

AUGUST



2017

For I know the
Plans
I have for you,
DECLARES THE LORD



Plans for
Hope and a Future.

Jeremiah 29:11



Come and Meet the new Wichita West District Superintendent!

Hello Pastor and Church leaders,

I am looking forward to the opportunity to become acquainted with you and your congregation as I transition to

becoming the District Superintendent for the Wichita West District. As

part of this effort, I have been "touring" the district during the summer. I will only be able to spend a small amount of time in each community; however, I want to make myself available to meet with persons of the congregation, see the facility, hear a little bit about the church, and spend some time in prayer with those gathered. If no one is available to meet at the scheduled time, that is perfectly fine. I will get to know where the church is, and spend some personal time in prayer for your congregation. Below is the date and time I will be at your church.

Church: Dawson UMC

Date: Tuesday, August 22nd

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In Christ,

Mitch Reece

Office: 316.684.6652

If you are unable to attend and have a question, concern or just have something that you want our new District Superintendent to know about Dawson please let Pastor Amy know so that she can formulate those for the short time we have with our new D.S.

EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD
IS ABOUT TO BE WRAPPED
UP, SO TAKE NOTHING FOR
GRANTED. STAY WIDE-
AWAKE IN PRAYER. MOST
OF ALL, LOVE EACH OTHER
AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDED
ON IT. LOVE MAKES UP FOR
PRACTICALLY ANYTHING.

1 PETER 4:7-8

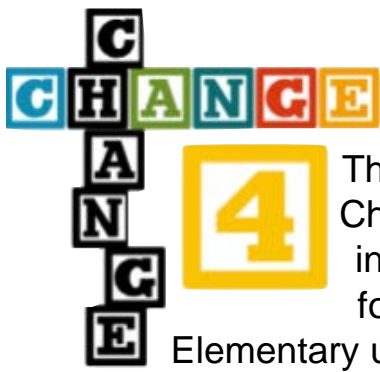
Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This group meets every Tuesday at
10 A.M. Everyone is welcome to join
us Tuesday mornings.

Come grow with us!

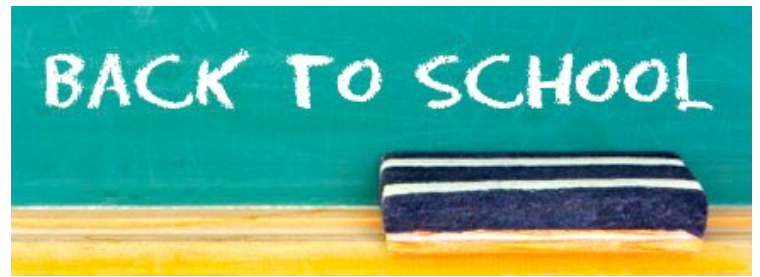
Did You Know?

Through the generosity of a gift from
Living Word Outreach, Dawson UMC
received a financial gift of \$1100.00.
At our most recent council meeting
ways to best utilize these funds were
discussed and several ideas were
tossed about, but the council
members want your input. Is there a
community or program need on your
heart or area of concern where you
feel these funds could make a
difference in the lives of others?
Please submit your ideas in writing to
the church office before August 22.



Lend A Hand... or a shirt...

The uniform closet at Anderson Elementary is running low. You can help be donating new or gently used child sized 6-12 white, navy, red or light blue polo shirts and or navy and or khaki pants. Underwear for both boys and girls in the same sizes is also needed. You may bring these items to the church anytime throughout the month of August. Please note that our August Change for Change offerings will be another way you can support this need in our neighborhood. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Back to School Sunday. Please join us for a very special worship service on Sunday, August 20 as we will lift up teachers and students as they begin another school year. The staff of Anderson Elementary have been invited to join us as our special guests. Immediately following the worship service we will fellowship together with a potluck luncheon.

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

Dawson UMC is sponsoring a "Back to School" Family Skating party at Skate South, 1900 E MacArthur Road from 6:00-8:00pm on Wednesday, August 30. There is no cost to attend however a \$1.00 donation per person is suggested. Please join us to greet the neighbors and the kids in the community. (This Outreach Event is made possible through the generosity of the Second Mile Fund)



Back to School is Cool!!

Members of Dawson UMC will be making and handing out snow cones to the students, families, and faculty of Anderson Elementary during enrollment from 4-6pm on Monday, August 7. Stop by the school to cool off, celebrate and say hello!!



3D DINNERS AND DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

for persons of all ages will resume on Wednesday, September 7. Dinner will be served at 5:30 with intergenerational activities to follow. The evenings activities will conclude at 7:00pm.

**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.**
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT **GOD** HAS DONE.



Dawson's youth have been faithfully working over the past few months to set up their first "Blessing Box". The box itself was donated from a community member and it was painted by Laila Chavez, Brayden Chavez, Jade Guinty, the Great Plains Conference Interns under the guidance of Carissa Guinty and Dulcie Guinty. The first box is now set up on the south east corner of the church lawn. The "Blessing Box" was dedicated and prayed over during the worship service on August 6. Anyone wishing to make donations to this ongoing neighborhood outreach project should contact Dulcie Guinty."

Oh school days, school days...

... the aisles of the stores are laden with back to school supplies. Parents are doing their best to make sure that their children have all the right items and they make their check marks on the shopping lists. Shopping carts are filled with backpacks, new socks, new clothing and all sorts of things to make sure the kids are ready. The schools' staff are busy getting prepared. Teachers are decorating their classrooms, carefully creating the "just right" learning environment so that each student has an equal chance for success. Bus drivers are looking at their maps, going on trial runs to make things go smoothly those first few days. So many things to do as the new semester begins. So many things to look forward to, so many things also that will cause anxiety. Anxiety for those students who struggle, anxiety for parents and families who's "to do" and "to purchase" lists are much greater than their energy and their wallets, anxiety for the teachers and faculty members who strive hard to do their very best.

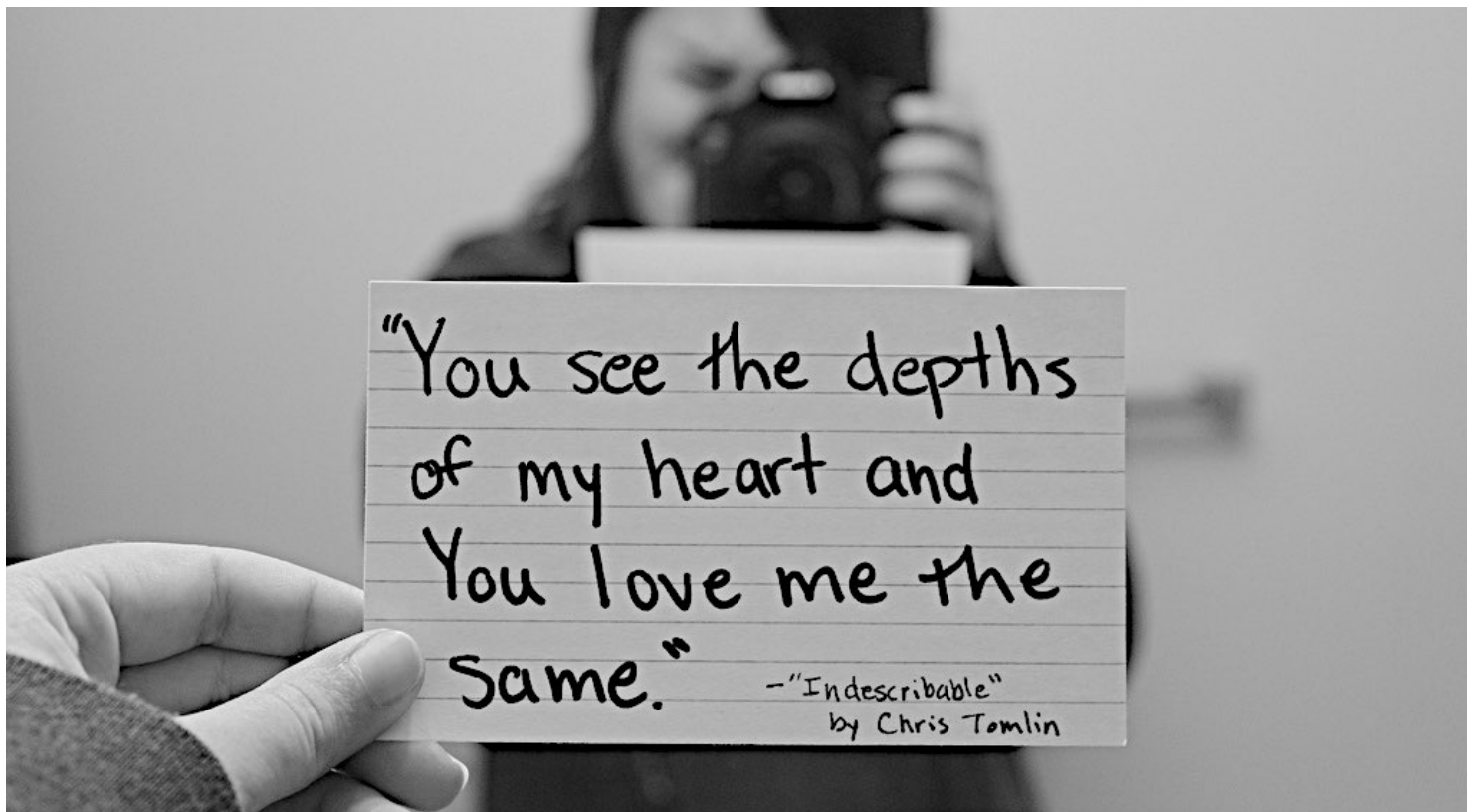
Please join me in prayer as we "stand in the gap" for students/families/school staff as they all begin new "academic adventures".

"God of knowledge and wisdom, bless all students young and old as they begin a new school year. Help them discover and develop the gifts you have given. As they grow in knowledge, help them grow in kindness and compassion, learning respect for themselves and others. We also ask your blessing on their parents, the educators and all those who care for students. Strengthen them to surround all students with encouragement, support and love, and may they likewise be sustained in You. Remind us that wherever we go, you are always with us. Fill us with the joy of learning so that we may be better equipped to be your servants." Amen.

P.S. Please make plans to attend our special "Back to School" worship service on Sunday, August 20 and stay for the fellowship dinner afterwards as we will welcome staff and faculty from Anderson Elementary as our guests of honor. See You Sunday,
Pastor Amy



It's time to Raise the Praise, and celebrate God's beautiful creation as we celebrate "Praise in the Park" Sunday with an outdoor worship service on Sunday, September 3 in the Robinson Park Pavilion.



But think about this: while we were wasting our lives in sin, God revealed His powerful love to us in a tangible display.. the Anointed One died for us.
Romans 5:8