

WHERE IS GOD ...



Author Diana Butler Bass recently shared this following account of a beautiful moment a few weeks ago at Foundry UMC in Washington DC;

The pastor called the little ones forward for the children's sermon, about a dozen preschoolers gathered on the chancel steps. The pastor asked, "Where is the candle? Do you see the candle?" The children looked around. One sharp-eyed boy said, "There it is." And the pastor replied, "Would you get it?" The boy retrieved the candle and handed it to her.

"Where is the white bowl?" she then asked. And the same happened. "Where are the silver and gold beads?" Repeat. "Where is something that reminds you of Christmas?" Again.

Finally she asked, "Where is God?"

The children looked about. Up, down, all around. A few bewildered stares, some shrugged shoulders. Then, a small blonde boy in a plaid shirt, about three years old, said, "I know!" The pastor said, "You do?" The little boy looked excited insisting, "Yes, yes!" Then the pastor said, "Where?" And the little boy replied, "I'll go get God!"

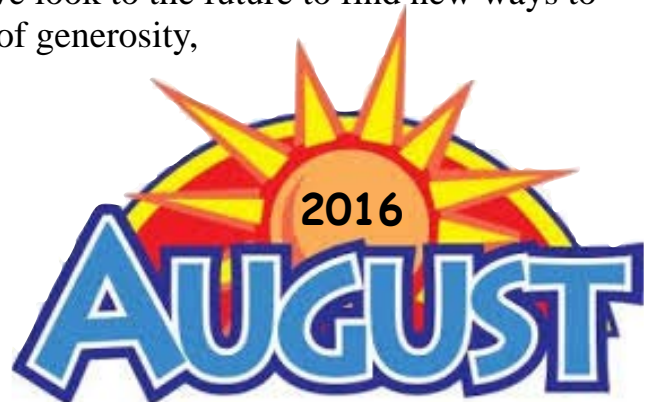
He jumped up from the chancel stairs and ran down the center aisle. His father, obviously a bit worried about the open doors at the back of the sanctuary, leaped out of his pew to fetch his son.

Before he got very far, however, the little boy had returned. He was holding the hand of a kind-looking woman in her seventies, literally pulling her down the aisle. "Here!" he cried, "Here's God! She's here!" The pastor looked puzzled: "Miss Jean?" And the boy pointed, "There she is! God! God!"

She was his Sunday school teacher.

I also shared this story with our Vacation Bible School volunteers as we prepared to serve together for an amazing time teaching, reaching, playing, and laughing. Each of us has the opportunity daily to reflect the love of God. Through the lessons of Vacation Bible School and recent sermons, we have been reminded that though the "oceans" around us may be filled with chaos and noise, our God reigns as He creates, helps, calms, loves, and sends us to do the same. Thank you to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School possible. May this be more than just an "event", may the memories endure us and sustain as we ride (and share) the waves of God's Amazing Love. May we look to the future to find new ways to continue share the presence of God through acts of generosity, teamwork, and humility.

Blessings for today, tomorrow and
all the days to come,
Pastor Amy

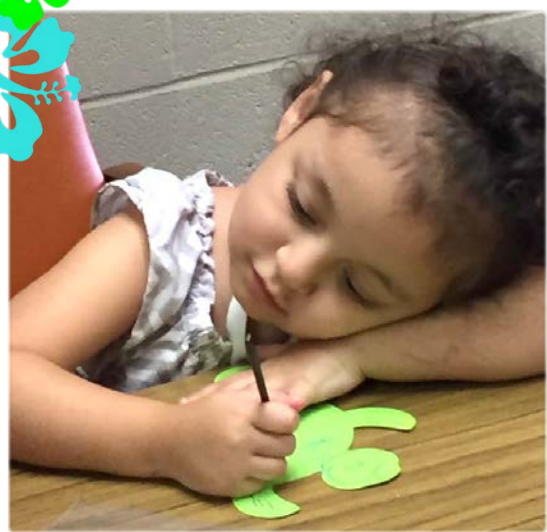


Dawson UMC along with the Wichita Police Department, other neighborhood churches, the Bread of Life Food Pantry, and the South City Neighborhood Association, will be hosting a "Neighborhood Night Out" from 6:00pm-8:00pm on Tuesday, August 9 in the Dawson Gym. Desserts and other "sweet treats" will be served...so come on over and let's get acquainted with our friends and neighbors. If you are willing to bring a dessert, please let Pastor Amy know.

It's time to start saving and collecting all those treasures that you don't have room for anymore. The annual Dawson rummage sale will be the first weekend of October. Watch for more information soon.



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SUMMER MUSIC

Would you like to do special music for Sunday worship during the summer months? If you would like to sing or play for morning worship



this summer please contact
Pastor Amy or Russell Brace
and get on the schedule.

Pancake Breakfast

There will not be a Pancake feed in August. We will start back in September.



Join in on the Journey!!

Many of us are planning some great get away's for our own "Fun in the Son" as a time to relax and enjoy life. So, lets continue the journey and have some fun together!! If your travels take you away from your church family this summer, just for fun, take a picture of where you are at and what you are doing and email it to Pastor Amy at amylfoster@sbcglobal.net or afoster@greatplainsumc.org and we can share your pictures on Sunday morning with the congregation so you won't be missed quite so much. It will be fun to see where all we get away to in the next few months.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This group meets every Tuesday at 10 A.M. They are studying of the book of Acts. Everyone is welcome to join us anytime.

Come grow with us!

You are welcome to come early on Sunday mornings to Finley Hall between Sunday School and Worship. Coffee, juice and snacks are served with a chance to chat and visit with others between 9:15 and 10:30. We also welcome any snacks brought by others or if you would rather contribute cash to help buy snacks and juice, a basket will be in the table for that purpose. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings.

Jan Hunt - Hospitality Committee



Community Outreach Sunday - Guest Speaker

Did you know that in the 2015-2016 academic year, the Wichita Public Schools recorded over 2,400 students who were homeless? At times it seems like the need is great, but resources are few and that is why several churches are coming together to provide outreach services for families in need through the formation of a "Family Promise" chapter in the greater Wichita area. Please plan to attend our Community Outreach Sunday worship at Dawson on August 14 as a representative from "Family Promise of Greater Wichita" now a non-profit 501(c)(3) and non-denominational organization for families in transition, will be coming to share with us about their dreams, progress, and needs in making a safe, nurturing place for children and adults who have nowhere to lay their heads at night. Following the worship service, during our "Second Sunday Potluck Fellowship" there will be an informal time for additional conversation and questions. To learn more about Family Promise of Greater Wichita, go to their website at www.familypromisewichita.org

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VBS was a huge success this year .. thanks to all who helped, supported, volunteered and prayed for this program. A special thanks goes out to the team from the conference for the great job that they did in helping with VBS. It takes a lot of people to have an effective VBS and I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for a job well done. Sheryl



FULL COLOR Newsletter

Would you like to see a full color, interactive version of this newsletter?
It is available on our website.

Go to http://www.dawsonumc.org/class_index.cfm

There is a PDF archive of all of our newsletters from July of 2014. Plus, the monthly calendar is posted there and upcoming special events.

To get the full version of the website you will need to sign up as a member but it is very simple and private and you get access to all of the content about your home church. If you have any questions Shirley Dieker can help guide you thru the process



The David Crowder Band is coming to the Kansas State Fair this year in September.

We are organizing a group to go to the concert ... if you would like to go please let Pastor Amy or the office know.



Watch for the return of the Wednesday evening 3D program in September.



The August Change 4 Change offering will go to Anderson Elementary. We are also collecting White socks, underwear and "teen" deodorant for the students of Anderson.

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