



# THE SPIRE

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## Cindy's Chalkboard

Have you seen or heard of them—these funny little self-portraits of people that are called “selfies”? Most of these pictures are taken with your own smart phone/camera held at arms length. These close-up photos of people you often know have been showing up on social networking sites like FaceBook, Instagram, Shapchat, and Tumblir.

### **Selfie:** noun \ 'sel-fē\

The official definition of a selfie” is: **“An image of oneself, taken by oneself, using a digital camera especially for posting on social networks.”**

These photos were initially popular with young people. But, by the end of 2012, the posting of “selfies” crossed all

age barriers. Time Magazine considered “selfie” one of the “top 10 buzzwords” of that year... although they had existed long before then.

Here’s a random fact for you. According to the Merriam Webster Dictionary, the first known use of the word “selfie” came about in 2002! I’d like to do more research into how that came about!

A poll commissioned by Samsung, a well known smartphone and camera maker, found that selfies make up 30% of the photos taken by people age 18–24. In fact, by 2013, the use of the word “selfie” had become common enough to be included in the online version of the Oxford English Dictionary. In November of that same year...

the word “selfie” was announced as the “word of the year” by the Oxford English Dictionary!

I think God smiles when he sees our own self-photos; either the images taken with our own cameras, or the images we have in our minds when we see one another and remember that we are all children of God.

Smile for the camera! God created you in His image. Let your “selfie” reflect who and Whose you are.

Smiling with you, -Pastor Cindy

P. S. Here’s one last bit of trivia. What do you call the concept of uploading group self-taken photographs? Why, “super-selfies”, of course!!

## Thank You For the Birthday Blessings!

To all who participated in the birthday card “shower” for me—*thank you!* Danny Hall gave her Lay Leader report at our Administrative Council meeting, and somehow transitioned her “mini-devotional” into a birthday celebration!

I’ve spent the greater part of this afternoon opening your cards; I’ve laughed... I’ve

cried... I’ve laughed until I’ve cried. I simply cannot feel more blessed than to serve as your Pastor.

There are days when we don’t know how we can possibly make a difference when what we do seems such a small part in the kingdom of God. But we DO know this. We are loved. I’m feeling it right now, and I

want you to know that YOU are loved too!

With gratitude and love,

Pastor  
Cindy



## A REARRANGE FUNNY

### ASTRONOMER

When you rearrange the letters:  
MOON STARER

### THE EYES

When you rearrange the letters:  
THEY SEE

### THE MORSE CODE

When you rearrange the letters:  
HERE COME DOTS

### DORMITORY

When you rearrange the letters:  
DIRTY ROOM

### SLOT MACHINES

When you rearrange the letters:  
CASH LOST IN ME

### ELEVEN PLUS TWO

When you rearrange the letters:  
TWELVE PLUS ONE

### A DECIMAL POINT

When you rearrange the letters:  
I'M A DOT IN PLACE



## UMPTENAGERS

Are you trying to stay cool? What better way than to come to our COOL Church Parlor on Tuesday, July 15, at 11:00 am for lunch (\$5/person) and hear Lou Lindsey tell us (with pictures) about her Mexican trip to the Girl Scout World Center, plus visiting the Monarch Butterfly Winter Site. We hope to see you there.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

### Members:

Ron Cunningham  
Greg Gotcher

Nick Nicholson  
Linda Parmele

### Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Dodie's son-in-law, Mark Baggetto; Nick & Sandy Nicholson's son, Mark and his wife, Linda; Mary Ann Cunningham's mother and sister; Danny Hall's sister, Lily; Don & Linda Gregory's family; Syble Gale Aumiller; Elizabeth Havlik; Regina LaGrone's mom; 6 yr. old McKinley with cancer; 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

**Congratulations to James & Jessie Myers on the birth of their son, Connor Edward Myers born on July 12th. (7#, 9oz. and 19" long)**



## IT'S A BOY!

### Baby Shower for Baby Boy Duncan



**Proud Parents to Be:  
David Duncan & Lori Dey**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3rd  
2:00 PM**

**IN OUR PARLOR  
EVERYONE INVITED TO ATTEND!!!  
Registered at Babies 'R Us**

## THE GRACE ADVENTURE: WHAT IS GRACE ABOUT?

**By Max Lucado "One God, One Plan, One Life"**

Do we get grace? We talk as if we understand the term. The library gives us a grace period to pay a late fine. The no-good politician falls from grace. We use the word for hospitals, baby girls, and pre-meal prayers. It politely occupies a phrase in a hymn, fits nicely on a church sign. Never causes trouble or demands a response.

But is this all there is to grace? What's it really about?

Grace is everything Jesus. Grace lives because He does, works because He works, and matters because He matters. To be saved by grace is to be saved by Him, not by an idea, rule, or church membership, but by Jesus himself, who will sweep into Heaven anyone who so much as gives Him the nod. Not, mind you, in response to a finger snap, religious chant, or secret handshake. Grace won't be stage-managed. It's like Jesus himself: uncontainable, untamable..

Like a wild, whitewater kayak ride that is thrilling and scary and joyful. Grace isn't merely an app to be acquired. It's an adventure to be lived!

## DAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

This doesn't happen very often! Our Day School has the following positions open:

Co-teacher for 2-year-olds; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 8:30am-3:00pm  
Work with an experienced teacher to help plan and carry out activities.

Spanish teacher for 3- & 4-year olds; one day per week (needs to be a Monday, Wednesday or Friday); 10:00am-12:00pm; curriculum provided; responsible for planning and teaching three 20 minute classes

Teachers for after school program (K-5<sup>th</sup> graders); Monday-Friday (choose all 5 days or 2-3 days/wk); 2:30-6:00pm; work with experienced teachers to help supervise children.

The preschool or Spanish teacher position can be combined with the after school program teaching positions if a person would like to work more hours each week. We always prefer experience with children in a group setting as well as coursework in the area of education. However, we have certainly trained many teachers in the past.

Please spread the word to those you think may be interested. We much prefer hiring people who have a link to our New Haven people. Contact Tonya Ford for more information; (918-742-6781) or [tonyacford@hotmail.com](mailto:tonyacford@hotmail.com)



## YOU ARE INVITED TO A THANK-YOU RECEPTION FOR TONYA FORD SUNDAY, JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> 2:00 PM!

New Haven UMC and New Haven Day School are joining together to host a "thank-you" reception for Tonya Ford. Our illustrious Executive Director of the Day School is retiring from her position, and we want to thank her for all that she has done for our Day School over the past 6 years!!

Come join us in the Parlor for cake and punch, and bring your stories to share about Tonya's tenure here in the Day School. And no, she isn't retiring from the church – you will continue to see both she and Bill here with us!!

Let's thank Tonya for the wonderful job she has done for the school, and for the many ways she made a difference in children's lives for Christ!

## LEARN CPR You Can Do It!

**American Heart Association  
Friends and Family CPR Training!  
For Kids (ages 10-16)!  
Free to Attend!**

**Two Chances:**  
July 16<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>  
1:00pm-3:30pm

**Location:**  
Osteopathic Founders  
Foundation  
8801 South Yale Suite 400  
Tulsa, OK 74137



**To Register:**  
Call: Courtney Haxton at  
918.551.7300 or  
Email: [chaxton@osteopathicfounders.org](mailto:chaxton@osteopathicfounders.org)



## Opportunities of the Week July 20-27

### SUNDAY, July 20

- 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 Mission Sunday Committee/ Duiveman's Home
- 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
- 4:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, July 21

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group

### TUESDAY, July 22

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

### WEDNESDAY, July 23

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm ACOA/206

### THURSDAY, July 24

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

### FRIDAY, July 25

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, July 26

- 9:00 am Kairos/Gym

### SUNDAY, July 27

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship** and Children's Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am **Traditional Worship** and Children's Church
- 11:00 am Adult Education Meeting/185
- 2:00 pm "Thank You Reception" for Tonya Ford
- 4:00 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
- 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. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Paul Mabrey	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



## July Birthdays

- 7. Mycroft LaGrone
- 14. Luke Stevenson
- 16. Greg Green
- 17. Gabriel VanDyke
- Jeff Cauthon
- 18. David Schifferdecker
- 19. John Manuel
- 20. Betty Siegismund
- 21. Cindy Havlik
- 23. Jennifer Roberts

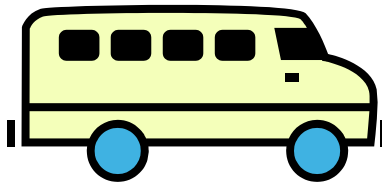


### MINI-BUS FUNDS UPDATE

**COST OF NEW BUS: \$60,000.**

**FUNDS TO DATE: \$17,255.45**

**FUNDS NEEDED: \$42,744.55**



### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**July 13, 2014**

**8:45 am—62**

**11:00 am—83**

**Total: 165**

**Sunday School Attendance  
65**

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

**Room 185: Discovery Class**  
Galatians

**Room 209: Fellowship Class**  
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 210: New Friendship Class**  
"Revival: Faith As Wesley Lived It"  
By Adam Hamilton

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

**Room 161 Interlude Class**  
"Making Sense of the Bible" by  
Adam Hamilton

**Room 205: Journeys Class**  
"God is Closer Than You Think" by  
John Ortburg

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