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The beauty of youth is their ability to ask questions that everyone else is thinking. This past Sunday, the youth were in a deep discussion about Joseph and dreams, about the Holy Spirit and how God still speaks to us. A minute before youth ended, one Sadye Webb asked, “What is the Holy Spirit, anyway?”

Saved by the bell. The question will have to wait until next week.

Well, dear Sadye... and all others who are still asking this question, what is the Holy Spirit?

First of all, the Holy Spirit is a person. The Holy Spirit is a person of God. We believe that God is made up of three persons, The Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. So, when we talk about the Holy Spirit, we are talking about God.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is with us. The Holy Spirit was sent to us to comfort us in times of grief, to advise us in times of confusion, and to convict us when we are doing wrong. But, that still doesn't make the Holy Spirit any less confusing.

How do we know when the Holy Spirit is talking to us or leading us to do something? Many say, “it's just a feeling.” Well, how do I know that feeling is the Holy Spirit and not just indigestion? How do I know that feeling is the Holy Spirit and not just my conscience?

Well, you may not always know. But often there will be confirmation from someone or somewhere else that confirms what the Holy Spirit is leading us to do. You may ‘feel’ something or hear something, and then someone else may confirm it. Or you can read Scripture and find confirmation there. The Holy Spirit will always guide and lead you into things that align with the character of God.

But, Sadye's question is one we keep on asking. Is **this** the Holy Spirit? How about **that**? Wait, what about **this**?

We keep on asking and searching and waiting for God to reveal Himself to us. At the end of the day, words aren't able to answer the question “what is the Holy Spirit, anyway?”

Only God can answer that question. And he does. The reports of no cancer. The peace that consumes us in times of grief. The community of believers that support us. The doors that open to new careers and ministries. Those are our tangible answers from God to show us that the Holy Spirit is indeed with us.

Thanks be to God.

Christian Ed During Lent

A new Sunday School class will be offered during Lent called "Experiencing Prayer." Taught by Pastors Brian and Micaiah, it is actually an extension of the youth Sunday School class, but YOU are invited. Our hope is that our church—across generations—can find ways to pray together. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 AM, beginning on February 14th. The class will end on March 20th.

Existing Sunday School classes are invited to continue meeting as they have been, but whoever wishes to join Experiencing Prayer is more than welcome. One warning: It is an activity-based class (it's hard to learn how to pray without actually praying). Please let your leader know if you will be joining this Lenten class.

Room In The Inn [RITI]

The next Host dates are as follows February 6th and Friday February 19th.

The sign up sheets for Saturday February 6th. are posted in the hall just outside the Pastor's office. Please sign up if you can help in any way. We really need others to volunteer to lighten the load for all.

For all who have volunteered in December and January, Thank You Very Much. A special thanks to Prime Timers for providing delicious soups and desserts for January 29th and for the Youth for helping to set up the hall and then serve dinner.

This Jackson County Homeless Ministry, Room In The Inn, needs your support. Please consider giving of yourself to help.

Prayers of the People:

Tim Allen, Shelia Amos, Mary Jo Bradford, Stroby Stewart; Erica Scott; David Patrick; Des Noble; Jim Holmes; Judy Hood, Christine Miller, Andy and June Vaughn, Rex Parris, Mike Lee, Viki Harrell, Miriah Penick, Ivy Bridges, Tammy Holcomb, Angie Feldwich, June Stripling, Alison McCracken, Viki Harrell, Kathy Brooks, James Bowman, Barbara Cordes in the passing of her father and her mother, Christy, The Family of Mike Benson, Dwight Byrum and Family, and others in our thoughts and prayers from Sunday, January 31st.

If you have a name to add to the prayer list please use the Christian pads in the pews and drop it in the offering plate Sunday morning. You may also email them to: scottsbocpc@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars:

Lunch with the Ladies:
Noon, Monday February 8th
The Magnolia House

Deacon Meeting
Sunday February 21st
Immediately Following
Worship Service

Session Meeting
February 16th at 5PM



Shrove
Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner
February 9th at 5:30 PM

February 10th at 6 PM



Carillons Practice Wednesdays at 6 PM
Choir Practice Wednesdays at 7 PM

MISSED A SUNDAY?

CHECK OUT OUR
SERMONS ONLINE!





Valentine's Day Youth Fundraiser

Sunday February 14th

Valentines Day Lunch

Immediately following worship



Bring a date, your family, or
a friend and let the youth
serve you a delicious lunch

*All Donations will go to the Christian Education Budget,
particularly towards the youth and children's ministries.*

Rental Policy Per Session

No new changes, just reiteration of current policy

Fellowship Hall Rental Policy for Members of SCPC

\$200 Deposit (refundable)

\$50 Custodian Fee

(We request two checks be written, one for the deposit, and one for the Custodian Fee. Once the event is over, if there is no damage, the deposit will be returned.)

A Contract must be signed for every event

NO Use of Kitchen Dishes, please bring your own.

Rental is for Fellowship Hall/Kitchen/Bathrooms ONLY!

MDO Rooms are off Limits!



What is it? Food for Thought is a program that seeks to meet the nutritional and educational needs in our community. It is a program where volunteers in the church will work with 15 kids, grades K-8 to help them with homework, feed them a snack, play games with them, read books with them, and build relationships with them.

Where? This ministry will take place at Hollywood Elementary School.

When? Wednesday afternoons from 2:45-4. It will start on March 2 and run through April 13.

What's needed? We will need volunteers who are willing to provide a snack each week for the kids. And we will need volunteers who are willing to come work with the kids on Wednesday afternoons.

If you have any further questions about it, please contact the main office.



New in the library:

Book on CD "The Hiding Place" by Corrie Ten Boom

Book on CD "Go Set a Watchman" by Harper Lee

Book: "One Good Deed" by Erin Mc Hugh

365 Days of trying to be just a little bit better

Book: "Maddi's Fridge" by Lois Brandt

Children's book about childhood hunger

Make sure to see our many Valentine's Books on Display

The Member Care Team needs your input. Please provide the name, address and exam schedule for your post high school student in order for us to prepare exam care packages. These Packages are prepared by members of our church as an out-reach to the students to let them know we care.

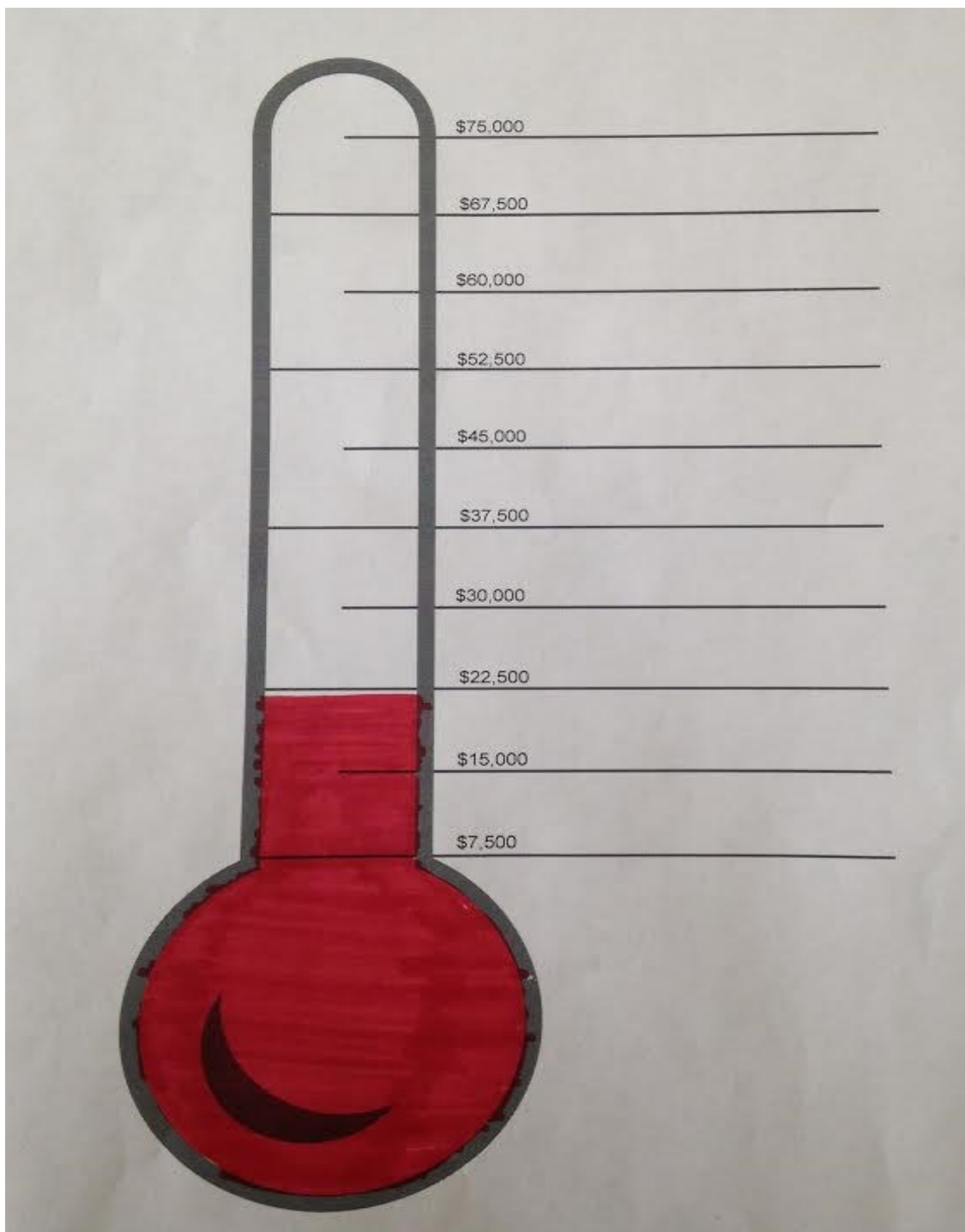
Choctaw Support

Our Cumberland Presbyterian Choctaw Brothers and Sisters in Southeast Oklahoma have been using a ten passenger van purchased ten years ago through the generous support of C.P. Women's Ministry. One decade and over 150,000 miles of two lane roads spanning the presbytery and denomination for meetings, medical appointments, job interviews, plus shuttling persons to CPYC, YEC, General Assembly, and PAS classes has ushered the van into a state of vulnerability instead of dependability. Our Choctaw brothers and sisters need your support to replace their current vehicle with a late model SUV or minivan.

If you would like to support this project, make your donations our to SCPC with Choctaw Project in the subject line.

**The Building Fund has hit the ground running thanks to all
the generous donations!!**

Please prayerfully consider donating to the building fund!



GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP



Pictures of the Hot Lunch Program in Guatemala City.



Guatemala is a country located in Central America, south of Mexico. Its capital is Guatemala City, and that is where our team will be serving.

Guatemala was once the core of the Mayan civilization. As such, a rich tradition of Mayan culture, language, and crafts still exist. Guatemala endured a long civil war between 1960-1996. That civil war left the country in much disarray.

Several years ago, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church decided to focus on Central America as a mission point. The CP Church has a lot of churches, schools, and ministries already in existence in the United States and in Colombia, South America. Central America is located nicely in between the two, and so our mission's boards decided to focus on Central America. Since this focus began, the CP Church has sent 3 Colombian missionaries to begin work in Guatemala: planting churches, administering a medical clinic, and now starting a Hot Lunch Program.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

A team from Scottsboro CP Church will be headed to Guatemala to work in this Hot Lunch Program, and to service the kids' medical needs in any ways we can.

In order for this trip to be possible, we are asking **that you prayerfully consider donating to this trip.** We will need to buy plane tickets, lodging, and supplies for this team to go.

Please pray for the team as things begin to come together. And if you feel so led, please donate to the church with "Guatemala Mission Trip" in the subject line.

2016

General Fund

January 31st offering: \$4771.00

YTD Offering: \$ 25,467.40

Budget Requirements

Budget Requires per Sunday: \$6,588.06

YTD Budget Requires: \$ 342,579.00

*Please Note that January's offering in the spire did not reflect what was received in automatic draft.
February's Offering will reflect Automatic Draft totals as they are received*

Attendance for 1/31/16

Sunday School: 55

Worship: 126

Worship Aids for Sunday

Head Usher: Mark Williams

Pastor: Micaiah Tanck

Worship Leader : Wally Haralson

Greeter: Marionna and Hoyt Harbin

If you cannot serve, please find someone who will replace you.

If you need something please call the Church office If no answer please call Micaiah, (205) 478-5985; Brian (630) 730-1577 . Your concerns and needs are important to us.

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