

# Memorial Messenger

Memorial Presbyterian Church  
601 24th Ave. S.W.  
Norman, OK 73069  
(405) 329-3640  
[www.memorialpres.org](http://www.memorialpres.org)

# August 2014



## Latest News

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for August is **hygiene products**, e.g., toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

The final **Intergenerational Sunday School** experience of the summer will be August 10, at 9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome.

The Fellowship & Hospitality committee is planning a **yard sale** to be held on Saturday, August 16, from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall for the benefit of the youth Camps and Conferences fund. Donna Vint is organizing the event; volunteers are needed to sort items beforehand as well as on the day of the sale. Donations may be brought to the church and placed in the Kids' Club room; organizers will be available on Sunday, August 10 and Wednesday, August 13. Please pre-mark your donated items with prices, as this will save the sale organizers a good deal of time.



Attention, all students and teachers! Be sure to worship with us on August 17—we will have a **Blessing of the Backpacks** as the school year gets underway. Bring your backpack, book bag, laptop, tablet, or whatever symbolizes your school experience!

The **Fellowship & Hospitality** committee will host a brief reception after worship on Sunday, August 17, to help us get to know each other and any guests who may attend.

*(continued)*

The next **Men's Potluck Breakfast** will be September 6, 8:30-10 A.M. Bring your favorite breakfast food: there will be a sign-up list for food items on the two Sundays prior to the event. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Cory Brewer, who was the starting point guard for the OU Sooners men's basketball team, in 1997 and 1998. Upon graduation he spent 12 years playing professional basketball in Europe. He will be showing video of OU's game with Texas in 1998, as well as footage from his time in Europe. His story is one of persistence, and how basketball gave him direction and purpose in life. Bring interested guests with you to this event.



The Deacons will host a **wedding shower** for Caitlin Marie Stensrud and Alexander Garner Smith on September 6, from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond; Crate & Barrel; and [www.etsy.com](http://www.etsy.com). Caitlin and Alexander will be married in October.

The **Chancel Choir** will continue to meet on Thursdays for the time being, as Vince must continue to travel to Houston regularly for the next two years. The choir meets at 7:00 P.M. in the choir room, and all are welcome. We hope you can join us.



Save the date for the **Sunday School Kickoff** with potluck breakfast at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, September 7 in the Fellowship Hall.

The fall semester of **Kids' Club** starts September 10. Watch for more information in coming weeks.

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Friends,

When people ask me about the church I serve, there are a number of ways I can reply. I can describe our location, or what worship is like. I can tell about the programs and mission that take place. I can talk about our facility, how well it is used or how beautiful the windows in the sanctuary are.

I usually tell people that I serve a diverse congregation. We are young and old, socio-economically diverse, culturally diverse and politically diverse; we take up a good amount of space on the theological spectrum, too.

Case in point: when we asked you to submit favorite hymns, we received some 80 suggestions. Of these, only nine received more than one vote, and the most any received were three (three hymns received three votes each, six received two each). We are different! And thanks be to God for it!

As I write, I'm in the midst of getting things in order so I can be gone a few days for Continuing Education. Our denomination is holding a national Multi-Cultural Conference in Ft. Worth and I'll be there. One of the growing edges we have as a denomination and as a congregation is learning how to be one body with more than one culture. What does it mean that we have immigrant families? What does it mean that multiple languages and traditions fill our pews?

While I know I won't get all the answers, I'm looking forward to bringing back information that may help us move into our calling as God's diverse people.

Peace,

Tracy

*I hope you heard what a great week we had at Vacation Bible School. Many thanks to **Kaye Anderson, Melinda Clements, Jessica Farris, Dave Iske, Tamara Iske, Lisa Upton, Donna Vint, and Harry Wright** for their leadership. Thanks also to **Breanna, Cassie, Larry and Lisa Upton** for decorating and un-decorating the church. We had 13 kids participate for a wonderful week of "Weird Animals," learning about being unique creatures in God's world.*

*Memorial also sent eight of our young people to Dwight Mission for a week of church camp. I heard great reports about the week from **Ashu Abunaw, Sumi Abunaw, Jim Annoh, Kaylee Eyabi, Junior Eyabi, LyneMaris Sama, Mariolise Sama and Gysheilla Tita-Jangha**. When you see them, ask them about their experiences! Thank you also to **Julie and Carl Forthman** who answered the desperate plea from your pastor to assist in transporting to Dwight. They enjoyed the kids so much, they offered to pick up, too!*



# Vacation Bible School 2014

## WEIRD Animals





## Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday July 15, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. Committees reported on their activity since the last time session met. The following actions were taken by session: Approved changing the date of communion from August 3 to August 10 due to Rev Evans' absence from the pulpit on Sunday Aug 3. Session also approved Carl Forthman to serve communion on Sunday, September 7, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Cole, Clerk of Session

**Nota bene:** Don't forget that Memorial now has **two newsletters**. The other one is sent only by email at about the middle of each month. Please feel free at any time to submit news, events, information, articles, photos, requests, suggestions, etc. for **either** newsletter. Your humble editor will greatly appreciate your contribution!

<b>Stewardship Update</b>			
January 1 to July 31, 2014			
	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>2014 Budget</b>
<b>Pledges</b>	\$77,881.27	\$83,991.81	\$143,986.00
<b>Other Income</b>	\$12,829.01	\$30,847.81	\$52,882.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$90,710.28	\$114,839.62	\$196,868.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$105,927.24	\$114,838.36	\$196,868.00

## August Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Joe Garlett

August 3

Ushers: The Upton Family

Coffee: John Beck and Loreen Upton

Sound booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Mike Cole

August 10

Ushers: Harry Wright and Donna Vint

Communion Servers: Michael Yeager, Lucy Lanning, Loreen Upton, and Jona Thiessen

Coffee: Charlotte Lovett and Lisa Upton

Sound booth: Trey Neal

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Harry Wright

August 17

Ushers: Tim and Jona Thiessen

Coffee: Ann Forsyth and Jona Thiessen

Sound booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Trudy Beard

August 24

Ushers: Mike and Joan Cole

Coffee: Jim and Linda Rodriguez

Sound booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Joan Cole

August 31

Ushers: Larry and Lisa Upton

Coffee: Will Farris and Donna Vint

Sound booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard or Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

## Known Joys and Concerns

### Those who seek healing

Gene Bergstresser  
Lola Carroll  
Sandy Clarke  
Melinda Clements  
Janice Crump  
Doris Hinson  
Dave Iske  
Vince Leseney  
Barbara Robinson  
Pauline Barker (mother of Doris Hinson's friend)  
Carol Broderson (Karen Upton's cousin)  
Kenny Comer (Karen Girdner's niece's husband)  
Bob Crump (Janice Crump's brother-in-law)  
Mary Fields  
Carol Gadd (Ann Forsyth's cousin)  
Don Harmon (friend of Loreen Upton)  
Judy Haworth (Jayelle Martin's sister)  
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)  
Tod Luttrell (friend of Doris Hinson)  
Michelle McCully (Bill & Betty Silman's great niece)  
Lindsay Pickle (Charlotte Lovett's niece)  
George Sites (Georjana Mauldin's father)  
Patrick Upton (nephew of Larry and Loreen Upton)  
Kathy Ellison Vanderburg (former classmate of Jona Thiessen)  
Janann Yeager (Michael Yeager's wife)

### Those who grieve

Family of Dan Van Auken (Holly Van Auken's nephew)

### Those who serve in mission fields

Ted & Tina Crump, who serve as a missionary team in the area of Swaziland (Ted is Janice Crump's grandson)


Please inform the church office of any changes or additions to this list.

To receive prayer requests by email,  
please contact Janice Crump at:  
janicec11@cox.net

## August Birthdays

- 
- 1 Matthew Stensrud
  - 3 Ben Rodriguez
  - 5 Esebe Masango
  - 6 Baldwin Annoh  
Diana Johnson  
Alex Pennington
  - 11 Sandy Johnston
  - 13 Michael Pennington
  - 18 Lizzet Annoh
  - 19 Larry Fisher
  - 21 Joan Thrailkill
  - 22 Tamara Iske  
Karen Upton
  - 23 Kerri Bales
  - 24 Tanner Bunce
  - 25 John Beck
  - 26 Scott Wilson
  - 29 Angie Martin
  - 31 Kirk Forthman  
Holly Van Auken

## August Anniversaries

- 
- 6 Clint & Kerri Autry (2011)
  - 11 Jimmy & Molly Rambur
  - 14 Gary & Joan Thrailkill
  - 29 Charles & Jan Johnson (1985)
  - 31 Bill & Betty Silman (1946)

"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?"

*Luke 15:4*





# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4  6:30 P.M. Worship & Music Meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	5  7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting	6 11:00 A.M. League of Women Voters	7 10:00 A.M. Serve at Food for Friends  7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	8	9
10 9:30 A.M. Inter-generational Sunday School  10:55 A.M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper	11  7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	12  6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism Meeting 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Meeting	13  6:30 P.M. Nominating Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	14  10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	15	16
17 10:55 A.M. Blessing of the Backpacks 12:00 P.M. Reception  4:30 P.M. Deacons Meeting 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting	18  6:00 P.M. Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	19  7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	20	21  10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	22  Articles due for September Messenger	23
24/31	25  7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	26  7:00 A.M.—7:00 P.M. Run-off Election in Fellowship Hall	27	28  10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library  7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	29	30

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
Fellowship and Refreshments 10:30 A.M.  
Worship Service 10:55 A.M.

### MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

**Wednesday:**  
Kids' Club will resume on September 10  
**Thursday:**  
Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.