



According to “Children’s Ministry Leaders” publication,

there are 3 keys to creating lessons that help kids grow spiritually.

- 1) The foundation of any lesson must be God’s Word.
- 2) God’s Word must be applied to their life.
- 3) Lessons must help children develop spiritual growth habits.

During our awesome VBS week—I truly believe we accomplished all of that! An average of 65 children roamed our hallways during Vacation Bible

### Vacation Bible School—A Resounding Success!!

School—and it was simply wonderful! This year’s theme: “Everest: Conquering Challenges With God’s Mighty Power”

We all want to see our children’s faith grow! The foundation of our VBS program was based on God’s Word. And did you see the mountains all the way down our hallways? How fun is that?

As the children heard God’s Word through Scripture, they were also taught how to apply it to their own lives. And every day, as they gathered for the

closing session, the children were asked where they saw God at work (“God sightings”). It was such a precious time of sharing what they had experienced and learned!

We are thankful for all the dedicated leaders who helped during VBS, **Deena and Kyler Smith** for their acting abilities extraordinaire, and to **Allyson Cauthon** who, through months and months of planning, made this all possible!

To God be the glory!! - Pastor Cindy

### New District Name: Council Oaks District!!

The Oklahoma Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church made it official this past month! The Council Oak District (formerly Tulsa District) of the United Methodist Church was chartered May 3, 2015.

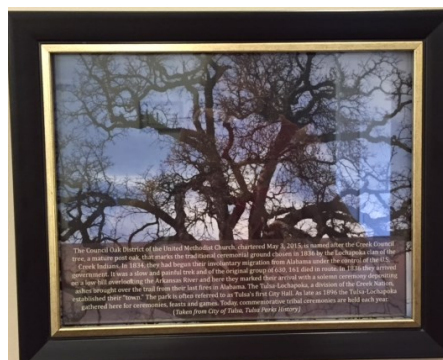
We wanted to share this exciting news with you and some fascinating historical background about the transition.

Our new district is named after the Creek Council tree, a mature post oak, that marks the traditional ceremonial ground chosen in 1836 by the Lochapoka clan of the Creek Indians.

In 1834, they had begun their involuntary migration from Alabama under the control of the U.S. government. It was a slow and painful trek, and of the original group of 630, 161 died in route. In 1836 they arrived on a low hill overlooking the Arkansas River and here they marked their arrival with a sol-

emn ceremony depositing ashes brought over the trail from their last fires in Alabama.

The Tulsa Lochapoka, a division of the Creek Nation, established their “town”. The park is often referred to as Tulsa’s first City Hall. As late as 1896 the Tulsa Lochapoka gathered here for ceremonies, feasts and games. Today, commemorative tribal ceremonies are held each year. - *City of Tulsa, Tulsa Parks History*



Stop and look at the pictures in the church hallway displaying this commemorative tree!

## ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

I owe a debt of gratitude to so many people for their help with VBS this year; without them, it would not have been a successful time where kids had FUN!

Section Leaders – These are the people that caused every station the kids visited to go smoothly!

Susan Lamkin	Claretha Gotcher
Dwayne Boyd	Mary Anne Tyler
Macie Bailey	Jacob Tyler
Tonya Ford	Paula Fox
Pat Thomas	Kala Morgan
Jan Boyd	Marleigh Blanchard

Crew Leaders – Kept the kids safe and traveled with them from station to station. They built relationships with the kids and loved on them.

Becky Puryear	Lindsey Perry
Melinda Carver	Kayla Buck
Tammy Logsdon	Laura Sahli
Kelly Sartain	David & Carolyn Toalson
Suzanne Davis	

Youth – These kids had fun with the kids and helped out where they were needed, being flexible when I had to move them around!

Wyatt Schifferdecker	JJ Sartain
Chris Boyd	Bailey Sartain

Jocelyn Schifferdecker (She read the scripts and talked with the kids in snacks; plus, she showed the videos!)

Registration / Sales – Helped with getting kids in the right groups and helped sell our t-shirts and necklaces.

Dick & Kay Garwood	Tammy Logsdon
Tammy Logsdon	Susan Lamkin, Paula Fox

Regina LaGrone – You have no idea how much I treasure you! Your creativity and go-getter attitude is amazing and I am so thankful for you!

Susan Lamkin – My co-planner and sanity keeper; I adore you!

Deena Smith – Learning the songs and dance moves and then teaching them to the kids, re-writing scripts, setting up and tearing down each day... You are a rock star! I am glad I get to “act” with you!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

### OUR MEMBERS:

Bobbie Scott; Lana Gotcher; Karen Gibbs;  
Charlotte Erwin; Rick Davis; Nancy Gunter

### Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Cynthia Mabrey's nephew, Gabe; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Betty Barton's daughter-in-law, Connie Barton; Joleen Taylor's mother, Darline Breeze; Peter Havlik's father, Ladislav Havlik; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

### Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Fran Palm, Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Dot and Kelly Haynes; Bob Schwartz; Laurie & Mahcoe Van-Dyke; Dorothy Koons

## WEEDING THE FLOWER BEDS Saturday, June 20th 9:00 am ~ Noon

You are invited to participate in our annual Spring cleaning of the flower beds on our church grounds! Please bring your small garden tools to dig out the weeds and your own gloves, etc. If you can only be here for an hour or so, that is perfectly FINE!!! We will gladly accept any and all help that is

### LEMONADE FUNDRAISER

New Haven's School Age Camp will have a lemonade fundraiser on Tuesday, June 16th on the playground from 2:00-2:30 and continue in the gym until 5:00 pm. All donations will go towards alley improvements.



Becky and Barry Puryear – Thank you for working out the sound and video issues. I know it was stressful at times, but you took care of all of it without complaint!

Sam Puryear – You get your own line! Thank you for being willing to help with sound. I know it was early for you, but I appreciate that you showed up; plus, I enjoyed seeing your face in the balcony!

Kyler Smith – You are a dude of many talents! Thank you for being “Trek” and running back and forth to help with sound! You're awesome!

Stephen Merrick – Thank you for being “Jesus” for us. Your performance was incredible and the kids are still talking about how Jesus came to see them!

Mary Ann Cunningham, Tracy Pape, and Sarah Durkee – Thank you for keeping our sweet kids so we could be with the big kids! I know you would say it's no big deal and that it's “your job”, but you'll never know how much it's appreciated. And to you, New Haven – I am always humbled by your generosity when it comes to the kids. I am beyond thankful for your encouragement, prayers, gifts of supplies and money, and support. I will never understand how a Children's Director completes VBS by herself because I believe it would be impossible. And a lot more boring! My heart is full because of you.

**Thank you so much for attending the Project Transformation Fundraising Luncheon.  
We surpassed our goal! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

Our special guests talked about their experiences with Project Transformation. Tyler Logan, the Reading Coordinator at Southern Hills UMC, shared some of his experiences this summer. Neal Tate, Team Coordinator, also told some stories about working with children. Stephanie Quammen is the Tulsa Area House Chaplain.

The silent auction was a success! The "College Survival Kit" by the Fellowship Class won the most Creative Basket! Ann Martin's basket, "Movie Night," won second place. Melinda Carver made a beautiful quilted wall hanging. Suzanne Davis donated a basket full of wonderful items. The "Literacy, Learning and Love" basket was donated by Ken and Paula Fox. Pastor Cindy and Peter Havlik donated two baskets—"Blessings" and "One for the Athlete." Lou Lindsey donated several items included in her basket, "A Few of My Favorite Things" and a stuffed penguin. Laura Sahli made a beautiful apple tart and cookies. Stacey and Jocelyn Schifferdecker and Jocelyn's friend, Sophie, donated a dessert for the month until the end of the year. Deena Smith donated several items from Avon. Mary Stutsman's basket was filled with tools. Disciple Class filled a basket with items for "Everything Senior." Thank you for your wonderful donations.

Many members helped. A special thank you goes to Dick and Kay Garwood for providing cold water for our luncheon. I greatly appreciate the advice and help from Adriaan and Marianne Duiveman, Kay and Dick Garwood, and Kim Percival. A special thank you to Pastor Cindy, Peter Havlik, Kim Percival, Barry and Sam Puryear for helping set up. Thank you to Don Gregory, Allyson and Jeff Cauthon for judging. I appreciate Linda and Don Gregory for accepting the donations at the door. A special thank you goes to my husband, Barry, for all of his help. I greatly appreciate Pastor Cindy for everything that you do. Thank you to David and Carolyn Toalson for being our Mission leaders.

There are opportunities to volunteer with Project Transformation from July 13-16. We need adults to read to a child to help foster their reading skills. We need meals for the interns and drinks for 64 children for one day. Please sign up!

**NOTES FROM PATRICK'S DESK. . .**

Hello church!

Greetings and blessings from the youth. Summer is finally here, and all of the youth are enjoying the free time that they don't realize how much they're going to miss someday! ☺ We are in preparations now for Summer Camp time, and I wanted to introduce the different camps that are available to youth of all ages. If you have any questions please feel free to speak with Allyson or myself. We have all the forms, and information about each of the camps.

I'm also looking for two adults (1 female, and 1 male) to attend district camp with our kids for the entire week this year so if you are available, and would be willing you'll have a great time. You'll also get to see God do some amazing things in the youth of our District, and I can promise you a renewed hope for the future of the world and Christ's place in it.

Wilderness Camp – Canyon Camp – Grades 7 & 8 – Cost \$250.00 – June 18-24

CYME – Cross Point Camp – Grades 9-Graduated Seniors – Cost \$360.00 - July 27-31

District Camp – Camp Egan – Grades 6-12 – Cost \$300.00 (Leaders \$100.00) – July 13-17

Remember that the church will scholarship ½ of one camp's cost for each individual. And for adult leaders that are willing to go and attend District Camp (\$100.00) with our youth their cost will be covered as well. We would also like to ask for your prayers that God would move and change the hearts of each of our young people and those of the entire state as they spend time in fellowship, prayer, and growing closer to Christ. Further donations for scholarship assistance are also welcomed, and can be given to Allyson or me.

Make it a blessed week!

## Opportunities of the Week June 21 ~ 28

**SUNDAY, June 21 FATHER'S DAY**  
 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church  
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

**MONDAY, JUNE 22**  
 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

**TUESDAY, JUNE 23**  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym  
 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**  
 6:00 pm Youth Group  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
 7:00 pm ACOA/206

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25**  
 6:00 pm Praise Band  
 7:15 pm Yoga/210

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26**  
 7:30 pm AA/Gym

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28**  
 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church  
 12:15 pm SPRC Meeting/Parlor  
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1. Kelly Haynes
2. Joel Roberts
4. Carla Hefley
6. David Roberts  
Audrey Quinalty  
Carson Russell  
Jone Friesen
7. Ron Cunningham
8. Jean Roberts
11. Pat Thomas
12. Stacey Schifferdecker  
Bill Gotcher
15. Tonya Ford  
Deena Smith
17. Mekenzie Blanchard
19. Patty Lewis  
Machoe VanDyke
20. Joseph Stevenson  
Barry Puryear
23. Melba Turner
25. Marjorie Hughes
26. Stevi Smith



## ATTENDANCE

**June 7, 2015**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 57**  
**WORSHIP TOTAL: 172**

**June 14, 2015**  
**8:45 am— 61**  
**11:00 am—111**  
**TOTAL—172**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**TOTAL: 55**

### Adult Sunday School Come join us at 9:45 am!

**Room 185: Discovery Class**  
Galatians

**Room 209: Fellowship Class**  
Proverbs, Prophets, & Parables

**Room 210: New Friendship Class**  
"How Jesus Became God"

**Parlor: Christian Living Class**  
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 161 Interlude Class**  
"The Will of God" by Leslie Weatherhead.

**Room 205: Journeys Class**  
"Stressed Out" by Serendipity  
Focus Group

### SOUND BOARD HELP

We are seeking volunteers to run the computer and sound board during church services. If you are interested, please come up to the balcony before a church service. It is easy to learn!

You may email articles for the Spire (no later than Sunday evenings, please.) Sending your article on a "Word" document as an attachment works best. Please email your article to [pat.bates@newhavenumc.org](mailto:pat.bates@newhavenumc.org). Please note "Spire Newsletter" on the subject line. While we make every effort to include your request, we reserve the right to edit or delete articles due to space

### New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Allyson Cauthon	Children's Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

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