



As we begin our second year together in ministry, I would first like to say thank you. Thank you for welcoming me and my family. Dawson is a warm and welcoming congregation. I love Sunday mornings watching you all come in and greet one another.

There is life here in our church and I can see excitement in the eyes of our children. John Wesley, the founder of the United Methodist Church was passionate about the value and importance of Children's ministry and outreach. Wesley was merely stating the obvious when he said without ministry to children, the Methodist movement would be short lived. The souls of children are eternal and precious. The Wesleyan "why" for teaching children is deeply spiritual and bears the urgency of eternity, meaning, kids matter to God. Kids need Jesus. Even big kids...kids that are in aging adult bodies need Jesus and we need each other.

Later in July we have a wonderful opportunity to share our excitement, joy, and love for Christ with our friends, family, and neighbors through Vacation Bible School. Vacation Bible School provides an opportunity to teach children about Jesus so that they can learn ways to be like Christ. Vacation Bible School is an excellent way to reach out and invite others who normally don't attend worship to come into our church. Vacation Bible School is something that everyone in our church can participate, using our own talents to share the love of Jesus. There will be a little bit of something for everyone, but the most important thing we can give is our presence. Please prayerfully consider joining us as part of the ministry team and say Yes, to VBS.

Throughout the month of July, I will be sharing the Vacation Bible School stories during the Sunday morning worship each week to help stir up the excitement of the Sun and Surf. It will be a great way to celebrate God's big love for each one of us, so come and catch the wave.

See You at the Surf Shack,

Pastor Amy



VBS starts July 25th and we will all be catching the wave of **God's Amazing Love!** It is a time when the Body of Christ (that's you!) uses their gifts and talents to fulfill God's mission and purpose.

Have you signed up to help yet? If you want to help but don't know what to do, just let us know and we will assign you to an area. **We will need help** with each group of kids, science, recreation, crafts, preparing a light meal or snack. If you can't make it during VBS how about setting up **prayer time** to pray for everyone involved and that we make a difference in all the lives we will be touching. Or help sending notes after VBS.

Starting next week there will a board in Findley Hall that will have items we will be needing that you can help us get. The only thing that we ask is if you take an item, you bring it back the next week. That way we will be sure to have everything we need.

JULY 2016

"Fun in the Sun"

Continues Into The Summer

Join us as we enjoy "Gods Big Backyard" and each other at the park on Wednesday evenings this summer. This is a great time to relax, fellowship and worship together with people of Dawson and the community.

Watch the church bulletin & weekly emails for more details.



FUN IN THE SON ACTIVITIES

JULY 6TH

Ice Cream Social

JULY 13TH

Cook-Out

(Hot dogs provided, Bring a side dish)

JULY 20TH

Water Games Night

JULY 27TH

V.B.S.

All events start @ 6:30 PM

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!

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 July or August. We will start back in September.





VBS CELEBRATION

FRIDAY JULY 29TH @ 7:00PM
"BEACH PARTY"

FOLLOWED BY:
FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



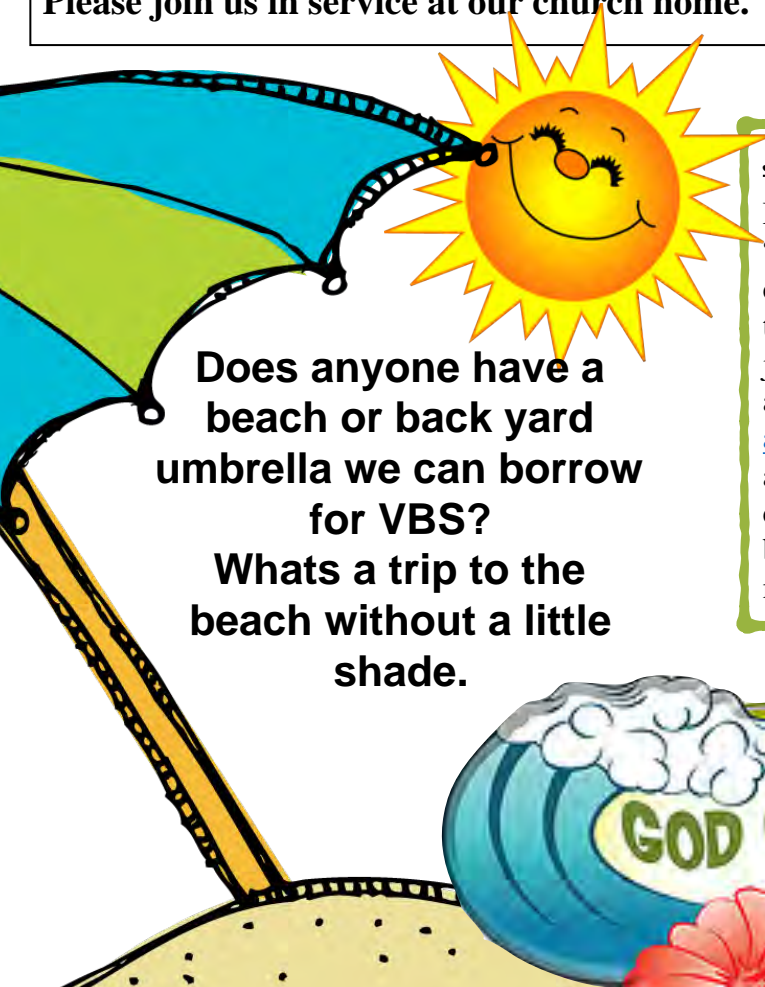
ICE COLD DRINKS

Sat July 16th 7 A.M. Lots to do inside and out!
Outside we'll clear some trees limbs, bushes etc.
Inside..... there's always something.
We'll start early to beat the heat.
Please join us in service at our church home.



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



Does anyone have a beach or back yard umbrella we can borrow for VBS?

Whats a trip to the beach without a little shade.

Join in on the Journey!!

Many of us are planning some great get way'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.



VBS Registration ...

You can register at the church or at www.cokesburyvbs.com/dawsonwichita



Dawson's Vacation Bible School July 25-29

Vacation Bible School is this month, and the planning is in full swing!
We will have interns from the Great Plains Conference to help with VBS this year.
They will be leading the different areas, but will still need us to help.
So plan now to come surfing with us and enjoy the fun.

We are still needing -

Empty, clean plastic water bottles or beverage bottles with caps (16-20oz) need 20
3 small to medium sized clean and empty cardboard boxes
5 medium to large sized clean and empty cardboard boxes
Empty soda cans – needs 30-40
Kool-Aid burst bottles (empty and clean) 30

For Online registration go to:
www.cokesburyvbs.com/dawsonwichita

*Come with us and catch the wave
of God's amazing love!*

Thanks, Sheryl

V.B.S.
**CLOSING
CELEBRATION**
**JULY 29TH
7 PM**





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