

What's happening at the Community Center...

- ♦ The Anderson City Market at the Park Place Community Center continues on Saturdays through October, 8:00 am-12:00 pm.
- ♦ DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) support Group Tuesdays, September 11 - December 4 6:15-8:00 pm, Park Place Community Center To register: www.divorcecare4kids.org (Group: Madison Park Church of God) For more information: contact Karen Roberts, karenroberts@comcast.net
- ♦ At Park Place Church in the Covenant Room DivorceCare Support Group Tuesdays, September 11 - December 4 6:15-8:00 pm. To register: www.divorcecare.org (Group: Madison Park Church of God) For more information: contact Darlene Pease, darlenepease9@gmail.com

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Sunday School

SMK — Ages: Birth - Grade 5
FUSION Mornings for students grades 6 - 12
Variety of Adult Classes — a list of classes is available on the website: www.ppchog.org

10:00 - 10:30 am "The Gathering"

in the Narthex
Coffee, doughnuts, & connection
Everyone is welcome!

10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary

September 2, 16, 30

Pastor David Markle, preaching

September 9

Andrew Gale preaching

September 23

Guest preacher

Godly Play (ages 4 and up)

September 9, 16, 23, 30

Grace, Community, Serve, Celebrate.

"Celebrate Life"

NEW CLASS OFFERINGS at 9:00 am beginning Sunday, September 2

Biblical Insights for Life, Room 137

Read and discuss the Bible to discover what it says about how to live and interact with people in everyday life. It doesn't matter if you are new to reading the Bible or an expert, you will find the Bible has fresh insights for your life today. Contact: Leah Helvering, leahhelvering@gmail.com.

Welcome Class Pastor's study

Especially designed for newcomers to Park Place, using *Conversations with Jesus* as a guide, build relationships with God and others led by Pastor Markle.

BODY LIFE ~ Wednesday Night Family Activities begin Wednesday, September 5

5:15-6:00 pm Meal and Fellowship

\$7, adults; \$3, Students K-12th Grade; Free, College and Pre-K; \$20, families

Sept. 5 Taco Salad
Sept. 12 Stacked Chicken
Sept. 19 Ham
Sept. 26 Sweet and Sour Pork

6:00-7:30 pm

Adult Class, Covenant Room

They Met Jesus: Life-Changing Encounters, led by Pastor Markle and friends.
Wednesday Night Kids, Room 137
Sanctuary Choir

6:00-7:30 pm

GriefShare Support Group, Bessie Byrum Lounge

6:00-8:00 pm

Fusion Youth

7:35-9:00 pm One Accord Adult Handbell Choir

Sundays @ Park Place

Message Series "Celebrate Life"



September 2
Pastor David Markle preaching
"Know the Spirit"
I John 4:1-21

September 9

Andrew Gale preaching

September 16

Pastor David Markle preaching
"Know the Life"
I John 5:1-21

September 23

Guest preacher

September 30

Pastor David Markle preaching
"Welcome the Christ"
II John 4, III John

"THEY MET JESUS," an 8-week Bible study, Thursdays, September 6 through October 25. The sessions will be held at the Park Place Community Center, 6:00-7:30 pm. Steve Hency will be the facilitator.

(See page 2 for details.)

Upcoming Events:

September

September 5
Body Life
5:15-9:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 14
Ladies Night Out
6:00-9:00 pm
The Carriage House (Loose Funeral Home), 200 West 53rd Street
"Creative, Clutter-free, Gift Giving"
Hosted by Gwen Johnson
(See page 3 for details.)

September 16
Coffee House Worship
6:00-7:15 pm
Community Center, Room 13

October
October 27
6:00-8:00 pm
Block Party
Community Center South Lot

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NEWS & EVENTS

KAREN SCOTT, OUR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, HAS BEEN WORKING AT PP FOR 40 YEARS—YES, 40 YEARS. SHE STARTED WHEN SHE WAS 21.

Do you really understand all that she does? It's not just processing offerings on Monday morning. Those offerings must be entered in the right designations, those sums balanced, deposits made, and, more recently, credit card deposits and the paper work with them collected and processed. But, if a copy machine doesn't work, she is called. If supplies are needed, she is called. Until recently, if a computer issue came up, she was called. If an employee wants to check vacation hours, she is called. And, when employees are hired, she must collect a lot of paperwork from them. She does the data entering into the financial system for income and for accounts payable processes. She assists with the audit preparation where needed. And, of course, state and federal taxes must be accurate and paid on time. She processes special memorial donations, takes care of recording Poinsettias, Easter flowers, and Uganda animals for those holidays.

Oh, I almost forgot; all those accounts payable checks or ACH transfers must be paid according to their invoices for such items as piano tuning, employee insurance, toilet paper, Sunday morning donuts, pest control, utility bills, and scads more that pass through her hands. Our outreach offerings go out monthly to places like The Christian Center, Church of God Ministries, Silent Blessings, and many others. Oh, oh, payroll for the Children's Center, Community Center and Church is a huge task, which she helps with and that keeps her very busy.

AND, she does all these tasks so graciously. She has a great sense of humor, laughs easily, and dearly loves her cat Lucy. Karen has worked with numerous business professionals, currently Paula Wensel, with whom she works well. She also had years of faithful volunteer help from Elaine Stiers, and she oversees a core group of women who come every Monday morning to help with the counting of the Sunday offering.

Aren't we thankful for this unassuming, gracious, overworked, thoughtful, funny "young" lady? -- Jill Dickerson

SUPPORT GROUP: Alzheimer's Caregivers

A support group aimed at strengthening those providing care to loved ones with dementia meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am in Room 138. For more information contact Loretta Davy (ldavy@ppchog.org) or Pastor Markle (dmarkle@ppchog.org).

GRIEF SHARE is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. The 13-week program meets Wednesdays in the Bessie Byrum Lounge. Anyone is welcome to attend who has experienced the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. If you or someone you know is hurting and needs encouragement after experiencing such a loss, you can learn more by contacting Leah Helvering at 765-643-4236 or bhelvering@gmail.com, or visit www.griefshare.org.

Fusion Youth
Wednesdays ~ 6:00-8:00 pm
Meet in The Upstairs

~CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES~

◆◆◆Sunday Morning Kids
Sundays ~ 9:00 am◆◆◆
Infants — 5th grade

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Godly Play (ages 4 and up)  
August 5, 12, 26

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Wednesday Night Kids
Resumes September 5
Ages 4 - Grade 5

September 5 — Game Night, Newberry Room
led by Kathy Freer and friends
September 12 — Worship and Praise,
Room 139, led by Pastor Carma Wood
September 19 — Worship and Praise,
Room 139, led by Pastor Carma Wood

TOPIC: "THEY MET JESUS," an 8-week Bible study. *They Met Jesus* is a character study that invites you to understand the background, personalities, and beliefs of fifteen individuals who met Jesus; to notice how he interacted with each of them; and to see how their lives were impacted. If you are curious about the relevance of Jesus to your own life, this study is for you."

The study will begin on Thursday, September 6 and continues through Thursday, October 25. The sessions will be held at the Park Place Community Center from 6:00-7:30. This Bible study is for those who may be new to Bible study (but anyone is invited to participate). Since it is intended to be a small group study, the group will be limited to 12 individuals. Steve Hency will be the facilitator. If you have questions contact him at 765-717-8236 or call the church office.

REMINDER:

The Children's Center collects Box Tops. You may bring them to the church office or place them in the box on the Information Desk in the Welcome Center on Sundays.



OUTREACH NEWS by Jim Bailey

RELATIONSHIPS STRENGTHENED IN OKLAHOMA BIBLE SCHOOL PROJECT

In the years since Ed and Deb Breeden pioneered a Bible school project in conjunction with the Brown Indian Baptist Church in Lawton, Oklahoma, nearly three decades ago, the relationship has been a continuing one between the Oklahoma congregation and delegations from Park Place Church.

And according to Kim Butler, whose family led this year's effort, the long-term aspect of the relationship has been its strength.

"Relationships with the people there are probably the reason a lot of us like to go back," explained Kim.

Fourteen people from Park Place, along with four others from Ohio, handled the annual Bible school program for the small predominantly Native American church in July. They included Phil, Kim, Elizabeth, Philip, and Asa Butler, Ashley Lashbrook, Andrew Taflinger, Emily Richards, Sophia Ventura, Graeme States, Caroline States, Jayce Talley, Samantha Kulesa, and Caleb Overstreet, in addition to the four Ohioans, Charlotte Wollum, Mark Robey, Jack Davidson, and Jeanie Minton.

The majority of those making the trip have participated before and relish the experience. Many of

those making the trip began in Fusion Youth and many have continued participating during their college years.

"Most of us wanted to go again," said Kim, "We've built relationships from past years and we plan to continue for the foreseeable future."

It has paid off in the long run in the way they are received by the host congregation, a rural church that ministers to Comanche, Cherokee, Taos Pueblo, and Kiowa Indian tribes as well as white residents in southwestern Oklahoma. It is too small to conduct its own Vacation Bible School program but increasingly embraces the avenue of outreach to area youngsters.

"For a while it was a bit strained," explained Kim. "But they participated more the past two years and provided snacks every day."

This year's experience was a good one with a larger number of students as well as more youth and a large adult class. Kim sees a lot of positive possibilities for the future.

The continuing relationship is a plus in accomplishing the goals of Christian outreach, group members believe. "With short-term efforts you don't get to establish relationships," Kim observed. "Over the years you develop a long-term commitment."

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you for celebrating our marriage with such a lovely reception on Sunday, July 15th. We are so blessed to be part of this dear church family. A special thanks to members of the Crossroads Sunday School class and Sanctuary Choir for providing goodies and hosting! We feel very loved!

--Joani Brandon and Chris Luekenga



Fall is coming!!!

There is outdoor work that needs to be done around the church before Fall is actually here. We need your help. Would your Sunday school class or a group be available to take on this task of fall-erizing/winterizing the grounds around the church?

Please contact Marvin Ginn, ginn@ppchog.org or 642-0216.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Women of Park Place Ladies Friday Night Out:

"Creative, Clutter-free, Gift Giving"

Hosted by Gwen Johnson,
Friday, September 14,

6:00-9:00 pm at The Carriage House (Loose
Funeral Home), 200 West 53rd Street
Baked Potato Bar catered by Nameless Catering
Cost: \$13, adults; \$5, girls

Open to all women and girls ages 12 and up.

Join us for an interactive session on creative, clutter-free gift giving. We'll discuss reasons we give gifts, the importance of considering the culture and the recipient, brainstorm relevant gift ideas (considering experiences over things, quality over quantity), and create our own clutter-free gift for upcoming birthdays, Christmas, etc.

Please bring: pair of scissors, "used" greeting card (front and back!), ruler, and pencil. Also, if you have scrapbooking/card-making materials" (punches, stamps, embellishments, paper, etc., to share please bring them.

NEXT GARAGE SALE will be in April, 2019. Donations will be accepted, beginning the week of August 12. If you are thinking about doing any summer cleaning, preparing to move, etc. and need a place to donate your items, contact Gwen Johnson, 765-615-1345.