



Summer Greetings to you, Friends in Christ!

First off let me say that I am very excited to begin our journey together. I am very thankful for the hospitality that my family and I have been shown thus far. So we can become better acquainted; here are a few “fun facts” about myself and my family. My husband Mike and I recently celebrated our 36th wedding anniversary. We have three children, one daughter-in-law, and two grandsons. Mike works for the City of South Hutchinson and is also a volunteer firefighter. Our son, Brett and his wife Amy (yes that makes two Amy Fosters) along with their two sons Paxton and Brady live in Andover. Our daughter, Mollie is a student at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. She is spending this summer serving and studying in South Africa. Our youngest son, Andrew lives in West Wichita.

For the past ten years Mike and I have lived in the farmhouse that he grew up in northwest of Hutchinson. As much as I love our “home” it was hard for me to move to the “Foster Homestead”. As we moved into that home Mike and I were also experiencing our first few months as “empty nesters”, and that is quite an awkward feeling. Here I was in a house that I really didn’t want to be in, with nothing familiar to me (part of the moving deal was that we could buy all new furniture), and no children with us for the first time in twenty years...I was in unfamiliar territory, everything was new and different...it took some time to adjust.

Now, fast forward to the present, once again, I find myself in a new place...a new home... with all new opportunities to make new relationships. New challenges and opportunities for us to work together to share God’s love. Once again, I get that awkward feeling, as I’m living in a land of unknowns. Change is unsettling, often frightening, but I know and believe that God has put us all together at this time, in this place for a specific purpose and in His time, that purpose will become evident as long as we all keep our ears and hearts open to the work that He has called us into.

Our first Vacation Bible School lesson focused on God’s call to Moses. At first, Moses was unsure, he made excuses and perhaps he too had an awkward feeling of venturing into the unknown. But here’s the great news for Moses and for us today; God was with Moses on his entire life’s journey. God is with us in the past, He is with us in the present and He will continue to be with in the future days ahead.

Our vacation bible theme and the story of Moses reminds us that God doesn’t intend for us to merely just sit around. God intends for us to be on the move, to serve others, to be a good friend and to help others in need. So as we move through life’s awkward moments of change together, let’s put our best feet forward in confidence that God is indeed present and in charge and move to make a difference in this neighborhood and beyond...it’s gonna be alright...awkward feelings and all, God has entrusted us and called us into a new direction together, so let’s go, because it is in and through God we live, move and exist!

See You in Church...don’t forget to bring a friend!

Rev. Amy



GARAGE SALE

October 1st - 3rd

The Dawson Church Garage Sale is October 1st - 3rd. It's a great time to be boxing up (and pricing) items that you no longer need. Watch the newsletter for more info on when to start bringing all those goodies to the church.

Choir Rehearsals:

will begin on Wednesday

September 23rd

Come join the fun!!!



SPECIAL MUSIC

As choir is over for the summer season, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to provide special music during worship.

Contact Russell and let's get you on the schedule.



Weekly @ Dawson

Sunday - Sunday School @ 9:30 AM

Morning Worship @ 10:45 AM

Monday - All Scouts @ 7 PM

Tuesday - Bible Study @ 10 AM

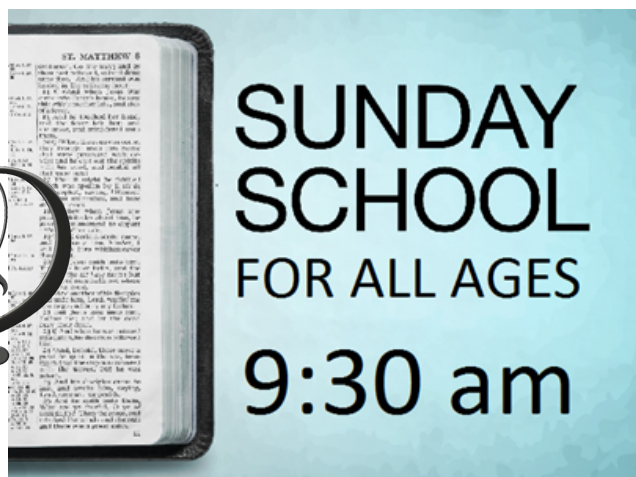
Wednesday - Bible Study @ 5:45 PM



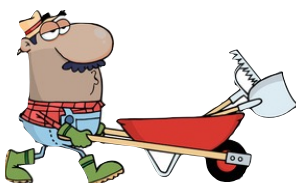
**Don't forget the Prayer Breakfast
at Jimmy's Egg - August 11th @ 8:30 AM
EVERYONE WELCOME**

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<http://www.dawsonumc.org/Newsletter.htm>**

**We keep an archive of recent newsletters
on the website so if you would like to look
back at something from a couple of
months ago you will be able to.**



Summer is here and we could still use help with the lawn and flower beds. If you can help please check with the trustees about the mowing schedule or with Dulcie about helping with the other plants.

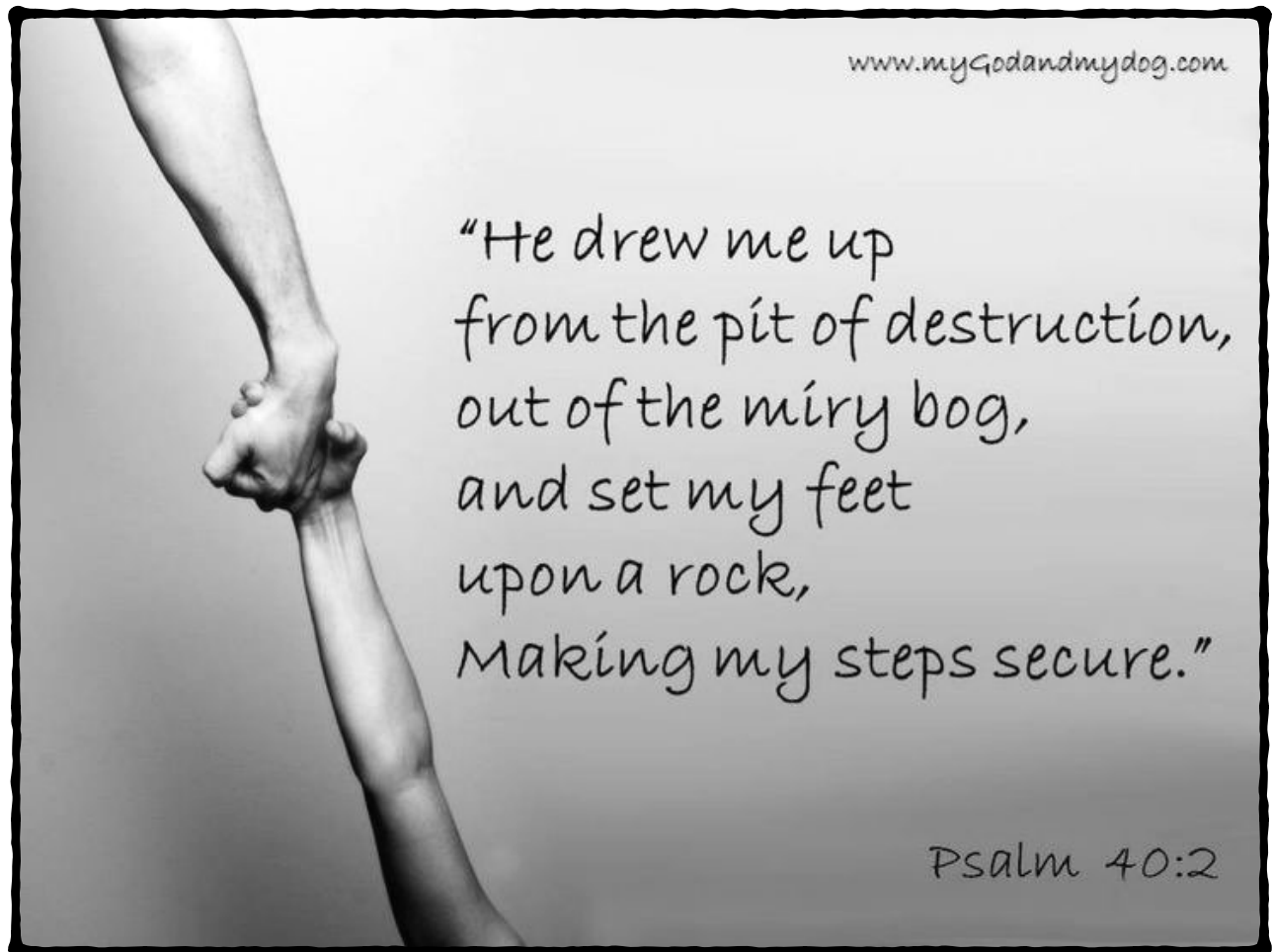
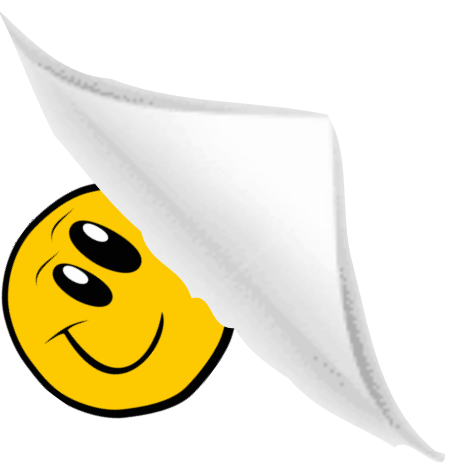




MEET & GREET

"BETTER TOGETHER" GATHERINGS

Life is better together! Fellowship and relationships are paramount in the strength of the Body of Christ. Through the month of August Rev. Amy is extending an invitation to come together over simple refreshments for a gathering time to get better acquainted with one another. "Better Together" gatherings are scheduled for the following dates and times: Wednesday, August 5, at 6:30pm, Tuesday, August 11, at 6:30pm, Wednesday, August 12 at 10:00am or Sunday, August 16 at 4:00pm. All gatherings will take place at the parsonage, 2750 S. Laura. Sign-up sheets will be available beginning on Sunday, August 2 or call the church office to RSVP. Please sign up to attend one session.



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"He drew me up
from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet
upon a rock,
making my steps secure."

Psalm 40:2