

# THE SPIRE

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## Cindy's Chalkboard

I've been tuned into the Olympics this past week and a half. I imagine some of you have, as well. Whether or not these athletes medal, to me, the most heartwarming part of it all comes at the end of their event. It makes me smile to see those who have given their very best in the competition, pause for a moment, and give thanks to God.

The Olympics isn't just about competition. The world's best athletes compete for the honor of their countries, their families, and, for some, their God.

For the most part, the games stay the same—give or take some events making their debut in Sochi—but every Olympic season we welcome a new set of athletes. For two weeks they become household names, and if they win gold, silver or bronze, we probably will remember their names and their stories for quite some time to come.

It's nice to see fellow Christians on the Team USA delegation. We don't root for them because they're on "Team

Jesus," but it's nice to see those who have worked incredibly hard at their sport, give the credit back to the One who gave them the gifts of their bodies that can run and jump and spin on ice, and push the limits to do things we never thought possible.



According to Christianity Today Magazine, here are a few Christians we've been watching. Many of them are medal contenders; all of them know that no matter what happens over the two weeks of events, God is good!

**Kelly Clark - Snowboarding (Halfpipe)** : She is a four-time Olympian and two-time medalist in the women's snowboarding event.

**Lolo Jones - Bobsled:** One of the most visible athletes on

the U.S. team, Lolo is known almost as much for her faith, as she is for her athletic talent and drive.

**David Wise - Freeskiing (Halfpipe):** Now 23, he is ranked first in the world and is a gold medal favorite. He and his wife run the youth group at their church, and someday hopes to become a full-time pastor.

**Anne Schleper - Hockey:** Schleper leads a Bible study at Team USA training camps.

**Elana Meyers - Bobsled:** Elana is a favorite to take home a gold or silver in Sochi. She says, "One of the big reasons I was put in bobsled is to help people not only reach their goals, but come to Christ."

Our attention and prayers are with these athletes this week, as we marvel at their passion for the Olympic sports. May we, too, show our passion for our God and remember to pause, and give thanks for all He is doing in our lives!

Blessings,  
Pastor Cindy

## UMPTENAGERS

How about getting away for a day.....

Come with the Umpteenagers to Hominy on Tuesday, February 18th to tour the Cha Tullis Gallery and have lunch at the Wild Country Grill.

Cha Tullis works in many different mediums, including painting, sculpture, and jewelry design.

We plan to leave the church at 11:00 a.m., have lunch around noon in Hominy, then tour the gallery. Transportation is provided.



## PECANS!!!

The UMW still has 10 bags of pecans to sell for their missions fund. Each bag is \$12. Please call Shirley Nelson if you'd like to purchase one or more of these.

(918-355-4543)

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

MARCH 5, 2014

7:00 PM

Take note on your calendars that our Annual Ash Wednesday service will take place on March 5th at 7:00 pm. Our own Danny Hall will be offering the message that evening. We will begin the Lenten Season with meaningful music, message, and the Imposition of ashes. Come and join us as we walk the journey of Lent together!



## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

### Members:

Sue Beaver  
Joe Beaver  
Debbie Green

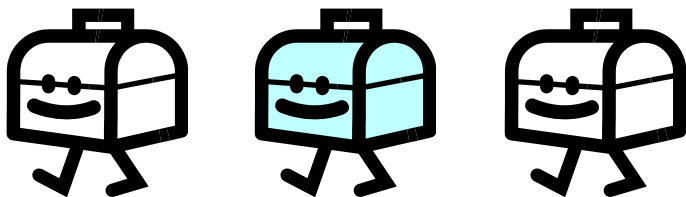
Dorothy Koons  
Nick Nicholson  
Linda Parmele  
Jean Roberts

### Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto and friend, Diane; Nick & Sandy Nicholson's son, Mark and his wife, Linda; Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Danny Hall's sister, Lily; Lana Gotcher's sister; Syble Gayle Aumiller; Kelly Sartain's friend, Rhonda Rowe; Carolyn Toalson's dad, Elson Cook; Don & Linda Gregory, in the loss of their friend, Chuck Hendrix; the homeless; our country, city, & leaders.

### Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

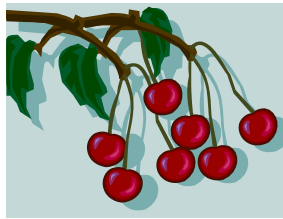
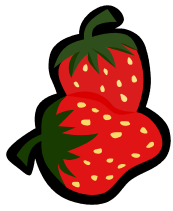
Lois Bailey; Maxine Loyd, Fran Palm, Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Vetus Vanderwiele; Dot and Kelly Haynes; Dorothy Koons; Bob Schwartz; Bob & Dorothy Thacker; Laurie & Mahcoe VanDyke



## FIRST EVER "IN-SERVICE SUNDAY"

On March 9th, our first "In-Service Sunday", we will end both worship services 6-8 minutes EARLY. As you leave the Sanctuary, there will be long tables set up in the hallway with an opportunity to help fill lunchboxes for young students at Bunche Elementary, one of Tulsa's Head Start schools.

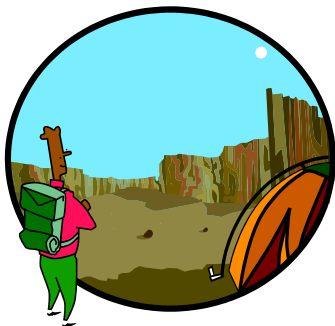
We've learned that often times during Spring Break, these young children do not have near enough substantial food to eat. We want to help! It will be fast and easy! Altogether, it won't take any longer to complete than the few minutes we saved from our worship time! Let's take worship out into the world!!!



## **BITHELL FARMS FRUIT ORDERS NOW BEING TAKEN!**

If you are one of the many who love the fruit available from Bithell Farms in Oregon, you will be happy to know that you can place an order now! The fruit is delivered to the New Haven parking lot for your convenience and you will be notified in advance of the date and time of the delivery. This wonderful fruit comes in 14# boxes and is "fast frozen" and easily separated for you to bag it into smaller zip-lock bags (about 15 quarts). Once you have tried the Bithell Farms fruit, you'll see why we have so many anxious people waiting for the next order to arrive!!! Order blanks are on tables in the hospitality area.

## **FROM DAVID'S DESK. . .**



It's starting to warm up and that only means one thing....summer is around the corner! For the youth department, that means summer vacation for the students and lots of activities for them to do! We have a long list of camps, events, mission and volunteer opportunities for the summer. So, if you have a youth who wants to take part in all the fun we have all year, keep an eye out!!! We will be putting sign-ups and flyers out soon. These activities are not just for the youth . . . for every camp and activity we have, we need wonderful adult sponsors to help our youth and to go with us on the adventures. If you have any interest in helping with one of our camps or events this summer, please give the church a call and we can tell you about the opportunities which are available.

## **BEING THANKFUL**

A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

## **SOMETHING FUN!!!**

- What: Camp Gibson Gospel Fest
- When: Saturday, March 15th, 6:00p.m.
- Where: Memorial Drive UMC  
7903 E. 15th Street,  
Tulsa Ok 74112

### **3 Gospel Quartets:**

*Eternity*

*Tulsa Tradition*

*Sound Decision*

\*Slide show presentation about Camp Gibson

\*Silent Auction: the 11 churches who have cabins at Camp Gibson will each provide 3-4 basket for a silent auction. The auction will start at 5:00 p.m., and will close at the end of intermission. Winners will be announced before the close of the show.



A Love offering will be taken before the close of the

show. ALL

proceeds from the silent auction and love offering will go to Camp Gibson.



## Opportunities of the Week February 23—March 2

### SUNDAY, February 23

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
- 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
- 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm Bible Experience
- 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth
- 5:15 pm Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Youth

### MONDAY, February 24

- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185

### TUESDAY, February 25

- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts/2nd floor kitchen
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210
- 7:30 pm Alanon/206

### WEDNESDAY, February 26

- 3:00 pm Daisy Scouts/2nd floor kitchen
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm ACOA/206
- 8:30 pm College Group

### THURSDAY, February 27

- 6:00 pm Praise Band
- 7:30 pm Yoga/210

### FRIDAY, February 28

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, March 1

### SUNDAY, March 2

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
- 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm Bible Experience
- 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
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## February Birthdays

Will Scruggs	2
J.J. Sartain	3
Paul Mabrey	4
Regina LaGrone	6
Ralen White	8
Linda Jaeger	9
Nick Nicholson	9
Caitlin Riffin	9
Vetus Vanderwiele	9
Cali Bayless	9
Shirley Nelson	10
Marianne Duiveman	15
Jocelyn Schifferdecker	16
Kegan Schifferdecker	17
Dot Haynes	23
David Berns	23
Ginny Lamkin	23
Stella Schwartz	23
Mary Anne Tyler	23
Jean Smith	24
Maxine Loyd	25
Michael Sherwin	26
Mary Ann Cunningham	27



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**February 16, 2014**

**8:45 am— 88**

**11:00 am—119**

**Total: 207**

**Sunday School—63**

## Adult Sunday School

**Come join us at 9:45 am!**

**Room 185: Discovery Class**

The Book of I John

**Room 209: Fellowship Class**

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 210: New Friendship Class**

"How Will You Measure Your Life?" by Clayton Christensen

**Parlor: Christian Living Class**

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 161 Interlude Class**

"Christianity's Family Tree" by Adam Hamilton

**Room 205: Journeys Class**

"God is Closer Than You Think" by John Ortburg

**Room 206: Short Term Study**

"BALANCE: Living with Life's

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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