lesson in reality versus perception. I was staring at my face in the mirror while putting on makeup. Since I am blinder than a bat, I have to get very close to the mirror. Things

were fuzzy looking and blurry. Naturally I assumed that my eyes were the problem. Since my glasses were replaced a few months ago, I was upset and worried about having to spend a fortune on

glasses *again*. It took me a few minutes to realize that the problem wasn't my eyes, but dust and smudges on my mirror!

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Calendar Addition

The Administrative Board will meet Sunday, July 18 immediately following the second service for a brief meeting. All Board members are encouraged to attend.

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The best way to do this is to be there for others. It's called being a friend. And God has called us to love each other as we love ourselves. This doesn't say that we should only love those we already know and like, but it means we should love everyone in such a manner. How else will they

know God and God's grace if we do not show it to them? In turn we are blessed as we are a blessing. This month ask yourself how you can be a blessing to others. Follow your heart and see how much God's blessing is poured out on you and your church.

Remember, we are called to "make a friend, be a friend and introduce a friend to Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ron

Continued from page 1 | **Summer Worship at St. Matthew**

Life is like that sometimes -- Like the book says, ***Don't sweat the small stuff, and it's all small stuff!***

Summer is swiftly passing us by! As hard as it is to believe, this summer is almost half gone. The choir is taking our annual summer break. Vacations are underway and life is moving at break-neck speed. Don't forget about the preview service of "The Way at St. Matthew" in Wesley Hall at 7:00 pm on July 22. Come see what all the buzz is about. The service is designed for people who are not currently attending

church rather than current church members, but you should come to the preview anyway. That way you will know what it's all about when you invite your friends and neighbors!

In the next few Sundays we will have the privilege of meeting the founder of Methodism, Rev. John Wesley, hearing Pastor Wendee's message on UMW Sunday, ***Jesus Loves the Ladies***, and hearing about Alpha Omega's exciting summer missions. We will have special music by Jenn McDonald, the St. Matthew trio, and Chelsea Larsen. The choir returns on

August 8.

By the time you read this. Carl and I will be in Thibodaux, Louisiana, at a family reunion. We are going early for sightseeing and visiting. If you are going out of town, have a fun and safe trip. Please pick up a bulletin from the churches you attend. I love to see how other people "do church." If you are in town, I'll see you in worship. You will be blessed and you will bless others with your presence.

Shalom,

Gayle

The Outreach Committee will be hosting a **"School Supply Drive"** for the Child Share program. This program helps provide necessities to families who have foster children. Please donate any type of school supplies including calculators and Backpacks. We would like to be able to provide 25 backpacks of all sizes, for children preschool to high school. These can be filled by the family with donated supplies at the **Child Share Back to School Picnic**.

Please bring you Backpack and supplies to the church before August 5th. A receptacle will be placed in the narthex. Please contact Gayla Wilson [391-5443] or Taryn Tanksley [736-1255] if you have any questions.

JOYS

Scott Allen wed Jenny Juitt June 26. (Robert & Cam Allen's son)

Jenn Skrable was given a major promotion at work.

Ruby Skelton is home and doing well following a procedure to repair a fractured vertebrae.

Sam and Kate Kinard made it to Korea safely to join Jon.

Tom and Kathy Ellis celebrated 35 years of marriage July 5.

Kaye Rhoades will be attending the Walk to Emmaus.

Josh Tippit passed the National EMT Board test last week. (Paul & Carolyn Specht's grandson)

Charlie and Kelly Stephens celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary on July 9.

PRAYERS

Bev Caringella is having intense pain associated with her cancer. (Armie & Virginia Armstrong's daughter)

Armie Armstrong is having problems with his feet.

Kim Hynek needs prayers for safety as he bicycles across Oklahoma.

Pam Neidhardt's mother was hospitalized.

Diane Deal needs prayers for personal healing. (Harmony Kimzey)

Judy Kinworthy needs prayers for her move to Oklahoma from Illinois. (Steve Wilson's aunt)

Walt Nessel is home recovering from kidney stone surgery complications.

Bernadine Didier has a blood clot in her lung. (Carolyn Specht's aunt)

Scott Hecker had a heart attack and two strokes. (Dealy family)

Mary Sylvestre undergoing chemo treatments for cancer. (Kerry Solomon's cousin)

Morgan Weldon, 11 years old, is recovering from a staph infection. (Weldon's niece)

Jeff Wilbur is undergoing medical tests related to an auto accident 8 months ago. (Jim Wilbur)

Jack Alexander was hospitalized last week. (Harold and LaRue Alexander's son)

Brenda McGehee underwent a liver biopsy following a colon cancer diagnosis. (Cynthia Weldon)

Logan Berry had his tonsils removed. (Jenn Tylbon)

Carolyn Simonsen had surgery last week. (Wendee Perceful's cousin)

Terri Weldon is home recovering from pancreatitis.

Joe Sanchez is home following an angiogram.

Cindy Mikeman is home recuperating from surgery to repair a broken arm.

Novelyne Daniels had foot surgery.

Inge Frey had surgery to repair a fractured hip. (Marlene Welch)

Youth and adult sponsors attending Dayspring next week.

SYMPATHY

Family of Pastor David Thies.

Family of Jeff Gaughan. (Scott Moody's brother-in-law)

Family of Debbie Githens-Huggins. (Gayle Tatum's cousin)

Jordan and Justin Rowley lost their baby at 8 months gestation. (Kim Rowley's brother/sister-in-law)

Cancer and Other Extended Illnesses

Cathy Baradell, Mike Barlow, Cynthia Benson, Darrell Bieker, Bonnie Bower, Barbara Branch, Hazel Burch, Beverly Caringella, Kevin Childress, Tom Crawley, Joe Davis, Peggy DeBound, Kathy DuMond, Michelle Dupuy, David Dwyer, Vivian Ellis, Jeannie Fluke, Rachelle Fullbright, Chris Gress, Joshua Hader, Steve Hamlin, Bruce & Marie Hankins, Dr. Van Henson, Lynn Hester, Janet Hopkins, MacKenzie Holman, Ron Holston, Susan Hutchinson, Mildred Jones, Joel Kaufman, Loyd Kelley, Ann Kilman, Herb Lang, Janet Lewis, Glorianne Lovett, Kenneth Maeten, Kathy McClary, Jim Miller, Walt Nessel, Brenda Newton, Gloria Odom, Cindy Peavy, Joe Perkins, Ann Philips, Mark Robinson, Matt Rogers, Barbara Sandini, Patsy Shepherd, Joyce Sparger, Mary Ann Spragins, Steven Tanner, Don Tarigg, Loyce Tatum, Casey Maples Taylor, Roxanne Thomason, Diana Thomsen, Curt Truel, Micah Walters, James Wolitarsky



Alpha Omega News

July 14, 2010

St. Matthew United Methodist Church
Student Ministries

The purpose of Alpha Omega Student Ministries is to stand on the foundation, with a heart to worship, a mind to reach out and hands to serve and love.

Dayspring 2010

This week we are taking 7 campers to Dayspring 2010 at Camp Egan. Easton Ramsey, Alyssa Ramsey, Casey Jo Smith, Dillon Jones, Loni Andrews, and Hannah Frye will be attending! Pam Dimski and Tom Ellis are the wonderful adults that have chosen to accompany our youth to Camp Egan along with Melissa Thompson.

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. We need cool weather, God's help, and the presence of the Holy Spirit within our camp and campers! Pam Dimski will be taking the youth to camp on Monday morning. We are meeting at St. Matthew UMC @ 11:00am. Please remember that cell phone service is at a minimum at camp, thus our youth and adults may be reached by calling Camp Egan in case of emergencies! Also, campers love to receive mail!!! Please mail letters and packages to 26633 Hwy 62, Tahlequah OK, 74464-1922 with campers name and church!

Reminders

Dayspring	July 19th-23
Thunderbird Cool Down	July 25th
Rush Week	July 26-28
No Youth	August 8th
Last Day for \$15 St. Yootz	
Day tickets	August 8th
St. Yootz Day	August 14th
Ooze Fest	August 22nd

Melissa Thompson ~ Director of Student Ministries
• 732-6831 ext. 207 • mobile 590-9259 •
youth@stmatthew.org

Are You HOT??

Then you should...

Come Cool Off

With Alpha Omega!

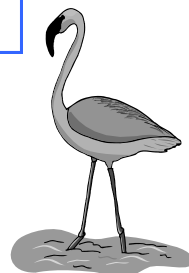


July 25th

1:00-5:30

Lake Thunderbird

Families of all ages are welcome!! Come help us kick off our Alpha Omega Rush week in the coolest way ever!! We will be meeting at St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1:00 to caravan out to Lake Thunderbird for a day full of swimming, cooking out, s'more making and much much s'more!! Please bring Chairs, Swim suites, Towels, blankets, and plenty of sun screen!! Contact Melissa Thompson or the office for more information!!



Alpha Omega
Student Ministries
Sunday School- 9:30-10:25
Sunday Evening- 5-7pm

Think Pink.....



RUSH WEEK 2010

St. Matthew UMC Alpha Omega
July 26-28th
5:00-8:00
Dinner provided

ATTENTION:

ALL INCOMING 6TH-12TH GRADERS

Rush week is all about you!! This is your chance to check out our youth program and find out what you really think!! We will be providing all the food, funds, and transportation to these events!! All you need to do is bring yourself and the supplies needed for these events!! I Cannot wait to see you there!!



DAY 1: EXTREME VOLLEYBALL

We will be meeting at St. Matthew and heading out to Kiwanis park off of Midwest Boulevard and 15th for some awesome volleyball, amazing snow cones, and fantastic fellowship! We will arrive back at the church around 8:00.

DAY 2: MESSY OLYMPICS



BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!! This is an excellent opportunity to get down right messy!! Please bring a complete change of clothes, a towel, and let Melissa know if there is anything you are allergic to! This year we will be in teams for our messy games! The winning team wins an awesome prize!! We will be participating in a watermelon eating contest, egg football, bobbing 4 apple surprise, kool aid freeze tag, and water balloon volleyball!!

DAY 3: POOL PARTY

To celebrate the time we have spent with old friends and making new ones, we are having a pool party!! This is a great time to bring your friends!! And remember - everything is free!!

COME ON IN!!!!!!



August Events!



Spread the Word

The fun has just begun!! Bring your friends and have a blast with St. Matthew Alpha Omega !!



St. Yootz Day!

Frontier City
August 14th 2010
\$15.00

Tickets must be ordered by Aug. 8th!
Late fees apply !!



Sign up sheet is on the Youth bulletin board!
Sign up today!!!!

We will be leaving St. Matthew at 12:00 on August 14th and returning between 9:30 and 9:45 ish that evening. The cost of the tickets will be \$15.00 until August 8th. After August 8th the cost will be raised to \$25.00. This includes admission to Frontier City, a free lunch with the choice of personal pizza, hamburger, or hot dog/corn dog, fries and a soda, and a free concert featuring Leeland with Group 1 Crew and Lincoln Brewster!!!



Season pass holders will be able to use their pass but must pay \$7.50 for lunch. All proceeds go toward YSF (The Youth Service Fund) affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Feel free to bring your friends and enjoy a wonderful day with fellow Christians from around the state!

August Birthdays

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|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Frank Barnett | 10 Amber Bricker | 22 Sheryl Andrews |
| 2 Betty Jo Luttrell | Jeffrey Frye | Melissa Kendrick |
| 3 Sam Kinard | Makilah Nelson | Beverly McDaniel |
| 5 Emma Bain | Kade Simons | 23 Annette McCoy |
| Donnie Scruggs | 11 Corene Scruggs | 24 JoCee' Sanchez |
| Terri Weldon | 12 Patrice Drummond | 26 Debbie Holt |
| Steve Wilson | Mariyah Kisner | 28 Scott Moody |
| 6 George Bartlett | 14 Mark Dimski | 29 Toady Beaver |
| Polly Dobbs | Kathy Ellis | Clarissa Hynek |
| Robert Osmond | 15 Frances Jackson | Renn Law |
| 7 Louise Barnett | Jerry Lowe | |
| Vivian Ellis | Susan Wilson | |
| Kimberlie Osmond | 18 Karren Brown | |
| Joyce Perkins | Aaron Larsen | |
| 8 Andrea Brewer | 19 L.T. McCullers | |
| Katelynn Dimski | 20 Taylor Moody | |
| Curtis Osmond | David Rhoades | |
| 9 Paula Freeman | 20 Martha Goodner | |
| Michelle Joyce | Robert Goodner | |
| | 21 Barbara Danielson | |
| | Tom Patterson | |



VBS Sailed to Success

Forty-five children enjoyed a week of High Seas Adventures thanks to the more than 50 adults and youth who volunteered to help before, during and after VBS. The St. Matthew family is incredible and can always be counted on to be there to help whenever and



wherever help is needed. We sincerely appreciate all of those who helped these wonderful children see God at work in their lives.

*Wendi Ramsey
Carolyn Specht*

Editors Note: St. Matthew and the 45 participants owe Carolyn Specht and Wendi Ramsey a HUGE THANK YOU for taking responsibility for VBS at the last minute and running with it. You did an awesome job!! The ship sailed smoothly and everyone had a great time.

United Methodist Women Sunday, July 25th

UMW Sunday will be observed on July 25th. Wendee Perceful will be the speaker. Her message, *Jesus Loves the Ladies*, should prove to be an interesting one. Karren Brown, Wendee Perceful and Stacey Ruston will provide the special music, *I'll Fly Away*.



UMW Sunday

Volunteers for ushers and readers will be needed.

Sign up sheets are available in the narthex. Call Kathy Ellis for further information 732-2961.



*Please join us for a
Wedding Shower
Honoring
Brad Case
and
Jamie Cartwright
Sunday, July 18
3:00 p.m.
Parlor*

*Registered:
Bed, Bath and Beyond & Target*

Skyline News

Thanks to St. Matthew! We delivered about 30 sacks of non-perishable foods and hygiene items to Skyline last month. We did much better this year thanks to you!

LaRue Alexander

Undie Sunday is here again. Skyline is asking Sunday School classes, UM groups, youth groups and individuals to grab packages of underwear and socks in children's sizes, youth sizes and in adult sizes as they are out shopping and bring them to church this month. A box will be available in the narthex for your donations.

Don't forget to vote! Skyline still needs votes to win the Pepsi Refresh Everything Challenge: www.refresheverything.com/clothesfor kids

Summer Fun

St. Matthew members and friends are welcome to spend a day at the lake for fellowship and fun. Sunday, July 25, plan to leave the church at 1:00 to join the caravan. We will spend the day at Lake Thunderbird swimming, cooking out and having fun. Bring swimsuits, towels, chairs and plenty of sunscreen. We will return to the church around 5:30. See Melissa Thompson for details.



Women's Walk to Emmaus

The Women's final 2010 Walk to Emmaus will be July 22-25 at New Covenant UMC in Edmond. The Walk to Emmaus is a wonderful time for spiritual renewal and deepening your relationship with Christ. For many, it is a time to meet the risen Christ through the acts of service of

his people. The Walks begin Thursday at 6:30 pm and end Sunday about 6:30 pm. If you have any interest, please see Pastor Ron, Pastor Wendee or any one of the many persons at

"Emmaus opened my eyes to the way I serve God and the way I worship him in my life...the best experience of my life!"

Valarie Autry

St. Matthew who have attended the weekend. This is a marvelous gift of love that we would be thrilled to share with you.