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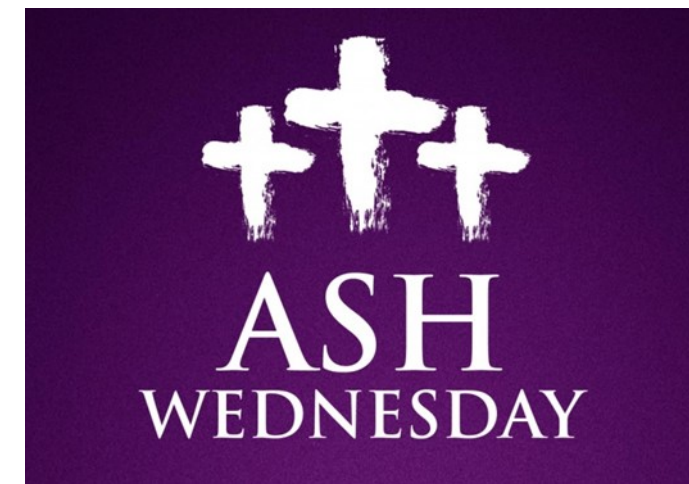
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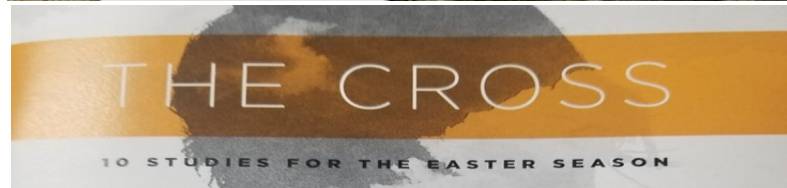
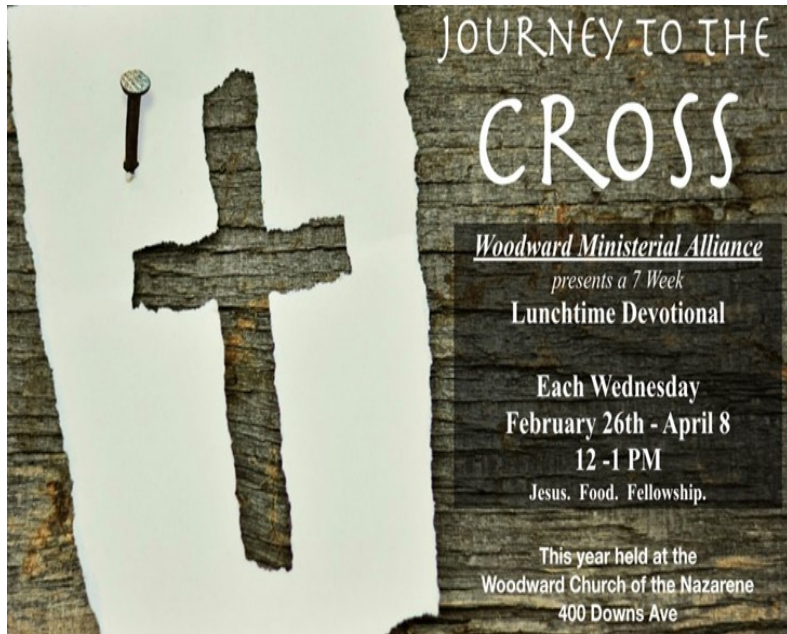
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Wednesday, February 26, 6:15 p.m.

The countdown to the world-changing events of the last week of Jesus's earthly life and Easter morning begin with an Ash Wednesday service on February 26. In the weeks to come, we will remember Jesus's long journey to the cross and what it means for each of us. At this service, we will place ashes on our foreheads in the shape of the cross in order to show remorse for past sins and celebrate the great forgiveness and restoration Jesus provides to each of us. We will have the normal FLOW meal at 5:15 p.m., but then go into the sanctuary for a service at 6:15 p.m. There will be music, a message, holy communion, and the imposition of ashes. Let's prepare ourselves to take up our own crosses and follow Jesus!



**Free Devotion Book Available Beginning This Sunday**  
 What difference does what Jesus did on the cross make in our actual daily lives – in our relationships, or our work or our inner thoughts? The ten studies in this little devotional book will help you explore these themes over the next few weeks as we anticipate Easter on April 12. Feel free to pick up one for your household beginning this Sunday morning!



 **April 12---** We will have an all church Easter Brunch between the church services during the Sunday School time. Our children will have an Easter Egg hunt!! Bring your **empty** Easter Egg Baskets. We have the eggs



*Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering the punishment that brought; us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

—  
**Isaiah 53:4-5**  
 Sermon Series Begins Feb 26 During Ash Wednesday Service  
 Life is hard. We have all been wounded in various ways. We know that Jesus was wounded, too. As we journey to the cross with Jesus in the weeks ahead, we'll see how Jesus acknowledges our wounds and brings us healing.



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Rowen Fanning , infant son of Riley & Ashley Fanning baptized November 24, 2019.


Anderson Pryor, infant son of Adam & Ellie Pryor was baptized February 2, 2020.



Plans are beginning for to believe, isn't it!) This **June 1-5. We are looking for volunteers to help us with this endeavor. The theme for this year's VBS is Rocky Railway Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through . Please prayerfully consider helping with this worthwhile week. We need people in all areas. Please call Debbie at the church to volunteer your help! Or if I call you, please accept the challenge with a smile!**

**Vacation Bible School! (hard year it is scheduled to be**


**April 26 ----6:00 pm  
 Mother Son NerfWar event**



## Sunday School is Cool



**May 5 and May 7 --Last Christ's Crew and King's Kids for the school year.**

**CAMP**  
**Church Camps**  
**Sonshine Camp for upcoming First and Second Graders**  
**July 18-19**  
**Growin' In Grace Camp for upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Graders**  
**July 13-15**  
**Camp information will be mailed out soon.**



# GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Thursdays 1:00-3:00 p.m. OR 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
 March 5, 2020-May 28, 2020  
 First United Methodist Church  
 1111 Downs Ave. Woodward, Ok.  
 580-256-5515



We have many things to look forward to in the coming months! Here is a quick rundown for you!  
**FLOW---**The last FLOW will be held on March 11.  
 However, we will continue to have Rockin' Kids Choir From 6:15-6:45 pm on Wednesday.

*Daddy Daughter 50's Bash!!!!!!  
 March 29 at 6:00 PM*

*Daddies, Grandpa's, Good Buddys and Daughters of all ages come join us for hamburgers, hot dogs, and COKE FLOATS! Wear your 50's attire (if you have any...no worries if you don't). Be ready to enjoy limbo contests, hula hoop contests, bubble gum blowing contests and lots of other fun!*



**April 5 Palm Sunday**



All of our children will enter the sanctuary during both worship services waving palm branches to celebrate Jesus entering Jerusalem. If you could be at both that would be great! Meet us in Fellowship Hall to get your palm branches!

To Our Church Family,  
 Thank you so much for the cards and gift basket. They were so appreciated. Special thanks to Bob & Rhonda, & Warren & Debbie for delivering them. Sincerely, Lynn, Kelly & Connie

Dear Church family,  
 Thank you so much for thinking of me during finals week. My first semester at OU was great!  
 Thanks again, Elle Owen

Dear FUMC family,  
 Thank you so much for the finals week care package!  
 Garrett Owen

Dear Church family,  
 Thank you so much for the sack full of Christmas cards. It was so nice of you all to think of me. All of you are so caring. You have helped me so very much the last 3 years. I've read them over & over and I plan to read them again. God Bless you All,  
 Lena Mae Regan

We want to say thank you to the various members of our church for the many they have done for us while I've been confined to home, To Jo, Debbie, Carolyn & my Bible study group for bringing us a beautiful red basket filled with "goodies" and their visit, right before Christmas. Also to Pat & Woody for bringing the altar flowers. To the choir for their caroling. To David & Patty for the delicious rib dinner and to Margaret for being such a good neighbor. Thanks to Pastor Shannon for his prayers & phone calls . May God Bless you all. Don & Ramona Dauphin

Dear FUMC,  
 I would like to thank my awesome church family for all the loving acts of kindness given me during my hip replacement surgery and recovery. The prayers, calls, cards, food and flowers meant so much to us. I am still in recovery but moving forward. The church flowers delivered by Marie Herzer were so beautiful. I am thankful God blessed me with such a caring and loving church family. Sincerely, Patty Neely

I want to thank the Tuesday Morning Bible Study group for the large basket of goodies delivered to me by Rhonda, & LaVonnie. Also I want to thank you for all the Christmas cards delivered to me by Karen. I am enjoying them so much . Happy New Year to All. Bendena Wirz

Dear Church family,  
 There are no words for all the thankfulness I feel for each and everyone of you. Thank you so much for your concern, your calls, the delicious meals, the cards and the visits. My family and I give all the praise for the successful surgery to the prayer warriors, individual prayers, the surgery team, and above all to God. To God Be the Glory! Love to All, Kaye Groce

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**MISSION STATEMENT**

**“TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST”**

Church family, My heartfelt thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, support and concern during my downtime with my breathing problems. Thank you Shannon for your phone calls and prayers. I know prayers have been answered and the power of God’s healing is amazing. Christ’s love to all, Sandy Craig

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| 3/03 Kyle & Afton Wilson       | 3/30 Eric & Rachel Andrews |
| 3/05 B.J. & Kim Williams       |                            |
| 3/07 Jerry & Janis McAllister  |                            |
| 3/11 Tom & Marsha Hook         |                            |
| 3/15 Frank & Debbie Harrington |                            |
| 3/16 Russell & Cindy Brewer    |                            |
| 3/25 Howard & Joyce Adams      |                            |
| Larry & Carolyn Thornton       |                            |



**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

**Recent Hospital Stays:** Barbara Parrish, Kaye Groce, Patty Neely, Betty Steenberg, Bob Myers, Dale Arnold, Kenny Heckart

**At Home:** Mike & Kathryn Upchurch, Bruce Stout, Linda Hunter, Mary Bishop, Gene Cook, Jim & Betty Steenberg, Glennys Shillings, Ernestine Gay, Lucille Stocking, Steve Martin, Bendena Wirz, Wilber & Zona Cheap, Earlene Alley, Helen Sundstrom, Don & Ramona Dauphin, Lynn Duvall, Bob Meyer, Elise Solloway, Don Morris, Jim Robertson, Rusty Menefee, Lena Mae Regan, Jo Lyn Page, Yvonne Branstetter

**In Nursing Homes or Care Facilities:**  
Barbara Carr, Mickey Armstrong, Wanda Stricker, Lawrence Rauch, Marvin Junker, Jim & Barbara Parish

**Other:** Our Troops and their Families

**Sympathy Extended to:** Nina Nickel & Family (Husband-Jerry), Jane Williams & Family (Son-Ted), Ben Hall & Family (Father), Gerald Newby & Family (Mother), Janice Trout & Family (Brother)

**Special Prayer Request:** All Government Leaders

**Prayer Requests:** Our Prayer Team meets every Monday in the Library at 4:00 pm. You are invited to attend, or you may call the church office with



- 3/01 Bruce Stout
- 3/02 Michael Sims
- 3/03 Tacy Hurst  
Larry Powers  
Amber Simpson  
Marcus Stephenson
- 3/04 Pat McVicker
- 3/05 Brianna Domnick
- 3/06 Emalee Friend  
Vi Jackson  
Derek Mills
- 3/07 Tim Bell  
Ed Parker
- 3/08 Robert Solloway
- 3/09 Leslie Taylor  
Gage Owen
- 3/10 Diane Oliver  
Brianna Winn
- 3/11 Elizabeth Hall  
Sayer Hayes
- 3/14 Barbara Arnold  
Lottie Lynes  
Robin Price  
Connor Price
- 3/15 Marisa Endersby  
B.J. Williams
- 3/16 Ed Kinney
- 3/17 Matt Hyman  
Dian Martin
- 3/20 Carolyn Riffel
- 3/22 Orphi Grunewald  
Reva Parker  
Gentry Wilcox
- 3/23 Joyce Adams  
Larry Thornton
- 3/24 Jolie Vap
- 3/26 Gary Sweet  
Wyatt Gunther  
Cyndy Kemper  
Bill Leonard  
Glennys Shillings
- 3/27 Katherine Cockerham
- 3/30 Vic Terbush
- 3/31 Emma Lewis  
Andrew Stewart

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines crisis as “an emotionally significant event or radical change of status in a person’s life” or “an unstable or crucial time or state of affairs in which a decisive change is impending”. Dictionary.com adds that a crisis is “a stage in a sequence of events at which the trend of all future events, especially for better or for worse, is determined”. A crisis is a change in life. It can be a good change or a bad change. You may see it as a huge change, or you may consider it with a shrug and say, “That’s just part of life”. Regardless, it is a change. And, change is difficult. When people think of a crisis, what comes to mind is divorce or marital problems, death of a loved one or close friend, life-altering diagnosis, loss of a job, or financial instability. But, a new marriage, the adoption or birth of a baby, a move to a new town, and a new job are changes as well and can bring about a flood of emotions. Whether the change is good or bad, change can be stressful. Many people feel better when they have someone to walk with them and talk to through a crisis. That is what a Stephen Minister does. They walk with a person through a crisis. They are listeners. They are prayer warriors. They are shoulders to lean on. They are hugs. They are care givers. They are conduits of the Cure Giver’s love. Stephen Ministers are the care giver. God is the cure giver. If you find yourself in a crisis, big or small, and want someone to walk with you, please stop by the office or contact Karen Bell or Pastor Shannon. Stephen Ministers are here for YOU.

