

# Memorial Messenger

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# August 2015



## Latest News

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for August is **rice**. Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.

The **Mission & Evangelism** Committee is collecting backpacks for Norman elementary school students. See page four for more information.

The **Oklahoma Conference of Churches** is embarking on a new series of luncheon meetings with the theme "Getting to Know OCC." The Norman meeting is scheduled for August 3 at First Christian Church. All are invited to attend these events, which will start with check-in at 11:45 A.M., lunch and OCC presentation at noon, followed by a Social Justice Ministry Network (SJMN) workshop at 1:30. The lunch is free but there will be a request for donations as part of this program. The SJMN workshop (after lunch) will wrap up by 2:30 P.M. So that an appropriate amount of food is prepared, please RSVP by e-mail to William Tabbernee ([wtabbernee@okchurches.org](mailto:wtabbernee@okchurches.org)) or call (405) 525-2928 if you plan to attend.

The annual **Cole Invitational** is scheduled for August 8-9. Mike & Joan Cole cordially invite you to their place at Lake Eufaula. Please use the sign-up sheet in the hallway at church if you are coming. See page three for more information.

Do you have extraneous stuff taking up space in your closets or garage? Well, let us take it off your hands! Fellowship and Hospitality will be hosting a church **Yard Sale** on Saturday, August 15, 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Proceeds will benefit the Camps &

Conferences Fund. We will be taking donations 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. from Wed., Aug. 12 through Fri., Aug. 14, in Fellowship Hall. If you could have your donated items pre-marked, it would be very helpful. Watch for the "volunteer" sign-up sheet for this event. If you have any questions about the church yard sale, contact any F&H committee member or Lisa Upton.

Join us as we kick off the **Sunday School** program year on August 16, at 9:30 A.M. with a potluck breakfast in Fellowship Hall. This time of fellowship is open particularly to child participants and their parents, and the rest of the Memorial community as well. Information will be given about the various classes being offered, and other Christian Education activities that will take place in the future. The program will begin with a potluck breakfast, and then the volunteer teachers will be introduced. We will be outlining not only the children's and youth programs, but the adult classes as well. Classes will be offered for all ages, pre-school to adult. There will a sign-up sheet for the potluck posted in the hallway leading to the sanctuary. Please plan on joining in on the celebration of the new education year.

We will have a **"Blessing of Backpacks"** during worship on August 16. Students and teachers, be sure to bring your backpack or other school supplies to be blessed. We will also be blessing the backpacks collected for Norman elementary school students for our current mission project.



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Friends,

I've just returned from vacation, and found it to be one of the best I've had. I have been thinking about what made it so memorable; here are a few of the reasons.

- It was different. My friend (whose name is also Tracy) picked me up from a visit to her parents in Colorado and we drove to her new home in New Hampshire. I've never been to NH before, nor have I driven that part of the country (any further north than St. Louis).
- I tried some activities I've never done before. In the few days I had in NH, Tracy and I kayaked a small lake, where we were alone on the water except for four beavers. We picked a couple of gallons of berries at one of the many farms in the area. We hiked/walked in the mountains around Tracy's house. We tried our hand at glass-blowing. I'll be pondering the glass-blowing process for some time. It was awesome.
- I didn't try to keep up my regular routine in a different place. I didn't watch TV, I sat outside and took in the gorgeous weather and views, slept with the windows open and just took the days as they came. No expectations, no pressure.

What I found is that I came back renewed and refreshed. What is it that relaxes you? Brings new perspective? Allows you to step back and observe your life as it is and look for ways to better it?

I hope you have had a chance this summer to vacate your regular routine and allow ways for God to renew and refresh you, too. If you didn't, stop by and see me. I can show you my pictures.

Peace,

Tracy

Many thanks to **Julie and Carl Forthman** and **Larry Upton** for making the drive to Dwight Mission to assist in transportation to and from camp. We had nine children and youth attend week-long camp and two attend Sr. High gathering this year!

If you haven't had a chance, take a look at the pictures from Vacation Bible School in the hall across from the parlor. It was a great week! Thanks to **Jessica Farris** for coordinating the week, and to the many volunteers who helped: **Melinda Clements, Joan Cole, Dave Iske, Samuel McCann, Holly Van Auken, Donna Vint, and Dwight Welch**. Thanks also to **Georjana Mauldin** for arranging all the visits from animals!



## Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 7PM in the church library. The following actions were approved:

- (1) Date for Trunk or Treat was set for October 31, 2015
- (2) Date for Christian Education fall program kickoff set for August 16, 2015
- (3) Date for congregational meeting set for Sunday August 30, 2015 immediately following worship to vote on the class of 2018 officers and pastor emeritus status
- (4) Session approved the wedding policy (as revised at the meeting)
- (5) Session changed the date for the September meeting from September 15, 2015 to September 22, 2015
- (6) Session approved a request from Narcotics anonymous to use the fellowship hall on September 12, 2015 from 4-10PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Cole  
Clerk of Session

## 25th Cole Invitational – Mark Your Calendars

Joan & Mike Cole would like to invite you to their place at Lake Eufaula on August 8-9, 2015.

Come over on Saturday for fun & fellowship on the water. The Cole family will provide the hamburgers & hotdogs for the evening meal. They ask those coming to bring a side dish to go with the burgers & dogs. After dinner there will be a Vespers service.

There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway with the three large bulletin boards. Please let the Cole's know how many are planning on coming and if any are planning on staying over Saturday night to enjoy Sunday at the lake. Maps are on the bulletin board also.

Mike & Joan Cole (329-4325)

<b>Stewardship Update</b>			
January 1 to July 31, 2015			
	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>
<b>Pledges</b>	\$78,769.30	\$87,495.31	\$149,992.00
<b>Other Income</b>	\$13,284.58	\$19,596.43	\$33,594.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$92,053.88	\$107,091.74	\$183,586.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$104,144.43	\$108,472.00	\$185,954.00



## Backpacks for Backpack Blessing Sunday!

Memorial's Mission and Evangelism Committee is asking for your assistance in a "back-to-school" project . . .

- What: We need 100 new or lightly used backpacks
- For Whom: Elementary school students in need at Norman Public Schools
- When: Needed by August 16 (Backpack Blessing Sunday at Memorial)
- Why: Help the kids get off to a good start for the new school year!

Bring backpacks to the donation bin located in the hallway (leading to the sanctuary).





## Dwight Mission Summer Camp Photos



Eleven kids from Memorial attended summer camps at Dwight Mission in July: Roland Ngom and Mariolise Sama went to the Senior High Gathering July 9-12. Attending the Elementary and Junior High camps the week of July 12-18 were Kaylee & Stephen (Jr.) Eyabi, Ashu & Sumi Abunaw, Gysheilla & Abigail Jangha, Lyne & Blessing Sama, and Jim Annoh. This was the first Dwight Mission experience for Roland, Abigail and Blessing.





## August Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Mike Cole

### August 2

Ushers: Kirk and Jessica Forthman

Communion Servers: Mike and Joan Cole, Kirk Forthman, and Lucy Lanning

Coffee: Esau Jangha and Linda Eckel

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

### August 9

Ushers: Karen and Kierstyn Upton

Coffee: Joan Thraillkill and Jona Thiessen

Sound booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard or Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

### August 16

Ushers: Will and Jessica Farris

Coffee: Georjana Mauldin and Doris Hinson

Sound booth: Dave Iske

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint

Lock-up: Joe Garlett

### August 23

Ushers: John and Susan Beck

Coffee: Trudy Beard and Charlotte Lovett

Sound booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Mike Girdner

### August 30

Ushers: Charles and Jan Johnson

Coffee: Jim Rodriguez and Lisa Upton

Sound booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Mike Cole



## Known Joys and Concerns

### Those who seek healing

Gene Bergstresser  
 Lola Carroll  
 Sandy Clarke  
 Janice Crump  
 Dave Iske  
 Vince Leseney  
 Pam Ashley's husband (Pam is Karen Upton's boss)  
 Cory Beck (John Beck's brother)  
 Mary Jean Beck (John Beck's mother)  
 Gail Bender (Jessica Forthman's mother)  
 Carol Broderson (Karen Upton's cousin)  
 Britany Clark (Daughter of Paul Upton's co-worker)  
 Karen Doviak (Jona Thiessen's friend)  
 Carol Gadd (Ann Forsyth's cousin)  
 Emily Hale (Jessica Farris's friend's sister-in-law)  
 Lee Harlan (Jona Thiessen's uncle)  
 Deanna Heath (Jessica Farris's co-worker)  
 Michael Hernandez (Jayelle Martin's second cousin, once removed)  
 Clark Hollingsworth (son of John Beck's friend Charles Hollingsworth)  
 Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)  
 Tod Luttrell (friend of Doris Hinson)  
 Andrew Megehee  
 Savannah Moseley (daughter of Ann Forsyth's cousin)  
 Kathy Ellison Vanderburg (former classmate of Jona Thiessen)  
 Keith Vermillion (PE teacher at Jessica Farris' school)  
 Jim Webb (Doris Hinson's friend)

### Those who grieve

Family of Jane Garlett (Joe Garlett's sister-in-law)  
 Family of Michael Johnson (son of Charles & Jan Johnson)  
 Family of Baby Emma (Jayelle Martin's great, great niece)  
 Cornelius Annoh, whose father passed away in Cameroon, and family

### Those who serve in mission fields

Ted & Tina Crump (Ted is Janice Crump's grandson)

## 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 Auk

## 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)

To receive prayer requests by email,  
 please contact Jona Thiessen at:  
[jthiessen2@att.net](mailto:jthiessen2@att.net)



# The Living Bread

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6:51 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 6:41-51



*"I am  
the living  
bread."*

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# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## August 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>2</b> 10:55 A.M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper	<b>3</b> 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	<b>4</b> 7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting	<b>5</b> 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	<b>7</b>	<b>1/8</b> August 8-9: Cole Invitational at Lake Eufaula
<b>9</b> 4:30 P.M. Deacons Meeting	<b>10</b> 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism Meeting	<b>12</b> 6:00-8:00 P.M. Preparation for Yard Sale in FH 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 6:00-8:00 P.M. Preparation for Yard Sale in FH	<b>14</b> 6:00-8:00 P.M. Preparation for Yard Sale in FH	<b>15</b> 7:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M. Yard Sale Fundraiser in Fellowship Hall
<b>16</b> 9:30 A.M. Sunday School Kickoff and Potluck Breakfast 10:55 A.M. Blessing of the Backpacks 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting	<b>17</b> 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	<b>18</b> 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	<b>19</b> 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. Worship & Music Meeting
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Articles due for September Messenger 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	<b>27</b> 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 12:00 P.M. Congregational Meeting Following Worship Service	<b>31</b> 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts					

### SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

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

### MIDWEEK REGULAR SCHEDULE

Wednesday: Chancel Choir 6:30 P.M.  
 Thursday: Bible Study 10:30 A.M.