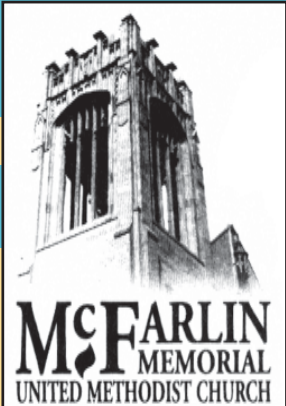


# McFarlin Alive



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## Commitment and All-Church Celebration Sunday



**Sunday, March 8**, McFarlin's stewardship campaign "We Are the Church" will host **Commitment Sunday** and **An All-Church Celebration**. McFarlin supporters are invited to bring their Every Member in Ministry pledge cards and their financial support pledge cards to Sunday, March 8 worship services. Please prayerfully complete your one-year pledge to support the annual budget and your three-year pledge to eliminate the debt. Place the pledge card in the provided envelope and return your commitment during any service on March 8. The commitment envelopes may also be returned to the church office or mailed to the church.

After the 10:55 AM services, join us in an all-church roundup celebration. The celebration is a barbeque luncheon for the entire family with a western roundup theme. The dress is casual, but Sunday attire is accepted. It will be a wonderful opportunity for you to enjoy fellowship and food with other McFarlin members and supporters and celebrate the campaign completion. We truly hope you'll be able to join us, even for a little while.

Thank you for your continued support of McFarlin's ministries to our members, the community, and those in need of God's love and care.

*Responding  
to God's call,  
we seek to  
live lives  
shaped by  
Christ,  
to reach  
people for  
Christ,  
and to  
develop  
deeply  
committed  
Christians.*

### March Bonus Years Meeting

The next Bonus Years Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4 at 10:30 AM in Fenn Hall. Dr. Mark Stratton, Professor of Pharmacology, Director of OU's School of Geriatric Pharmacy, will speak on "Using Medications Safely-A Key Ingredient to Your Health." Lunch is \$5. Please call the church office at 321-3484 for reservations.

### Environmental Stewardship Initiative at McFarlin

A meeting of all McFarlin members who are interested in supporting and participating in the Environmental Stewardship Initiative at McFarlin is scheduled for March 1 from 6:30-8 PM in room 209. This will be a broadly defined planning meeting to support green activity at McFarlin. A number of environmental initiatives are currently in progress, and new ones will be suggested and discussed. Activities include the upcoming Earth Day, green worship services at McFarlin, tree planting, recycling efforts, green educational efforts, and youth activity. Contact Joe Rodgers ([jrodgers@ou.edu](mailto:jrodgers@ou.edu)) or Kevin Kelleher ([kevin.kelleher@noaa.gov](mailto:kevin.kelleher@noaa.gov)) for more information. Everyone is invited!



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# Ministry Updates

## From My House to Your House



By the time you read this article, we will be in the season of Lent. Lent is a season for reflection, and a season when Christians seek to draw closer to God. Prayer is an important part of Lent. Several weeks ago I shared the following pastoral prayer on Sunday morning. I think it is timely and I want to share it again. Hopefully you will find it meaningful as you seek to engage this season that leads us to Easter.

“Dear God, help us to come with pure and receptive hearts, and let us be available to your spirit in this hour of worship, so that what we do here will be pleasing to you. Some of us come with great anxiety about the future, sometimes because of the way certain relationships have worked out, sometimes because of health concerns, and sometimes because of economic concerns.

Some of us worry about what shall become of us, and whether our resources will be sufficient to the challenges that are before us. It is a fearful time, and our fear is not easily overcome. But we are called to be people of faith. It is with faith that we would seek to move beyond our fear, engaging the hurts of our lives, and grief which some of us suffer. Our separations, our disappointments—all these things and more we bring to you, O God, and today we pray for these concerns.

We also pray for the concerns of our nation, and the leaders of our nation that they may be wise in their leadership, and committed always to the common good, and not just their own. We pray for loved ones who are separated from us, and for those who serve in the military overseas. We know there are many today who are in harm’s way, who put their lives on the line on our behalf. Let us not forget them and their sacrifice.

And neither let us forget those who suffer in distant lands because they do not have enough to eat, who live in places of misery and disease, and those who are caught in harm’s way through no fault of their own. Keep us mindful of these persons, as well as the persecuted throughout the world. And yes, let us pray even for those who persecute us, and those that are counted as our enemies, as Jesus taught us to do.

Help us to have loving hearts and forgiving spirits that animosities might be overcome, and that good will might prevail among the various peoples of this world. Move us beyond our fractured relationships into a bond of unity that expresses the spirit of Jesus. And finally, Lord, as Jesus was generous, so let us also be generous that we might follow in his way. Teach us to be more like Jesus in all of our engagements with the world, and help us to be worthy of the sacrifice that he made, remembering how he taught us to pray....”

For Lenten reflection,

*Dick House*

## Life Line



To begin the year, I asked everyone to go out to eat with someone else, anyone else, from LifeLine by the end of February. This may not have seemed like the most “spiritual” challenge, and, in and of itself, it probably isn’t. However, relationships are important foundations of the life God has called us to live. Church is only church when we do it together. And so we felt it was important for us to spend some time just building relationships within the LifeLine family.

So now that we’ve done “phase one” of relationship building, it’s time for (of course) “phase two”. Now, during the next two months (March and April), we’re asking everyone to go out for coffee or a meal with someone in LifeLine that **you do not presently know well**. This is a little harder and takes more courage and initiative. But I know you’re up to it and I believe as we get to know one another better, we’ll see a noticeable difference in how we worship and

serve together.

Grace, Peace & Joy,  
Randy Wade

# Ministry Updates

## Youth Works...

It is hard to believe that we are just a little over 2 weeks away from **Mexico16: Passport to Adventure**; our youth mission to Rio Bravo, Mexico. Our group of 150 from McFarlin is in place; folks from NorthHaven Church here in Norman and First UMC in Coppell, Texas (Drew Sher, who grew up at McFarlin is the youth director there) are excited to be traveling down with us; and our projects in Rio Bravo are just about ready to go! We have broken our group up into 10 teams, each with 2 or 3 high schoolers who serve as team leaders, and they have met twice and will meet two more times before we depart. There is great excitement and anticipation within our group. I can't wait to see how God works His spectacular miracles!

We are still in need of donations to our **Buy A Square Foot** fundraiser; this is how we pay for the 10 projects we will be working on. Our teams will build 7 casitas (small, cement-block houses) for families and build the walls for a new sanctuary for El Camino Methodist Church near Rio Bravo (the equivalent of 3 casitas). Each project costs us \$2300 or about \$7 per square foot. ANY amount you can give to **Buy A Square Foot** is a blessing.

As we talk about the logistics of this great mission tradition, now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, what cannot get lost is that the entire reason we travel is to change lives. We are all aware of the economic struggles many of us are facing. Those who are the poorest among us struggle the most in these times, and people in developing countries face the biggest economic hurdles. Jesus is quite specific in Matthew 25 that the way we treat the poorest is, in essence, the way we are treating Him. If you ever wonder why it is we do mission work, both close to home and far away, read Matthew 25:31-46; the answer is very clear.

During our mission you can follow us at [www.Mexico-16.blogspot.com](http://www.Mexico-16.blogspot.com). And, most of all, I hope you will keep us all in your prayers. NOTHING is more important!

Scott Meier

## Music Notes

On February 16, the Music Department welcomed Teresa Williams to our ministry team. Teresa serves as the Administrative Assistant in the Music Office—helping Don and Venita coordinate the efforts of our 18+ musical ensembles, work with our volunteers, and keep the parents of our children and youth music groups updated and informed. With around 400 volunteers, this is no small feat!

Teresa and her husband, Troy, were married at McFarlin 20 years ago. They are the proud parents of Taylor, a senior at Norman High School, and Tia, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Whittier Middle School. Before coming back “home” to Norman (Teresa grew up in Noble), the Williams lived and worked in Hawaii, Australia, and Spain. Teresa is very active in our Thursday Assistance Program and in the Close Ties Sunday School Class.

Her new e-mail address is: [twilliams@mcfarlinumc.org](mailto:twilliams@mcfarlinumc.org), phone number is 321-3484, ext. 112.

Many thanks to Nancy Schaumburg and Venita MacGorman for their assistance in the hiring process. Thanks also to Dr. Carl Hook and the SPRC for their support of the music department during our transition. Finally, thanks to the 25+ applicants who made our selection process a difficult task. Stop by the music suite and say hello to Teresa—she has some really big shoes to fill.

Don McAvoy

## Deacon's Corner

As Christians, we know that we are called to do God's will. But how do we know what God wants us to do? Most of us would probably say, “I need to make a decision. I will pray and God will tell me what I need to do.” Sounds reasonable. This “Pray, Wait, then Act” method brings about several questions: How will God answer me? How will I hear God? Is there some magical feeling that will let me know? What is a still, small voice, anyway? How do I know it is God's will and not mine?

The Lenten study, “The Way of Discernment” will answer these questions and more, beginning on Wednesday, Feb 25 for the day group, and Wednesday, March 2 for the evening group. Discernment comes as a gift from the living God. As we open ourselves to this gift, we will consider three questions that lie at the heart of theological reflection on discernment. How do we understand God as the source of this gift? What do we mean when we speak of “God's will?” and what is the ultimate aim or intent of discernment? Through a study, reflection and sharing model, you will learn and experience the priority of God's will and the practice of God's will as a way of life. Join others on this Lenten Journey. Remember, spiritual growth is the process of expanding the windshield and shrinking the rearview mirror. Here's to weeks of expanding the view.

You Think About That!  
Grace and Peace,  
Harriette Leigh Kemp

# Ministry Updates

## We Are the Church Prayer Team Message

***This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.*** Joshua 1:8-9

Have you felt strong and courageous lately? Or does fear and trembling better describe your state of mind? There are often so many negative messages all around us it's hard to see any good news.

### **Maybe we are not looking in the right place...**

When the children of Israel looked at the "news" and what they could see with their eyes, they were convinced that the obstacles were completely insurmountable. They saw giants in the land and even though God told them that the land was theirs, they were consumed with fear and trembling.

But when Joshua meditated on God's words and recounted all the times that God had provided for them, they became filled with faith and they overcame the giants!

The good news for us is that God's word never changes. We are to seek God, meditate on His word, and obey. Then we will be the courageous, faith-filled church reaching others for Christ.

Heavenly Father, thank you for your word. You never leave us or forsake us. You are Jehovah Jireh, the Lord who provides. Please guide us as we seek your will for our commitments to the ministries of McFarlin. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.

Tara Koetter  
Prayer Team Coordinator

## Care Ministries

Hopefully during the next few weeks you will be considering how you might serve the church and committing to that through the "We are the Church" campaign. McFarlin's Congregation Care Ministries rely on lay people to be the extensions of Christ's hands and feet in the care given to the members of this church through the Care Team, Stephen Ministry, Prayer Ministry, Correspondence Ministry, Care Notes booklets ministry, Hospital Visitation Team, Grief Support Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and Meal Ministry. We are extremely grateful to each of these individuals and realize that without their help, these ministries would not exist. Have you found a place to serve? Consider your gifts and your calling as we enter this time of commitment to our Lord. Imagine the tremendous impact the McFarlin family

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH-HOUSE

"We are the Church!" The children of McFarlin are echoing the shout heard throughout the church. In Sunday school and nursery we have been discussing the gifts God gives us and how we can use them to give back to God and others. Just like the stewardship card adults have received, the children's cards allow our younger members to pledge their gifts of prayer, service, gifts, time, and presence.

In support of our children's gifts and their hearts, we are offering Holy Listening training on February 28 from 9 AM to noon in Meyer Hall. This training will offer adults tools and methods of listening to children in a prayerful way, allowing them to express their feelings authentically and in return guiding them to prayer. We welcome all volunteers, parents, and any other adults who would like to learn more about Holy Listening to attend. Please contact Kristy Varva, [kvarva@mcfarlinumc.org](mailto:kvarva@mcfarlinumc.org) or Beth Carter, [bcarter@mcfarlinumc.org](mailto:bcarter@mcfarlinumc.org) if you plan to join us. Childcare is available by reservation to Kristy Varva by Wednesday, February 25.

## School Supplies for Guatemala

Last year I was part of the McFarlin group that went to Guatemala. I worked with the Mission Bible School at two different



village sites. Our church sent school supplies for three small primary schools. The schools were all excited to get them and two principals were so excited they received the supplies with tears in their eyes. I told the missionary couple who live there that we might be able to send more in the future.

So, I am asking for crayons, colored and regular pencils, small rulers, scotch tape and pens. All of the above can be new but they will gladly accept used. Paper products are too heavy to send but cash donations are accepted and can be immediately sent to an account the missionary couple can access. Thank you on behalf of McFarlin mission teams. Items will be collected again this Sunday, March 1, in the Atrium and I will make sure these items are ready to be sent with mission teams from other churches going to Guatemala during spring break.

God bless you,  
Tim Kesinger

# Ministry Updates

## McFarlin's Adult Sunday School Classes

McFarlin's Adult classes invite you to join them. Current study topics or general categories are listed below along with a little about each class and classroom locations:

Bible Study	Peter the Rock, an "every person": the man, his letters mixed couples, singles - middle & older adults	222
Cheers	variety of topics, recent college grads, young careers	Step Brothers
Close Ties	variety of topics, mainly couples - middle adult	405
Commitments	variety of topics, couples - 40ish	328-329
Crossroads	variety of topics, middle adults with diverse perspectives	406
Exodus	variety of topics - middle adults - mainly women	326
Faith Journey	faith development, singles - 20's & 30's	4 <sup>th</sup> floor landing
Fellowship	Ezekiel - older adults	Meyer Hall
Finding God	variety of topics, mixed group - middle adults	Youth Lounge (320)
Focus	Lenten Study - single adults	402
Friendship	variety of topics - mature adults	229
Genesis	variety of topics, mainly singles - middle adults	404
GIFT	The End Times, mainly couples - any age adults	227
Homebuilders	variety of topics, mainly couples	226
Just Jesus	Gospel of Luke - small class, singles & couples	Aldersgate House
New Beginnings	Paul's Mission and Letters - mature adults	327
New Horizons	The Sayings of Jesus, mainly couples - mature adults	403
New Life	Where God was Born, mainly singles - older adults	200
New Roots	Young couples	224
PALS	variety of topics, mainly couples - middle adults	407
Promised Land	Jeremiah, any age adults, couples and singles	401
Searchers	Lessons from the Bible Jesus Used couples and singles - mainly mature adults	209
Transitions	variety of topics, couples & singles - sandwich generation	210
Two in One	Ezekiel, couples and singles - older adults	223
Upper Room	variety of topics, mainly couples - mature, fun-loving adults	228
Upward	Bible study, mixed couples and singles - mixed ages	300

## 1 Perspective

Hasn't the sermon series, "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" been rich and significant? I hope McFarlin will find other ways to utilize Bishop Schnase's important insights. (He is the author whose book by the same name inspired the series.) I am going to encourage continued discussion among our people on several of his points.

The first sermon of the series, *Radical Hospitality*, seems to me a focus we especially need to spend some time on. It fits in with some of Rev. Dick House's goals for McFarlin and I have a feeling it will also have resonance with wherever we end up in the strategic planning process. By Schnase's definition, Christian hospitality is "the active desire to invite, welcome, receive, and care for those who are strangers so that they find a spiritual home and discover for themselves the unending richness of life in Christ." He goes on to delineate what he means by radical hospitality. He has in mind hospitality that is drastically different from ordinary practices, outside the normal, that which exceeds expectation and goes the second mile. We all like to think of ourselves as a hospitable church and our adult classes as hospitable. But are we radically hospitable? Are we drastically different and exceeding expectations? We have a ways to go. Expect our adult class officers, the church staff and those involved with Discover McFarlin and the Evangelism Ministry Team to remind you to be radically hospitable in the coming months. A big thanks goes to those who already made suggestions about how adult classes could be more welcoming. Let's continue to think about how we can do this better.

For hospitality as Jesus practiced it,  
George Shepherd

# McFarlin News

## COSI CORNER

The Council on Spiritual Initiatives is announcing two new 8-week spiritual growth groups during Lent - **Companions in Christ: The Way of Discernment**. Rev. Harriette Leigh Kemp will be leading both a morning and evening group on Wednesdays. The morning group begins this Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 10 AM. The evening group begins on Wednesday, March 4 at 7 PM. Sign up by calling Harriette at 245-9874. On the heels of the evening group another 8-week **Companions in Christ** group: **The Way of Forgiveness** will begin. It is recommended that the evening group consider participation in the continuation of the second group. The trust level needed to participate in the second group would already be established and helpful to the shared discussion experience.

**Save the date of March 29-30**, when **Dr. Alyce McKenzie** will be preaching at both worship services on the book of the Parables. She will also lead a Sunday evening and Monday morning session. Registrations for lunch on Monday may be made at the COSI CORNER table in the Atrium. The cost will be \$5 for lunch. Dr. McKenzie is Professor of Homiletics at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. Her book, *The Parables for Today*, may also be purchased at the COSI CORNER table in the church Atrium.

## *Enjoy the Blooms of Spring at the Dallas Arboretum*

Time is running out to make your reservation to share the awe, the fun and fellowship as McFarlin Bonus Years travel to Dallas to view the wonders of spring at the Dallas Arboretum. We will travel on a chartered motor coach, enjoy lunch in the garden cafe, and take a self-guided tour at the Arboretum, with a drive through tour of Southern Methodist University as we depart for Norman. Sign up at the front desk to join this trip to Dallas scheduled for March 24. There are slips at the desk to make your lunch selection when you sign up. The cost is \$65 per person which includes bus, lunch, and ticket to Arboretum. Departure will be at 8 AM and arrive back in Norman around 6 PM.

Money for the trip and your lunch selection must be turned in to the church office by March 4.

## UMW March Unit Meeting

The United Methodist Women will meet for the March unit meeting Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30 PM in Fenn Hall. Our own Harriette Leigh Kemp will share her thoughts regarding one of the current UMW studies - "I Believe in Jesus." This will be especially meaningful as we observe the season of Lent, a time we seek to deepen our faith.



Cost for the dinner that will be prepared and served by host circles 9 and 12 is \$5. Free childcare is available by advance reservation only. Call 321-3484 by Friday, March 13 for both childcare and dinner reservations.

One of the conference projects this year is to collect gift cards from Wal-Mart or Target to give to NSO and Cookson Hills. We will be collecting those cards at the March Unit Meeting.

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## Class Officers' Gatherings

Adult Class Officers will gather Sunday, March 1, to share with each other ideas that work well for their class. Becky Heeney, who works with Discover McFarlin will facilitate discussions about how to better practice radical hospitality in our classes. Officers may choose to come from 8:30-9:30 AM or 11-noon in room 229. McFarlin has held these gatherings about twice a year for three or four years now. The sessions help officers learn about best practices and how their classes can function better. For more information, please contact George Shepherd at 321-3484, ext. 109 or [gshepherd@mcfarlinumc.org](mailto:gshepherd@mcfarlinumc.org).

# McFarlin Family

**Welcome McFarlin New Members:** Ross and Vickie Trafford.

**Entered the Church Triumphant:** Bill Wilson, father of Tom Cotrone; Jenny Lee Lowery, mother of Pat Richardson; Murlin Bender father of Barry Bender; Sherri Little, granddaughter of Alma and Russell Dilks; grandmother of Cara Jarlsberg; Carl Wallace, father of Ben Wallace; Robert Buford.

# Meetings & Activities

March 1st - 7th

<b>Sunday, March 1</b>			7:00PM	Disciple Bible II	Room 222
8:00AM	Men 2 Pray 4 Pastors	Room 200	8:00PM	Men's Basketball	Fenn Hall
8:30AM	Class Officers' Gathering	Room 229	<b>Wednesday, March 4</b>		
8:30AM	Early Worship/Communion*	Sanctuary	6:00AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast	Fenn Hall
9:40AM	Sunday School*	Various	9:00AM	Children's Day Out	Room 102, 104
9:40AM	8th GradeThe Bridge	Room 322	9:00AM	UMW #1*	Room 228
10:55AM	Sanctuary Worship*	Sanctuary	9:30AM	UMW Circle # 5	Room 320
10:55AM	LifeLine Worship*	Fenn Hall	10:30AM	Bonus Years Meeting	Fenn Hall
11:00AM	Class Officers' Gathering	Room 229	3:00PM	Children's Choir	Various
11:15AM	Elements of Worship	Room 306	5:15PM	Festival Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
12:00PM	College Lunch	Atrium	6:15PM	Canticle Singers*	Choir Room
12:00PM	Family Ministries*	Room 222	6:15PM	Sanctuary Bell Choir	Bell Room
12:00PM	Mexico Team Leader Meeting	Room 223	6:30PM	Emmaus Reunion*	Room 227
12:05PM	Communion after Worship	Martin Chapel	7:00PM	UMW #2*	Room 223
1:00PM	Miriam Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room	7:10PM	Women's Bible Study	Room 222
4:00PM	Wesley III Bell Choir	Bell Room	7:15PM	Wednesday Quilters	Room 226
4:00PM	Wesley II Bell Choir	Meyer Hall	7:30PM	Wednesday Bible Study*	Choir Room
4:30PM	Advent Preparation	Room 401	7:30PM	H.S. Fish	Room 321-324
4:30PM	Chapel Choir	Choir Room	7:30PM	Carillon Handbell Rehearsal*	Bell Room
5:00PM	Grief Support Group	Room 223	8:00PM	Al-Anon	Room 227
5:00PM	Wesley Choir Rehearsal	Meyer Hall	<b>Thursday, March 5</b>		
5:30PM	Singles Bible Study/Dinner	615 E. Boyd	7:00AM	Boys' Bible Breakfast	Ozzies
5:30PM	ALA Course	Room 226	8:00AM	Utilities Assistance	Room 209
6:00PM	Agape Ringers	Bell Room	9:30AM	Mom's Bible Study*	Room 227
6:00PM	Youth Fellowship Dinner	Fenn Hall	9:30AM	Disciple Bible II*	Room 222
6:30PM	McFarlin Green Team Meeting	Room 209	12:00PM	Japanese Ladies' Luncheon*	Room 209
6:30PM	Middle School Higher Ground	Fenn Hall	1:00PM	Chancel Handbell Rehearsal	Bell Room
6:30PM	High School Elevate	Room 321	6:00PM	Sisters in Christ MS Bible Study	Offsite
6:30PM	Mexico Team Meeting	Various	6:30PM	Two-in-One SS Party	Room 226
<b>Monday, March 2</b>			7:00PM	Financial Peace University*	Room 209
9:00AM	Children's Day Out	Room 102, 104	7:00PM	Chancel Choir*	Choir Room
2:00PM	Afternoon Shawl Circle	Room 320	7:00PM	Sooner Toastmasters	Room 401
4:00PM	Wesley I Bell Choir	Bell Room	<b>Friday, March 6</b>		
6:00PM	Lay Leadership Committee	Room 224	9:00AM	Children's Day Out	Room 102, 104
6:00PM	UMM Leadership Meeting	Room 222	11:00AM	Renovare 1	Room 404
6:30PM	Pack 241 Blue & Gold Banquet	Fenn Hall	11:00AM	High School FLAVR	Offsite
6:30PM	Care Team Meeting	Room 227	1:30PM	UMW #9	Offsite
7:00PM	Boy Scout Patrol Meeting	Room 329, 403	<b>Saturday, March 7</b>		
7:00PM	Education Ministry Team	Room 209	8:00AM	Methodist Men's Breakfast	Golden Corral
7:00PM	Boy Scouts	Meyer Hall	8:30AM	Seniors Breakfast	Prairie Kitchen
7:30PM	Evening Shawl Circle	Room 401	<i>*Childcare Available</i>		
<b>Tuesday, March 3</b>			<b>Care Ministries</b>		
9:00AM	Disciple I*	Room 222	<i>Continued from Page 4</i>		
9:30AM	UMW Executive Committee	Room 209	of faith could make if every member was involved in the ministries of the church.		
11:00AM	Norman North 9th grade FLAVR	Offsite	Serving with you, Jane Cook, Congregational Care Coordinator		
11:30AM	Prayers for Our Church	Church Office	<b>McFarlin Alive</b>		
12:00PM	UMW #7	Room 226	<i>Page 7</i>		
6:00PM	McFarlin Foundation	Republic Bank			
6:30PM	Celebrate Recovery	Meyer Hall			
6:30PM	Beth Moore Bible Study	Room 224			
6:45PM	SPRC	Room 228			
7:00PM	Disciple Bible I	Room 226			

# McFarlin News

## Women of the Way

**Women of the Way** (WOTW) is a group of faith-filled ladies attempting to live their lives according to the Christian way. The group meets for lunch once a month, on the second Monday at various restaurants across Norman. WOTW originally started as a birthday club, but has since moved to self-pay to make things simple. Sometimes around the holidays, the group meets in a member's home, and a potluck or home-cooked meal is served. Mostly, this is a group who enjoys Christian fellowship in a simple monthly meal - a chance to get out with the gals. If you are interested in trying this event, the next lunch is March 9 at 12:15 PM and the restaurant is Ted's on Interstate Drive.



**Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8!**



Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday night, March 7.

Spring Forward!

The illustration shows three pink tulips with green leaves and a purple butterfly. Below the tulips is a purple clock face with a white dial and hands, and a pink flower.

**We Are the Church Prayer Vigil**

There will be a "We Are the Church" prayer vigil in the Martin Chapel on Saturday, March 7 from 9 AM - 3 PM. All are invited to join us in praying for the ministries and members of McFarlin.

An illustration of two hands clasped in prayer, with fingers pointing upwards. The hands are rendered in a detailed, sketch-like style with shading to show depth.

### McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church



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