

Father5

Week 3: PROTECT

"You have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings." (Psalm 61:3-4)

It's not too late—pick up a book at the Welcome Center and take the Father 5 Challenge. Then we invite you and your family to join us for breakfast on Sunday, July 26th. We will discuss, as fathers, what God has shown you over the last 5 weeks.



It's a Girl!

Please join us for a Baby Shower
in honor of
Gwen Kinney
July 11 at 2:00 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Josh & Gwen are registered
at Walmart.

Address Updates:

Jerry & Linda Cook
Timberwood Assisted Living
5020 S.E. 44th, Rm #25
Oklahoma City, OK 73135

George Goodner
Willowood At Mustang
1017 West Highway 152,
Rm #310
Mustang, OK 73064

Aluminum Can
Collection
**For Children's
Ministry Camp
& Mission Fund**

Thank you for your continued support
of our Children's Ministry with your
donations of aluminum cans!
Please keep'em coming!

The TABS from cans are also being col-
lected by our Special Ministries
Department in support of the Ronald
McDonald House. TABS may be placed
in the collection container in the North
Foyer.



1. Listen to or download sermons
at portlandavenue.org/messages
2. Buy sermons on CD for \$3 each.
Use order envelope at Welcome Center.

SERMONS



OPEN WIDE
dental clinic

Saturday, July 18

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

PABC Connection Center

Interested in serving as a VOLUNTEER?

Call Tony at 942-5539 or email him at
tmullican@portlandavenue.org.

In Christian Sympathy
The Portland family extends Christian
love and sympathy to:

Gerald Barton in the loss of his mother.
Pat Bureson in the loss of her cousin.
Janis Hatchett in the loss of her sister-in-law.
Betty Langston in the loss of her cousin.
Bernie Martens in the loss of his father.
Phil Tritten in the loss of his mother.

Thank You

Notes of appreciation have been received
from the following:

Sue Coit
Shelby Kramme
Jerry & Doris Tennison

Wednesday's Dinner Menu

Adults—\$3.50 Children—\$2 Family—\$12

Jul 1—Taco Salad, Chips/Salsa & Dessert
Jul 8— Chilled Spaghetti Salad & Dessert
Jul 15— Deli Sandwiches, Chips & Dessert
Jul 22— Steak Fingers, Potatoes & Dessert
Jul 29— Grilled Chicken Wraps & Dessert



WACK KIDS
CAMP for KIDS
It's ALL ABOUT JESUS 2015

MUSIC & MORE Day Camp July 26-28

At Southern Hills Baptist Church
For kids who have completed
grades 3-6
\$30 per camper

Kids will have a GREAT time
learning a musical and
participating in fun activities.
Lunch, dinner, transportation,
t-shirt & FUN Provided!

CONCERT Performance
Tuesday, July 28th
6:30 p.m.
Everyone is invited!

Call the church office at 942-5539
for more info or sign up at the
Children's Ministry Office.



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Pastor's Perspective

Happy 239th birthday America! I love our country, and I know you do too, but I do not like the direction our country is going. We are well past being a Christian nation. As the writer of Judges says, "Everyone did was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25). We are a nation adrift morally. There may be dark days ahead for believers and churches. The press of persecution may fall upon us in ways we have never known.

Never has there been a greater need for revival and awaken-
ing in our great nation. Never has 2 Chronicles 7:14 been more
true and more needed. Read again the conditions for awakening
and revival to take place:

**"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves,
and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then
I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their
land."**

Revival must begin in the hearts of God's people.

The church must come on bended knee with repentant heart
before the Lord. We must seek His face like we have never done
so before. God's promise to us is that He will forgive and heal our
land if we turn to Him and seek Him. Would you join me in praying
that revival come to your heart and life, and that revival would be
experienced by our church.

Remember that a single match shines brightest against the
blackest of backgrounds. This is the hour for the church to shine
by being the salt and light of the world. Sin always produces a
crop failure and when people come to the end of themselves in
sin, we have the answer to real satisfaction in life and that is Je-
sus!

As the church we must not sink into our corner and sulk, and
we neither should we lash out in anger against our perceived
enemies. The early church thrived in a culture that was anti-
Christian and steeped in sin far more depraved even than ours.
We must continue to stand upon the truth of God's Word. The
Bible is our source of authority for faith and practice.

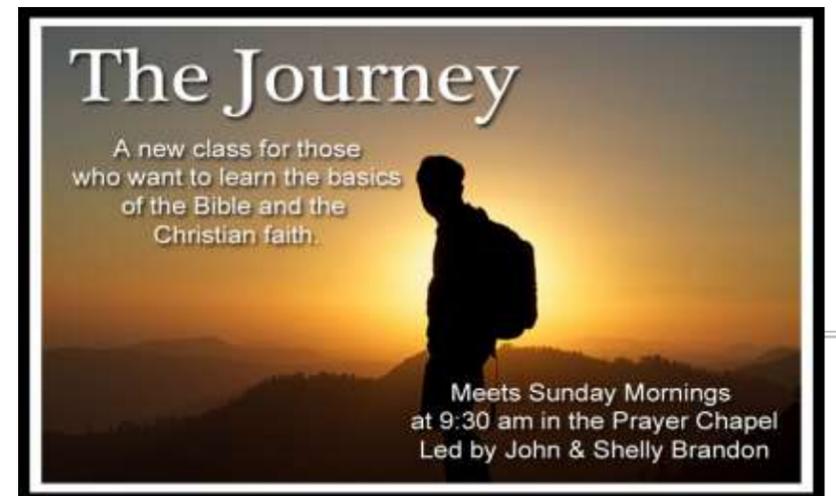
In John Bunyan's classic, *Pilgrim's Progress*, the main charac-
ter Christian and his friend Hopeful must cross a deep river on
their journey to the kingdom. The river is deep and, "Christian
began to sink, and crying out to his good friend Hopeful, he said, I
sink in deep waters; the billows go over my head; all his waves go
over me. Selah. Then said the other, Be of good cheer, my broth-
er: I feel the bottom, and it is good."

These days may make us feel as believers that the water is
over our heads and that we may perish, but I remind you, "I feel
the bottom, and it is good." We stand firm upon the truth of God's
Word. Let your heart be encouraged! The greatest days of the
kingdom are ahead! I Love You!

Bro. Walter




*Celebrate the Lord's Supper
with the church family
on Sunday, July 12th in the
morning worship service.*



The Journey
A new class for those
who want to learn the basics
of the Bible and the
Christian faith.
Meets Sunday Mornings
at 9:30 am in the Prayer Chapel
Led by John & Shelly Brandon



Men's Prayer Breakfast
2nd Tuesday Every Month
Tuesday, July 14th
6:00 am. in Fellowship Hall
BIG hearty breakfast all the coffee you can
drink for \$5, encouraging devotion, and a
powerful prayer time to get your day and
week started in the right way.

Senior Spirit

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty - Psalms 104:1

Greetings!

On Friday, June 5th a large group of our senior adults took a trip to the beautiful Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge. It's always fun to take these kind of trips, but this one was special as we were privileged to see God's handiwork all around us and to admire the beauty of his creation. The sky was as blue as could be and was a great contrast to the deep lush green of the trees, grass and plant life. I've always thought that God must have a sense of humor, especially to have created such unique creatures as the Longhorn, Buffalo and even the little prairie dogs we enjoyed seeing. The whole day the words to the song, "We have a Great Big Wonderful God" rang in my head as we witnessed firsthand his glorious and diverse creations.

A big thank you to my dear friends Blake and Jenna Bolerjack. This talented couple led worship in our morning service on Sunday, July 5th and did a wonderful job. Thank you to all of our members who encouraged them to keep on in their ministry.

Blessings,
Cody



Memorable Moments from the Wichita Mountains



Senior Adult Trip to both the National Weather Service & Sam Noble Museum In Norman, OK!

NEW DATE! Thursday, August 6th 2015
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Sign up at the Welcome Center!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|----|-------------------|----|---|
| 1 | Mike Rawlings | 20 | Sherri Sparks |
| 3 | James Coker | 21 | Joe Drouot |
| 4 | Mollie Teague | 22 | Steve Banta |
| | Carolyn Johnson | | Bill McPherson |
| 6 | Vernon Taylor | 23 | Linda Cook |
| 12 | Paul Sheline | 28 | Jean Formby |
| 13 | Donella Gray | 30 | Anita Sheline |
| 14 | Carolyn Cantrell | | Walter Means |
| | Ken Willoughby | 31 | Polly Taylor |
| 16 | Charlotte Warrior | | Senior Adult Birthday missing from the list? |
| 19 | Ann Webb | | Call the church office at 942-5539 and let us know. |
| | Alvin Emmons | | |

PARENT CONNECTION

Teach me Your way LORD and I will live by Your truth. Psalm 86:11

♥ From My Heart to Yours . . .

It's been a busy and exciting Summer so far with Vacation Bible School and Kids Mission Adventure Kamp. We've had the privilege of seeing kids come to know Jesus as their Savior AND developing a heart for missions!

Our VBS enrollment was 250 with an average daily attendance of 217. We were blessed to have 8 boys and girls that indicated they made a decision to follow Jesus. Our offering of \$1,325 was used to purchase 62 mosquito nets, 12 beds, and 12 Bibles for kids in Uganda. Our challenge to the boys and girls was to raise enough money, \$400 to purchase 50 nets . . . And they more than TRIPLED our goal! Thank you kids, parents and VBS leaders for a fantastic "Journey Off the Map."

Kids Mission Adventure Kamp was an awesome mixture of Bible Study and Worship, Missions, Music, Swimming, and age-appropriate activities the kids LOVED! We had a great group of campers and a terrific group of sponsors!

Next up: Backyard Bible Clubs—July 13-17

Partnering with In The Gap Ministries to provide fun Bible teaching in our community!
10 am to Noon—at the home of Judith Mowery—5401 N.W. 46th
1 to 3 p.m. – at the home of Tony & Kim Mullican – 3440 N.W. 19th
4 to 6 p.m. – at the home of Margaret Southworth – 4304 N.W. 17th

Family Celebration—Friday, July 17th at 7 p.m. at the Connection Center
An outreach celebration with kids & families that attended Backyard Bible Clubs.

Ways YOU can help . . . Distribute flyers in the immediate neighborhood of clubs; Provide snacks for one or more sites; Serve as a volunteer at one or more of the sites; Pray for workers, kids in attendance and lives to be impacted by the Word of God; Assist with the Family Celebration Event on Friday, July 17th at the Connection Center. Call the church office for additional details or to volunteers.

With a grateful heart,
Gina



children's MINISTRY Luncheon & Meeting

Sunday, July 19th at Noon in Fellowship Hall

For those currently serving and those who are interested in becoming a part of our ministry to and for children.

Bring an appetite along with your ideas and suggestions on how we could better minister to our children and their families.

(Spouses and children are also invited to enjoy lunch!!)

PLEASE sign up at the Children's Ministry Office or the Welcome Center.

BUCHANAN MISSION PROJECT Back-to-School Supplies for Kids!

A donation of \$10 will purchase ONE school box along with the age-appropriate items most beneficial to the student.

Portland Avenue will be helping to provide school boxes with items specifically REQUESTED by TEACHERS at Buchanan.

Distribution of supplies will take place on August 3rd. Please also be in prayer for Buchanan's NEW principal, Ms. Brackeen, as she gets acclimated to the faculty & students.