



# THE SPIRE

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*“Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the world,  
by being God’s Love in Action”*

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Rev. James Graham

Dan Clark in his book, *Puppies for Sale and other Inspirational Tales*, writes:

*“Robert Redford is a man who believes in taking risks. Someone asked Redford about the trappings of fame that go along with being a movie star.*

*Redford replied, “I don’t have any illusions of how fleeting fame might be. I constantly remind myself that I only have a few years on earth to say some things. The important thing is to take risks in getting those things said. If you quit taking risks you’re liable to lose everything you’ve worked for.”*

*Again and again, people at the top of their professions are forced to take risks in order to stay there. A researcher named Charles Garfield noticed that many peak performers follow a formula for success.*

*They ask themselves, “Can I survive if the risk I am about to take doesn’t work out? Will I be able to go on if I fail?” If the answer is yes—that they could survive the worst possible consequences— then they take the risk. Do they fail? Of course they do sometimes, but they know they will be okay, even if they falter.*

*Self-talk is about creating the right questions. Only when we ask the correct questions can we get the correct answers and solutions, which are the decision-making tools necessary for taking calculated risks.*

*To be successful at whatever we do, we have to take chances. Sure, they scar us. They take us out of our comfort zones. But with positive self-talk we can go for it! The people who rise to the top— the cream of the crop—talk the talk, then take the risks and walk the walk to success and achievement.*

As we have visited together during these past few weeks, we’ve been engaged in “self-talk.” We have been asking questions designed to get us thinking about how we become successful as disciples of Jesus Christ. The next phase will soon begin as we compile your responses and identify the common concerns and strengths we share. We will then begin to pray about the direction we are being led by God, and begin to make a plan of how we can get there.

Will there be risk? Yes! Will it be scary at times? Yes! I believe, however, the goal is worth the risk. Jesus came to the sea of Galilee and said, “Come, I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they dropped their nets, left their boats, and followed him. Are we willing to follow Christ wherever he leads?

Grace and peace,

*Pastor James*

## *Safe Sanctuary*



All adults (18 years and up) who work with children or youth need to attend a Safe Sanctuary training and agree to a background check every two years. **Our next training is Sunday, August 13 at noon.** This meeting will be brief (30 minutes max). You will receive the necessary paperwork for your background check. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Robin at [robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org](mailto:robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org).

### **CROSSROADS WRITERS CRITIQUE GROUP**

Writing, by its nature, is a solitary task. New Haven kindly offers it facilities to the Crossroads Writers Critique Group on Monday nights at 6. They support each other by reading and giving input on their most recent chapters of novels and short stories. Some fun (usually at each others expense) is also involved.

Mysterious murders -- both hard-boiled and cozy -- as well as romances, sci-fi, vampires, literary fiction, and true-life stories told in the fiction manner have made their way to New Haven along with their aspiring writers. Some of the scribes are published authors and others beginners with only vague ideas, a pencil and blank sheets of paper. Some writers are very good and others -- not so much. The point is the fellowship, striving to be better at ones craft, and willingness to help the other writers.

All are welcome, whether they are in the middle of a project or just want to listen and be inspired by stories read aloud. The New Haven contact for the writers group is Steve Amos, available at [steve\\_amos@juno.com](mailto:steve_amos@juno.com)

### **WANTED**

\*\*\*SMALL BOTTLES OF SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE/TOOTHBRUSH/FLOSS/ COMBS/ DEODRANTS, ETC. I AM SURE FOR THOSE THAT TRAVEL PICK THESE UP (FROM TIME TO TIME). And for some, like myself they are sitting under the cabinet not being used! I now have a great use for them. If you have a few or a lot, please bring up to church. They will be used to make individual bags for those in need. There will be a box located by the sign-up table in the narthex for drop off! I will be collecting these for the next few weeks. Thank you so much for your help! Any questions, contact Kelly Sartain.



**And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16**

*Coming August 20, 2017*  
SUNDAY MORNING CONNECTION GROUPS FOR KIDS

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM



*For Toddlers & Twos*

Our little ones of God's Kingdom will learn the stories of the Bible through storytelling, songs, crafts, and games.

*For Threes, Fours, & Kindergarten*

Teaching our pre-k and kindergarten kids about the life, love and ministry of Jesus through hands-on experiences. (Must be three-year old by September 1<sup>st</sup> and potty-trained).



*For First & Second Graders*

Our younger elementary kids will continue to learn about God through storytelling, science, art, games, and music.



*For Third, Fourth, & Fifth Graders*

Helping our older elementary kids learn to live as Disciples of Jesus Christ through Bible Study, activities, and service projects.

**CALLING ALL PARENTS**

On Sunday, August 20, drop your children off with their new connection group and join other parents in room 206 for Coffee and Donuts. This will be hosted by Greg Pape and "New Haven 206."

# Corner



Dear Missy,

Are we going to the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma any time soon? It was such fun last time our church family participated.

Signed,  
Looking for Fun

Dear Looking,

The Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma (Food Bank) is the largest private hunger-relief organization in eastern Oklahoma. They have two locations – one in Tulsa and the other in McAlester. The Food Bank provides food and other donated goods to 450 Partner Programs in 24 counties of eastern Oklahoma. These programs include emergency food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, after-school programs and senior citizen centers. They provide more than 475,000 meals each week to people struggling with hunger. During fiscal year 2017, the Food Bank distributed more than 24.7 million pounds of food, 31 percent of which was fresh produce.

The **mission** of the Food Bank is to feed the hungry of eastern Oklahoma through a network of Partner Programs and to engage communities in ending hunger. Their **vision** is food security, with dignity, for all eastern Oklahomans.

On Tuesday, September 5, you will have an opportunity to work at the Tulsa Food Bank facility located in Tulsa (1304 N. Kenosha Avenue). The Tulsa warehouse is a 78,000 sq. ft. facility that can store up to three million pounds of food at any one time. This warehouse has state-of-the-art coolers and freezers with 288 freezer and 288 refrigerator pallet spaces. It is also equipped with a 2,200 sq. ft. culinary center where thousands of pounds of perishable food are processed into frozen meals for later distribution.

Plan to meet at the church parking lot and leave by 5:20 pm. We will load up the mini-bus and go to the Food Bank facility and work from 6 pm to 8 pm. then return by 8:30 pm. Youth age 11 and older are welcome to come and join in.

A Ministry Moment will be presented on Sunday, August 13. Please sign up and be a part of this fun mission experience! A sign up sheet is at the hallway table or contact Dee Kemp at 918-340-5223 or Thomas.kemp2@cox.net.

Blessings,  
Missy



Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope  
**FOOD BANK**  
Community **FOOD BANK** of Eastern Oklahoma

Come and

Experience It!



## NURSERY PART-TIME JOBS OPEN!

If you love working with infants and children, New Haven's nursery is looking for part-time help. Please contact Brittany Fox for an application. (918) 706-8239 [brit8519@yahoo.com](mailto:brit8519@yahoo.com)



## NEW HAVEN DAY SCHOOL IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TEACHERS

Preschool teachers needed: five days a week from 8:30am-3:00 pm following the TPS Student Calendar. One position is open with the hours of 1:00-6:00 pm to work with preschool and school age students. No degree required.

Salary based on education and experience.

Please respond to:

[cindy.taylor@newhavendayschool.org](mailto:cindy.taylor@newhavendayschool.org)

OUR PRECIOUS MARION WILKERSON CELEBRATED HER 97th BIRTHDAY WITH A PARTY GIVEN BY HER FRIENDS IN THE FELLOWSHIP CLASS ON SUNDAY. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARION!!!



Blessing  
of the  
Backpacks



In a few weeks, as school bells ring, our children and youth will face the beginning of new school year and the end of summer vacation. So on August 20, at both worship services, we will be having our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks." Students of all ages will be invited to come down during the worship service for a blessing and a clip-on for their backpack. This clip-on will serve as a reminder throughout the year that no matter what, God is always with them.

## NEW HAVEN'S ONE SPIRIT CHOIR

Our wonderful "One Spirit Choir" under the direction of Stephen Merrick will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 2nd from 6:00-7:00 pm. If you like to sing and would like to be part of a very special and welcoming group, come try us out on August 2nd (or any Wednesday!) We'd love to have you!!!



***Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!***

## Opportunities of the Week

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Connection Groups  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
12:00 pm Safe Sanctuary/161  
4:30 pm Disciple I Bible Study  
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, AUGUST 14

6:00 pm Writer's Group/185  
6:15 pm Bluegrass Band Rehearsal

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

6:00 pm Day School Council  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym  
7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

10:00 am Grief Support  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
6:00 pm One Spirit Choir  
6:30 pm Trustees Meeting/185  
7:00 pm ACOA/210

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

1:00 pm Women's Grief Group/161  
6:00 pm Praise Band  
7:15 pm Yoga/Gym

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00-10:00 am Day School Open House  
7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Connection Groups  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
1:30 pm Finance Committee  
4:30 pm Disciple I Bible Study  
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study  
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner  
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### New Haven Staff Members

Rev. James B. Graham	Senior Pastor
Cynthia Edelman	Business Manager
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Rev. Robin Stevens	Interim Children's Director
Pat Bates	Office Clerical Asst.
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Cindy Taylor	Day School Director
Brittany Fox	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Deacon
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

## August Birthdays

1. Suzanne Davis
2. Dick Garwood  
Marion Wilkerson
4. Ken Fox
5. Tom Kemp
6. Ray Prange  
Wyatt Schifferdecker
7. Jeanette Boyd
8. Tracy Pape  
Shelley Worrell
10. Alex Hensley  
Clint Fox
14. Louise Lindsey
20. Susan Harris
21. Laura Sahli
22. Lana Gotcher  
Kathryn Fisher
23. Stacy Newberry  
Robert Hefley
25. Tom Black  
Patty Walker
26. Louise McCrory  
Sue Leach
27. Christopher Smith  
Ashley Boyd



### PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Carol Morgan  
Claretha Gotcher  
Sarah Duiveman  
Christene O'Toole  
Pat Bates

### Friends & Family of New Haven

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's brother, Bob; Betty Hodge's son, Brian; Pam Rowley; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants and leaders.

### Covenant Care

(prayers and visits appreciated)

Ovella Followell  
Rosemary Tarr  
Dot and Kelly Haynes  
Dorothy Koons  
Max Nightingale  
Carson and Helen Russell  
Betty Barton

## ATTENDANCE

August 6, 2017

### WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am: 58  
11:00 am: 95  
Total: 153

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults: 56  
Youth: (Unknown)  
Children: 6

### ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

*Come join us at 9:45 am!*

Room 185: Discovery Class  
Bible Study

Gym: Fellowship Class  
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 209: New Friendship Class  
"The Lives of Great Christians" by  
William Cook

Room 103 Interlude Class  
"Creed" by Adam Hamilton

Room 206: New Haven 206  
Connection Group "The Wired Word"

Room 161: Roundtable "Christianity's  
Family Tree" by Adam Hamilton

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 availability.

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