

# BROADCASTER

MAY 13, 2015

## Pastor's Post: *The Ascension*

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Acts 1:10

We celebrate the ascension of Jesus on Thursday, May 14. Acts 1:3 tells us that Jesus appeared to the disciples for forty days. During this time Jesus' focus was on the kingdom of God. After these forty days a cloud lifted him until the disciples couldn't see him anymore. The angels saw the disciples looking up and reminded them that Jesus would return in the same manner (from heaven on a cloud).

I can't imagine what a difficult time this must have been for the disciples. They had been riding a roller coaster! They walked with the Son of God, then he was crucified. Amazingly, he rose on Easter morning. After proving to them that it truly was their friend and Savior, they finally could believe and worship Jesus! Forty days later, once again, he disappeared from their sight.

I have to admit, I have sometimes wished that I could have walked and talked with Jesus in the flesh like the disciples! Could you imagine? I have a question...oh Jesus is right here, let's ask! I need prayer...oh Jesus laid hands on me and prayed to the Father. Our eyes could see the Lord. Our hands could touch the scars he'd bear for all eternity. Sounds much easier, but is it better?

Jesus told them that when he returned to the Father, he could send the Holy Spirit, the Advocate or Counselor, to be with us FOREVER (John 14:17). So Jesus actually says to rejoice when he returns to the Father (John 14:28). We rejoice that Jesus, in flesh, came into the world. We rejoice that Jesus took on the sin of world, dying for our sins. We rejoice that he rose again and ascended to the Father! Because of this ascension, we don't have to wait for Jesus to travel back to Jerusalem or return from Galilee to spend time with him. Now Jesus intercedes before the Father for us continually. Now God has sent us one like Jesus, the Holy Spirit, who can live in our hearts and be present with us every single day!

Let us celebrate the ascension of Jesus!

May God's Spirit give you power and peace every day,

Pastor Eric



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# OUR PRAYERS

God, Your love makes possible the impossible. When we are facing seemingly impossible situations remind us of your love and the possibilities it proclaims. Amen.

## IN OUR PRAYERS:

**Marion Alpers, Tyler & Leah Alpers' grandfather** – health concerns  
**Georgann Jackson** – health concerns  
**Portia Martin** – taking treatments for cancer  
**Allan Schaar, Tony Schaar's father** – brain tumors  
**Doug Vannaman** – heart stint put in  
**The persecuted Christians around the world**  
 God's Guidance and Strength for World Leaders

**Brad Barbour & family at the death of Brad's mother, Carolyn.**  
**George LeBlanc** – health concerns  
**Wayne Sawyer** – heart cath  
**Sylvia Sutphin** – emphysema  
**Those affected by the recent earthquake in Nepal**  
 Our Troops and their Families

*(Prayers of Praise & Thanksgiving are always welcome. We will list new prayer concerns in our bulletin for two weeks. After that they will be added to a more complete prayer list in our Broadcaster.)*

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

CO Cory Applebee  
 Michael Barbett  
 Dennis Burns Jr (DJ)  
 Lt. Col. Adam Coffman  
 Kristopher Dewitt  
 Cpt. Logan Foster  
 James Harris (MP)  
 Sydney Lang  
 Erik Nott & family  
 SPC Steven Pearce  
 Erik Ralsten & family  
 Michael Ruckman  
 Sgt. Jeffrey Stockwell

Larry & Rhonda Clark's nephew  
 Darryl & Val Wall's son-in-law  
 Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier's son  
 Gladys Coffman's grandson  
 Mary Stout's grandson  
 Del & Betty James' grandson  
 Bill & Joy Page's grandson  
 Great Lakes, Illinois  
 Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law  
 Walt & Janet Southards' nephew  
 Lou & Cher Cicirello's cousin  
 Roy & Linda McFarland's nephew  
 Melissa Lampe Stockwell's husband

Middle East  
 McConnell  
 Ogden, UT  
 Japan  
 Marines – Home  
 Ft Leonard Wood  
 Home  
 Navy boot camp  
 Colorado Springs  
 Ft Bragg, NC  
 Nat'l Guard – Iraq  
 Colorado Springs  
 AFB Spain

*\*Please remember all those, known and unknown to us, who are in special need of prayer.*

OUR PRESENCE			Worship Leadership May 17		Worship Leadership May 24	
	9:00	11:00	9:00	11:00		
INFANT NURSERY	Erin Tormey Jodi Kirkland	Tina Qualls	Alex Marintzer Amy Edwards	Kristen Joyal		
TODDLER NURSERY	Susan Wolfe Audrey Potillo	Anna Qualls Jeannie Qualls	Sue Blickenstaff Susan Dunn	Ashlyn Joyal Kennedy Stamm		
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	UNKNOWN	Janine Ingle	Jeanette Stanley	Shelly Wenzel		
LITURGIST	Helen Carey		Marsha Callaway			
GREETERS						
Northeast Door	Allen & Vickie Wilkerson	Emmett & Alta Hickok	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN		
East Door	Gary & Virginia Kerth	Kim Bevan & Sue Hadley	DeWayne & Erlene Morgan	Kim Sutphin & Ethel Smith		
USHERS	UMW	Kim Sutphin Chuck Wolfe	Helen LeBlanc Ethel Smith Larry & Rhonda Clark	Greg & Cherie Kuertz Marvin & Susie Kallenbach		
MUSICIANS	Nancy Scriven		Amy Kornahrens			

ATTENDANCE			
May 3, 2015	9:00 – 132	11:00 – 94	Total – 226
May 10, 2015	9:00 – 139	11:00 – 144	Total – 283



## OUR PRESENCE *(continued)*

*Our loyalty to the church is upheld by our attendance at worship and church school and our participation in those activities that increase our faith.*

- The choir is on summer break after this **Sunday, May 17**. If you would like to provide special music during the 9:00 a.m. worship service, please contact Mike McCormick or the office.
- **Sunday, May 17** is the last day to sign up to help UMCOR at Century II during annual conference. Volunteers from FUMCVC are needed Wednesday, June 10, 10 am-1pm and 1pm-4pm to help record donations and load disaster kits into the UMCOR truck. Sign-up sheets are at Sign-Up Central.
- Good Neighbor Meal Delivery on Fridays beginning **Friday, May 29** – help needed during the summer. Contact the office if you're interested in helping!
- May's Open Door giving is canned corn. Please bring all donations to the middle foyer.
- Food Handler Classes:

Countryside Christian Church - Youth Center 1919 S. Rock Road <b>Thursday, June 11, 2015</b> at 6:30 pm	Cross Road Church 2139 S. Maize Rd. <b>Saturday, June 13, 2015</b> at 9 am
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No registration required. Please arrive a bit early to complete volunteer forms. The classes are free and last about 2 hours. Please call Sheryl Gulick at The Lord's Diner if you have questions (316-266-4966).

- Farewell Picnic for Pastor Eric, Holly, Christopher, and Collin – **Sunday, June 14** at 12:00 p.m. on the east lawn. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided as well as drinks and tableware. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- **VBS 2015** – At Cokesbury's G-Force VBS, kids explore how to put their faith into action. In this mission-focused VBS, kids experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God. Dates for VBS 2015 are **June 15 – June 19**. Please contact Phoebe if you'd like to help.
- Want to help with VBS, but can't during the day? Ministry Team Opportunity – VBS is looking a group of 4-5 people that are willing to serve as a hospitality team for our church during the open house on Thursday night of bible school, **June 18**. This would be a great opportunity for someone that works during the day but would love to help be a part of the VBS mission experience. If you are interested or have questions you may contact the church office or Phoebe McCormick.
- To help decorate for VBS, we would like to borrow bicycles, skateboards, bicycle helmets, roller blades, roller skates, etc. Please contact Phoebe or the office if you have items that you could loan to us.
- The Bishop's Bicycle Challenge is being held **Saturday, June 20**. This is a charity bike ride benefitting Open Door. We need help from local churches to run SAG stops (Support And Gear) along the route in support of the riders. This would entail manning a location along the route throughout the ride which begins at 7 AM and could run as late as 2 PM depending on your location. You would supply snacks and water as well. We anticipate there being in the area of 100 riders. If you would like to help, please contact the office.
- The Beth Moore Simulcast is in WCC **September 12**. It will be our Women's Retreat for this year. If you go to the live performance in Wichita it's at least \$59 and doesn't include lunch or parking. If you go to our simulcast, it's \$30 for event, lunch, snack and free parking! Contact June Marcy or the office for tickets.

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## UMW CORNER

Kesler Circle will meet **Wednesday, May 20** at 9:15 a.m. at Sunflower Gardens, 401 N Emporia in the community Room. This will be our Salad Luncheon and White Elephant Auction. Members are asked to bring a salad and items for the auction. Mission Project will be funds for School Nurses. If you purchased men's socks for our April meeting which was cancelled due to a funeral that day, you may bring them to our May meeting. We will again invite residents of Sunflower Gardens to join us for lunch.

## UMW READING PROGRAM BOOKS 2015-2016

“Good God, Lousy World”

For years, Holly Burkholder was a heartbroken idealist working on the front lines of change around the world. A witness to brutality and injustice, she found herself – often angrily, sometimes hilariously – at odds with a God who seemed distant at best and tyrannical at worst. Her riveting faith memoir will spur you to explore your own questions about God's presence – and seeming absence – in our broken world.

By Holly Burkholder / EDUCATION FOR MISSION category

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## THANK YOU

To our church family and friends:

Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, gifts, food and concerns over the recent passing of our mom (grandma and great-grandma) Dorothy Davison. In celebration of mom's memory, I know she would want us to continue with God's love and peace in our hearts. Also, thank you Pastor Rook for the beautiful message at mom's funeral.

Sincerely, Dorothy Davison family



SUNDAY

Traditional Worship 9:00  
Sunday School 10:00  
Contemporary Worship 11:00

WEDNESDAY

UMY CROSS TRAINERS 6:30-8:00p

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**G-Force Vacation Bible School**

First United Methodist Church of Valley Center  
June 15 – 19, 2015 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Preschool children (4 year-olds) through those entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2015.  
*Financial offerings for the week will go to Main Street Threads and food items to the Valley Center Food Pantry.*

Register online at <http://2015.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcvc>.

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