

SAPULPA METHODIST  
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# CROSSBEAMS



## FROM THE TOLLEHOUSE

Hadley and I would like to thank everyone for your kind expressions for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We appreciate the cards, kind words, and gifts. It was completely unexpected and a great pick-me-up.

We are truly blessed to serve Sapulpa Methodist. You have warmly received us and made us feel welcomed. We look forward to many great years to come and can't wait to see what God has in store for us.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Greg Tolle



**Rev. Greg Tolle**

## Surviving the Holidays

Join us for a free event aimed at helping individuals navigate their grief during the holiday season. We will be offering two informative sessions: the first on **Thursday, November 21, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM**, and the second on **Saturday, December 7, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM**. These sessions will provide a compassionate space to share experiences and access helpful resources.

All necessary materials will be provided, but we kindly request that participants sign up in advance to ensure that we have enough workbooks for everyone. If you have any questions or need additional information, please reach out to Sheri, who is happy to assist.

# churchdirectory

We are thrilled to announce that a new directory will be published in January! On November 3 and 10, a photographer will capture beautiful moments in the Fellowship Hall after church.

We invite everyone to sign up in the Narthex or during the Wednesday night dinner. Join us in celebrating our community through individual, family, and group photos, including men's groups, the choir, the bell choir, the Esther and Joy Circles, etc. If you have any *recent* fun photos such as our fall festival, craft show, or any fun church activities. Please send them to admin @sapulpamethodist.org or text to Cheryl at (918) 409-7997.

Remember, this directory will feature fresh images, and your participation will make it truly representative of our community. If you can't sign-up Wednesday or Sunday, please contact the church office or Kathleen Rasco at 918-232-1016 to arrange another time. Your involvement is not just appreciated; it's vital!



You may remember our opportunity and efforts last spring to fill a huge baby bottle with donations to Macy's Cradle. Macy's Cradle is a pregnancy crisis center that provides care and support to expecting mothers who are facing unplanned pregnancies or difficult situations. Their Vision Statement is to spread the love of Christ in a community where every life is sacred, respected, educated, and encouraged in restored relationships between God and man. They have recently moved into new office space at 1500 S. Main in Sapulpa. For you coffee lovers, they have partnered with Seven Weeks Coffee, and 15% of every sale made through this link (<http://sevenweekscorree.com/?ref=macyscradle>) will be donated to Macy's Cradle. In addition, they are hosting a Fundraising Gala (black tie event) on Friday, November 15th, at 6:30 PM at the Venterra Event Venue (14515 S. Yale) in Bixby. The keynote speaker will be Josiah Presley. A complimentary plated dinner will be accompanied by a silent auction, live music, other inspiring speakers, and a live event painter. If you are interested in attending, please call them at (918) 347-9127. And don't forget to order your coffee online!!!

# November BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Jennifer Carver
- 02 Alexander Prine, Randy Gordon
- 03 Pam Stockard
- 04 Elizabeth Trosper, Reagan Helms
- 05 Beth Schneider, Cason Helms
- 07 Drew Mathis
- 08 Lucretia Pardinias
- 11 Kyle Spencer, Patti Stobaugh
- 12 Jacob Crall, Keegan Helms, Kenneth Henderson
- 15 Cole Patterson, Laurie Kirk
- 16 Job Calhoun
- 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, Jack Ridenour
- 30 Larry Fry, Steve McCormick



## UKRAINE



We were blessed to welcome Brother Sam Reshetov from the First Slavic Baptist Church of Tulsa to speak at our church. He has traveled to Ukraine four times in the past two years and plans to return soon as part of the Corps of Ukrainian Chaplains, which provides counseling, material aid, and spiritual support to wounded soldiers. The Corps also supplies food, clothing, Bibles, and assistance to children in orphanages and supports refugees.

On his upcoming trip, they will install heating and air conditioning in a church basement to ensure safety during attacks as people hear the Word of God.

Please pray for Brother Sam and his family while he serves in Ukraine. Contact the church for details if you wish to support his mission financially. We look forward to hearing about his work!



Over the upcoming holidays, we plan to provide 10 Thanksgiving food baskets and 10 Christmas food baskets. These baskets, filled with love and care, will bring joy and comfort to those in need. If you would like to be a part of putting these baskets together and/or delivering them, please contact the church or Heather Graham for dates and times!

A big THANK YOU to Cheryl Cox, Kathleen Rasco, and the many others who contributed so many hours and labor to the success of our recent Craft Show!! The funds raised allow us to continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to our neighbors and others around the world. What a privilege and joy!

As the weather cools, we eagerly anticipate several upcoming local mission projects with you and with the Chainsaw Gang. These projects are not just opportunities to serve, but also to bond and grow together as a community. Please stay tuned for upcoming opportunities and, as always, thank you for your unwavering support of our Blessing Box. Blessings to you all!

## Prayer REQUESTS

- Ed Mouser (health)
- Mike Jeffries (back problems)
- Don Bianchi (stroke)
- Dorothy Schwer (fell—broke 3 ribs—Gardens for Rehab)
- Ashley Bunch (Finalize divorce & surgery)
- Weaver/Quinton Family (loss of Barbara)
- Jamie (Pat's Sister—Hospice)
- Greg Connors (Maxine's husband—Claire House Hospice)
- Frank Moss (family of Jess Hummel—bone marrow transplant recovery)
- Betty Teel and family (passing of Charles—friends of the Bates)
- Dee Hollingshead (brother of Sue Sullivan—health)
- Eddie and Sue Sullivan (travels)
- Dan Boyce (rehab)
- Doris Velador (passing of her daughter Sherry Younger—family of Vicki St. Clair)
- Vicki St. Clair (passing of her cousin Kathy Witt)
- Calvin Marshall (health)
- Rebecca Billingsly (family and stepdaughter)

# METHODIST MEN

Join us for our monthly Methodist Men's meeting on Thursday, November 7th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Engage in meaningful fellowship and a thought-provoking devotion session, followed by a delicious meal provided by Ken Henderson. The meeting is open to all men.

## FOR THE RECORD

### Participation in Worship

29 Service: 124	Online: 22
06 Service: 126	Online: 15
13 Service: 115	Online: 17
20 Service: 115	Online: 22
27 Service: 123	Online: 26

### September Financial Update

<b>Income:</b>	
Unrestricted:	\$ 29,673.14
Revenues:	\$ 2,340.58
Restricted:	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 33,813.72</b>
<b>Expense:</b>	<b>\$ 33,867.18</b>
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ (53.46)</b>
<b>Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 1,777.91</b>

## CHURCH DECORATING PARTY



November 24th after Church

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



Women in God's Service

Women, Creek County Life Senior Services, Creek County CASA, Kids Kloset, Sapulpa Salvation Army, Neighborhood Services Organization, Blessing Box, Backpack Program.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The Rummage Sale was a great success! WINGS sale took in over \$6,000.00. That money will support missions in the Sapulpa area and Oklahoma. WINGS Missions: Balcony

Do you ever wonder what WINGS is all about? Come to a circle meeting and meet other women in the church. We have two circles now if you are uncertain which Circle to visit and hopefully join. The Joy Circle meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 in the Parlor. Esther Circle meets on the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 in the Parlor. A person does not need to be a member of our church or a Methodist to join a circle. All are welcome at either Circle!

It's time to look for that special item to add to the fun of the Joint Circle Christmas Party and Auction. The money raised goes to the Angel Tree for an underserved child or children. Always a worthy cause.

### Upcoming Events

Nov 7	Joy Circle	Parlor 6:30 PM
Nov 14	Esther Circle	Parlor 9:30 AM
Dec 12	Joint Circle Party/Auction	Parlor 9:30 AM

(Bring an auction item and a snack to share.)



### November 6th

Smothered Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Dessert

### November 13th

Potato Bar, Toppings, Jello Salad

### November 20th

Thanksgiving Dinner

### November 27th

No Dinner—Enjoy the Holiday!



The Church offices will be closed November 28th.

## BACKPACK MINISTRY



We're making a difference at Allen Bowden Schools thanks to God's blessing and all of you! Not only are we supplying 110 healthy snacks to the children each week, but we're gearing up for our annual Coat Drive! In November and through mid-December, we'll collect coats, hats, and gloves of all sizes for the boys and girls. We will emphasize sizes 4T through 10-12. If you want me to do the shopping for you, I can do that! You can put a check in the offering plate and write coat drive in the memo line. Given the cold weather, it's more important to come together and ensure these children are equipped with warm coats, hats, and gloves. Let's make this winter a little warmer for them!

Thanks so much to those who serve in this ministry and are dedicated. Thank you to those who give so generously. Thank you for your prayers for the children and staff. Thank you, church family. I'm so thankful to be among you!!! Laurie Kirk



Hey Everyone!

We have lots of opportunities for families to serve and celebrate this holiday season. We will begin our annual 'Gratitude Challenge' on Sunday, November 3rd. Be sure to check out

the Kids' table for resources to help your family focus on thankfulness.

For the Grownups: I know that "rest" is not a word that comes to mind when looking ahead to the next few months, but I have a special challenge for you. I have been reading about the importance of a Sabbath and the importance of rest and reconnecting with God. In "Redeeming Your Time," author Jordan Raynor suggests using a "Sabbath Candle." A Sabbath candle can be any scented candle that you light for the duration of your Sabbath- an aromatic reminder to rest and reconnect with God. We will have some candles available at the Kid's table, along with other Sabbath resources. Be sure to check the bulletin, our church website, and social media for the latest events and activities.

You are loved.

Ms. Sheri



Hey, Sapulpa Methodist!

Here's a quick overview of what the Youth have planned for this fun-filled month of October!

**Wednesday Nights:** Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by Bible study from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. Come for good times and engaging discussions! Please note there will be no study on November 13.

**Sunday Mornings:** We meet at 9:30 a.m. in the youth classrooms above the gym. There will be no meeting on November 10.

**Special Events:** We have many activities planned this October, offering various opportunities to serve and enjoy community time. Please check the missions section and other parts of Crossbeams for updates throughout the month. We hope to see you at one of our many events!

God bless,  
Youth Pastor Cabe Killingsworth



We are collecting donations for Samaritan's Purse this season. Please visit our display for more information and pick up a shoe-box. All boxes must be turned in by November 24 to ensure they are shipped in time for Christmas. For more details, contact Sheri.

## Pardon Me

The epistle to the Hebrews was written to Jewish Christian as a way to share how Jesus supersedes the old Jewish ways. In the ninth chapter, the author shares how Jesus makes the way to forgive our sin and restore our relationship with God. In a mini-series, we look at his thoughts from this chapter. The two-weeks are:

**November 3** – *Compare & Contrast:*  
Hebrews 9:11-14

**November 10** – *The Real Thing:*  
Hebrews 9:24-28

## Changing Lives Together



The Church exists to carry on Jesus' mission. We are called to make disciples and transform lives. Our ministry is driven by this mission. It's why we gather for Sunday School and worship together. It's why we support children's and youth ministry. We train the next generation of believers as we continue to grow spiritually ourselves. We give financially to the church so that together we can change lives. In our next sermon series, we will briefly look at fulfilling that calling. The series is as follows:

**November 17** – *Finding Happiness:*  
2 Corinthians 9:6-15

**November 24** – *Celebrating Abundance:* 1 Chronicles 29:10-19



*Our Flock Rocks!*

