

Calendar

Sunday, September 3

7:00 pm Prayer Walk at Tanglewood location

Sunday, September 10

6:00 pm Welcome Table at Zucchi's

Sunday, September 17

12:15 pm Board Meeting

6:00 pm Groundbreaking at Tanglewood location

7:00 pm Prayer Walk

Sunday, September 24

6:00 pm Welcome Table at Zucchi's

Weekly:

- Sunday School at 10 am**
- Sunday Worship at 11 am Sundays am**
- Tuesday Meals on Wheels 9:45 am
- Tuesday Wine & the Word at Homemade Wines at 6 pm
- Wednesday Men's Bible Study at 7 am
- Wednesday Java & Jesus at Market Street at 9 am
- Wednesday Youth Group at 6:30 pm
- Wednesday Choir Practice at 7 pm

** Nursery Provided



601 N. Lee Ave
Odessa, TX 79761

**Bring a symbol
of your work to
worship this
Labor Day
Sunday!**



September 2017

Extending Jesus' hospitality to the Odessa area



• Naming

We received dozens of suggestions for possible new names for our church in our new location. The Mission Team, chaired by Reneé Earls, met with a focus group of various ages within the church to discern some top choices. Then they conducted a survey of 50 young, unchurched professionals in the Permian Basin to get feedback from beyond ourselves. Now they are working on graphic presentations to get further clarity. They hope to have a name to suggest to the board in September. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to lead us!

• Prayer Walks

Join the elders for a time of walking around our new neighborhood and praying for our ministry there. Come to 4241 Tanglewood on Sunday, September 3 at 7 pm. Wear comfortable shoes!

• Groundbreaking

Demolition for new construction begins soon! We will hold a Groundbreaking Prayer Service on Sunday, September 17 at 6 pm at 4241 Tanglewood. Food trucks will be available for dinner. It's time to celebrate!

Coming Events

Prayer Walk
September 3 at 7 pm

Groundbreaking
September 17 at 6 pm

Men's Bible Study
Every Wednesday
at 7 am

Welcome Table
Sunday, September 10
& 24



This Weeks' Reflections

This morning I was standing in front of the daycare children, leading chapel. My assignment was to share the first story of Creation in Genesis, about how God created all of us and declared that all of creation was "good". And of course, the only thing on my mind was the damage and flooding in southeast Texas.

I read to them how in the beginning the earth was covered in chaotic waters, but how God said, "Let the waters recede so that dry land can appear." We sang the Noah song, about how it "rained and rained for forty daisy daisies" before the "sun came out and dried up the landy landy". And we gave God the "glory, glory". We sang the promise that God has "got the whole world in his hands... the wind and the rain in his hands." We sang, "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart". But, all the while, feelings of joy were hard to come by. And frankly, I was struggling to see that ALL of Creation was "good"—at least not the hurricane-causing parts of it.

It's hard to feel the joy, when I know our sisters and brothers in Texas are suffering so much, and when earlier this morning I spoke with my parents who were in the middle of deciding whether to evacuate on one of the boats coming down their street as the waters rose. But while joy was hard to come by, gratitude still comes much easier. Namely, I am thankful that so many people are responding, reaching out to help those in need. I am thankful that my parents, if they had decided to leave (they didn't have to), had a place to go nearby because they have neighbors whose family is in an area not flooded. It's one thing to go through a disaster, but it's another thing to go through one alone, without a place to go.

Also, I am thankful that our church is actively connected to our denomination, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), because when we desire to respond to the need in Texas, we can know that we already have. Disciples' Week of Compassion disaster relief is already helping. **We** are already helping because we gave to Week of Compassion this year as we do every February, and we have a tangible way to give over and above this month to continue to support disaster relief. I feel grateful that we are connected with West Texas Food bank, so we can join in collecting dry goods they will bring down there.

This is what it means to be connected, to have partners, that we have a way of being present with those in need. It will be years of recovery for our southeast neighbors, but we will be sure to let our Texas family know that we are all part of the same family in Creation, and that even when the wind and the rain feels out of control, whatever you go through, you will not go through it alone.

See you on Sunday, if not before, Pastor Joe

Outreach Opportunities

Tutoring Ministry Begins Again

Come help a child at La Promesa read or do math starting Thursday, Sept. 21 from 4:30-5:30 pm. Contact Pastor Dawn if you can help!

Help Houston

We are collecting nonperishable food for the West Texas Food Bank for hurricane relief. You can also donate to our denomination's Week of Compassion, which gives 100% of proceeds to help in Houston. Earmark your check for "WOC-Houston."

New Sermon Series

We will explore the 5 C's that are the basics of our faith.

- 9/10 • Creation, Genesis 2:4-9, 18-23
- 9/17 • Covenant, Jeremiah 31:31-34
- 9/23 • Christ, John 4:1-10; 25-26
- 9/30 • Church, 1 Corinthians 11:17-25
- 10/1 • Consummation, Rev 13:11-14

September Birthdays

- 1 Judy Williams
- 8 Crosby Patton, Bradean Wood
- 11 Bud Boss
- 13 Jane Majors
- 16 David Yarbrough
- 18 Susan Paddack
- 19 Bryan Paddack
- 21 Earlene Smith
- 25 Christina Chavez
- 26 Leslie Gillian, Timothy Kirk

Anniversaries

- 14 Tommy & Beverly White
- 16 Bryan & Susan Paddack

Elders Serving September 2017

Shepherding Elder Mike Kelly

9/3 Mike Kelly, Bryan Paddack

9/10 John Gillian, Steve Cheaney

9/17 Gina Yarbrough, Renee' Earls

9/24 Earlene Smith, Cricket Harrison

Deacons Serving September 2017

Oralee Cowan, Rhonda Lewallen, Sara Grove & Byrlene Paulson

Come Grow In Faith This Fall!

Children: (3 years-5th grade)

Sundays

10 am Sunday school

11:15 am Children's Worship
(children attend Worship then are led to Children's Worship)

Youth: (6th-12th grade)

Sundays

10 am Sunday school

Wednesdays

6:30 pm Youth Group (*Snack supper and fellowship every Wed.*)

Adults:

Sundays

10 am Sunday school classes: All Y'all (20s-40s); Fallen Angels (40s-60s); Carpenters (60-80s)

Tuesdays

6 pm Wine and the Word Adult Bible study @Homemade Wines. *Study the sermon passage in a fun atmosphere.*

Wednesdays

7 am Men's Bible Study@ Church-
Strengthen your walk with Christ and enjoy the fellowship.

9 am Java & Jesus @ Market Street.
In-depth study of Luke/Acts in a casual, caring group.

6:30-7:30 pm God's Design for Me @ Church. *Explore your spiritual gifts in this four-week study starting Sept. 20.*