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It Has Been An Honor To “Live The Love of Jesus With This Congregation For The Past 12 Years!”



Dr. Allen Schneider

November 1st is a day of “new beginnings” for us in many ways: First of all, it is the official day of our disaffiliation from the UMC and as a congregation, we will begin a new journey towards re-affiliation with a new denomination. Second, it is the official day of my retirement from full-time ministry in the UMC. Though there had been discussion about the possibility of my continuing with the congregation in the role of “interim pastor” (or possibly part-time pastor of congregational care) because of the current policies of our Conference neither of these arrangements is a possibility. So, I will be concluding my pastoral duties with the Sapulpa 1st Methodist Church on October 31st. I do hope to have an ongoing cooperative relationship with the church through my counseling practice: Living Hope Family Therapy & Counseling. Church leaders and I are considering what that relationship might look like; for now, it is a matter of prayer and discernment.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this congregation for the past 12 years, and I want to express my gratitude to all of you. You have been an amazing church family. I am confident that Sapulpa 1st Methodist Church will continue to flourish and grow, and I believe that God has great things in store for you.

I am delighted to announce that my good friend, Rev. Bill Clark, has accepted the role of interim Pastor. Bill is a seasoned United Methodist pastor and has served as one of the leading pastors of the Evangelical Covenant Church. I am confident that you will be in good hands as the process of discernment for re-affiliation and the search for a new Senior Pastor goes forward.

I would also like to express my appreciation to our staff. We have a dedicated team of musicians, lay ministers, administrative and finance leaders, nursery workers, and building & maintenance workers who have given their best to the church. I hope that you will continue to support and encourage them with your prayers.

When I was appointed as the Pastor here 12 years ago, Bishop Hayes told me that the Sapulpa church has immense potential. Despite facing challenges such as a global pandemic and competition from six new mega-churches, our church has remained strong, making a comeback from COVID, and experiencing renewed growth. I believe that the words of Bishop Hayes still hold true and that the future of Sapulpa 1st Methodist Church is bright. I am confident that the best years of this congregation are yet to come.

May God Bless and Keep You As We Move Forward!

Morning Messages

Nov. 5 - *Hungry, Humble, and Healthy*, Philippians 2:1-11

Nov. 12 - *Thinking About Good things*, Philippians 4:4-9

Nov. 19 - *Finding Contentment*, Philippians 4:10-13

Nov. 26 - *A God Who Meets Needs*, Philippians 4:14-19

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Welcome New Members

We want to welcome our two newest Profession Members: Jack and Alex Prine. Jack and Alex began their membership in the church as Baptized members of our children's program and now are both active members of our youth program. Both have served as acolytes and have helped with the pumpkin patch set up and other mission's events. We are delighted to have them both now as a part of our Professing Membership.



Jack & Alex Prine

Welcome Bill Clark

We want to welcome Rev. Bill Clark as our interim pastor. Bill was originally ordained in the United Methodist Church but now holds his credentials in the Evangelical Covenant denomination. Bill Clark is a recently retired ordained pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church. He was the founding pastor of Redeemer Covenant Church in Tulsa and has served two other churches in California and Chicago.



Rev. Bill Clark

Bill is a native Oklahoman and is married to Dr. Laurie Clark. Laurie's primary work is at the OSU College of Medicine in Tulsa. Laurie and Bill have been married 45 years resulting in 4 children – all of whom live in big cities far away! We have 3 grandchildren – so far. No doubt more will come!

Moving In A New Direction

Our "Reaffiliation Task Force" has recommended that our Discernment and Transition Team begin an official dialogue with representatives of the newly formed Global Methodist Church. It's important to note that no final decisions have been made yet; this is just a step forward for further discussion. In the coming months, some of our members will attend official informational meetings of the Global Methodist Church and the Heartland Conference convening event. We're hopeful to have representatives of the Global Methodist Church to come and share with our Discernment Team and eventually our entire congregation. During these discussions, several questions will be posed, including how churches will find/receive a new pastor, what the role/authority of Bishops will be, what the cost of apportionments will be, and more. If the discussions continue, we hope to have an official from the denomination with us in worship and for a congregational meeting. We'll keep you updated as we move forward.

Methodist Men

Methodist Men will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 2nd, at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided by Ken Henderson. All men are invited to join us for fellowship, lunch, and a time of devotion.

CHURCH DECORATING PARTY November 26th at 1pm



Lunch will be provided. Bring a snack to share and your holiday spirit to help us decorate the church for Christmas season.

November BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Jennifer Carver
- 02 Alexander Prine, Judy Goff, Randy Gordon
- 03 Pam Stockard
- 04 Elizabeth Trosper, Reagan Helms
- 05 Beth Schneider, Cason Helms
- 08 Lucretia Pardinias
- 09 Marilyn Smith
- 11 Patti Stobaugh
- 12 Jacob Crall, Keegan Helms, Kenneth Henderson
- 15 Laurie Kirk
- 17 Pat Bates
- 19 Gretchen White
- 20 Rick Humphreys
- 21 Gayle Hoover
- 22 Cathy Rains, Logan Osborne
- 25 Barbara Bush
- 27 David Patterson, Debbie Webb
- 28 Cabe Killingsworth, Norma Ragsdale
- 29 Debbie Green
- 30 Larry Fry, Steve McCormick

Prayer REQUESTS

- Middle East
- Ukraine
- Larry Fry (health)
- Diane Gloden (health)
- Schneider Family (calmness/discernment for a home)
- Ed Mouser (health)
- Pat Graham (health)
- David Frederick Graham (Josh Graham's son—health)
- Celia Rasmussen (Christy Cole's sister—health)
- Ken Henderson (health)
- Sally Henderson (health)
- Sue Coonce (health)
- H.R. Goff (health)

Please inform us
of prayer requests:

Phone: (918) 224-3006
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Names on this list
will be removed after 2 weeks.

Wednesday Dinner

November 1st

Roast, Veggies, Roll, Dessert

November 8th

Cabe's Famous Soup, Sandwiches, & Dessert

November 15th

Thanksgiving Dinner & Dessert

November 22nd

No Dinner

November 29nd

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chili, Desserts



BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are making a difference at Allen Bowden Schools thanks to God and all of you! We are committed to providing healthy snacks to the children and are excited to announce that we are preparing for our annual Coat Drive. From November to mid-December, we will be accepting coats, hats, and gloves of all sizes for both boys and girls. We would appreciate it if the coats were small or medium in size and of a gender-neutral color.

The meteorologist has predicted a cold winter, and we must all come together to help these children stay warm. Your contribution can bring a smile to a child's face and warm their hearts. We are grateful to be a part of your church family and thank you for your support.



Our Flock Rocks!



On Sunday morning, November 19th, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving during our morning worship service. It's a special day with beautiful music and opportunities for the congregation to share. We invite you to bring your friends and loved ones to worship with us and join in the festivities.

For The Record

Participation in Worship

10/01 Service: 100 Online: 18
10/08 Service: 115 Online: 27
10/15 Service: 115 Online: n/a
10/22 Service: 135 Online: 9
10/29 Service: 140 Online: n/a

Special Gifts to Offset the Cost of Disaffiliation Are Appreciated.

August Financial Update

Income:

Unrestricted: \$ 18,792.46
Revenues: \$ 383.93
Restricted: \$ 18,250
Total Income: \$ 66,661.39
Expense: \$ 167,533.13

Fund Balance (\$ 81,446.59)



Thank you for your wonderful participation in the Fall Rummage Sale! Your generosity is truly awe-inspiring. We also appreciate the hard work of those who helped set up the sale. The Women's Group is immensely thankful for the outpouring of love and support as we prepare for a new chapter in our church's life. Thank you for being a part of our community!

As our Pastor and family leave, we give our thanks to Kristi for the hours and hours she gives to every function the women have. We will miss her never-ending energy and her upbeat outlook on everything. She gives prayers and hugs and kind words to everyone. We love you, Kristi.

And we cannot forget our Beth!

What a breath of happiness. Beth has a mind full of jokes! We have watched her bloom and blossom in the years she has been with our church. We will miss her musical joy. We are always here for hugs, Beth! We love you!

November is our World Thank Month donations. Please bring your donations to your circle meeting and give them to your Circle Treasurer or give your donations to Amber Helms, Phyllis Lowe, or Judy James.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Upcoming Events:

Nov 2	Joy Circle	Parlor	6:30PM
Nov 9	Esther Circle	Parlor	9:30AM



Community Thanksgiving Celebration

Westside Freewill Baptist Church
1403 S Cheyenne Rd
Sapulpa, OK 74066
November 19th @ 6 pm

25 DAY GRATITUDE CHALLENGE

1. Someone you're thankful for
2. Something that makes you smile
3. A food you love
4. Someone that goes unnoticed
5. A favorite book and movie
6. A favorite animal
7. Something unique about you
8. Something beautiful
9. Something that challenges you
10. Beautiful art
11. Something happy
12. A favorite song
13. Something funny
14. Something unique
15. Your favorite foods
16. Something that's helped you
17. Someone in your family
18. A favorite sound
19. Something sweet
20. Freedom
21. A good friend
22. A favorite smell
23. Someone who has taught you something
24. Someone who has helped you
25. Someone you love

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Hey Sapulpa FMC!

Here is a quick look into what the Youth have going on this month...

Wednesday Nights: Every Wednesday from 5:30-7:00pm, come join us for some good food, fun games, and engaging bible study!

Sunday Mornings: Every Sunday morning at 9:30, come join us in the upstairs youth classrooms!

Special Events: As October was a thrilling and busy month, we will be taking it a bit easy with events this month of November. Be on the lookout for opportunities to serve as we keep our focus of impacting the Sapulpa community is the best ways we can.

I hope everyone had a great October! I want to welcome our new interim pastor, Bill Clark. The Youth and I look forward to working with him in ministry for however long he is at Sapulpa FMC. I also want to congratulate Pastor Allen Schneider on his retirement and well wishes in his continual ministry in counseling! Thank you Pastor Allen and the whole Schneider family for the many years of service and commitment to the Church.

God Bless,
Youth Director
Cabe Killingsworth



Hey Everyone!

Can you believe it's November? The holidays rolled in so quickly and before we know it Christmas will be here! In the busy-ness of the season let's not forget to give thanks for all of our blessings.

We are grateful for the time we had with the Schneider family, we look forward to Sundays with Pastor Clark, and we are excited for new opportunities to serve our community!

Speaking of new opportunities: we are hosting a 2 day Christmas break VBS Mon Dec 18 and Tues Dec 19 from 9am-4pm. Stay tuned for details!

I am so grateful for this church family. You have been such a blessing to me.

You are so loved! Ms. Sheri



FALL BACK
Change Your Clocks
November 5, 2023

Ministry Team

Dr. Allen Schneider (Senior Pastor)
Trish Prine (Office Administrator)
Nancy Green (Financial Administrator)
Sheri Osborne (Family/Children Dir.)
Gina Blansett (Nursery Director)
Cabe Killingsworth (Youth Director)
Jim Gregory (Organist/Director of Music)
Terri Wadley (Music Associate)
Leslie Schmidt (Praise Team Director)
Sarah Jones (A/V Director)
Paul Tucker (Building/Maintenance)

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