



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

On my very first day as your pastor, as I stepped out of my car and into the parking lot I was informed of a death that occurred overnight. For several of us our first meeting was at a funeral of a beloved, long term member.

Over the past few months we as a family, as a body of Christ, have also mourned together the loss of two more amazing men who throughout their lives gave much of themselves to the life of the church.

In his book “Canoeing the Mountains”, Tod Bolsinger writes the following, “the same expertise pastors bring to a dying person or a grieving family is what they bring to a dying congregation and grieving church family. In the same way that we help loved ones grieve the lost, remember the past and prepare to live a new life, our job as a leader is to help our community to let go and grieve so they can find a new life, a new purpose, a renewed mission again.”

With all my heart I hope in some small way I have contributed to a sense of joy and excitement for the future of Dawson. I hope there is sense of renewal through our partnerships with SoCe Life/ The Neighboring Movement, Anderson Elementary, and The Partners for Wichita Filling the Gap program. It is my prayer for all of you as you move forward with Pastor Joey, that you will grow in your relationships with God, with one another and with our neighboring community.

As I leave you, I leave you with opportunities to celebrate both the rich history of this congregation and what is to come in the future. I ask you to honor those who have gone on before us by living boldly and to willingly share the gifts that you have been entrusted with so that others may know the love of Christ.

Lew Woolard often passionately spoke of his vision of Dawson UMC being a “lighthouse” in the community. May it be so. May all those in and outside of this church know that what is located at 2741 S Laura is more than a building, may it be known as a place where light and love reside...so go and be beacons who shine brightly and enthusiastically.

Thank you for the sacred privilege to grieve, laugh, love and serve alongside you all for the past three years. You have taught me much and my life is richly blessed.

See You Later (because I dislike goodbyes),

Pastor Amy



June Events

Every Sunday

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

Every Monday

All Scouts - 7 PM

Every Wednesday

3D Dinner & Discipleship Class - 5:30 PM

Special Worship Services

June 17 - Father's Day

June 24 - Pastor Amy's last Sunday

Other Events & Meetings

June 10 - 2nd Sunday Potluck + Pastor
Amy's farewell dinner

June 14 - Flag Day

June 17 - Father's Day

June 21 - Summer begins



The June change for change offering for June will go for the Partners for Wichita Filling the Gaps Snacks program to purchase healthy snacks for children and youth ages 5-18 in our neighborhood. These snacks will help supplement the meals they receive at Dawson UMC, July 30-Aug 10.



Dawson UMC has joined with **Partners for Wichita** and the

Kansas Food Bank to

participate as a host site for their "Filling the Gap" summer lunch program for children and youth in our neighborhood ages 5-18. All meals will come prepackaged and ready to be distributed in Findley Hall from 11:30am-1:30pm, July 30-August 3 and August 6-10. Help is needed to pick up meals, serve meals and to be friendly greeters and hosts. There will be sign up sheets in the Sunday Bulletin. To schedule to serve as a volunteer or for more information please contact the church office, Dulcie Guinty, or Pastor Amy.



There are no 3-D Dinner and Discipleship Programs scheduled until Wednesday, June 20th which will be the Family Picnic at 5:30 pm.

Happy Father's Day

Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6



Pancake Feeds will start again in September ...

A FAREWELL DINNER

Join us on June 10th for a pot luck dinner
after worship, as we celebrate Pastor's
Amy's service to Dawson and wish her well
as she moves on to her new appointment.



The Summer Season is here! Thanks to the generosity of the Second Mile Endowment Fund Laila Chavez, Lisandra Chavez and Tristan Chavez were able to attend the Wichita District Confirmation Camp held at Southwestern College May 29-June 2. Also, Jade Black-Guinty, Aurora Pope, Brayden Chavez, Laila Chavez, Lisandra Chavez and Tristan Chavez attended camp at Horizon United Methodist Center June 4-8. Both camps provide a great opportunity for our young people to grow in their faith and learn what it is to live as a follower of Christ. When you see one of them, please be sure to ask them about their camp experience!



Neighboring Tip of the Month from our Ministry Partners at SoCe Life:

Develop your love for your neighborhood by writing down 3 things each day that you like about your neighborhood.

After reading this week's tip, you may be asking yourself, "How does practicing this experiment help us to become better neighbors?"

The first step to becoming a better neighbor is simply to love your neighborhood.

And we have a secret for you. The most common trait of people who love their neighborhood is that they have *decided* to love their neighborhood. Hold onto your keyboards - that was a thunderbolt of neighboring wisdom! Loving your neighborhood doesn't always come easily. We mistakenly think we'll love our neighborhood when it is right/perfect/ideal, when in fact, we'll love our neighborhood when we seek to love it!

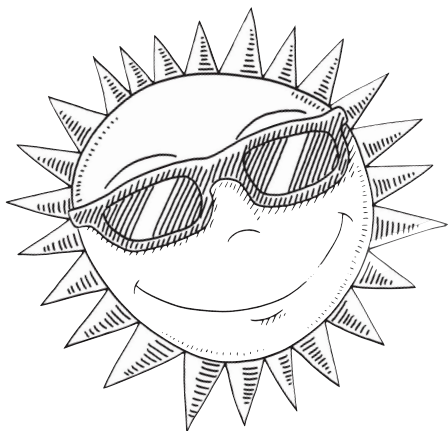
It's really easy to see the negative in our surroundings. Conversely, it is often harder to see the positive aspects. No matter what neighborhood you live in, this statement holds true. Because we're not trained to seek out the positive, it takes both intentionality and practice, and that's where this week's neighboring tip comes in.

"We don't love a place because it's beautiful, a place is beautiful because we love it." - Matt Johnson (but he may have heard it somewhere)

Happy neighboring!

**Pastor Amy's Last Sunday
June 24th**

**Rev. Joey Flores 1st Sunday
July 1st**



**BE STRONG
& COURAGEOUS.
DO NOT BE AFRAID;
DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED
FOR THE LORD
YOUR GOD WILL
BE WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO.**

JOSHUA 1:9