



# The Spirit

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## Who Should Drive?

We try not to act arrogant but in the privacy of our own thoughts some of us tend to be pretty impressed with ourselves. Studies show that 9 in 10 managers rate themselves as superior to their average colleagues, as do 9 in 10 college professors.

According to professor of psychology David Myers, most drivers — even those who have been hospitalized after accidents — believe themselves to be safer and more skilled than the average driver.

"The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background," notes humorist Dave Barry, "is that deep down inside, we all believe that we are above average drivers."

As I observe the driving of many people on the roads today (and make up excuses for my own blunders and extend plenty of grace to myself), I have a suspicion that the world might be safer if none of us were driving. I recall the Greyhound bus slogan: "Go

Greyhound and Leave the Driving to Us!"

Technological advancements are making it possible to have vehicles without a human being driving. It

might not be a bad idea for everyone to go places in such a vehicle (except for me).

It is valuable to be competent and capable. We need to have life skills, be able function, and to have a healthy self-image. It is also good to be aware of our own shortcomings.



"I realize how kind God has been to me, and so I tell each of you not to think you are better than you really are. Use good sense and measure yourself by the amount of faith that God has given you." Romans 12:3 (CEV)

We like to be behind the steering wheel. When on the journey of life, it is best that we do not try to do it alone, though. Scoot over and let God drive awhile.

Your Pastor,  
Emery



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View our Worship Service on Facebook or YouTube

# Happy Birthday

1 Muriel Saunders	17 Bobby Cobb
1 Renee Lamb	18 Douglas Boos
1 Szabi Szabo	19 Calvin Moore
5 Carolyn Blevins	20 Jan McKinne
5 Esther Lowery	20 Weldon Stout
5 Alison Lambert	22 Dr. Fred Ruefer
7 Cheryl Daniels	22 Kathy Dealy
10 Lynne Wallis	22 John Griffin
11 Kenneth Harjo	24 Kyle Shores
11 Laird Armstrong	24 Caitlin Felts
12 Alex Yandell	25 Darlene Davis
13 Harper Wilson	25 Sarah Gile
15 Jeffrey Roberts	28 Fred Winters
16 Mardie Mose	29 Calen Jackman
16 Ed Johnson	29 Dennis Smith
16 Ladd Elgin	30 Aniston Underwood

# Happy Anniversary

7 Johnny & Glenda Broome	21 Gary & Lynette Lambert
14 Earnie & Marilyn Gilder	23 Bobby & Terri Cobb
16 Phillip & Sonia Roark	28 Larry & Paula Christensen
17 Joe & Athlyn Pool	29 Preston & Kay Rogers



**Trustees Meeting**  
**5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8**  
**Large Conference Room**

**Youth Council Meeting**  
**6:30 p.m. Small Conf. Rm.**  
**Tuesday, July 13**

**Finance Committee**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Tuesday,**  
**July 20**



**Church Council Meeting**  
**5:30 p.m. Monday, July 26**  
**Upstairs in Children's Chapel**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



### Prayer Concerns

Gladys Waite	Kristi Wilson-Harris	Johnny Cook	Dan Myers	Bob Pruden	Mary Willhite
Jamie Hibbs	Raymond Sewell	Larry Christensen	John Ross Maloy	Barbara Fillman	Ellen Roberts
Anne Pringle	Barbara Synar	Phyllis Coplan	Greg Hoggard	Joe Landon	Maida Ryker
Jim Payne	Dennis Bowersock	Pam Stevens	Barbara Parker	Karlee Brinson	Bill Gilder
Elliott Miller	Curtis Jackson	Donna Garrison	Tim Dunn	Sidney Daniels	Don Cole
Diane Beach	Gary & Linda Garrison	Pam Jestice	Kirk Washburn	David Mason	Jan Wilkerson
Bobby Cobb	Betsy Kennedy	MaryLou Holder			

### Memorial Gifts:

**Myrna Stretch:** Suzanne Jobe, Joe & Linda Foster

**Edward Warren:** Jim Coburn

### Nursing Home/Homebound:

Virginia Riede, Fred Bliss, Nita Keys, Edna Terpening, Susan Auten, Doreen Causon, Lavell Bailey, Frank/Lucy Wertz, Herman Ensign, Al Green, April Felts

### Armed Forces:

Vann Beard, Trenton Cox, Matthew Hamilton, Tyler Hinds, Col. Kimberly Howerton, Cale Hughes, Cpt. Ashley Lampe, Jeffrey Laughlin, Steven Mashburn, Devin Riede, Kaylin Riede

## COVID-19 Health Update

As COVID continues to put our community and congregation at great risk the recommendation from the two doctors guiding our gathering protocol is to continue as a church to observe the safety procedures that we currently have in place. Physical distancing, wearing masks, using hand sanitizer, as well as sanitizing our building regularly. Below is information from an article that may help to understand this decision to remain cautious.

There were 162 new cases of COVID-19 in Oklahoma reported Tuesday, June 22, a large increase from [the 45 reported the week before](#). The Oklahoma State Department of Health says active cases have also risen to nearly 1,300 statewide. Dr. George Monks of the Oklahoma State Medical Association says Oklahoma ranks No. 2 in the nation for the largest increase in cases by a rate of 27%.  
Site: TULSA, Okla. (KTUL) <https://ktul.com/news/local/oklahoma-covid-cases-on-the-rise>



**Vacation Bible School**  
**August 2-5, 2021**  
**5 year olds - 5th Grade**

**Children's Council Mtg**  
**6:00 p.m. Tues., July 6**  
**Resource Room**



## Children & Adult Clothing Drive



Donations of clean, gently used children's clothing, and adult "work clothes" needed. Drop off at Boulevard Christian 9am-4pm Monday-Friday or call Marcia 918-696-1761.

**Our Kids School Clothing Event**  
**Saturday, August 14**  
**Boulevard Christian Church**

**Drop items off by July 30, 2021**



**Green Country District**  
**Lay Servant Training 2021**  
**August 13-15, 2021**  
**Egan Retreat - Tahlequah**

Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry..... Teachers: Richard Ryan & Rev. Emery Mason  
Advanced I - From Pew to Pulpit—Called to Preach ..... Teachers: Dr. Terry Koehn & Muriel Saunders  
Advanced II—Rediscovering our Spiritual Gifts ..... Teacher: Rev. Dr. Ray Crawford

Registration deadline 8/5/21: <https://okumc-reg.brtapp.com/GreenCountryDistrictLayServantTraining2017717158>

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# Be a reading buddy!



Join Us!

## Summer of Education, Enrichment, and Enjoyment

Volunteer to be a reading buddy for our Project Transformation campers! Just a few minutes of your day can bring such joy to a child in our community. Volunteers need to have completed their Covid vaccination and everyone is required to wear a mask.

If you would like to provide lunch or dinner for our interns, there is a sign up list in the Atrium with available days/times, or you can call Lora. Meals can be homemade, delivery, or you can enjoy taking the interns to your favorite restaurant.

## WE NEED YOU!

**Contact Lora Reavis: 918-869-5406**

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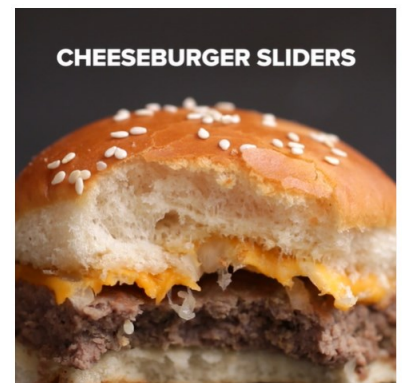
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## CHEESEBURGER SLIDERS—A SUMERTIME MUST HAVE!!

Sometimes you're just in the mood for a good ol' juicy hamburger. But when you're entertaining, cooking hamburgers for a crowd is not easy. Baked on a single tray, these are an easy way to impress a crowd. Enjoy!!

### Ingredients for 12 sliders







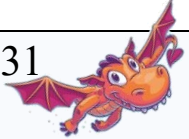
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| 2 lbs. ground beef        | 6 slices cheddar cheese                  |
| 1 teaspoon salt           | 12 dinner rolls, or Hawaiian sweet rolls |
| 2 teaspoons pepper        | 2 tablespoons butter, melted             |
| 2 teaspoons garlic powder | Sesame Seeds (optional)                  |
| ½ white onion, diced      |  |



### Preparation

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F
2. Combine the beef, salt, pepper, and garlic powder in a 9x13-inch (23x33-cm) rimmed baking dish, mixing thoroughly, then pressing into a flat, even layer. Bake for 20 minutes. Drain the liquid and set the cooked beef aside. (Leave as one giant patty!)
3. Slice the rolls in half lengthwise. Place the bottom half in the same baking dish. Place the cooked beef on the rolls, followed by the onions and cheese. Top with the remaining rolls.
4. Brush the tops of the rolls with melted butter and sprinkle the sesame seeds on top. Bake for 20 minutes, or until the bread is golden brown and the cheese is melted.
5. Slice into individual sliders, then serve.

# JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27  Worship Services 9:00 & 11:00 am Sanctuary 10:00 AM Sunday School	28	29	30	1 	2 Church Offices Closed Fridays	3
4 <b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b>  Worship Services 9:00 & 11:00 am Sanctuary 10:00 AM Sunday School	5 Church Offices Closed No Project Transformation 	6 <b>Project Transformation 9AM-3PM</b>  6:00 p.m. Children's Council	7	8 5:30 p.m. Trustee Mtg	9 Church Offices Closed Fridays	10
11  Worship Services 9:00 & 11:00 am Sanctuary 10:00 AM Sunday School	12 <b>Project Transformation 9AM-3PM</b>  5 & 6 Grade Camp Egan (12-16) YOUTH CAMP - CROSSPOINT (13-17)	13	14	15	16 Church Offices Closed Fridays	17
18  Worship Services 9:00 & 11:00 am Sanctuary 10:00 AM Sunday School	19 <b>Project Transformation 9AM-3PM</b>  5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Youth Council	20	21	22	23 Church Offices Closed Fridays	24
25  Worship Services 9:00 & 11:00 am Sanctuary 10:00 AM Sunday School	26 <b>Project Transformation 9AM-3PM</b>  5:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting	27 5:30 PM - PT Parent Night	28	29 <b>LAST DAY</b> 2021 Project Transformation	30 Church Offices Closed Fridays	31  <b>VBS</b> August 2-6!

## Weekly at St. Paul:

### Sunday:

AM 9:00 Worship—Sanctuary  
10:00 Sunday School Hour  
11:00 Worship—Sanctuary

### Monday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
9:00 Project Transformation  
10:15 Staff Meeting

### Tuesday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
9:00 Project Transformation  
PM 12:00 Al-Anon

### Wednesday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
9:00 Project Transformation

### Thursday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
9:00 Project Transformation  
PM 6:30 It's in the Book (AA) Women only  
6:30 Good Shepherd Clinic

### Friday: **Offices Closed** (Summer hours)

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)

### Saturday:

AM 9:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
PM 6:30 It's in the Book (AA) Women only

### CHURCH SUMMER HOURS:

Monday-Thursday  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday closed

# CAMP EGAN - 1 & 2 GRADE



Thank you for the prayers!

## Sunday Volunteers

### 9:00 a.m. Ushers:

July 4: Virgil Rose, Ben Robinson  
 July 11: Marilyn Gilder, Jo Gibbs  
 July 18: Omar Reed  
 July 25: Christina Booher, Oleta Smith

### 9:45 a.m. Greeters

July 4: Ray Griffin  
 July 11: Ted Hine  
 July 18: Judy Hoffman  
 July 25: Charlene Schoeppel

### 10:45 a.m. Greeters

Ed/Pam Johnson  
 Charlene Schoeppel  
 Billie Flinn  
 Charlene Schoeppel

### 11:00 a.m. Ushers:

July 4: Weldon Key, Ed Johnson, Robert Hall, Mike Pierceall, Ted Hine  
 July 11: Ron Wright, Todd Graybill, Bill Settle, John Griffin  
 July 18: Tracey Szabo, Melissa Raper, Rachael Ritchie, Erin Goss  
 July 25: Eric Elgin, Don Elgin, Calvin Moore, Roy Flinn, Michael Blakeslee

### Sound Board & Video

Doug Hendricks, Don Anderson, Dennis Hendricks, Noah Hughes  
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### Altar Flowers: To the Glory of God and in; honor/memory of. . .

July 4: Nick Fuller, in loving memory of his parents James & Katherine Fuller and in memory of Betty Lou Upsher and E.J. Davis.  
 July 11: Al Green, in loving memory of his wife Anita.  
 July 18: Ray Griffin, in memory of Nancy Griffin on our Wedding Anniversary, August 7.  
 July 25: Don & Jane Hammond, in memory of Nancy Wright on her birthday, July 31.

Can you provide lunch or dinner for our 3 PT Interns?

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