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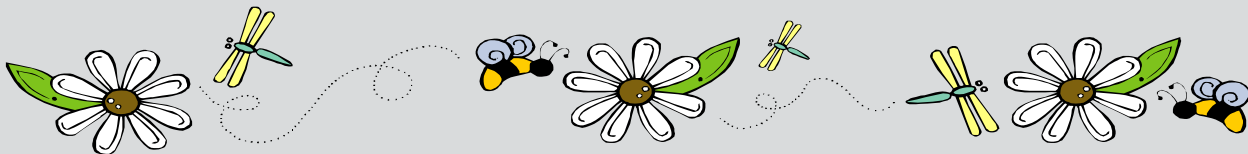
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New Intentional Interim Minister Called to Serve

The Administrative Board approved the call to Rev. Rob Scofield as an intentional interim minister candidate. Rob will begin his ministry on Sunday, August 7.

Rob is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with over 30 years of experience in the ministry with pastorates in Texas and Louisiana as well as chaplaincy experiences in a New Orleans hospital and a Ft. Worth prison. He has completed two previous intentional interim engagements with a church in western Texas and a church in Illinois. He holds a Masters in Religious Education from Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth and has studied the Intentional Interim process with Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He is involved with the Association of Trained Intentional Interim Ministers and the Oasis Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Intentional Interim online conferences. He and his wife, Barbara who is a CPA and professor of accounting currently live in Odessa, Texas. He has one adult daughter, Lynn who is a civil engineer in Rhode Island.

Rob has a vibrant personality, is a quick thinker and not afraid to speak the truth. He will challenge us to discern what future God has in mind for us by asking the hard questions, thinking outside the box and helping us to re-look at our mission and witness to the community and beyond.

Rob will be renting an apartment in Bartlesville and taking one week every two months to spend back in Texas. His wife will join him here during part of the summer and some of the school breaks.



Reception for Rev. Rob Scofield

You are all invited to a reception following church on August 7 to welcome our new intentional interim minister, Rev. Rob Scofield and his wife Barbara. Rev. Leslie Dotson from the Oklahoma Region will be joining to participate in the morning worship time.

Plan to join us this Sunday for the message from Rev. Ann Jordan, Director of Pastoral Care and Counseling at In The Spirit Christian Church in Tulsa.

The Board would like to thank the members of the Search Committee for all the work they have done on the search for an interim minister.



Everyone is invited to a 90th Birthday celebration for **Clarence Rutherford** on Sunday, August 28th from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Attire is casual. Cards only. Come and join Clarence in this special celebration!

With schools back in session in just a few short weeks, that means the Washington County School Supply Drive ("Pack the Backpacks") is in high gear. Please look over the info below and if you've got some free time, especially on August 7th, come on down and help: **Pack the Backpacks.**

Garage Sale & Sweet Shoppe - Saturday, July 30 - 8 to 4 - American Legion Building

We've got over 1,500 items that have been donated. You can see them on our website (<http://packthebackpacks.org>). Come out and grab some bargains. We'll also have some homemade goodies and you can even take a chance on winning a "Nook" or a Blu-Ray Player.

Sprint Weekend - Aug. 6, 7, 8 - St. Luke's Church - 9th & Dewey

This is what we work towards for the entire year and this is when it all comes together. On these days, we do the final packing and distribution of the backpacks for the students. **Here's the schedule:**

Saturday, Aug. 6, 9am to Noon - St. Luke's Church - 9th & Dewey

Product Setup: we move the supplies into position so the backpacks can be filled. Lots of counting and carrying of supplies

Sunday, Aug. 7, 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm - St. Luke's Church - 9th & Dewey

Pack the Backpacks: Lots of volunteers descend on St. Luke's and fill each one of the over 2,300 backpacks with supplies. Each backpack is custom-filled for a specific student.

Sunday, Aug. 7, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm - St. Luke's Church - 9th & Dewey

Stack the Backpacks: The backpacks are all moved from their staging rooms into 1 large hall and placed into proper order by student/school for easy pickup.

Monday, Aug. 8, 8:00 am to Noon, 1:00 to 6:00 pm - St. Luke's Church - 9th & Dewey

Backpack Distribution: The backpacks are given out to the folks who signed up and we help check that everything was packed correctly.

ATTENTION - C.W.F. LADIES

Did you remember to get your SPECIAL MISSION check for Margery's friend, Sue to the church office or Sharon? Sue is planning her next trip in August.



The Boy Scout Troop 1's garage sale has been rescheduled for later in the year (maybe Sept.). They are still receiving items for their sale. Call scout leader, Wayde Hamilton at 918-841-9007 if you need items to be picked up. Also, you can leave items here at the church by the back door or put in the basement.



Gretchen Meeske's new address is:
3757 A West McNab Rd.
Pompano, FL. 33069-4924
Phone #: (954)972-6897

Items for **CONCERN**
for the Month of
August
"Ravioli"

Please place in the basket near the alley door. We will deliver items to the CONCERN Center.

Barbara Creel
 Elizabeth Cook
 Page Harshfield
 Ann McCleskey
 Q & Etta Montgomery
 Frances Gardner
 Barney Morris
 Chester Spencer
 Charlotte Spencer
 Barbara Parsons
 Helen Stead
 Doris Hamilton
 Dick Hall
 Russell Miller
 Glenna Detter
 Corinne Hutchison
 Jim Anderson



Armed Forces
George Galanis (Lee Cooper)
Michele (Johnson) Uhlig
Sue Sharp (Phil & Emily Hays)
Leonard & Elaine LaRue
 (Roger & Suzanne Shiflet)
Greg Mueggenborg (Margery Maple)
Jack Daugherty (Earleen Martensen)
Charlie Chaffin (Debbie Lansford)
Pat Tucker (Earleen Martensen)
Gordon Grant
Molly Bechtelheimer (Emily & Phil Hays)
Francis Smith (Ken & Sharon Armstrong)
Scott Foosee (Harriett Lansford)
Allyson Perry (Debbie Lansford)
Howard Jones (Margery Maple)
Jerry Smith (Chester & Charlotte Spencer)
Lisa Walker (Bill & Billie Walker)
Kerry Evans (Suzanne Shiflet)
Stephanie Austin (Barbara Anderson)

Amy Lambert (Bill & Beverly Hines)
Dana Howard (Margery Maple)
Jessica Anderson (Jim & Barbara Anderson)
Heather Brown (Nancy Smith)
Toly Artunoff (Margery Maple)
Bobby Hindman (Steve Seger)
Jarand Kennedy (Claire Meredith)
Incarcerated Persons
Jim Cyrus (Faye Marlowe)
Gary Heinz (Barbara Anderson)
Dr. Stan DeFehr
Dr. Jay Bryngelson
Carilu Robinson (Faye Marlowe)
Persons affected by recent disasters
Isaac Watkins (Mary Lou Bray)
Carter Ricks (Chester & Charlotte Spencer)
Barbara Hildebrand (Gene & Phyllis Sturm)
Bill & Jean Brown (JoAnn Brouse)
Dean Marlowe (Faye Marlowe)
St. John's Hospital - Tulsa
Phil Hays - Rm. 1034

Enhance Our Ministry to Area Youth "On The Rock Ministries" Playground

On The Rock Ministries is expanding their ministry to youth by acquiring and renovating additional property at their location to provide more than 1,300 youth with Christian oriented activities including after school tutoring, annual retreats, Christian music concerts, drug prevention education, indoor skate park, climbing wall and much more . Part of Phase 1 renovations include installation of a super size playground and basketball goals for the kids who attend The Rock. The total needed to fund the playground is \$15,000.

A matching grant has been made available for members, extended family and friends of First Christian who contribute to the project. Contributions will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$7,500. Your contribution can be matched a second time if you are a current or retired employee (or spouse) of ConocoPhillips. To receive the matching gift from ConocoPhillips, contributions need to be sent directly to The Rock (P.O. Box 442, Bartlesville OK 74005) along with the matching gift form and a designation for the playground fund. Funds given directly to The Rock will be still be tracked and credited to First Christian's outreach giving. Gifts can also be made through the church. Mark your contribution with "FCC Playground" in the memo field of your check.

Contact Ross or Claire Meredith if you have questions or need assistance completing the matching gift form.



Ken and Sharon Armstrong on the death of Sharon's mother, Lou Penoi on Sunday, July 24th. Service were held on the 28th in Ponca City.
Chester Spencer on the death of his sister's grandson in Arkansas.
Eileen Palmer and family on the death Glenn on July 26th. Services are pending at the present time.



The family of Pattie McSwain wishes to thank Lou Brown and the wonderful members of First Christian Church for all the special things they have done to help during mother's illness and since her passing.

All the prayers, cards, notes and calls were so encouraging to her and us as well. The shows of sympathy from card, calls and gifts are all so appreciated and so helpful at this time. Thank you all so much.

Mother was born into the First Christian Church, where her grandmother raised all of her seven children, and was a founder of original church when it met on the banks of the Caney River and that's where she was baptized. All the family was raised in the church - and their children, etc. The church is such a special part of all our lives and mother's. She and I never quit talking about it and all our wonderful friends, and Gary Suze and I have truly enjoyed hearing from all of you and all the memories you have brought back. Again, thank you for all you have done, and for all you have done for mother. She held you all so dear in her heart. We all hope to see you before long- Thank you!

Deanna and Gary McSwain and Suzanne (McSwain) Hirst.

Dear Ladies, Thank you all so much for the wonderful lunch you prepared for us prior to Norma Blades' funeral July 5. It was a blessing and a sustenance for us for the rest of that day. We shall always remember your kindness. Sincerely, David & Cecelia Bowles.

Thank you to all who participated on July 8th in Create for Mission Day sponsored by Church Women United. Thirty women from 10 churches gathered to make clothing protectors, pillows, walker pockets, catheter covers and lap quilts. Two hundred and twenty three separate items were delivered to nursing homes in Bartlesville, Dewey, and Barnsdall. Also 10 school kits and 10 hygiene kits for global disaster areas were assembled, packed and mailed. Cash donations were accepted for kits and miscellaneous supplies.

Special thanks go to:

- Oak Park United Methodist Church for being our host and providing a delicious lunch.
- All the ladies who attended the work day.
- All the ladies who sewed school bags, lap quilts, and walker pockets throughout the year.
- All who gave contributions.
- All the women who helped behind the scenes with publicity, and promoted the event to friends.

Create for Mission will be held again in July, 2012. Watch your church bulletin for details, and plan to attend to assist in God's work.

Pat Brown, Chairperson
Create for Mission/Church Women United

Camp Christian at Chouteau, has a need for a Golf Cart. The cabins at the camp are spread out over 15 acres. Having a Golf Cart would allow Rev. Bubach, the new camp manager to go from building to building with tools and cleaning supplies. Contact John Marrs, Camp Commission Chair at jamjcm@att.net or 918-396-2221 or 918-740-3313 if you have one you would like to donate.

Sunday Worship Schedule:

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Staff:

Intentional Interim Pastor: Rob Scofield
Music Director: Margery S. Maple
Office Manager: Lou Brown
Custodian: Chester Spencer
Nursery Attendant: Retta Seger



The deadline for articles for the next newsletter will be Monday, August 22 by 9:00 a.m.

