

Vian United Methodist Church
MONTHLY NEWS

July 2014

Baking Day TBA Please see Pat Zeiler
Men's Breakfast July 5th
Pot Luck July 6th Following service
VBS Set-up July 6th Following the pot-luck
VBS July 7-11
Growin' in Grace Camp July 21-23
Lay Leadership Meeting Following service July 13



Thank you Mary Sloan and the Sequoyah Co. Farm Bureau for the great Citizenship Seminar held June 16th here at the Vian UMC gazebo.

Would you like to help a child go to camp? Many children would love the experience but parent's can't afford to send them. Note "camp" on your check or make it out directly to Camp Egan. The cost for a child to attend ranges from \$70.00 to \$170.00 depending on the age of the child.



Thank you to the 13 Vian UMC members & friends who travelled to Pocola FUMC for the revival June 12th. A special "Thank You" to Dana Ellis for providing the transportation! What a blessing to come together with one of our sister churches! Pictured are Pastor Nikki Carter & Pastor Marcia.

For the choir & band...

It would be wonderful for those in the front of the sanctuary to be able to view the monitors. The cost to add a monitor at the back of the sanctuary for the band, choir & liturgist is \$1,000. We've already received one generous donation toward this project so we're only \$700 away from making it a reality! If you would like to give, just note "Monitor" on the bottom of your check. Thank you in advance!



VBS will be held July 7-11th from 1p-5p. Volunteers will be working from 12:30-5:30 each day. Our team has met and planned the theme, activities and crafts. If you are able to help provide or prepare snacks, assist with crafts, supervise outdoor activities or help in any way, we welcome you to join us! Please see the pastor to sign up. Help spread the word, registration forms are available online at www.vianumc.com

Thank you to all who helped strip & paint the children's classroom. We're about to start on room #2!

We're always working on craft ideas for the children at little or no cost. Please save your egg cartons, paper towel rolls, dish soap bottles, laundry soap bottles and toilet tissue rolls for upcoming crafts. Drop them off in the box provided in fellowship hall by July 7th. Thanks!



The men have finished their Stepping Up series. Thank you Kellie Wilburn for leading the series. The men will be meeting the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. and invite you to join them!



The blessings continue to flow on Wednesdays! Thank you to Bud & Amy Kopp for volunteering to cook & clean on so many occasions! Thank you to Taegen, Creighton & Dana for the awesome spaghetti dinner in June. Thank you to Jenn & Sam for teaching our children! Join us on Wednesday's for a great time of food, fellowship & worship. Dinner at 6pm. Worship at 7pm.

VIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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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.

Don & Patti Jamison
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918-773-5490

Don is at the Vian Nursing Home and would love visitors!

Bill & Margaret Bane
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Sallisaw, OK 74955
918-773-8182

John & Billie Foster
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Vian, OK 74962
918-773-8278



Thank you to all of our members, friends and volunteers who consistently give of their finances, time and talents to our church, furthering the Kingdom of God!



Gordon Holder Family
Charles Sloan
Ronny Carter
Glenda Harrell
Karli Boshers
Phyllis Hill
Bill & Margaret Bane
Keith & Christina Herriman
Felicia Opiela
Torry Nunnelee
Sarah Bane
Vernon & Loraine Lawrence
John & Billie Foster
Lucille Ford
Don & Patti Jamison
Kellie Wilburn
Barbara McCreight
Marla Campbell & her father Earl
Ray & Samantha Rodgers
Ruby Green
Jolie Kirk
Maggie and Bonnie Higginbotham
Roger & Glenna Holloway
Craig Aikman
Teresa Nelson
Norman Fitzgerald
Elsie Johnson
Kyle McGowan
Victoria Salcedo
Jimmy Hughes
Freddy Howard
Dick & Bess Chamberlin
Darrel Vix
Barbara Jean VanHooser
Mary Ann Casteel
Juanita Long
Diantha Judkins
Cathy Davis
Naomi Carron
Jenny Callhorn
Joney Long
Colbert Croft
Tina Thompson
Justin Mills
Mandy Whalen & baby Kolt
Martha Begin
Michael Hicks
Joel Issom
Debbie Price
Wyatt Monticelli
Jean Jacobs
Gary Plunkett
Kim Carlisle
Edith Dawson
Bailey Rutheford
Elsie Snyder

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
Kyle Hamon
Raymond Rodgers



2 ~ Len McCarty
4 ~ Sue Largent
6 ~ Charles Sloan
9 ~ Sidney Horn-Cox
9 ~ Kelley Holcomb
15 ~ Kyle Hamon
15 ~ Keith Herriman
20 ~ Felicia Opiela
24 ~ Robyn Needham
26 ~ Don Brockman



9 ~ Pastor Marcia & Al Martin
20 ~ Bobby & Robyn Needham
29 ~ Bill & Pat Zeiler

If you have information or an article that you would like to share with our family of faith, please do! Drop a note in the Pastors box or email to: marcia.martin@yahoo.com

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	<p>3pm Children & Youth 6pm Dinner 7pm Worship Please join us!</p>	1	2	3	4	5
<p>6</p>  <p>Charles Sloan Pot Luck/VBS</p>	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p> 	<p>9 VBS</p>  <p>Sidney Horn & Kelley Holcomb</p>	<p>10</p> 	<p>11</p> 	<p>12</p> 
<p>13</p>  <p>Meeting 12:30</p>	14	<p>15</p>  <p>Kyle Hamon & Keith Herriman</p>	16	17	18	19
<p>20</p>  <p>Felicia Opiela</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Growin' in Grace Camp 3rd-5th grades</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Growin' in Grace Camp 3rd-5th grades</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Growin' in Grace Camp 3rd-5th grades</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>Robyn Needham</p>	25	<p>26</p>  <p>Don Brockman</p>
27	28	29	30	31	<p>Saturdays at 10am Band Saturdays at 2pm Choir</p>	

Stepping Up

10 ideas for keeping strong family relationships

by Scott Williams

“Familiarity breeds contempt.”

“You always hurt the ones you love.”

The timeliness of these old adages speaks volumes. It seems we reserve our unkindest words, do our most thoughtless deeds, are the most mean to those who mean the most to us. And because those close to us care more about what we say and think, those words and actions hurt more deeply. It's a double whammy.

Because the stakes are so high in the family, we must ensure that our communications not only stay away from the negative, but that they lead everyone to the positive. Here are ten passages of Scripture that can be very helpful in building and maintaining strong family relationships.

1. Mining for Good – Philippians 4:8

“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.”

During the Gold Rush of the mid 19th century, prospectors would scoop up pan after pan of rocks and carefully wash away the useless lumps in hopes of finding just one gold nugget. We need to be prospectors of the good in other family members.

2. Rot Not – Ephesians 4:29

“Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.”

Unwholesome, in the original Greek, can just as legitimately be translated “rotten.” The contrast in this verse makes it clear that our words fall into two categories: “Edifying” and “Rotten.” If our words are not lifting our family members up, we don't need to be wasting our breathless.

3. Takes One to Know One – John 13:34

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

When we're considering how we ought to respond to an unkind word from a spouse or other family member, we need think no further than what Christ has done for us. “While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

4. The “I Insist” Principle – Philippians 2:3-4

“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”

I come from “The Hospitality State” (Mississippi), where it's not unusual to have two drivers stopped at an intersection, sometimes for 10 seconds, each politely signaling to the other to go first. Sure, that may be a bit of overkill, but in this age of selfish individualism, maybe a pendulum swing in the opposite direction would be helpful ... and closer to Scripture.

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5. Go Deep Into Debt – Romans 13:8

“Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor had fulfilled the law.”

Scripture warns against being in financial debt to anyone. But here, Paul makes the point that there is an acceptable – even desirable – kind of debt. And because God, who is the author of love, offers an endless reserve of the commodity, the more debt we carry, the better it is for everyone.

6. It’s the Law – John 13:34

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

All the laws of the Old Testament, Jesus proclaimed, hinged on loving God and others. The burdensome, unattainable “to do lists” created by the Pharisees are preempted by one single command, which Jesus deemed important enough to repeat twice. And rather than being burdensome, it is incredibly freeing to both the giver and receiver.

7. The Checklist of Love – 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

Few passages of Scripture are as widely accepted and as lightly applied as this one. I’ve found it to be one of the most helpful tools for revealing my own unloving attitudes in times of turmoil. People generally don’t appreciate having it pointed out when they’re wrong, but because this passage is so well loved, it tends to disarm even the most stubborn combatant.

8. Egg ‘Em On – Hebrews 10:24

“And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.”

How many quibbles turn into full-blown disputes because one person has “stimulated” (the word is “provoked” in some translations) the other to anger? Instead of being students of one another’s hot buttons, we need to consider what can nudge each other back into the right direction.

9. Share the Load – Galatians 6:2

“Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.”

In this age of radical individualism, a person’s responsibility goes no further than the tip of his nose. But the Apostle Paul reminds us that when we notice someone limping down the highway of life with an oversized load, it is our *responsibility* as Christians to claim some of that load as our own.

Don’t Let the Sun Go Down on Me – Ephesians 4:26-27

“Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.”

Few marriages are destroyed as the result of a single action. The vast majority collapse under the combined weight of unconfessed sin and bitterness held in reserve. God’s way of you preventing that kind of stockpiling is with a self-imposed Sunset Clause. Knowing that you have to deal with an issue not only defuses the dissention, but it improves communication, which makes the marriage (or other family relationship) stronger.

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