

Central Oklahoma Ministry Enrichment
C.O.M.E. Conference

Saturday, August 18th

First Baptist Church—Moore, OK

\$5 per person—includes lunch and materials

C.O.M.E. is for new and experienced Sunday School Leaders.

Hon your skills, connect with other leaders and catch-up on the latest in reaching the next generation with the Gospel.

Sign up at the Welcome Center, email gmckean@portlandavenue.org or call the church office at 942-5539 to get more information.

In Christian Sympathy

The Portland family extends Christian love and sympathy to:

Betty Douglas in the loss of her brother
Elaine Hinton in the loss of her mother
Donna Webb in the loss of her brother
Family & friends of Joyce Warren

Thank You

Notes of appreciation to the Portland Family have been received from the following:

Elaine Hinton

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner Menu

Served from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

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

July 11—Taco Salad, Chips/Salsa & Dessert

Ju 20—Chef's Choice

June 27— Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert



Saturday, July 21st
at the Connection Center
Appointments required.

Call 946-9497 beginning at 9am Thursday,
July 19th to schedule an appointment.



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Tony Mullican, Student/Community Minister
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Gina McKean, Preschool & Children

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SOW THE SEED!

This past Sunday my message "Sow the Seed" was from Mark 4:1-20 as I spoke about the parable of the soils. This message spoke to many hearts based on your comments after the morning service. We were reminded that "a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed..." We are to be sowing the seed of the Word of God into people's lives every day. We just can't take one seed and wait for just the right time and then plant that one seed! We won't see any fruit at all! I said, "You gotta get the seed out there!" Keep spreading and slinging that seed all the time. The more seed, the greater the chance for a good harvest!

Yes, there is hard-packed soil, rocky soil, and weedy soil, but there is also much good soil for the seed to fall upon. Even good soil unseeded will never produce any fruit. We keep spreading the seed because even the hard-packed, rocky, or weedy soil can change so that it becomes a good soil ready to receive the seed of the Word.

But I also asked, "What does the soil of your heart look like?" Is the seed of God's Word able to take good root in your heart so that you produce abundant fruit? Maybe you need to remove the distractions in your life which keep you from producing the fruit God desires you to bear. How much seed are you sowing? Be generous with the seed of God's Word this week.

I Love You!

Bro. Walter

Calm Canine
behavior training

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FREE

behavior training workshop

A free workshop to help with common canine problems

Pulling on the leash

Jumping on people

Lunging at other dogs

Food aggression

Toy obsession

July 14th 9a-12p

Portland Ave Baptist Church

Nw 12th and Portland

in connection center on westside of church campus



BUCHANAN SCHOOL SUPPLY FUND

Your contribution of any amount will help provide a pencil box filled with basic school supplies for students at Buchanan Elementary.

Give using a **BSSF** envelope found in the lobbies or give online at portlandavenue.org/giving and choose the **BSSF** fund. It's that simple and easy. Thank you!

Summer Youth Camp

Spring Valley Ranch

July 16-20

STUDENTS:

Noelle Decker	Skylar Callan
Rayna Hudson	Maddox Mullican
Mackenzie Ooton	Braydon Nelson
Kyleigh Lombard	Josiah Decker
Katelynn Lombard	Dallas Smith

SPONSORS:

Karen Jones	Laban Jones
Kim Mullican	Tony Mullican

CAMP PARTNERS: Newchurch, Canadian Valley, Real Church

HOW TO PRAY: Please pray that students will be open to hearing from God. Our theme for camp is BASE CAMP. The idea is that before you take on the adventure you must first make sure you have prepared, been equipped, you have a support team, and have set down a good base. We want to see students prepared for the great adventures that God has for their lives.



Senior Spirit

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.
- Ephesians 6:10

Greetings!

I've had several conversations with people lately about weakness. Whether it's a senior who doesn't quite have the energy that they used to have; a new mother tired and worn from taking care of her precious newborn; or even a young person that's been so involved in so many activities that it has begun to wear them down.

These conversations got me thinking about the strength and power God gives us at our weakest moments. I've seen believers face great hardships, yet still finding strength to share the gospel with a stranger at a restaurant. I've seen dear saints days before their earthly passing share the gospel and be a light to the people around them from their hospital bed. That strength can only come from the Father and thank God we are strong in His strength!

- "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness"

Cody

JULY BIRTHDAYS

3 James Cocker	19 Alvin Emmons
4 Carolyn Johnson	20 Sherri Sparks
5 Bethel Hughes	Becky Young
6 Vernon Taylor	21 Lola Bowen
8 Robert Anderson	22 Steve Banta
Jeff Hughes	Bill McPherson
12 Richard Hare	Roxanne Roberts
Paul Sheline	23 Linda Cook
13 Donella Gray	25 Nancy Hill
Thyra Lombard	26 Mary Killam
Paula Walton	28 Jean Formby
14 Carolyn Cantrell	Denise Scrivner
16 Charlotte Warrior	30 Anita Sheline
18 Joyce Smith	31 Polly Taylor

Senior Adult Birthday missing from the list?
Call the church office at 942-5539 and let us know.

VBS Senior Style!

Vacation Bible School ISN'T just for kids! It's a wonderful tool that excites and equips individuals of ALL AGES to share the love of JESUS with friends, neighbors and family members.

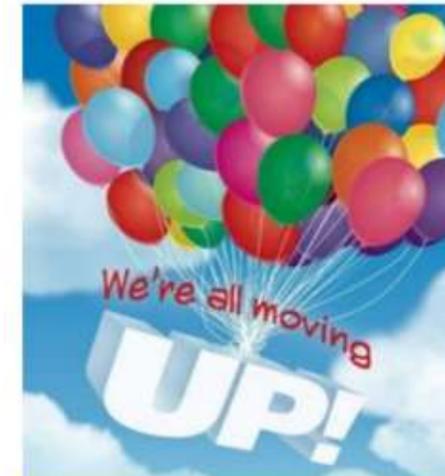
Special thanks to our VBS Senior Style Leadership Team: Shelly Brandon—Crafts; Carrie Decker—Music; Walter Mullican—Bible Study; Ann Simonton—Snacks!

A BIG THANK YOU to our Seniors who made our very FIRST Sr. Adult VBS so much fun! GAME ON!



PARENT CONNECTION

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION DAY
Sunday, August 5th.

Families are invited to Join us for Milk & Donuts at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and new Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m.

Special BIBLE Presentation for boys and girls in Grades 1-6.



Pre-Teen Hawaiian Party
Sunday, July 22nd

In Fellowship Hall

Following the Morning Worship Service
Lunch and games for kids who have COMPLETED GRADES 4-6

Reservations requested....Sign up in Sunday School or call the church office at 942-5539 for more info.



Buchanan Back-to-School Prayer Walk
Tuesday, July 31st—tentatively set for 7 p.m.

We would also like to provide each child with a pencil box filled with some very basic school supplies for everyday use in the classroom.

You can help with a contribution to the School Supply Fund, assist with packing the boxes, helping with delivery and distribution or ALL of the ABOVE! Call the church office for more info.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6



NEW CHRISTIANS CLASS
For Kids
begins SUNDAY, Sept. 9th

Parents, are your children asking questions about becoming a Christian or were they one of the many kids that accepted Jesus as their personal Savior during VBS or Camp this Summer? If you answered YES to either question . . . Our Sunday morning New Christian's class is for YOUR CHILD.

Shelly Brandon and her team of leaders are preparing NOW to lead out in this class that will help answer questions about becoming a Christian and/or help them to understand what it means to live their life as a Christian. Call the church office at 942-5539 for more information or to enroll your child!

Are YOU Ready to IMPACT
OUR Community for CHRIST?!!

Become a
Whiz Kids Volunteer!



Be a pro-active solution to literacy issues that plague our neighborhood and our world.

Whiz Kids resumes in August. No experience necessary. Training provided. Call 942-5539 for info.