

NEW HAVEN BLUEGRASS BAND



Did you know that Monday nights in the church sanctuary a bluegrass band practices? We started in January and are having lots of fun. We sing and play gospel. As Donita said, “If we have a banjo, then it’s bluegrass.” The band played in June at the Day Center for the Homeless. Our next gig is in September and we will play for the residents at a Glenpool nursing home. If you are interested in listening or joining in, it’s not too late. Practice starts around 6:15 p.m. and we are finished and packing up by 7:30 p.m. We are pondering names for the band but haven’t come up with anything yet – we are open to suggestions!



Covenant Care

Did you know that New Haven has a care ministry that oversees the care of our homebound members? This care team provides regular visits to those who are not able to attend church. They provide care for various needs, send special cards for life events as well as make sure these members get The Spire newsletter. The team also organizes receptions at funerals held at the church as requested.

Dodie Wood and Betty Fine are co-chairs of this ministry. Currently, we have eight homebound members that receive occasional visits. Our homebound members enjoy these visits not only from these two women but they would love to have other members visit them as well. They enjoy getting the bulletin and catching up on all the church events.

“FORGED MEN’S RETREAT” AT CAMP EGAN

SEPTEMBER 8-10, 2017

Come and see that the Lord is good! Please join us for the 2017 Men’s Retreat! This retreat is based on the personal experiences of men and their walk with God. Discover the man God desires you to be! Learn how to give heart, soul, mind, and strength to serve the King of Kings!

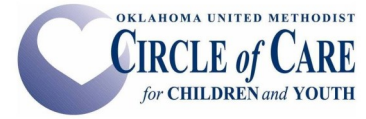
Register online @ forged.fumcowasso.org Questions? Contact Ronnie Spoon at 918-202-8527 or ronnie.spoon@yahoo.com

Cost: \$115 - \$145 depending on lodging
Cost includes lodging, meals, and retreat t-shirt

WORLD CLASS BBQ BY GUY BRUNSON!

Enjoy Fellowship, Outdoors, Inspiring Messages, Campfires, and GREAT FOOD!!!

Dear Church:



The Frances E. Willard Ministry Center and Circle of Care will be celebrating 100 years of service to youth and families on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Center is located at 1616 N. Gilcrease Museum Road in Tulsa.

You are invited to join us for a FREE lunch at 1 p.m., open house tours, Pearl's Hope and Child SHARE program tours, miniature horse petting, children's activities and MORE! Bring the family!

Individuals may RSVP on our website at www.circleofcare.org or call [918-583-9506](tel:918-583-9506) with questions.

Blessings,
Sarah Steffes
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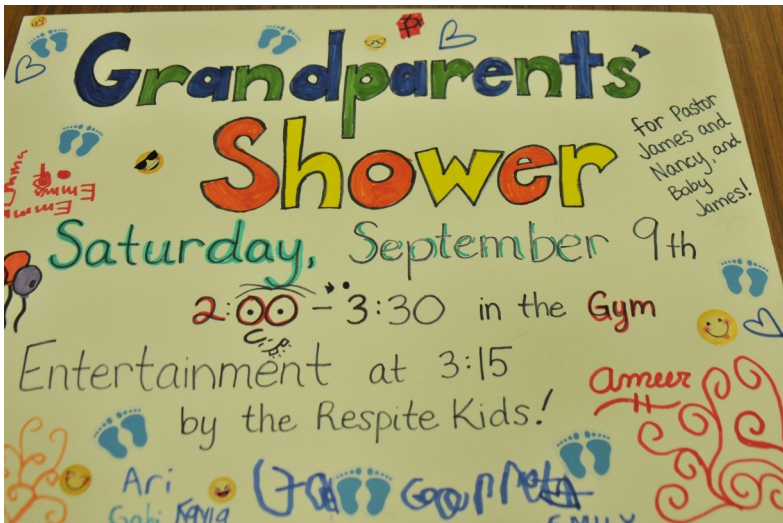


You are invited to a Grandparents Baby Shower in honor of James B. Graham V.

Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

In the church Fellowship Hall

Ideas could include safety door/knob covers. Kid movies, books, toys and games. Anything a grandparent could use for child care. A Sunday school class might want to pool resources for a Pack and Play which is around \$60.



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 1st 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 & Donuts. This will be hosted by Greg Pape and "New Haven 206."

It Takes a Village to Raise a Child



New Haven Church, we are the village! The children of our church and community belong to all of us. It is up to us as a community of faith to welcome children like Jesus did, to share the stories of our faith, and to help children experience God's love. In order for us to do this, we need a team of people who are willing to serve God through our New Haven Kids Ministry. Contact Pastor Robin at robin.stevens@newhavenumc.org and become a part of the leadership team for Children's Church or our new Sunday Morning Connection Groups. Commitment is for one Sunday a month. No experience is necessary. Curriculum and supplies are provided. Come join the team!

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



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

WANTED

***SMALL BOTTLES OF SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE/TOOTHBRUSH/FLOSS/ COMBS/ DEODORANTS, 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 in the hallway 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**

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.

Project School Supplies – Thank You Volunteers!



Restore Hope Ministries' school supply project is an important part of their efforts to assist families in financial need. Last year's school supply drive provided school supplies for 2,809 students. That is an amazing number of children that were given all the school supply items needed (Pre-K through 12th grade). While the real value of these supplies cannot be enumerated, the retail value of these supplies was over \$100,000. This year's event happened the past couple weeks at Restore Hope Ministries located at 2960 Charles Page Blvd, Tulsa. A big "thank you" to our New Haven volunteers that helped by taking client application requests and by filling those requests. We stayed busy during our shifts but know we brought smiles to many.

Opportunities of the Week

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
 7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

6:00 pm Youth Group
 6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
 7:00 pm ACOA/210

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

6:00 pm Praise Band
 7:15 pm Yoga/Gym

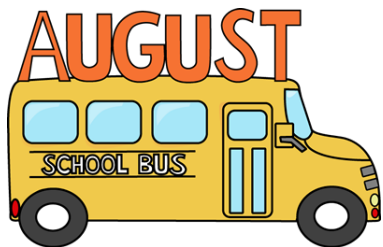
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
 9:45 am Connection Groups
 11:00 am Traditional Worship
 4:30 pm Let's Get Crafty/Gym
 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. . .

Ron Cunningham
 Carol Morgan
 Clarethia Gotcher
 Sarah Duiveman
 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; Gerald Blissit; 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 13, 2017

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am: 62
 11:00 am: 109
 Total: 171

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults: 59
 Youth: 12
 Children: 11

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. 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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<http://newhavenumc.org>



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