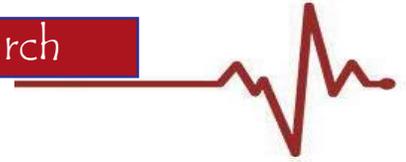


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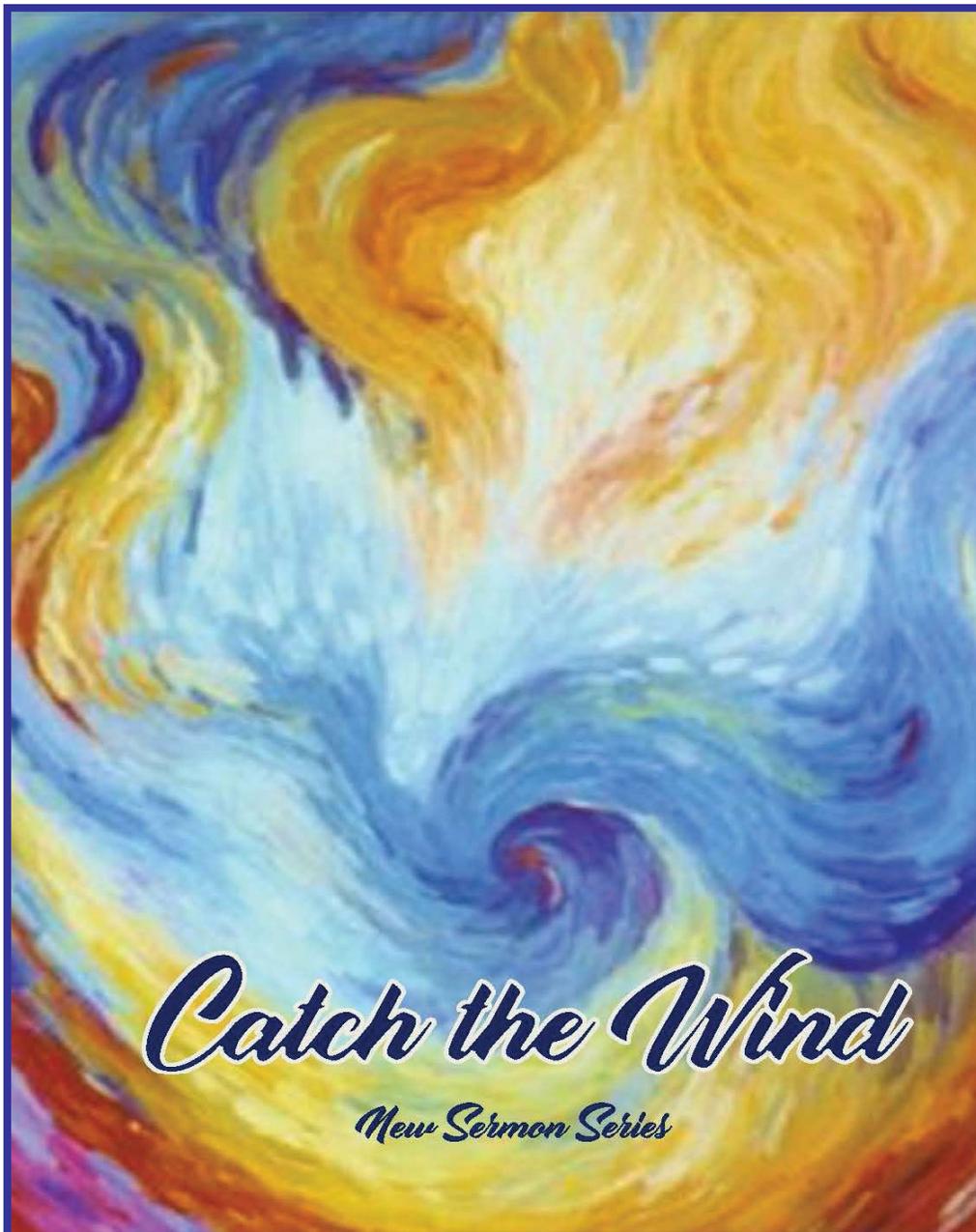
10:15am - Blended Worship  
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9:00am - Sunday School

May 14 2021~ Will Rogers United Methodist Church



Beginning May 23<sup>rd</sup>



*Catch the Wind*

*New Sermon Series*



*So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.*

*Ezekiel 37:7-8 (NIV)*

I heard a story about a man working on a construction job who cut his finger. His foreman sent him to a new health clinic to have it looked after. When the man arrived at the clinic, he entered a tiny room with a potted plant, a chair, and two doors. On the left door, there was a sign that read “internal medicine.” On the right door, the sign read “external medicine.” The man thought to himself, “Well, it’s only a cut on my finger.” And he walked through the door on the right.

He entered another little room that looked just like the first. There was another potted plant, a chair, and two more doors. But this time, on the left door hung the sign that read “emergency,” and on the right door was the sign read “non-emergency.” The man thought to himself, “Well, it’s only a cut on my finger,” and so walked through the door on the right.

He entered a tiny room that looked just like the first two. There was a plant, a chair, and two doors. But this time, the left door sign read “in-patient,” and the right door sign read “outpatient.” The man thought to himself, “Well, it’s only a cut on my finger,” and so once again, he walked through the door on the right.

The man found himself outside, standing in the alley behind the clinic. He returned to work, and the foreman asked him about the clinic. The man said, “They didn’t do much for my finger, but I will tell you one thing: They sure are organized.”

This story has a great moral for the church today: we can be organized; we can have structure and not accomplish anything or help anyone. We can attend Sunday school, worship, and Bible study; we can spend a lot of energy doing the church’s ministry and still not have life.

In Ezekiel’s vision found in chapter 37, he saw dry bones come back together with muscle, tendon, and flesh. Once again, these dry bones were organized and had the structure of a body, but there was no life in them because they had no breath. In Hebrew, the word for breath is *ruach*. It is also the word for spirit. And it was only when God’s breath or spirit entered their bodies that these dry bones found themselves surrounded in a life-giving structure.

One lesson from Ezekiel’s vision is that it is God’s spirit that breathes life into our structures to make them a living being. As a congregation, we can reorganize our system, we can focus on implementing the vision, but if we do all of this without God’s spirit, we will not have renewal. We can be well organized and still not accomplish anything for the kingdom of God or meet the needs of persons with God’s resources. To do those things, we must have God’s spirit breathing life into our very being.

Most of you will receive this newsletter during the ten days between Ascension Day (May 13) and Pentecost Sunday (May 23). During these ten days, I would invite you to join me in prayer at Noon each day. The sanctuary will be open each day during this time (yes, even Friday and Saturday when the office is closed), or you can pray from your home. But together, let’s seek the unity that comes from having the mind of Christ as we pray for renewal for each of us in our Will Rogers family.

In His Grace

*Pastor Brian*

## Stages of a Cold



How does a typical husband respond when his wife comes down with a cold?



*In the first year of marriage:* “Honey, I’m really worried about you. You’ve got a bad snuffle, and there’s no telling about these things with all the terrible viruses that are going around these days. I’m taking you to the hospital, dear, where I’ve reserved a private room for you. I know the food’s lousy, so I’ll be bringing your meals in from Rozzini’s. I’ve already made all the arrangements with the floor superintendent.”

*Second year of marriage:* “Listen, Darling, I don’t like the sound of that cough and I’ve called the doctor to rush right over. Now you go to bed and I’ll take care of everything.”

*Third year:* “Maybe you’d better lie down, honey. Nothing like a little rest when you’re feeling lousy. I’ll bring you something. Do we have any canned soup?”

*Fourth year:* “Now look, dear, be sensible. After you feed the kids, do the dishes, and mop the floor, you’d better get some rest.”

*Fifth year:* “Why don’t you take a couple aspirin?”

*Sixth year:* “If you’d just gargle or something instead of sitting around barking like a seal all night...”

*Seventh year:* “For Pete’s sake, stop that sneezing! What are you trying to do, give me pneumonia?”

(adapted from *When Your Wife Gets a Cold* by Richard K. Allison, copyright 1989 by Allison, Inc. Used by permission)

Pastor Greg

**Journey Camp - June 2nd - 6th**  
**(6th - 8th grades)**

**Day Spring - July 5th - 9th**  
**(9th grade - Graduate)**

*See Steve Irvine &  
Register NOW!*

**Youth  
Camp**

# Legacy

Student Ministries

1 Timothy 4:12

## THOUGHTS TO PONDER #12

“Challenges” by Helen Rush

One way a participant in a contest knows he is making progress is by being challenged in his particular field. His senses are awakened, his judgment sharpened as he attempts to put forth his best effort in the event. In winning or defeat he learns to overcome problems that might interfere with his advancement.

During life we have challenges to meet in our home, work and oftentimes health. When we overcome difficulties the desire to acquire greater spiritual strength is intensified and leads to a more firmly

established truth in our being.

Spiritual progress is made by overcoming the challenges we encounter. It is in the overcoming that we are strengthened physically, skills are improved and we are taught how true success is achieved.

Steve



May 16th - Senior Recognition Sunday Breakfast at 9:00am in Food Court

Seniors recognized in Worship Service @ 10:15am.

May 19th - Wednesday Night > 5:30-7:30pm, PICK UP AT 7:30pm.

May 22nd - Youth Garage Sale > 9:00am-4:00pm., BE HERE AT 7:00am.

### Faithbuilders Sunday School News:

Praises: Verna and Linda back in class, all our mothers here and in heaven, the beautiful weather, Kathy’s work, the Pelzel’s granddaughter moving back to Tulsa

Prayers: Peace for Kellie’s mother and brother, Verna – undiagnosed pain, VanFossen’s neice-in-law – cancer, Foster’s daughter, Michelle – cancer, Kellie’s co-worker, Shelly – people threatening her and her mother

Taut Thought: The creator of the universe stepped into His creation to redeem His creatures.

### JUNE Birthdays

3 – Joe Reeves

8 – Debi Boyles

9 – Jim Ernst, Mary Lou Harkins

12 – Verna Hedrick

13 – Kristi Graybill

14 – George Riley, Madison Thompson, Tom Winslow

15 – Judy Blickensderfer, Alex Keck

16 – Jerry Hodges

19 – Betty Helen Lawson

21 – Janae Mangan

23 – Preston Hershberger

24 – June Walker

27 – Jackson Freeman

30 – Sallye Harris

### JULY Birthdays

6 – Suzi Walker

8 – Rocky Carreno

9 – Rachel Strunk, Susan Thompson

13 – Mike Messick, Lynn Morgan

14 – Paula Goodwin

15 – Phillip Hickman

16 – Kaylee Rogers

18 – Barbara Payne

25 – Richard Walker, Jorryn West

27 – Judy Davis

28 – Ray Maggard

31 – Marjorie Lawson, Betty Welch



## 10 Days of Ascension Prayer ~ May 13 – May 22, 2021

Ascension Day is the day that commemorates what Luke described in Luke 24:50-53:

*When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup> And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.*

This year I would like to encourage us as a church to spend the 10-days between Ascension Day (May 13) and Pentecost Sunday (May 23) focused on prayer together. Each day from May 13 – May 22, the sanctuary will be open at Noon for persons who would like to come together in prayer following the pattern that the disciples used during this time. But if you can't join together in prayer at Noon, I encourage us all to find at least 10-minutes in our day to pray at least one of these three prayer points.

1. For renewal in our congregation
2. For revival in our city
3. For an awakening of all Christians

And here is an outline for prayer I learned from The Prayer Course that uses the acronym P.R.A.Y.

### How to have a 10-minute quiet time (using P.R.A.Y.)

(1 min) Pause—sit quietly for a minute, stilling your soul.

(2 min) Rejoice—read a short Psalm or listen to a hymn or worship song.

(3 min) Ask—Tell God what's on your heart. Pray through your day. Pray for at least one of the above prayer points. Pray a different one each day.

(3 min) Yield—Read a few verses from the Bible (choose your own or follow the suggestions below), until a phrase pops out at you and then talk to God about it. Are there any sins you need to confess? Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you afresh.

(1 min) Amen -Pray the Lord's Prayer.

#### Suggested daily scripture readings:

May 13 – Luke 24:36-53

May 14 – Acts 1:1-9

May 15 – Acts 1:10-14

May 16 – Matthew 28:16-20

May 17 – John 20:1-18

May 18 – John 20:19-31

May 19 – John 21:1-14

May 20 – John 21:15-25

May 21 – Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:25-27

May 22 – Joel 2:28-32

Bonus: Pentecost Sunday

May 23 – Acts 2:1-47



March 26, 2021

*Carl Cook*

April 8, 2021

*Aaron Foster*

### Memorials given in memory of:

**Carl Cook**

*by Bob Schouten Food Pantry*

**Aaron Foster**

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**Mildred Turner**

*by Mrs. Pat Shaffer*

**Bulah Cook**

*by Jim and Betty Helen Lawson*

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