

Spirit *connection*

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Volunteer Spotlight

MARILYN MCAFEE

Marilyn is a living example of the verse, "Here I am, Lord, send me!" From her nearly two decades as children's minister to her service on various committees, including SPRC and Missions, Marilyn has served Dewey UMC since she and her family joined the church.

Marilyn has mad painting skills, works long past dark, and never gives up—even when the job seems like an uphill battle.

At present, along with all her regular duties with the Salvation Army, UMW, Family Promise, children's ministry, VBS and more, Marilyn is working tirelessly to prepare the nursery for its makeover.

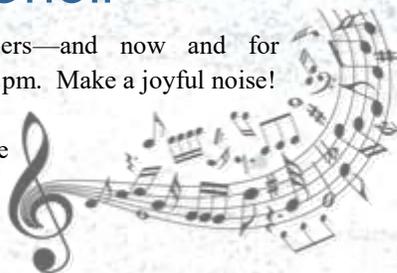
If you see Marilyn around the church this month, please give her a big Thank You—and if you're up for it, ask her how you can serve, too!



Christmas Cantata & Choir

We are always looking for new choir members—and now and for Christmas! Choir practice is on Wednesday from 6-7 pm. Make a joyful noise!

For more information about joining the choir, see Darlys after church or come to practice Wednesdays at 6 pm.



Church Events

- July 1** Youth Sunday
- July 4** 4 pm Dewey 4th of July Celebration @ Don Tyler Park
- July 8** 10 am *A Life Worth Saving*
- July 15** 10 am *Called Out*
- July 22** 10 am *Standing Up*
4 pm VBS Kickoff Party
- July 23-26** 6:30 pm VBS
- July 29** 10 am *Wandering*

Weekly Events Sundays

9 am Sunday School
Chick-Lits on break this month

Wednesdays

5 pm One:10 Youth
6 pm Choir Practice

Upcoming Events

July 22 VBS Kickoff Party
Sept. 16 UMW Sunday

Something's Fishy

A message from Bishop Jimmy Nunn

It had been a wonderful walk. One of the turns took me alongside the neighborhood bank. As I passed its drive-through service machines, I noticed something in leaves piled at a gutter in the road. Immediately I recognized it: money! And not just any amount of money. There lay a \$100 bill. The bank was closed, and no one was in sight, so I quickly bent down and plucked the bill from where it rested in the leaves. I stepped up my pace, celebrating throughout the rest of my walk. When I got home, I told my wife about the find. Then I shared the information with my two children. We all looked at the bill and marveled in my good fortune. Then the trouble began. Each of us had plans for spending that \$100 bill. The

children each wanted an extra hundred from their parents to spend on something. My wife spent it on something else. And I spent it as well. In total, we spent that \$100 six times. Finding that money and sharing the news about it led to undisciplined spending. Ultimately it cost us \$500. Matthew 17 includes a story of when Jesus and the disciples are in Capernaum. Someone asks Peter if Jesus pays the temple tax. Of course, Peter says. Later, Jesus asks Peter: Who really pays taxes to the kings — people who are strangers or the children? Peter responds that strangers are the ones who pay. Jesus affirms that the children are free. Jesus instructs Peter to take a fishing rod, go to the lake,

and keep the first fish he catches. In the mouth of that fish will be a gold coin, Jesus explains, enough to pay the taxes for the two of them. We don't know the end of this story. The implication is that Peter did what Jesus said to do. He cast a fishing line, not his usual net, into the lake. He caught a fish, discovered the coin in its mouth, and paid the taxes with the newly found money. God provided the resources for the needs of his children. Today, money seems relatively easy to find. Contained in plastic cards, it can be accessed simply by inserting such a card into all kinds of machines. It is easier to get money than to use money wisely. Perhaps a hidden miracle in the Bible story is that Peter used his newly discovered gold coin for the intended purpose. God still provides for the needs of God's children. How are you using the resources that you have been provided? If you have not already done so, make a list of everything you own and everything you owe. Subtract what you owe

Proverbs 18:13

"To answer before listening—that is folly and shame."

"You have two ears and one mouth for a reason."

This is never more true than when listening to a friend in need of comfort. We often struggle for the right thing to say in a tough situation. It is in those moments that the best course may be to listen instead of saying anything at all.

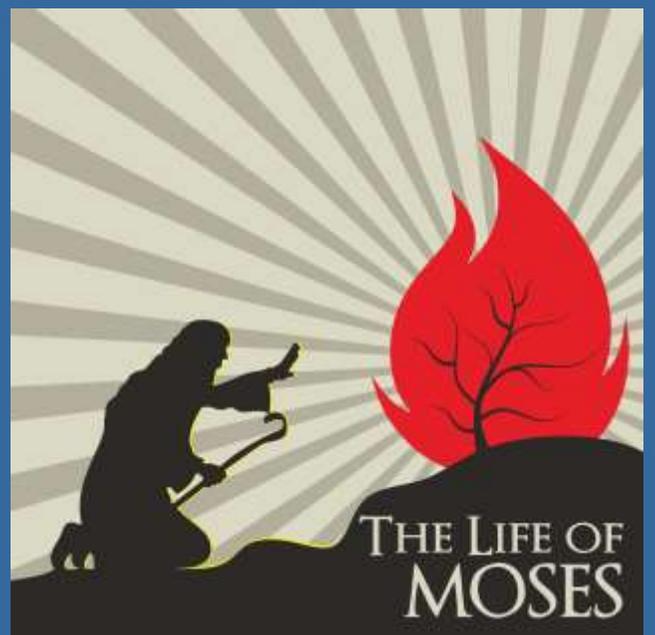
from what you own. Each month, write down what you expect to receive and what you expect to spend. Subtract expenses from income. Create a spending plan that makes sure the resources you have will be used to honor God, help others, and meet your basic needs.

The Life of Moses

Sermon Series

- July 8 A Life Worth Saving
- July 15 Called Out
- July 22 Standing Up
- July 29 Wandering
- August 5 Doubt and Anger
- August 12 The Legacy

Study the life of Moses with fresh perspective.



News Blotter

A bit of news about what's going on in and around the church

- The nursery renovation is under way! We appreciate your patience as we give this space an Extreme Makeover! If you'd like to help, please contact Jena or Marilyn.
- If you're looking for something to read, Pastor Jinx highly recommends "Why?" by Adam Hamilton or "The Will of God" by Leslie D. Weatherhead. Both are available for loan, or you can order a copy from a bookstore or online.
- The Youth had loads of fun at both Mission: Possible mission camp and district camp at Camp Egan.



Welcome!

A message from Pastor Jinx Barber

For the next six weeks (July 8 - August 12), we will be looking at the life of Moses. Granted, we could spend an entire year of sermons on Moses and still not really understand the full depth of who he was and why he was significant.

I encourage you to read along in your Bible and see with new eyes the man who freed Israel and led the Hebrew people to the promised land.

Moses is larger than life, and because of his story, we forget that he was human, just like us and had quirks and flaws just like us. As always, I look forward to retelling some of these stories in a way that you may not have heard yet and connecting a story that is around 3000 years old to what is going on today in our modern context.

I look forward to spending these next weeks walking with you on this journey.

Rev. Jinx Barber, M.Div., GDBL
Pastor

Big News



We honored dads with a Father's Day Coffee. Here are some of the dads who were greeted with breakfast and coffee on Father's Day before church!

Welcome, Scottie Elizabeth

Scottie Elizabeth Barr was born Monday, June 18, in Owasso, to Jess and Adam Barr. Big sisters and brother JacieLynn, Fred James and Sophia are all glad to have her home.



About the Diaper Bash gifts, Jess said, "My heart is so full at this moment. I was praying this morning and thinking how I missed everyone. I have never in all my life felt so supported by a church family!! Thank you SO very much!!!"



As Shannon Williams prepares for surgery, friends have put together a meal train so volunteers can prepare meals for Shannon's family during her recovery. If you'd like to be a part of the meal train, please call the church office or check your bulletin to sign up.



Church Family!

Thank you so much for all of your prayers and wonderful gifts for our little blessing! We are truly blessed to have all of you in our lives and we are so grateful for the baby shower the women had for us!

Thanks again!
Matt and Ashlee McAfee

VBS Dates to Know

Sunday, July 8

Safe Sanctuary Training following service.

Monday, July 16

Safe Sanctuary Training at 6 pm.

Sunday, July 22

Kick-off party here at church.

Monday-Thursday, July 23-26

VBS fun! 6:30-8:30 pm for kids age 3 through 6th grade.

VBS Mission

Coins for Critters

We'll be collecting coins to donate to a local animal organization!

