



Vian United Methodist Church

# MONTHLY NEWS



August 2013

### Dates to remember:

Fall Festival Meeting	Aug 11 2:00pm
Movie Night	Aug 16 6:30pm
UMM Meeting	Aug 18 2:00pm
Praise Band Practice	9:00am every Saturday

### Thinking ahead.....

Plans are in the works for a Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat to be held here at Vian UMC. A planning meeting will be held Sunday August 11th at 2pm. If you would like to be part of the planning and serving for this festival, please contact Pastor Marcia. This will be an outreach project geared for the entire community. Get those thinking caps on and let's do this!



## Fall Festival

### Conference Council on Youth Ministries



Our praise band was a huge hit with the CCYM who were housed at Vian Schools. The kids were shouting "One More Song!" and the band was happy to provide more! It was such a blessing to have the youth & their sponsors from Missouri & Texas with us for two weeks, working to help area residents. To top it off, THEY PAID to be here! God Bless the United Methodists serving everywhere!

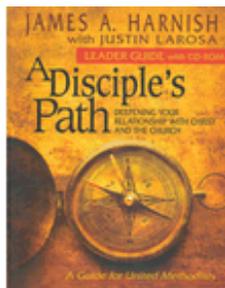
### Mid-Week Bible Study

Announcing an upcoming mid-week Bible study that will be open to all!

"A Disciples Path" is a guide that uses the Methodist/Wesleyan tradition to disciple new and existing members to be active, engaged, and dynamic followers of Christ. The study guides participants in the practical application of two ideas involving love and grace. They are:

1. Followers of Christ are in an ongoing process of transformation made possible by God's grace and ...
2. Following practical disciplines help us grow in the love of God.

**Starting dates & times coming soon!**



### From the Pastor...

As we prepare for the 2013-2014 school year, the needs of the children are always at the front of my mind. Please prayerfully consider donating school supplies and backpacks to those in need. A box will be placed in the narthex and all supplies will be delivered to the school for distribution. If you don't have time to shop, you are welcome to donate money and I will purchase the needed supplies for you.

I am proud to announce that we are using a portion of our Petree Grant funds to feed 10 elementary children this year. Each week they will be given food to carry them through the weekend. It takes \$125.00 per child to provide weekend meals for the school year. We can make a difference, one life at a time!

*Blessings to all.*

*Pastor Marcia*



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Please take a moment to remember these members with a card, phone call or visit. Their information is listed below for your convenience.

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Do you have information to share? Send it to me for the newsletter and let's get the word out!

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Lord,  
Hear our prayers.

### Please lift up the following in prayer:

Ray & Samantha Rodgers  
Romain family  
Lewis family  
Bill & Margaret Bane  
Brooklyn Cox (Brookie)  
Len McCarty  
Christina Herriman  
Rita Larson  
Jim Begin  
Roger Holloway  
Glenda Harrell  
Johnny Carlisle  
Kyle McGowan  
Victoria Salcedo  
Felicia Opiela  
Sarah Bane  
Vernon & Loraine Lawrence  
Billie Foster  
Lucille Ford  
Jimmy Hughes  
Adrienne Elbon  
Don Brockman  
Don & Patti Jamison  
Freddy Howard  
Lucille Gossett  
Dick & Bess Chamberlin  
Darrel Vix  
Barbara Jean VanHooser  
Richard Hawkins  
Mary Ann Casteel  
Juanita Long  
Kyle Coke  
Coraline "Corky" Reid  
Diantha Judkins  
Ruby Green  
Linda Ball  
Diana Anderson West  
Bill Ball  
Cathy Davis  
Naomi Carron  
Jenny Callhorn  
Joney Long  
Colbert Croft  
Tina Thompson  
Linda Brown

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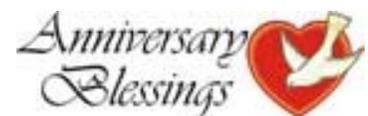
Raymond Moss  
Ramona Moss  
Ferrin (John) Moss  
Torry Nunnelee

### Please pray for our country, leaders and our military family:

Brandon Van Hooser  
Nathan Garrett  
Will Boyd  
Jim (Buddy) McCoy  
Jimmy Hemphill  
David Atkinson  
Chris Graham  
Ryan Tyler  
Cody Baird  
Marcus Lawrence  
Kevin Lamb  
Kevin Bray  
William Jenkins  
Sylas Sloan  
Kyle Hamon

## Birthdays of the Month

7 ~ Samantha Hamon  
7 ~ Allie Hamon  
7 ~ Lisa Kirk  
8 ~ Phyllis Massing  
9 ~ Kevin Nunnelee  
11 ~ Justin Baker  
16 ~ Jack Caughtman  
18 ~ Theron Croisant  
20 ~ Bill Bane  
20 ~ Bill Zeiler  
24 ~ Dana Ellis  
26 ~ John Bissell  
27 ~ Kelsy Baker  
28 ~ Ronny Howard



2 ~ Theron & Judie Croisant

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### Back-to-Church Sunday

National Back-to-Church Sunday is September 15th. You may see TV ad's, newspaper ad's and other media promoting this outreach event. What can we do to promote the special day here at Vian UMC? All suggestions are welcome!



Friday August 16th  
6:30pm

Invite a friend or 2 to  
Join us as we watch



The UMM will meet Sunday August 18th at 2pm. All men are encouraged to attend.

### 'Home Run' movie --Tulsa churches play parts

The movie "Home Run," opened in theaters April 19, and draws on some Oklahoma United Methodist influences, especially in Tulsa, where the film was developed, shot, and produced.

"Home Run," rated PG-13, tells the story of Cory Brand, a struggling baseball star forced to return home and face old demons. Cory finds himself in the Christ-based Celebrate Recovery program.

The inspirational movie "is for anyone, inside or outside the church, who needs to make a change in their life," said co-producer Carol Spann Mathews of Tulsa, who described herself as "born-and-raised United Methodist."

Mathews said she became a Christian while taking part in the Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) of Tulsa-New Haven UMC. Her wedding was at Tulsa-First UMC. The couple's youngest child attends a preschool program at Tulsa-Christ UMC.

When Mathews was a teen, other members of that New Haven MYF group were her sister and Ray Crawford. He now is senior pastor at Claremore-First UMC ... and is Matthew's brother-in-law.

Rev. Crawford is one of several UM leaders who previewed "Home Run."

"The human element is very engaging in the film. It starts conversations," Crawford said. And he agreed with a statement by his sister-in-law: "We all have stuff we need to be working on, and it helps to have a caring community" during that process.

Some scenes in the movie were filmed at New Haven and West Tulsa UMCs. Some United Methodists secured roles as "extras."

In yet another connection, a number of UM churches across the state offer Celebrate Recovery, as do other Christian communities.

CR attendance reaches into the hundreds at Asbury UMC, one of about two-dozen host sites in Tulsa. Glen Grusendorf directs the Asbury program, which launched in 2004. General meetings may draw more than 200 people, and more than 100 attend "step studies" during the week, he said.

### 'Home Run' movie -- Continued

Senior Pastor Chris Buskirk said, "So many people have experienced help through that. It's a pathway for individuals to healing, and a lot of our newest members have come to us thru CR."

Rev. Buskirk encourages people to see "Home Run."

"If there's a movie that can open our eyes and offer us hope, that's a winner," he said. "We can take friends not part of the church and renew their hope. Just taking a friend to that movie is in itself an act of ministry."



Beginning Saturday Sept.7th the praise team and choir will be practicing at 2pm each Saturday and they hope you will join them!



### MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE NIGHT OF PRAISE

The next Night of Praise has been scheduled here at Vian UMC Sunday September 29th at 6:00pm. The community is invited to join us for praise, worship and finger foods following the service. Please plan to attend!

## You and I serve together

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will be rewarded according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants working together; you are God's field, God's building."

(I Corinthians 3:6-9 NIV)

By Bishop Robert Hayes Jr.

In my travels under assignment as a bishop of The United Methodist Church, one objective has been constant for me. It has been my desire to be as transparent as possible, to open up myself so you might come to understand, as I have, that all of us are called to serve.

God makes no distinction regarding titles, status, or special positions when it comes to helping others or making disciples of Jesus Christ. God is not impressed that I am a bishop or that someone else is the chief executive officer or president of an organization. No! I believe, as did the apostle Paul, that "we are God's servants working together," sharing a common purpose.

To one believer is given the duty of planting; to another, the responsibility of watering. Paul differentiates his and Apollos' roles in a way that both recognizes and honors their differences.

But what Paul and Apollos achieved was not as important as the knowledge that God was at work through their various efforts and, ultimately, there was growth.

When we believers today can concur that only God should get the credit for our efforts at doing good or outdoing one another in love, I truly believe this world in which we live and the Kingdom we are trying to build will be a finer and fairer place.

The credit must go to God. At the end of the day, isn't that what servanthood is all about?

Jesus taught there are no "reserved" seats in heaven for those who deem themselves important (Matthew 20:20). Paul re-emphasized God will determine any reward to be given.

Our responsibility is to do the work and finish the job God has given us.

We must resolve to bring tasks to fruition for the good of the Kingdom and for the benefit of the witness of the Conference. Be assured that, as your bishop, I remain committed to the opportunities and challenges here in Oklahoma. There is work to do.

On Oct. 20, 1968, in the Mexico City Olympic stadium, Mamo Wold of Ethiopia won the Olympic marathon in almost record time. More time passed, and other competitors crossed the finish line. Night began to fall, and the marathon runners were being assisted away. Only a few thousand spectators remained in the arena.

Suddenly, they heard police sirens and whistles at the stadium's entrance gate. Everyone turned to see what was causing the commotion.

They saw a lone runner, wearing the colors of Tanzania, limping into the stadium. His name was John Steven Aquari. He was the last man to finish the marathon in 1968.

Aquari had suffered a bad fall early in the race. His leg was bandaged, bloody, and bruised. He limped painfully around the track, toward the finish line. The crowd rose, cheering for him as he completed the lap.

When Aquari crossed the finish line, a reporter asked him the question many were pondering: "Why didn't you quit? You are badly injured. Why didn't you just give up?"

Despite his exhaustion, Aquari answered, "My country didn't send me 7,000 miles to start the race. My country sent me 7,000 miles to finish it!"

Oklahoma United Methodists, there are countless spectators watching you and me from the galleries of heaven, standing and cheering us on in our race of life. They comprise that great cloud of witnesses, that communion of saints who planted the seeds we now water. You know their names. They are the generations of people who have gone on before us, to God's reward, and the memories of them remind us that we, too, must finish the race. We cannot afford to give up or quit.

Join me in our common purpose. As we continue together, I pray the growth of God's Kingdom here in Oklahoma will produce fruit that yields a plentiful harvest of disciples for Jesus Christ.

We can settle for no less.

What a tremendous, awesome, mysterious journey this is! Each day, unforeseen possibilities and challenges unfold. I offer to you my witness that God's grace abounds and that God uses us — yes, even us! — to accomplish the work of the Church.

To God goes my praise. By: Bishop Robert E. Hayes On 7/15/2013

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