



Thank you for silencing your cell phone before worship begins.

**UMC Good Shepherd Youth Annual Chili Cook-off**

On Saturday, January 23, 2016, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., the annual Chili Cook-off and Carnival will be held in the Christian Life Center, located on the south side of the UMC Good Shepherd church complex. Please mark your calendar for this special event, held every year to benefit the thriving UMC Good Shepherd Youth Program. The chili entry fee is \$5. For those who wish to partake rather than cook, the cost is \$5 a bowl, \$3 for children ages 3-12, and it is all-you-can-eat. There will also be carnival games for children at 50 cents each, and prizes for children. Entry forms are located in the Information Center in the UMC GS church narthex. For more information, or to request an entry form, you may contact Glenda Kelton at (405) 570-1123, or [gikelton@cox.net](mailto:gikelton@cox.net).



*I would like to thank everyone* that helped me with the Angel Tree program. The smiles on the children's faces was worth the time and effort it took us as a church family to participate in this program. I thank you!

God Bless, Lynda Weddle

**Circle of Care Donors 2015**

Thank you to the following families who made donations this Christmas to the *United Methodist Circle of Care*, to support children, youth and families who need special care.



***In Honor of:***

- Our Grandchildren: Owen, James, Maddie, Brandon
- Neill Dorsey
- Jean Richeson
- Our Grandchildren, Melody, Cloi, Kori, Drake, Kensey
- Evelyn Hart

***In Memory of:***

- Wayne & Betty Mosher
- Neill Dorsey
- King Richeson, Herb & Shirley Macemon
- Darrell Hart
- Marva Jean & EL Shoemake, Loren Skarky
- Loren Skarky

***Given by:***

- Paul & Evelyn Bourne
  - Cheryl Krnavek
  - Bob & Margaret Macemon
  - Perry & Elizabeth Perry
  - Marsha Ridenhour
- Given by:***
- Carl & June Hayward
  - Cheryl Krnavek
  - Bob & Margaret Macemon
  - Marsha Ridenhour
  - Kim, Carol & Gram Shoemake
  - Evelyn Skarky

# The Baptism of Jesus



## United Methodist Church of the **Good Shepherd**

**Join the Journey.**

8:30 Traditional The 9:50 11:00 Contemporary 11:00 Generations

Rev. Michael Burkett, Ph.D. - Lead Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Charlotte Teel - Associate Pastor & Minister of Children

January 2016 Newsletter

## 2016 Winter/Spring Classes Offered



Are you looking for a place to connect with others, be inspired, and grow? This spring we will be offering a few classes to help you in your discipleship journey. **Register by expressing your interest on one of the registration cards at worship and place it in the offering plate, or call the church office-324-1900.**

**Alpha** (10 weeks) Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. The talks are designed to encourage debate and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, honest and informal environment. You are free to discuss as much or as little as you want. Meeting Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning January 20. Book cost is \$10. The class is led by Rev. Michael Burkett, PhD.

**Financial Peace University** We all need a plan for our money and Financial Peace University (FPU) can help make that happen. We can't think of a better way to start the new year. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical and practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

Financial Peace University is a 9-week course and meets for two hours each week. The first class begins on Wednesday, Jan. 6 and will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Nursery will be provided. The cost for the course is \$93 for the family and includes the workbook, envelope system, CDs of all classes and a lifetime membership. Scholarship help is available. For more information, call or text class coordinator Candice Parker at 405-919-8110.

**Hope Beyond Your Tears: Experiencing Christ's Healing Love** (11 weeks) "The risen Christ meets us in our tears." With these gentle words, pastor/author Trevor Hudson invites us into the story of Mary Magdalene's world-changing encounter with Jesus on Easter morning. Join in the discussion as we search for a deeper understanding of the Resurrection. Meeting Wednesday nights from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m., beginning January 6. The first session is an orientation and books will be distributed. Book cost is \$10. The class is led by Cathy Childers.

**Invitation to the Psalms** (11 weeks) Psalms is the prayer book of God's people. This study is designed to provide three means of access to the Psalms:

- *The Psalms as prayers* ■ *The Psalms as poetry*
- *The Psalms as expressions of faith*

Come discover where God's faithfulness confronts the most challenging aspects of our lives. Meeting Wednesday nights (6:30-8:30 p.m.) beginning January 6. The first session is an orientation and books will be distributed. Book cost is \$15. The class is led by Sue Corbin.



There are many opportunities to grow spiritually here at Church of the Good Shepherd. The church offers several compelling Sunday school classes to aid in expanding your knowledge of the Christian faith, and give you tools to share your faith with others.

### Adult Sunday School Classes

#### **Discoverers (C.L.C. - Room C3) - 9:45 a.m.**

The Discoverers group is open to all ages. This discussion oriented group focuses on faith and discipleship. Join us as we connect with one another and discover what it means to follow Jesus. Leader: Alan Childers

#### **Empty Nesters (C.L.C. - Room C6) - 9:45 a.m.**

Whether your children have just gone off to college or you are grandparents looking toward retirement or past retirement, this might be the class for you. The class will provide an opportunity to connect with others and focus on issues pertinent to the group as well as Bible study. Co-leaders: Sue Corbin & Nancy Poe

#### **Messengers (C.L.C. - Room C1, Parlor) - 9:45 a.m.**

The Messengers class consists of experienced learners, dedicated to growing in faith, knowledge and wisdom. The class is a relaxed discussion based group. Leader: Rotation

#### **New Beginnings (C.L.C. - Room C4, Library) - 9:45 a.m.**

Looking for a place to connect with others? Are you new to the faith? Are you looking for a place to start at the beginning? This class is for you! Co-leaders: Larry Edwards & Jim Neel

#### **The LOFT: Living Our Faith Together (CLC - Room C7) - 9:45 a.m.**

This group is open to all, regardless of gender or life style. This discussion oriented group focuses on faith, discipleship and contemporary issues. The group is suitable for those who want to attend regularly, those who can attend occasionally, and those who have never attended a group before. Leader: Tim Bourne

#### **Women in Transition (C.L.C.-Room C8, Bridal Room) - 9:45 a.m.**

Women on a journey, inspiring one another to become more like Christ. This group of women ranges from daughters, wives, mothers to grandmothers. This group prays for one another, explores and discusses scripture and finds practical guidelines that relate to the topics studied. Leader: Sharon Burke

#### **Afterglow (Ocean Room) - 11:00 a.m.**

This is a conversational group of multi-generations connecting with one another and reflecting upon the weekly sermon, current events, or Christian season. Leader: Doug Eckert

### Youth Sunday School Classes

6th-12th graders—9:45 a.m. in the Youth Room (east side of the CLC)

### Children's Sunday School Classes

3 years to 5th graders— 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Please check-in your child at the Staff Center, west of the Sanctuary.

## January Birthdays

1/3  
John Heilpern  
Cassie Purifoy  
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Mindy Johnson  
John Walker  
Alex Weber-Kamin  
Steve Williams  
1/5  
Liam Racz  
1/6  
Deb Brown  
Matthew Burkett  
Owen Tate  
1/8  
Karen Hutchins  
Greg Sense  
1/9  
Kris Smith  
Tom Worsham  
1/10  
Paula Alberts  
Myra Schmidt  
Ron Stanley  
1/11  
Alan Yancey  
1/12  
Jerry Hopper  
Kodi Martin  
Lorena Reynoso  
John Thomas  
1/13  
Mike Ryder  
Sharon Walls  
1/15  
Roger Bornemann  
Brenda Imel  
Trudi Lupton  
1/16  
Paul Bourne  
Gus Hall  
Cannon Kay  
1/17  
Joyce Martin  
Jenifer Smith  
1/18  
Andrew Denton  
Michael W. Smith  
Brandon Tate

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*\*If you know of a birthday that is missing from our list, please contact the church office.*

1/18  
Andrew Denton  
Michael W. Smith  
Brandon Tate  
1/20  
Lynn Bateman  
Karl Daufenbach  
Katie Daufenbach  
Gloria Fisher  
Ken Holloway  
1/21  
Barbara Bornemann  
1/22  
Kim Baker  
1/23  
Jenny Beth Jones  
Steve Marlett  
Sarita Sinclair  
1/24  
Karen Nowlin  
Toni Throckmorton  
1/25  
Ken Thompson  
Megan Wally  
1/26  
Kyle Vincent  
1/27  
Brent Avery  
1/28  
Katie Avery  
Ellen Marquardt  
Marilea Ryder  
1/29  
Evelyn Bourne  
Presley Hill  
Sterling Hill  
1/30  
Rylee Freshour  
Jeanne Jones  
Alex Vaughn  
Misha Yancey  
1/31  
Mark Bye  
Shana Hurst  
Carol Snyder  
Lawrence Valentine



## Church Activities This Week

### **Sunday, January 3**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service *Sanctuary*  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
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11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Generations Service *Sanctuary*  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service *Christian Life Center (CLC)*  
3:00 p.m. Youth Sponsors Meeting *CLC Rm C8*  
3:30 p.m. COYM Meeting *CLC Rm C8*  
4:00 p.m. UMYF *Youth Room*  
4:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*  
5:30 p.m. Youth Praise Band *Choir Room*

### **Monday, January 4**

3:00 p.m. Christ in Action (CIA) After School Program  
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Celebration *@ the Macemon's*  
6:45 pm Connecting Moms *Prayer Room*  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts *CLC*

### **Tuesday, January 5**

9:00 a.m. Children's Day Out (CDO)  
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting *Staff Center*  
3:00 p.m. Christ in Action (CIA) After School Program  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team Meeting *Staff Center*  
7:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting *Conference Room*

### **Wednesday, January 6**

5:30 a.m. Promise Keepers *Staff Center*  
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study *Parlor*  
11:30 a.m. UMW Friendship Circle *Parlor*  
3:00 p.m. Christ in Action (CIA) After School Program  
5:30 p.m. Simple Meals resume *CLC*  
6:30 p.m. Winter/Spring Adult Classes begin  
6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study *Youth Room*  
6:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal *Choir Room*  
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon *CLC C8*

### **Thursday, January 7**

9:00 a.m. Children's Day Out  
3:00 p.m. Christ in Action (CIA) After School Program

### **Friday, January 8**

10:00 a.m. Cookin'up Casseroles *CLC Kitchen*  
3:00 p.m. Christ in Action (CIA) After School Program

### Coming Up

January 6 ..... Epiphany Day  
January 10 ..... Handbell Practice resumes  
January 13 ..... UM Men's Breakfast  
January 18 ..... Martin Luther King Day—Church Office Closed  
January 23 ..... Chili Cook-off

## Welcome to Good Shepherd!

If today is your first Sunday with us, please stop by the desk near the entrance and pick up a **Connection Card** with information on all our church has to offer. We're glad to have you worship with us today!

### For Your Information

#### Who We Are:

"People of God,  
learning to follow Jesus,  
inviting others to join the journey."

#### Our Worship Times:

**8:30 a.m.** (Traditional - Sanctuary)

**9:50 a.m.** (The 9:50 - Sanctuary)

**11:00 a.m.** (Contemporary - Christian Life Center)

**11:00 a.m.** (Generations - Sanctuary)

#### Sunday School:

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.;  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### Address:

10928 SW 15th  
Yukon OK 73099

#### Phone:

405.324.1900  
Prayer Hotline: Ext. 351

#### E-mail:

News@UMCGS.org

#### Website:

<http://www.UMCGS.org>

#### Church Staff

**Rev. Michael Burkett, Ph.D.,**  
*Lead Pastor*

**Rev. Dr. Charlotte Teel,** *Associate Pastor & Children's Minister*

**Courtney Blacksten,** *Director of Youth*

**Cathy Childers,** *Director of Adult Education & Caring Ministries*

**Evelyn Bourne,** *Church Secretary*

**Mark Bye,** *Treasurer*

**Misha Yancey,** *Financial Secretary*

**Curt Timmons,** *Music Director & Media Coordinator*

**Logan Walker,** *Organist*

**Tim Bourne,** *Contemporary Worship Leader*

**Amy Wilson,** *The 9:50 Service Music Leader*

**Linda Helms,** *CDO Assistant Director*

**Denise Worsham,** *Nursery Director & CIA Assistant Director*

**Wednesday Evening Simple Meals Resume** Wednesday Night Simple Meals will begin again January 6 in conjunction with the beginning of 2016 Winter/Spring Classes. The meals are served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center, located on the south side of the church complex. The first meal of the season will be Sloppy Joes! Cost for the meal is \$5, \$15 for a family. Please plan on joining in food and fellowship! We want your help in planning the last simple meal of the month. At the January 6 meal, we will be collecting simple meal suggestions. Those present on January 13 will vote for the "people's choice" and on January 20, the final decision will be announced. We can't wait to hear your ideas!

Looking for a place to connect? Come join the fun as we serve together. Wednesday Night Set Up Crew meets at 4:30 p.m. and Clean Up Crew meets at 6:15 p.m. Questions? Contact Cathy Childers at 324.1900 ext. 303.

**The United Methodist Men's group** have voted to work on Helen Nipper's porch roof on Friday, January 15 and Saturday, January 16. All congregants, and especially UMCGS youth, are invited to participate in this worthy community outreach project. Those interested in helping may contact Mike Ryder at 405-324-5401. Mike will meet with each group of participants at the church at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 15, and Saturday, January 16, before proceeding to the worksite.

**UMW REACHING OUT** Our United Methodist Women are offering a monthly mission opportunity to our congregation. Each month we will collect for a different mission. In the month of January, our mission will be **Positive Tomorrows**, where we have several of our church members volunteering as mentors. Positive Tomorrows is a wonderful school for homeless children, and is always in need of assistance. In January, we are collecting hand soap and sanitizer, toilet paper, lice kits, box tops for education, Kleenex, and no.10 size canned fruits and vegetables. Help this mission succeed by dropping items in our *Reaching Out* collection container, found in the information center, anytime during January. Thank you!

**Stephen Ministry** Stephen Ministers are members of our church trained to provide one-to-one, confidential Christian care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, and others facing a crisis or life challenge. If you or someone you know is going through a difficult time, place a card in the Stephen Minister box located in the entryways and in the Information Center or contact Margaret Macemon at 209-0240 or Cathy Childers at 324-1900. x303.



**Another way to give electronically!** If you have a smartphone with a QR scanner app, you may scan the QR barcode at left, and it will take you directly to our online Electronic Giving site. You may log-in, or create your own profile, and choose how you wish to make an offering to the church.

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