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# The Wickline Grapevine

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## Weekly Devotional: Because Momma Said So!



That statement may be one of the most powerful ones ever said. Did you ever hear them? They are straight forward and directive. They answer the question, which could mean that there can be dumb question, of "Why?" Because momma said so!

In my life, I reached a point when I could use that statement in my thoughts. Often facing the choice between right and wrong, I knew to do the right, because momma said so. She said always do right. Sadly, I often ignored her guidance. Many problems of our lives could be avoided if we choose to do or say what is right. I finally learned to talk with mom when decisions seemed unclear. She was a person who put God first in life as best she could. Honestly, I miss her voice even 35 years after her death.

After she died, dad said he would give anything for her to be back but not in the condition she was in- weighed down by cancer. I agreed.

Not all of us had or have moms whom we could or can lean on like I was able to lean upon mine. For those who are able, talk with your mom. Imprint the sound of her voice in your head. Why? Because momma said so!

Love the Lord and each other. Why? Because the Lord says so.

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward"  
Psalm 127:3

Love,  
Sam

## Weekly Day School Update



I hope you all had a great weekend! We will be continuing up our lessons for May, "Thing That Go." This week we will be focusing on trains, letter W and number 14. Our Bible verse this month is from Exodus 3:12; God said, "I will be with you." Teacher appreciation week is this week! Snack this week will be yogurt, peaches and animal crackers. May tuition is due no later than Wednesday, May 15th.

Sincerely,  
Bailey Waggener



## Jim Ferguson Turns 100!



Jim Ferguson, long time member of Wickline, celebrated his 100th birthday Saturday May 4th with his daughter Gayle, son Bill, many other family and friends.

## Wickline On Wednesday (WOW) Supper This Week:



## Chicken & Waffles

Supper at 5:00pm  
Small Groups for All Ages at 6:00pm

Wickline United Methodist Church  
417 Mid America Blvd,  
Midwest City, OK 73110



# Weekly Poem by Robin Collins

## *Darkness Falls, But His Love Will Stay*

The darkness falls upon the night  
There is no person in your sight  
No one to care  
No one to share  
There is no one to make it right.

But look there's something in your view  
It's something you should look into  
What can it be  
What you should see  
It's something new that you could do.

There is a bright and endless glow  
Where it comes from you don't know  
This is so bright  
This endless light  
Into the light you now must go.

Have you ever knelt in prayer  
To the Lord gave your soul to bear  
Give Him your hand  
He will understand  
You can trust in the Lord to care.

The Lord has blessed you on this day  
And given you a precious way  
To believe it  
And to keep it  
In your heart His love will stay.

*From "The Path I Follow"  
by Robin Starbird Collins*

**Mother's Day Sunday  
Come & Go Brunch!**

**A brunch of Breakfast Burritos will be available at 9:30am. You may come in, relax, and enjoy your brunch in Fellowship Hall or you may take it to go and eat in your Sunday School Class.**

## 5.14 Church Council Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order: Pastor Sam
2. Call to approve Durenda to Chair the meeting.
3. Prayer: Sam
4. General Conference: Mario Herrera
  - A. Removal of language prohibiting practicing homosexual clergy from being ordained and same-sex weddings from being conducted.
  - B. What will the conference and Wickline need to do in response?
  - C. Other important issues?
5. Finance Report: Maury Harding
  - A. FEMA grant update
  - B. Financial status of the congregation
6. Trustee Report: Terry Mummery
  - A. Recent purchase of water pump for AC issues.
  - B. Review of Building Use Policy
7. Worship: Karen Rich
  - A. Summer Plans
  - B. Next group: 9-member flute group from OCU
8. SPRC: Cindy Davidson
  - A. Children's Ministry Plan
9. Van Update: Eric Rich
10. Health and Wellness: Candis Fredrickson
  - A. Cookbook update
  - B. Any CR changes
11. Evangelism: Deena Palmer
  - A. Need for church members to invite people to church
  - B. Need more greeters

Staff will be on hand to help issues as well. Please note, the current schedule is anticipated to run 70 minutes. If we are as brief as possible, we may be able to get it back to 60 minutes.

## Weekly Calendar *For Our Full Calendar, Visit [www.Wickline.Church](http://www.Wickline.Church).*

Tuesday, May 7	Wednesday, May 8	Thursday, May 9	Friday, May 10
9:30am- Wickline Day School 10:00am- NOAH Planning Meeting (Rm. 103) 10:00am- Walking (FLC) 12:00pm- NOAH Luncheon (F.H.) 3:45pm- Whiz Kids (F.H.) 4:30pm- Gambler's Anon. Walking (FLC) 5:30pm- Pickleball (FLC) 6:30pm- E.A. (Room 103)	9:00am- Coffee Club (Holy Grounds Café) 9:30am- Wickline Day School 10:00am- Walking (FLC) 1:30pm- ACTS Bible Study (Room 103) 5:00pm- WOW Supper (F.H.) 6:00pm- ACTS Bible Study (Room 103) 6:00pm- Women's Step Study (Parlor) 6:00pm- Men's Step Study (Room 211) 6:00pm- Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary) 6:15pm- WOW Small Groups 6:15pm- Bell Choir Practice (Basement) 7:30pm- Choir Practice (Basement)	9:30am- Wickline Day School	4:15pm- Gambler's Anonymous (Room 103)
Saturday, May 11	Sunday, May 12	Monday, May 13	Tuesday, May 14
NO EVENTS SCHEDULED AT THE TIME OF THIS PUBLICATION.	8:30am- Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30am- Mother's Day Brunch (F.H.) 9:45am- Sunday School for All Ages 11:00am- Worship Service (Sanctuary) 4:45pm- Gambler's Anonymous (Room 103) 6:00pm- Celebrate Recovery (Parlor)	10:00am- Walking (FLC) 12:00pm- MWC Rotary Meeting (F.H.) 2:30pm- Tinker DAVA Meeting (Room 103) 6:00pm- Trustees Meeting (Room 103)	9:30am- Wickline Day School 10:00am- Walking (FLC) 3:45pm- Whiz Kids (F.H.) 4:30pm- Gambler's Anon. Walking (FLC) 5:30pm- Pickleball (FLC) 6:30pm- Church Council Meeting (Sanctuary) 6:30pm- E.A. (Room 103)



# CREATIVE CORNER: RECIPES & GAMES



## Recipe #1: Biscuits & Gravy Casserole

Gravy: 1 Tablespoon Olive Oil	Gravy: 1/2lb. Sliced Mushrooms	Gravy: 1/4 Cup Chopped Yellow Onions
Gravy: 1lb. Breakfast Pork Sausage	Gravy: 6 Tablespoons All-Purpose Flour	Gravy: 1/2 Teaspoon Ground Sage
Gravy: 1/2 Teaspoon Freshly Ground Black Pepper	Gravy: 1/8 Teaspoon Ground Nutmeg	Gravy: 3/4 Teaspoon Kosher Salt
Gravy: 2 1/2 Cups Whole Milk	Biscuits: 2 1/4 Cups All-Purpose Flour	Biscuits: 3 Tablespoons Cornstarch
Biscuits: 1 Tablespoon Baking Powder	Biscuits: 3/4 Teaspoon Kosher Salt	Biscuits: 1/2 Cup Unsalted Butter, Cold
Biscuits: 1 Cup Buttermilk, Cold	Topping: 1 Tablespoon Unsalted Butter, Melted	

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Combine the flour, cornstarch, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl. Cut the butter into 1/2-inch chunks and sprinkle it over the dry ingredients. Using a pastry blender, a butter knife, or a fork, cut the butter into the dry ingredients until most of it is the size of peas. Don't overwork it; you want to leave some of the butter in chunks. Add the buttermilk and toss the mixture with a spatula until it starts to look shaggy, and most of the buttermilk has been absorbed. It won't form a dough yet; that's OK. Turn out the contents of the bowl onto a clean surface dusted with a little flour. Gather the dough together with your hands into a mound, then roll it out until it is about 10-inches wide. Again, don't worry if the dough is crumbly! Use a spatula (like the kind you use to make fried eggs) or bench scraper and flip 1/3 of the dough over from the left to the center. Then flip the other side over that side. You're basically folding the dough over like a letter. Rotate the dough 90-degrees and roll it out again to about a 10-inch square. It will start to feel more like a dough and less crumbly at this point, but there will still be some loose chunks. Just press them back into the dough if they fall out, and resist the urge to add more liquid. Repeat the process of rolling out and folding two more times. By the fourth time, the biscuit dough will hold together and feel like actual dough. Roll out the dough to a 10-inch square that's roughly 1/2 inch thick. Using a 2 1/2-inch biscuit cutter, cut out 16 circles. When you press down to cut out the dough, don't twist the biscuit cutter, which will "seal" the edges of the dough. Instead, just cut straight down, so the biscuit will rise and be as flaky as possible. Set aside 12 of the biscuit rounds. Place the remaining 4 biscuit rounds on the bottom of a 2-quart glass or ceramic casserole dish. Cut up the remaining scraps of dough and jigsaw-puzzle the remaining dough into the bottom of the casserole dish, making sure to cover the bottom in a single layer. Place on a rimmed baking sheet (for ease of removal from the oven and to catch any drips). Bake in the oven for 15 minutes or until the top of the biscuits start to look dry but not brown at all. (There might be a slight darkening around the edges, but don't be alarmed if the biscuits still look pale white.) While the bottom biscuits are baking, make the gravy by placing the oil, mushrooms, and onions in a large sauté pan. Cook on high heat, stirring constantly, until the mushrooms start to soften, and the onions start to look translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the sausage, breaking it up with a wooden spoon or spatula, and cook until the sausage starts to brown, about 5 minutes. Keep the heat on high, and add the flour, sage, black pepper, nutmeg, and salt to the pan. Stir until the ingredients are absorbed. Pour in the milk, reduce heat to medium, and cook, continuing to stir until the liquid has started to bubble and thicken, about 3 to 7 minutes. You're now ready to assemble the casserole! If the first layer of biscuits isn't done baking, lower the heat on the gravy to a simmer until the biscuits are done. If you still need time to finish the gravy, but the biscuits are done—remove the casserole dish from the oven, and let it sit on the counter or stovetop while you finish the gravy. Once the gravy has thickened and the first layer of biscuits is done baking, pour or spoon the gravy over the biscuit layer in the casserole dish. Place the 12 reserved biscuits over the gravy and brush the top of the biscuits with the melted butter. Return the dish to the oven and bake until the biscuits are golden brown and the gravy is bubbling and thick, about 18 to 23 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes before serving warm from the casserole dish.

## Recipe #2: Alton Brown's Chipotle Smashed Sweet Potatoes

4 Large Sweet Potatoes	4 Tablespoons Unsalted Butter	1 Teaspoon Kosher Salt
2 Chipotle Chile Pepper in Adobo Sauce, Chopped	2 Teaspoons Adobo Sauce from Pepper Can	

Put the sweet potatoes in a steamer basket and place in a large pot of simmering water. The water should be 1 inch below the bottom of the basket. Cover and steam over medium-high heat until the sweet potatoes are fork-tender, about 20 minutes. Remove the steamer basket, pour out the water, and dump the sweet potatoes back into the pot. Add the butter and salt and mash with a potato masher. Add the Chile and sauce and continue mashing to combine. Serve immediately.



If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share, please email it to [TylerL@wickline.church](mailto:TylerL@wickline.church).

### Election

POPULAR VOTES ONLY  
FRONT RUNNER  
YOUTH LEADERSHIP  
STALLY LOBBYIST  
NPPOLLOELECTION  
OEECAMPAINIGNSGIS  
ISGEROTANESGNLB  
TPTACBIFGHPCAOA  
NACATHXNEYUIRVL  
ERHVNI EZWMCISZL  
VTOORCVSBHTEXO  
NYOTHC EEF FONSURT  
NOTSEHQNF AVAFSUB  
CBEROTOQMD DZSCO  
POLITICIANSGIH X

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| BALLOT BOX   | ISSUES       | POLL         |
| CAMPAIGN     | LOBBYIST     | POPULAR VOTE |
| CHOOSE       | LOSE         | RUNOFF       |
| CONVENTION   | NEGATIVE ADS | SENATOR      |
| ELECTION     | OFFICIALS    | SPEECHES     |
| EXIT POLL    | PARTY        | STANCE       |
| FRONT RUNNER | PLURALITY    | TALLY        |
| INCUMBENT    | POLITICIAN   | VOTER        |

69.

Z T Z Y K U C Z W O X C P J U V N O M C B X C B

W O Z Q U Y I F , A E W C U U C Z W O X C P J

U V N O M C B X C B O X G J Z I V .

Hint: T=V, J=S, C=N

--Izu Wuijwuk

### Last Week's Word Search Solution: Driving

L G V S M T R U C K S N W E X  
X R E I C N N L V Q H A L K X M  
G I H E G E T E V A R G Y I J  
A D I N S D C M B S O T Y T H  
R L C E G I R M P T T H A R E  
A O L R M C J B L A A G W A M  
G C E Y H C S T I G N C E E M I  
E K T R D A T E K C I T S P S  
X S A E N A L V O H D S U B S  
R U N D R O J J O F N U A R I  
V A U L E W T K T K U A C A O  
L T P U V Q G B N A U T O K N  
E X Z O I N S U R A N C E E A  
E F N H R O A D T E E R T S R  
D O Y S D B O U L E V A R D Q

Last Week's Cryptogram Solution:  
"I can calculate the motion of heavenly bodies, but not the madness of people."  
--Sir Isaac Newton--



Word Games  
of the Week  
Word Search & Cryptogram



# MAY BIRTHDAYS

\*Birthdays of Honor are bold, italicized, and underlined. Birthdays of honor are folks 90 and older.

Jim Smith .....	May 01
Anjel Miesse .....	May 02
<b><u>Jim Ferguson</u></b> .....	<b><u>May 04</u></b>
Jennifer Fleming .....	May 05
Michelle Simpson .....	May 07
<b><u>Jim Dixon</u></b> .....	<b><u>May 12</u></b>
Sandy Torbett .....	May 12
Kevin Cook .....	May 16
Sherry Gilbert .....	May 18
Ayden Thelin .....	May 19
Dianne Mears .....	May 22
Peggy Tanner .....	May 27
Ayson Thelin .....	May 27
Phillip Knisely .....	May 28
Linda McKelvey .....	May 29



**Don't See Your Birthday Listed? We apologize for this but we would love to correct this error. Contact Tyler Lippe at TylerL@wickline.church or 405-732-0356 so we can update our records.**



## Come Join the COW'S

### The Crafters Of Wickline Society

Bring your current crafting project to the Church on the First Saturday of each month from 8:30am-4:00pm and spend time with your fellow crafters! All are welcome to attend! Also plan to bring a dish for a potluck luncheon as well!



## Would You Like to Read Scripture?

We are looking for folks to Read Scripture on Sundays 3 Sundays a year. Folks from both services are needed. Please contact Tyler Lippe at TylerL@wickline.church to sign up to be a liturgist in the coming months.



## Memorial Day Sunday May 26th

★ Send in your pictures and names of Wickline members who were Veterans who have gone on to their heavenly reward for presentation for both services on Memorial Day Sunday. Please send these photos and names to Tyler Lippe at TylerL@Wickline.Church.



May 2024 Sermon Series

# Reaping What We Sow!

"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up."  
-Galatians 6:9-

**May 5th**

**We reap what we sow. Sow Well!**  
New Testament Reading: Galatians 6:1-10  
Gospel Reading: John 15:13-17

**May 12th**

**What Can a Mother Plant?**  
Old Testament Reading: Psalm 1  
Gospel Reading: Mark 4:1-9

**May 19th**

**Producing Disciples**  
New Testament Reading: Acts 2:14-21  
Gospel Reading: Matthew 28: 16-20

**May 26th**

**Life Born from Death**  
New Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8  
Gospel Reading: John 3:1-6



June Sermon Information

# God!

13 But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"  
14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am." Exodus 3: 13-14

**June 2: Made By God**

**Old Testament Reading: Psalm 139:1-6,13-18**  
**Gospel Reading: Mark 2:23-28**

**June 9: Turned From God**

**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:8-15**  
**Gospel Reading: Mark 3:20-26**

**June 16 (Father's Day): Redeemed by God**

**Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:13-17**  
**Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-29**

**June 23(VBS Begins): Afraid of the Water**

**Old Testament Reading: Jonah 1:9-17**  
**Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41**

**June 30: Jordan Brown, Co-Youth Director,**  
**Scripture Readings are Coming Soon!**

## Christmas Offering Recipients List

	Recipient 1	Recipient 2
<b>January</b>	<i>Leah's Hope</i>	<i>OK Opry</i>
<b>February</b>	<i>Focus On Home</i>	<i>MWC Veterans Memorial</i>
<b>March</b>	<i>Children's Health Foundation</i>	<i>Hard Luck Automotive</i>
<b>April</b>	<i>Positive Tomorrows</i>	<i>MWC YMCA</i>
<b>May</b>	<i>Oklahoma Law Enforcement Memorial</i>	<i>Molly's Cause for Paws</i>
<b>June</b>	<i>The Hugs Project</i>	<i>Mid-Del Food Pantry</i>
<b>July</b>	<i>Hand Up Prison Ministry</i>	<i>NewView Oklahoma</i>
<b>August</b>	<i>Sight Hearing Encouragement Program</i>	<i>Skyline Urban Ministry</i>
<b>September</b>	<i>Freedom Healing Center Human Trafficking Victim Services of Oklahoma</i>	<i>Sydney Angle Memorial Foundation</i>
<b>October</b>	<i>Mid-Del Group Home</i>	<i>Neighborhood Services Organization</i>
<b>November</b>	<i>MWCPD Toys for Tots</i>	<i>Home Away from Home</i>
<b>December</b>	<i>Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries</i>	<i>Restore Hope</i>





# Wickline Baseball Outing



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**SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH**

**GAME STARTS AT 2:05PM**

**GATES OPEN AT 1:00PM**

**TICKETS=\$16 PER PERSON**

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE. TICKETS INCLUDE ENTRY INTO THE GAME AND A FREE HAT.  
PARKING IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST.

**CONTACT TYLER LIPPE AT 405-732-0356  
OR TYLERL@WICKLINE.CHURCH  
TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!**

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!**

**Mid-Del Art Guild  
Water Color Event:  
Sunday, June 8th at 11am.**

**Special Guest Presenter  
Connie Seabourn.**

**Contact Candis Fredericksen for  
More Information.**



**Nationally recognized, Oklahoma visual artist, Connie Seabourn, is best known for her soul-touching, spiritually charged, translucent watercolor paintings.**

Widely exhibited and eagerly collected for over five decades, Connie Seabourn's artworks -although featuring a variety of subjects- share her unique style. Public collections include the Heard Museum, Scottsdale, AZ; the Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa, OK; the Eugene B. Adkins Collection at the Philbrook Museum, Tulsa, and the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK; the Oklahoma Judicial Center, Oklahoma City, OK; and the Arthur and Shifra Silberman Collection at the Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City, OK.

Connie Seabourn's hand-painted Easter egg depicting butterfly women is a part of the collection at the Smithsonian Museum, Washington, DC. Her work is also in the collections of His Excellency Nobuo, Ambassador of Japan; Talley Industries, Phoenix, AZ; and Tyson Food Corporation, Fayetteville, AR; Tucson Medical Center Healing Art Program, Tucson, AZ; and Clarkson University Art Gallery, Potsdam, NY. The Palm Springs gallery, Adagio, has even confided that although they couldn't mention real names, the "Bionic Woman" also purchased one of Connie's paintings.