

### Celebration Service

April 8, 2018  
9:00 AM

#### I WOULD LIKE MORE INFO ABOUT:

- Sunday School
- Wednesday Night Activities
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Music Ministry
- What UM Christians believe
- Committing My Life To Christ
- Being Baptized
- Becoming A Member
- Joining a Connexion Group

#### NAMETAG ORDER FORM:

Please **PRINT** your name exactly  
how you would like it to be  
written on your nametag:

- Clip Tag (Free)    Magnetic (\$5)  
(please place this card in the offering plate)

#### Comments or Questions

Any comments or questions about FUMCSS?  
You can share them here:

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## CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8	9:00 am	Celebration Service
	10:00 am	Communion in the Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:10 am	Traditional Service
	5:00 pm	Connexion Group (Gorszczyk)
	6:00 pm	Connexion Group (Taylor)
MONDAY 9	6:30 pm	Connexion Group (Atkins)
	7:00 pm	Connexion Group (Anchondo)
TUESDAY 10	6:00 pm	Spiritual Formation Meeting (Wesley Room)
WEDNESDAY 11	10:00 am	Connexion Group (Lowerre)
	5:30 pm	Timothy Team Kids
	6:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Men's Group (Fellowship Hall)
	6:45 pm	Basement Student Worship
	7:45 pm	Celebration Team Rehearsal
THURSDAY 12	9:30 am	Circle One Ladies Meeting (Wesley Room)
SATURDAY 14	9:30 am	Basement Students Paint-Out!
SUNDAY 15	9:00 am	Celebration Service
	10:00 am	Communion in the Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:10 am	Traditional Service
		Connexion Groups Meeting

#### GREETERS:

Date	Sanctuary West 8:45 AM	Sanctuary East 8:45 AM	Sanctuary West 10:50 AM	Sanctuary East 10:50 AM
April 8	Cheryl Comfort		Peggy Dorsey	Katie Rennard
April 15	Cheryl Comfort		Peggy Dorsey	Katie Rennard
April 22	Cheryl Comfort		Peggy Dorsey	Katie Rennard

## SERMON

### I Can Only Imagine: Imagine a Loving Father Matthew 3:13-17 & Galatians 3:26-29

**Question:** Bart Millard grew up with an abusive parent and often used his imagination as a means of escape. What are some ways you have looked to your imagination in the past to escape the painful realities of your life?

**Question:** How has your faith been an anchor during those difficult moments?

*I Can Only Imagine* shares a story of f\_\_\_\_\_, r\_\_\_\_\_, and t\_\_\_\_\_.

#### Read: Matthew 3:13-17

In verse 17, we see the first glimpse of how Jesus' o\_\_\_\_\_ to God revealed what God imagined for Jesus.

It is in this moment, as Jesus is o\_\_\_\_\_ to baptism, that we hear three things about the Father's heart for Jesus.

The **first** thing we learn is: God I\_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.

It was out of Jesus' understanding of w\_\_\_\_\_ He was that He could live confidently out of w\_\_\_\_\_. He was.

Not only does God identify with Jesus, God identifies with \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus.

#### Read: Galatians 3:26-29

When you commit to following Jesus with your life, God calls you his \_\_\_\_\_. He identifies with you, and calls you His.

**Question:** What are some of the reasons we often struggle living out our identity as a child of God?

If we are going to identify with the Father, we must \_\_\_\_\_ to Him. We must be willing to give up our old ways of living, thinking, and doing and be \_\_\_\_\_ to the things that God's heart values. But the good news is, God doesn't just call each of us a child out of our obedience, He also calls us a child out of His \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

The **second** thing we learn about the Father's heart for Jesus is this: God L\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

The identity that God has given you as a child of His is made strong in His great \_\_\_\_\_. When we let this love shape our lives, it does more than we could ever imagine.

**Question:** What does the story of the missionary and his wife reveal about the power of love to transform us from inside out?

The **third** thing we see about the Father's heart for Jesus is this: God is P\_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus

The last words God chooses to say is, "with him I am well \_\_\_\_\_." Jesus has not even begun his ministry and yet God says that He is well pleased with him.

It should not be read as though Jesus had to earn God's love or favor, rather it was out of the fact that Jesus took the step of baptism in obedience that delighted the Father's heart—He was overjoyed by his \_\_\_\_\_.

Our I\_\_\_\_\_ as God's C\_\_\_\_\_ will P\_\_\_\_\_ us into His P\_\_\_\_\_.

# IMAGINE

*a loving father*



# WELCOME

## Message from the Pastor

*I Can Only Imagine* in just three weeks has already become one of the highest grossing faith based movies of all time possessing the #3 or #4 spot three weeks in a row. The movie has been so successful because it shares struggles that so many of us can relate to. *I Can Only Imagine* shares a story of forgiveness, redemption, and transformation.

Bart Millard spent much of his childhood with anything but a loving father. What began as emotional abuse later turned to physical abuse. Bart, a creative person at heart, was constantly told not to dream but to face reality. The inspiration for the song whose title the movie borrows from shares how imagination literally and figuratively got him through some of the darkest moments of his life.

Over the next few weeks we are going to explore some of the themes of this movie and discover how we might apply them to our own lives.

We are glad you have chosen to join us this Sunday in worship as we begin this series and we begin to Imagine.

  
Rev. Clark

# WHO WE ARE

## Our Vision

*We believe that God has put us here at this time to faithfully seek Him and make Him known through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.*

## Our Values\*

### Prayer, Love, Worship

Bible-Based Preaching & Teaching  
Children & Youth Ministry  
Discovering God's vision for our church

## What We Believe

**Many people believe they are Christian because they were born into a religious home or they go to church, tried their best, or are a moral person. However, the Bible teaches that these things do not make you a Christian. You become a Christian simply by:**

1. Acknowledging that you, like all people have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. The Bible calls sin a desire to live independently of God. (Romans 3:23)
2. Personally believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins on the cross and rose again. (Romans 6:23)
3. Repenting (turning away from your sins), confessing, and accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:9)

**You may express your desire and belief in prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving grace as God's gift to you. The Bible is clear that we all enter into a relationship with God through His mercy and grace.**

*\*Bold = Focus of Today's Message*

# QUIET TIME GUIDE

*You can incorporate a little of today's worship into your daily quiet time as easy as 1-2-3-4.*

- 1 = Begin with reading *Inviting God's Presence and Action*
- 2 = Read the day's Scriptures from the Feed on the Word list
- 3 = Pray through the Joys & Concerns
- 4 = Finish with the Benediction/Blessing

## 1. Inviting God's Presence and Action:

Blessed are You, O God, full of faithfulness and steadfast love. How awesome are Your deeds! How glorious is Your name in all the earth. We celebrate who You are, and what You have done for us. You hold our lives in Your hands and keep our feet from stumbling. We've come together, led by Your Holy Spirit, to sing Your praise, to confess our failings, and to receive Your forgiveness and love, made possible through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ. To You be all glory, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

## 2. Feed on the Word:

Genesis-Revelation	Chronological
307. Luke 23-24	307. Mark 11; John 12
308. John 1-2	308. Matthew 22; Mark 12
309. John 3-4	309. Matthew 23; Luke 20-21
310. John 5-6	310. Mark 13
311. John 7-8	311. Matthew 24
312. John 9-10	312. Matthew 25
313. John 11-12	313. Matthew 26; Mark 14

## 3. Joys & Concerns:

### Newest Concerns:

- There are *many new* confidential prayer concerns.
- Trevor Weinstein is hoping to obtain his own apartment in a few weeks.
- Miranda Stephens is grateful for our Chancel and Handbell Choirs!
- Many expressed joy for the Hope Christ has given us, and continues to give us every day.
- Emily Atkins' oldest sister broke her hip after returning to AZ from their sister's funeral. Prayers for a quick recovery.
- Elisha Comfort's sister, Becky had a medical issue; she is home now with no explanation of the problem. Prayers for her salvation.
- Liam Comfort's grandma and grandpa need healing on some major issues.
- Sylvia Burnett will begin 12 weeks of chemotherapy infusion next week to prevent the cancer from coming back.

### Joys:

- Happy Birthday wishes for those in the week of Apr 2 - Apr 8: Jessie Bedor, Madison Cooper, Peggy Dorsey, & Melody Taylor. Enjoy YOUR day!
- Confidential Praise Notes!
- Many have commented on the wonderful presence of God in our Lenten Lunch services, the Tenebrae Service, and the entire Easter Day program. Thanks to all who participated in making each event successful.
- Barbara Leonard is thankful Carl and Ariel were at church Easter Sunday!

### Continuing Concerns:

- Prior weeks prayer concerns.
- Those in our congregation in desperate need of a job, and dealing with extreme financial problems.
- Those in our congregation being care-givers.
- Pray for healing *[Those on this list have ongoing medical issues and doctor appointments]:*
  - Barbara Akins
  - Sue Farley
  - Daisye Howell
  - Joallen Moose
  - Karl Mounger's sister, Ruth
  - Randy Murphy
  - Cecilia Peer
  - Mary Peters
  - Pam Rasmussen
  - Sharon Sly
  - Miranda Stephens
  - Dale Sugg
  - Al Waggoner
  - Jane Waggoner's daughter, Nicole

## 4. Benediction:

The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE

The church's Board of Trustees recently approved entering into a parking lot easement agreement with the City of Siloam Springs. In exchange for the use of the west lot adjacent to Maxwell St. for public parking except on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and during special events of the church (funerals, weddings, special services, etc.) the City will invest approximately \$10,000 in lot improvements, repavement, and maintenance. The duration of this agreement with the City is ten years. In order to execute this agreement the District Superintendent has issued a Called Charge Conference set for **Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30 pm in the Wesley Room.**

## COMBINED 5TH SUNDAY SERVICE

On April 29th we will be having a combined service for our 5th Sunday. We will have our Worship Service at 9am, followed by a Fellowship Brunch Meal at 10am. There will be a main course provided by the church, and everyone is welcome to bring side dishes to share (ex. fruit, muffins, bread). After the meal at 11am we will work on Neighbor-2-Neighbor projects together in the community. There will be a few projects to be completed at the church for those unable to travel. Please wear your FUMC t-shirts, and join us for this special Sunday!

## BASEMENT GUYS/GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Basement students will be doing separate activities this Saturday, April 14th. The guys will be playing paintball, and the girls will be getting manicures. The cost is \$20 for each activity. Everyone meet at the Basement at 9:30am!

## 2019 HOLY LAND JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

### Informational Meeting, Sunday, April 15 at 3:00pm

Rev. Clark along with Rev. Sieg Johnson will lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2019, departing the U.S. on March 25. This will be Rev. Clark's 4th Trip to the Holy Land and Rev. Johnson's 14th Trip. All who are interested in this trip are invited to attend an Informational meeting on **Sunday, April 15 at 3:00pm in the Wesley Room.** Rev. Johnson's studies in seminary and at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor focused on ancient Hebrew language and culture, the foundation of his passion for leading faith-based travel to the Holy Land. If you enjoyed Rev. Clark's recent Lessons from the Land sermon series and if you've ever wondered what it might be like to walk where Jesus walked in places like Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Jericho, and Jerusalem (and so much more), join us on April 15 or contact Rev. Clark to receive a brochure.

## MUSEUM IN OLD CHURCH BUILDING

FUMC has a new opportunity to support our community. Trustees have voted to allow the Siloam Springs Museum to store their collection in the old church building while the museum is being renovated. The building will also serve as office space for two museum employees during this time. The museum will be covering any increased expenses incurred. It is anticipated that the museum will store their items through the end of the year. Estimated move-in date will be sometime in April. We are blessed to be able to assist in this way!

## MISSIONS CORNER

Thank you for helping with our March goal. If you were unable to contribute last month, it's not too late. There is a new collection box on the Missions table in the Narthex for cash donations or you can write a check to the church with a notation "Flood Buckets". Our goal in April is to collect from volunteers one can of air freshener (pump or aerosol) and five scouring pads (NO stainless steel, Brillo pads or OSO pads – nothing with soap built in).

## NURSERY

Childcare for infant, toddler, and preschool aged children is provided during both services. There is also a nursing mothers room located just off the Fellowship Hall. While the nursery is available for our youngest members, parents with school-aged students are encouraged to bring their children to the worship services. Kids activity packs are available on the table in the Narthex.

## ✦EXTRA DOLLARS

There is a brochure with the story of the "Extra Dollar" in the Information Rack in the Welcome Center.

# CONNECT CARD

## Celebration - 4/8/2018

We are so glad that you are here and hope you feel at home as you join us in worship. Whether you are a guest, or a member, please fill out and return this card so we can know you were here!

Please Check Appropriate Box:

- First Time Guest\*
- Repeat Guest
- Member
- My address has changed

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of children ages 0-18 in attendance today: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check here if you would like to be added to our weekly email list.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Joys, Concerns, God Sightings: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check box if you do not wish to have your prayer requests published.

*\*If you are a first time guest today, we have a gift for you! Please go to the welcome table outside the chapel where your completed "Connect Card" may be traded for a gift certificate to Barnett's Dairyette.*