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CDC Moves into New Classrooms

The Child Development Center began the move into its new space on January 3. Thanks to all those who assisted by moving boxes, toys, equipment and furnishings. The move was quickly accomplished and enabled teachers to get their rooms organized. Watch for information about the grand opening on January 29, when an open house will be hosted for the congregation.

Polk Street UMC 2012 Leaders

Church Council

<i>Officers:</i>		Finance Chairperson	Dennis Falk
Chairperson	Brian Bruckner	Permanent Endow.	
Recording Secretary	TBA	Chairperson	elected by Committee
Church Treasurer	David Cole	CDC Advisory Board	
Lay Leader	Phil Corbin	Chairperson	Chelsi Plummer
<i>At-Large Members</i>		Lay Member of Annual	
Class of 2012:	Brent Skaggs	Conference	Glynn Roland
Class of 2013:	Jan King		
Class of 2014:	Autumn Flowers		
<i>Ex-Officio Members:</i>		<i>Staff: (without vote):</i>	Dr. Burt Palmer, Rev.
S-PRC Chairperson	elected by Committee		Kevin Deckard, Rev. Dixie Robertson, Ken
Trustee Chairperson	elected by Committee		Knight, Karen Smith, Brad Gruhlkey, Mike
			Ware, Mike Jones

Standing Committees

Committee on Nominations and Lay Leadership

Chairperson	Dr. Burt Palmer	Class of 2014	Cheryl Orman, Lynnita Uselton, Gregg White
Class of 2012	Wes Reeves, Lonnelle Kenady, Patsy Wright	<i>Ex-Officio:</i>	
Class of 2013	Carolyn Conklin, Ron Watts, Zac Plummer	Lay Leader	Phil Corbin

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Chairperson	elected by Committee	Class of 2014	Hart Derington, Phyllis Newcomb, Lynda McCarty
Class of 2012	Thomas McMillian (young adult), John Miesse, Lori Scales	<i>Ex-Officio Members:</i>	
Class of 2013	Todd Branson, Andy Nies, Lynn Lowe	Lay Leader	Phil Corbin
		Lay Mmbr of Ann. Conf.	Glynn Roland

Board of Trustees

Chairperson	elected by Committee	Class of 2014	Laura Street, Gary Pitner, Jo Anne Rodgers
Class of 2012	Jim Uselton, Joe Chappell, Arden Kenady	<i>Staff: (without vote)</i>	
Class of 2013	Charles King, Robert Bryant, Alana Chilcote	Pastor	Dr. Burt Palmer
		Business Administrator	Mike Jones

Committee on Finance

Chair	Dennis Falk	Rep. from S-PRC	elected by Committee
Class of 2012	Ben Bruckner, Robert Durrett, Sandra Watts	Rep. from Trustees	elected by Committee
Class of 2013	Tarrie Pirtle, Bob Troxell, David Cole	CDC Adv.	Krissy Jones
Class of 2014	Linda Pitner, Eric Pullen, Ragan Rodgers	Council Treas.	
		Lay Leader	Phil Corbin
		<i>Staff: (without vote)</i>	
		Pastor	Dr. Burt Palmer
		Business Administrator	Mike Jones

Restricted Funds Committee (subcommittee of the Committee on Finance)

Chairperson: Treasurer	David Cole	<i>Staff: (without vote)</i>	
Appointed by Fin. Com.	Robert Durrett, Krissy Jones	Pastor	Dr. Burt Palmer
		Business Administrator	Mike Jones

Permanent Endowment Fund Committee

Chairperson	elected by Committee	Church Council Chair:	Brian Bruckner
Secretary	elected by Committee	Ministry Team Chair:	Hank Blanchard
Class of 2012	Steve Hoard, Ralph Wisian	Trustee Chair:	elected by Committee
Class of 2013	Mike Arp, Rebecca Gruhlkey	<i>Staff: (without vote)</i>	
Class of 2014	Joe Street, Ragan Rodgers	Pastor	Dr. Burt Palmer
		Business Administrator	Mike Jones
		Finance Com. Chair:	Dennis Falk

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Parking on Sunday Mornings

"CLOSE ACCESS NEEDS" PARKING
PSUMC SOUTHEAST LOT

VISITOR PARKING
WHITNEY RUSSELL LOT

Street parking may or may not be available, depending on the progress of the construction project. Shuttle service is provided for all four parking lots on Sunday mornings.

GENERAL PARKING
PANHANDLE MHR LOT

GENERAL PARKING
HAVEN HOUSE LOT

WEEKDAY PARKING

- During business hours, parking is available on the SOUTH side of the **PURPLE LOT**.
- During business hours, the **BLUE LOT** will be used for CDC school drop-offs and pick-ups.
- For Wednesday night children & youth activities, please use the **BLUE LOT**.
- AFTER 6pm, the **RED LOT**, the **GREEN LOT**, and the entire **PURPLE LOT** are available.

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Burt'sBytes

If you ever want to achieve something, you need to step outside of your comfort zone. At times, you have to deliberately put yourself in uncomfortable circumstances to get the creative juices flowing. There's no better drive to success than genuine, painful need to overcome adversity.



This quote epitomizes what I hope and pray will result for our church as we overcome the obstacles and adversity of having lost most of our regular parking for the next 3-4 months.

I'm not sure who said it or where I got it, but I printed this quote and put it in the book The Adversity Advantage Turning Everyday Struggles into Everyday Greatness, by Erik Weihenmayer and Paul G. Stolz.

Erik Weihenmayer became blind at 13, yet he is an accomplished mountain, ice and rock climber, and an expert skier, skydiver, long-distance biker and marathon competitor. He had a real reason to quit pursuing hard goals. Instead, he decided to climb as high as he could, literally; he climbed Mt. Everest. Weihenmayer and leadership expert Paul G. Stoltz, his co-author, offer a gripping story about turning adversity to your advantage.

An online review stated, "When Erik assembles a climbing team, he absolutely avoids dreamy optimists. They're dangerous. He believes his teammates should possess a "healthy schizophrenia"—the capacity to hope for and have faith in the best, along with obsessing, preparing for, and being brutally realistic about the worst."

So I write to you today with a "healthy schizophrenia" confident and full of faith that when all the construction is completed access to our new facilities will lead us into a new chapter in our church history, but I am also brutally honest of the fact that this will be an obstacle for many and require us all to work a bit harder to get into church.

You will find copies of our Parking Plan in this newsletter, in the Sunday insert, and posted on our webpage—www.psumc.com.

In our Biblical memory we find encouragement for faithfulness in many challenging circumstances of life. One particular person who optimizes an enduring faith is Joseph. At the end of Joseph's life, after overcoming betrayals of family, the perfidy of friends, and numerous obstacles he proclaims to his family

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Genesis 50:20

Our parking challenge is simply the overlapping of construction projects; we are not the victim of any person's rage. We choose in these next few months to spiritually pave our future as a church in prayer, fellowship, hospitality to people searching and sharing the love of Christ with all people.

Walking to church with you!
Pastor Burt

P.S. Isn't perfidy a good word?

Women's Study on *The Will of God* Begins January 17

When life doesn't turn out as we had imagined it, we often ask, "Why?" and seek to understand God's will for our lives. Many have wondered how God's will is related to God's character and God's ultimate intentions for us. A new six week study for women will begin on January 17. The group will meet Tuesdays at 10:00-11:00 a.m. in room 201. All women are invited to be a part of this group. We will be using the book, The Will of God by Leslie Weatherhead with a workbook by Rebecca Laird. The book is available for \$7.00. Rev. Dixie Robertson will lead the study.

Calling all Men: PSUMC Cross Guard

We need men to assist our children, youth, families and choir on Wednesday nights getting to and from their vehicles. We provide the vests, instructions and flashlights.

We need:

3-4 four men to volunteer as crossing guards
Every Wednesday night beginning Jan. 11th

Two shifts: 5:15-6:45 & 6:45-8:30

Contact Rev. Kevin Deckard to sign up at kevindeckard@psumc.com or Dr. Burt Palmer at burtpalmer@psumc.com

Polk Street United Methodist Church Worship Information

Sunday, January 15,
8:30 a.m. & 10:55 a.m.
Epiphany 2
John 1:43-51

Dr. Burt Palmer, Jr. preaching

Sunday, January 22
Epiphany 3
Mark 1:14-20
Rev. Dixie Robertson, preaching

TV Broadcast:
Delayed from previous week,
10:00 a.m.
KCIT Fox Channel 14 (cable 13).

Prayer Room:
Monday-Friday,
7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Office will be closed
Monday, January 16, 2012,
in observance of Martin Luther
King Jr.'s Birthday**

San Jacinto Kid's Café Volunteers Needed

San Jacinto Kid's Café is a program that feeds children after school each day that might not otherwise receive an evening meal. Volunteers arrive at the school at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays to serve meals until about 5:00 p.m. We need some additional volunteers in order to develop a rotation where people will only serve 2 or 3 times a semester. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kevin Deckard; kevindeckard@psumc.com 374.2891 or our Kid's Café coordinator, Sandra Brooks skb4@suddenlink.net 318-3395. Thank you for prayerfully considering this outreach ministry of PSUMC as we seek to "Bless the world" around us.

The Wednesday Bible Study meets at noon in room 201.

This discussion group centers on the scripture readings and devotionals found in The Upper Room, a daily devotional guide. The booklets are available in the foyer at the information center for \$1.00. Elayne Shults is the facilitator of the group.

Pray for Youth

During this weekend, January 13-16, please pray for our youth group as they travel to Aspen, CO, for their annual Winter Retreat! There are 57 of them traveling (including the bus driver Bobbie) and your prayers for a safe and rewarding trip are greatly appreciated!

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY

Christmas Offering
Mary Ware from William J. Ware
Jake Galloway from Phyllis & Gary Shewbert

Music Scholarship Fund
Hazel Newman from Bobbie Radtke

Harry Harrell and Tom Gerald
from Pearl Babcock
Martha Lou Blake from Carolyn & David Cole

Promises to Keep
Marti Kirk from Shirley Irwin and Helen Hamilton
Joyce Connery from Helen Hamilton
Mark Crabtree from Shirley Irwin
Maratha Lou Blake from Lonelle & Arden Kenady

Permanent Endowment Fund
Tom Gerald and Marti Kirk from Enid Bates

TV Ministry
Joyce Connery from Martha Davidson, Rena Jeffers and Cheryl & Larry Orman
Marti Kirk from Fairy & Wayne Smith and Anne & Michael Powell
Mark Crabtree from Anne & Michael Powell
Mary Ware from Jan & Charles King

Music Ministry
Tom Gerald, Marti Kirk, Harry Harrell and Mark Crabtree from Bob & Rose Ann Davis
Joyce Connery from Martha Suffield

Special Memorial Fund
Marti Kirk from Jo Nipp, Kathy & Robert Durrett, Mary Esther & Ed Mills and Betty & Scott Smith
Tom Gerald from Loretta & David Williams, Lynn & Bill Lowe, Betty & Scott Smith and Mary Esther & Ed Mills
Mark Crabtree from Betty & Scott Smith
Harry Harrell and Mary Ware from Mary Esther & Ed Mills
Chuck Deyhle from Lynn & Bill Lowe

Music Scholarship Fund
Joyce Connery and Marti Kirk from Bobbie Radtke

Martha Lou Blake from Ralph Collinsworth

Methodist Children's Home
Mrs. Janice Marie Pratt Johnston of Clarendon from Isabell & Rueben Thompson

4 Corners Men's Ministry Team
David Gruhlkey from Diana Robinson

IN HONOR

Snack Pak 4 Kids
Pat Cathcart, Melissa Cathcart & Sons, Audry Williams, Charles Cathcart and Jay Kirk from Sharon & Wesley Simpson
Nancy & Jack McCullough from Linda & Gary Pitner
Kim Davis and David Upton from Nancy & Jack McCullough

Promises to Keep
D. L. Malicoat from Gail & Miles Neely
Arthur J. Lamb, II from Amtex Scale & Systems, Inc.

Permanent Endowment Fund
Garry & Annette Nall from Enid Bates

Special Memorials
Fred & Fern Love from Loretta & David Williams

Christmas Offering
Dr. Burt & Shawn Palmer, Rev. Kevin & Becky Deckard and Rev. Dixie Robertson & Family from Dell Beadle

Budget
PSUMC Staff from Helen Hamilton

4 Corners Men's Ministry Team
Becca Gruhlkey, Brad & Elana Gruhlkey and Jeremy Gruhlkey from Diana Robinson

New TV Cameras

We rejoice with our television audience as we continue this ministry with new High Definition Cameras. Many of you may have noticed our new cameras. Please take time to thank the following persons for their heartfelt contributions to this very important community ministry.
Arden and Lonelle Kenady In honor of their children.
Gilda and Robert Bryant In honor of our Church Staff.
Genevieve Caldwell In memory of T.M. (Red) Caldwell.

Calling All Singers

Calling All Singers!!!! This is an excellent time to join the Sanctuary Choir. Come join us at 7pm on Wednesday nights in the Sanctuary. Call Mike Ware with any questions at 374-2891.

Grow in Christ in Sunday School

Sunday School Classes meet at 9:40 AM to 10:40 AM each Sunday. Becoming a member of a Sunday School Class is one way to grow in Christ and share fellowship with others.

Take a moment and look at this list of just a few of our adult Sunday School Classes and what they will be studying during the month of January. Classes vary in age, format and interests. Children and youth classes also meet during the Sunday School hour. Check our website or the Visitor's Guide for more classes

The Foundations Class (room 201) will welcome Bill Smith, Polk Street member, as their teacher for January. He will review the development of the Bible from the Latin translation into English. He will also explore the role of royalty, commoners, reformers, and the religious establishment in the translations and how they shaped the scriptures we read today. The class welcomes families with young children.

The Life Two-Gether Sunday School Class (room 205) will have Bill Summerhill, Headmaster of Ascension Academy, present a study on the "Four-Story Planet: An Exploration of Religion and Faith." The Class will

welcome any and all visitors to come and experience the outstanding teaching of Dr. Summerhill.

The Young Professional Class (room 302) will continue their study of the parables of Jesus. Class members are married and single and share in fellowship and mission opportunities throughout the month.

The Hallelujah Class (Conference Room) is composed of adults over twenty one to forever, single or married, and meets in the Conference Room of the office area. We use the Adult Bible Studies, and have just started the Winter series. Our teacher is Dr. Travis McBride, who has taught the class since its beginning several years ago.

The Mobley Sunday School Class (room 304) The class lessons provide a way to study the Bible in a unique way. The class is currently studying the book of Proverbs. Discussions cover literary history and style, authors, and meanings for biblical times and today's times. Class members are involved in Snack packs for kids, Kid's Cafe, High Plains Food Bank, and leads the effort to provide blankets for

homeless children. This is a warm caring class that caters to adults over 50. As a class we also attend and host various social activities.

The 50-50 Class (room 303), engages in an in depth study using the Cokesbury Adult Bible Study series. The month of January the study focuses on Joseph and the Exodus. This class is for senior adults and is taught by Becky Deckard. They share in fellowship lunches on Sundays throughout the year.

The Home Builders (room 301) was founded in 1947 and begins each Sunday with singing before they begin their study. Six class

members rotate teaching responsibilities, using the Cokesbury Adult Bible Study series which focuses on Joseph and the Exodus during January. This class is for senior adults.

The Horizons Class (room 305) studies a variety of topics including bible studies, contemporary issues, religious history and doctrine. The class is currently studying "Three Simple Rules," a DVD study by Bishop Ruben Job. Linda Pitner is the facilitator for this study which looks at the rules of Methodism and encourages class members to apply the rules in practical ways.

Polk Street UMC 2012 Leaders

Child Development Center Board

Chairperson	Chelsi Plummer	Parent Rep.	Clare Grammer
Treasurer	Krissy Jones	(non-member)	
Class of 2012	Patti Summerhill, Teresa Hoard, Chelsi Plummer		<i>Ex-Officio:</i>
Class of 2013	Krissy Jones, Cassie Lyon, Jim Rennie	Randy Chatham	<i>Staff: (without vote)</i>
Class of 2014	Callie Pullen, Tiffany Stallard, Matt Regehr	CDC Director	Karen Smith
		Director of	Ken Knight
		Children's Ministries	
		Two CDC Staff	



Family News

Members in the Hospital and Rehab:

Arbors: Lowell Stapf

Altar flowers

December 25, 2011 were in remembrance of Juanita Pirtle, given by Lynwood Pirtle and Jim & Lynnita Uselton, and Ken & Tarrie Pirtle, and Patti & Derrell Garner.

January 15, 2012 are in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary, given by Scott and Betty Smith.

Television Ministry

December 25, 2011 was in memory of Phillip Wright on their wedding anniversary, given by Patsy Wright.

Sympathy

Family and friends upon the death of Hazel Newman.

Jay Kirk upon the death of his wife, Marti Kirk.

Kim, Ellen, and Tom Crabtree, upon the death of Mark Crabtree.

Family and friends upon the death of Joyce Connery.

John, Becky, Gavin, Ashley, and Andy McKinley and Aaron, April, & Miles Elkins, upon the death of their father and grandfather, Charles "Chuck" Deyhle.

Baptism



Benjamin Thomas Ferguson was baptized Sunday, January 8, 2012. His parents are Dr. Dan and Mrs. Jennifer Ferguson.

Celebration

Ryken Matthew Lee Macon was born December 14, 2011. Parents are Ryan and Sarah Macon, big sisters are Ella BreaLee and Maeleigh Elizabeth. Grandparents, Bill and Celeste Couture, Great Grandparents, Michael and Anne Powell, Uncles and Aunt, Cody and Anne Gammersheir, and Amos Couture.

New Members

Andrew and Barbara Bourassa joined Polk Street on January 8, 2012 by transfer (picture unavailable).



Mike and Shirley Ware joined Polk Street on January 1, 2012 by transfer.



Brett and Gannon Beesley joined Polk Street on December 18, 2011, by transfer.

COMPASS

Ministry Teams	Chair or Committee Rep.	Nominations	Phil Corbin
Chair of COMPASS	Hank Blanchard	Nurture	Frannie Nuttall
Adult Discipleship	TBA	Perkin's School	Ted Nicklaus
Formation	Chelsi Plummer	Lay Theology	
CDC Board	Jennifer Derrington	Prayer Ministry	Becky Deckard
Children's Council Rep.	Kim Davis	UMM	Rodney Laubhan/Wes Reeves
Choir Cabinet	Max Ray Faulkner	UMW	Sandra Feagan
Elders Council	Albert Lusby	Young Adults	Dixie Robertson
Evangelism/Worship	Garry Nall	Youth Council	Lori Scales
Historian	Lynne Groom	Staff: (without vote):	Dr. Burt Palmer, Rev. Kevin Deckard, Rev. Dixie Robertson, Ken Knight, Karen Smith, Brad Gruhlkey, Mike Ware, Mike Jones
Igniting Ministry	Phil Corbin		
Lay Leader	Cathy Coberly		
Missions			

Youth Council

Chairperson	Lori Scales	<i>Staff: (without vote)</i>	
Carol Bruckner, Sharon Strouhal, Maxwell Peck, Brent Skaggs		Director of Youth Ministry	Brad Gruhlkey

Children's Council

Chairperson	Kelly Norman	<i>Ex-Officio:</i>	
Compass Representative	Jennifer Derrington	CDC Board Representative	Callie Pullen
Kim Bessent, Dalpa Banks, Elana Gruhlkey, Tina Thorson, Jennifer White, Mandy Koumalats		<i>Staff: (without vote)</i>	
		Director of Children's Ministries	Ken Knight

Igniting Ministry Team

Chairperson	Lynne Groom	<i>Staff: (without vote)</i>	
Robert Goodrich, Gary Pitner, Stuart Stallard, Glynn Roland, Eric Miller, Wes Reeves, Jay Groom		Business Administrator	Mike Jones
		Pastor	Dr. Burt Palmer

Project Committees

Building Committee	Rebecca Gruhlkey, Zac Plummer, Larry Dippel, Miles Neely, Paul Strouhal,
Chairperson	John Huffaker
Secretary	Teresa Hoard
Rep. from Trustee	Gary Pitner,
Shirley Fancher, Robert Forrester, Arthur Lamb, Brent Skaggs, Von Dell Knorpp,	<i>Staff: (without vote)</i>
	Business Administrator
	Mike Jones
	Pastor
	Dr. Burt Palmer

Annual Conference

Lay Members of Annual Conference
Glynn Roland, Jackie Roland, Larry Orman, Cheryl Orman

Alternate Lay Members of Annual Conference

Robert Goodrich, Leticia Goodrich, Garry Nall, Annette Nall Rodney Laubhan, Lois Laubhan

City Committees

Greater Amarillo Board of Missions

Kerry Knorpp, Jim Uselton, Rev. Kevin Deckard