

**SEPTEMBER
2008
NEWSLETTER**

**WILBURTON FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- Sep 13th Community Care Nursing Home service
 - Sep 14th S.P.R.C
 - Sep 15th Orders Meeting (Rev. Collins in OKC)
 - Sep 15th Memorial Committee
 - Sep 16th UMMen
 - Sep 16th UMMen host student luncheon at United Ministry
 - Sep 16th Jesus' Kids Parent Meeting
 - Sep 18th 5th Quarter after Wilburton High School football game
 - Sep 19th UMW District Meeting (Stigler UMC)
 - Sep 20th Youth Fundraiser Dinner after church
 - Sep 21st UMW
 - Sep 23rd UMW host student luncheon at United Ministry
 - Sep 23rd Family Night Dinner
 - Sep 30th Jesus' Kids
 - Oct 7th Administrative Council (this is one week early to prepare for Charge Conference)
 - Oct 19th Charge Conference
- See Calendar for times



“The Parable of the Football Coach”

A huge high school student walked up to the football coach and told him he wanted to play football. The coach was thrilled and said, “Son, I’m so glad you want to play. We sure need a player of your size.” Then the coach told the young man to be at practice the following day and assured him he would get a chance to play on the team.

For the next three days, the coach anxiously watched for the young man but he never showed up for practice. About a week later, the student again came to the coach and said, “Coach, I sure love

football and I really want to be on the team.” The coach said, “I’m glad to hear that but you never came to practice. Son, we really need you on our team but if you want to play ball, you must come to practice.” The young man assured the coach he would be at practice the next day.

A whole week passed yet, the boy never attended a single practice. Later, the young man saw the coach walking at a distance and he yelled for the coach to wait up so he could talk to him. But rather than stopping, the coach just kept walking. The young man ran to the coach, got right in front of him and started to give him this all too familiar speech. As the boy proclaimed his desire to play, the coach suddenly interrupted him and spoke the following words: “No son, you

really *don't* want to play football. I told you in order to play you must come to practice. The truth is, you had rather do other things than pay the price to be on the team. When you say you want to play, yet you won't come to practice, you are really just kidding yourself. Now excuse me while I go and coach the boys who are waiting at practice. You see son, they *do* want to play football.”

Often times many Christians make the following statement to God, “Lord, I really want to grow spiritually and I want you to use me in your Kingdom. I truly want to know you and see revival in my church and in my nation. Lord, I want you to fill me with the Holy Spirit and teach me to pray in mighty power.” Yet, God immediately says to us, “If you truly

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United Methodist Women

The UMW has implemented the new meeting schedule on the third Monday of each month and it seems to be well received. Our meeting this month is on Monday, September 21st. Our monthly EOSC Campus Ministry Lunch is on Wednesday, September 23rd.

Also, a reminder to our officers, the UMW Fall District Meeting is on Saturday, September 19th, at the Stigler United Methodist Church beginning at 9:30a.m. Officers, who wish to attend and want a ride, contact me at (918) 753-2309 or cell (918) 917-3939. We will be taking our scholarship donations as requested and underwear and socks donations to this meeting.

...Looking forward to seeing every one on Monday, September 21st.
Suzee Puckett
UMW President

Celebrating 100 Years

"In February 2010, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate 100 years as an organization. Founded as an outlet to prepare every eligible youth in America to become a participating citizen and leader, BSA has more than fulfilled its mission. Today, as we celebrate our first 100 years, we not only reflect on our rich history, but lay the foundation for a strong future, as well."

"For 100 years, the BSA has created a foundation of leadership, service, and community for millions of America's youth. Our 100th Anniversary is a milestone bigger than a single day celebration. So, we've launched a series of programs, spanning two years, and we're inviting everyone in America to get involved. Through *A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference*, we will demonstrate the incredible impact of a century of living the Scout Law. Program participants will earn recognition for making a difference in their communities due to their dedication to five of Scouting's core values: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Achievement, and the Outdoors."

BSA 2010

As part of this centennial celebration, Boy Scouts of America wants to reconnect with every one who has been a part of Scouting during its first century. Part of "Leadership" is helping BSA make this connection with its alumni. Many of you know that I am Cubmaster of Pack 433 in Wilburton, and I am doing my part to connect with those Scouting alumni. If you are a former Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturer, or Adult Leader who participated in Scouting, I ask that you contact me. Everyone has a Scouting story, and I would love to hear yours. What ranks and awards you earned; what memories and friends you have from Scouting.

For 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has created a strong foundation of leadership, service, and community for America's youth. Through *A Year of Celebration*, we celebrate this legacy and commit ourselves to inspire and prepare future generations. Our hometown Methodist Church has been an integral part of this legacy in Wilburton, having Chartered both the currently existing Cub Scout Pack (433)

and Boy Scout Troop (470) here in Wilburton. Nationally, the United Methodist Church charters more Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews than any other organization, which is a testament to the service that both our denomination and Scouting give to each other. So, I ask that you help me continue this service and support of BSA by Methodism. Please contact me by postal mail, email, phone...whatever method you have, tell me your Scouting story, and let's construct our own BSA history for Wilburton First United Methodist Church and support the BSA2010's *A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference*.

"*A Year of Celebration* will take place from September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. The program is open to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, adult leaders, and Scouting alumni. For more information, please contact Philip Hawthorne or visit the website listed below."

For
whoever
wants to
save his
life will
lose it, but
whoever
loses his
life for me
and for
the gospel
will save
it.

Mark 8:35

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Excerpts taken from BSA2010: 100 Years of Scouting website:
<http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/>



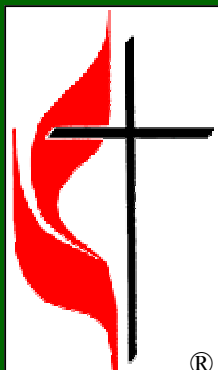
Pastor's Notes

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want these things, they you must be willing to show up for practice and pay the price in consistent prayer" (Jeremiah 29:13, John 15: 5-8). The "place of practice" is spending much personal time with God in daily prayer. Friends, if we say we want to grow and yet we seldom show up for serious prayer, we are just kidding ourselves! God *cannot* teach you to pray if you refuse to show up for practice! Until we make a serious commitment to a significant daily prayer time, we can never go on to a full maturity in Christ. We will never become powerful in prayer until we give God your daily time of prayer. By God's grace, we can do this!

(Adapted from "How to Develop a Powerful Prayer Life" by Dr. Gregory Frizzell)

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Barry Collins



Another project completed! Take a few minutes and check out the handy work John Collums and his crew have done on the van parking garage. It's now ready to house the church van and other outdoor equipment. Thanks again for all your hard work on this project.

Under the leadership of Ron Tarrant, the new sidewalk on the west side of the church has been completed. But as you may have guessed in completing that job, we uncovered several more **SMALL PROBLEMS!** The drain on that side of the church was plugged and had collapsed and failed to tie into the main drain so a new line had to be installed.

As you probably have noticed, the rear parking lot is in kind of a mess. There we found several more **SMALL PROBLEMS.** We found several areas of the sewer line that were collapsed and not working. We found parts of the sewer drain that had either rotted away or just were not there. We had to install 50 feet of new sewer line to replace the old line that was falling apart. So now hopefully by the time you read this, we will have the concrete poured in the back of the church and that project completed.

The blue Sunday school room has to have a little work done to it due to some water damage. The blockage in the old sewer line caused a stopped up toilet which resulted in some ceiling and dry wall damage caused by the water run over.

The light green Sunday school room (Judy's room) has been dry! So, we will be working on installing the balance of the floor tile and getting that project completed.

Thanks to Ron, John, their crews, and everyone that has helped with all these projects. Please take a few minutes and thank these guys for all the hard work they have done.

And yes, there are several other projects to be **STARTED!** So, if you have a little time and would like to get involved and help out on one of our next projects, just give me a call.

Thank you, Neal Wood, Trustee Chairman

Trustee's Notes



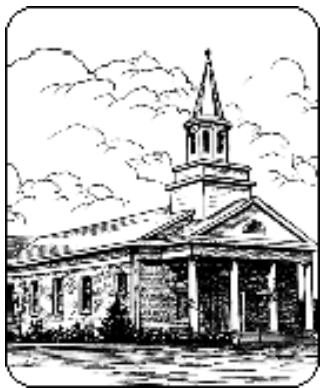
Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00am. Join us for breakfast and good fellowship.

At our August meeting we discussed "cooking-out" for the EOSC United Ministry Luncheon once a month. Although we did not decide whether or not to cook every month, we will cook lunch for the

Campus Ministry this month on Wednesday, September 16th. If you wish to volunteer to help cook and/or serve contact Rev. Collins or Philip Hawthorne.

I hope to see you at our upcoming UMMen gatherings!

Philip H



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Wilburton First United Methodist Church is located five miles south of beautiful Robbers Cave State Park, in Wilburton, Oklahoma. If you are visiting the park, come and worship with us. If you live in the area, please make your church home with us. The church was organized in 1895 and is housed in a nicely air-conditioned building one block north of the U.S. Post Office in Wilburton. We are a warm and friendly church and we would love to have you join us Sunday morning for Sunday School and Worship!

Administrative Council Mini Minutes...

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WILBURTON, OKLAHOMA**
September 13, 2009

S.P.R.C.: Mr. Hedgcoxe reported the committee will meet next Monday.

EDUCATION: Promotion Sunday was last Sunday. One Bible and two attendance bars were presented. Jesus' Kids Parent Meeting will be September 16, 2009 and the first Jesus' Kids will meet September 30, 2009.

TRUSTEES: Nancy Wood reported the garage for the van and the sidewalk have been completed. A new fifty feet of drain has been installed and the Sunday School room may now be completed.

UMW: Suzee Puckett reported the ladies will meet next Monday, September 21st at 6:30pm. They will serve luncheon at the Campus Ministry on September 23rd. The fall district meeting will be September 19th.

YOUTH: Philip Hawthorne reported that four youth, four adults and Andrew attended St. Yootz Day. The youth are continuing to meet on Sunday at 6:00pm. The youth will be having a breakfast for lunch following worship service on September 20th.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Nancy Wood reported the committee will meet September 15th at 6:30pm.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Collins informed the council of up-coming dates; Sue McCasland has requested use of the church on September 27th; Tom Williams has requested use of the church January 9th, 2010; the Church's Charge Conference will be October 19th at 7:30pm; the next ad council meeting will be October 7th.

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13 2:00pm Community Care Nursing Home service	14 7:30pm S.P.R.C.	15 6:30pm Memorial Committee	16 7:00am UMMen 12:00noon UMMen host United Ministry luncheon Jesus' Kids Parent Meeting	17	18 10:30p.m. 5th Quarter (Jr. High Activity Building following football game)	19 9:30am UMW Fall District Meeting (Stigler UMC)
20 12:00noon Youth Luncheon fundraiser	21 6:30pm UMW	22	23 12:00noon UMW host United Ministry luncheon 6:00pm Family Night Dinner	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Notes: Unless otherwise noted, events listed on this calendar are at the Wilburton First United Methodist Church.		

OCTOBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Weekly Events Sunday: 9:30am Fellowship time 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 6:00pm "Christianity's Family Tree" Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Fellowship (@ UM Bldg.) Monday: 7:00pm "Purpose Driven Life" Bible Study (@ UM Bldg.)				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 6:00pm Administrative Council	8	9	10
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