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Celebration Service

10:30 am each Sunday

July theme: *Living the Royal Lifestyle
Every Day*

JULY 5 We Are the Champions!
Winning Every Day of Your Life

JULY 12 Being God's Beloved!
*As Co-Creator With God, I Experience Joy
Unspeakable and Full of Glory!*

JULY 19 Master Manipulators
Giving Up Being Right to Win!

JULY 26 Victim or Victor—Choose One!
Surviving Victim-ology to Live the Victorious Life!



*Saturday, July 4th
Happy Independence Day
God Bless America!*

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*A Foundations of Science of Mind course is scheduled to begin
Wednesday, July 8th, with the possibility of a fast-track to
completion, to be discussed on the first day of class.*

*Also, in the first portion of each class, there will be a "unit" for
new comers/beginners at no cost; if they wish they can take the
entire course with associated costs.*

I ENVISION LIVING WELL EVERY DAY OF MY LIFE, AND I EXPECT MY VISION TO BE FULFILLED

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list!

Join our Google Group!

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Share your nurturing spirit in the United Life Community Garden
We're in the thick of it... The garden's producing! Contact Rick Wicker: 395-7191
Join us most Saturdays for a Gardening Party!
(or help whenever your schedule allows)

Book Discussion Group
Working With the Law
Sundays, 9am
Open to everyone

*Foundations Class now
being formed!*
Everyone welcomed
Starts July 8th

Please join us!

Bookstore at ULSC

We have many great titles, plus
incense, incense holders and oils!
Stop by for inspiration!

ULSC Healing Room

The Healing Room is available for healers of
every kind, on a love offering
basis!



To reserve the room,
call the office (946-6753)



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A great Birthday Party is what's in the works to celebrate our 60 years in OKC! We're making plans and we need your help. It'll be a fun weekend with outdoor festivities and an outdoor service on Sunday. Ideas proposed include:

- ◆ Bounce House
- ◆ Maze Games
- ◆ Food Trucks
- ◆ Arts & Crafts
- ◆ Horseshoes
- ◆ Bake Sale
- ◆ Face Painting
- ◆ Farmer's Market
- ◆ Shredding Truck

Dates: Sep 12-13th. **SEE INSERT IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

Join the planning team to help make this happen!
Contact Anna Otto at: a_otto@live.com or 405.205.7802

Let's demonstrate an ENJOYABLE and MEMORABLE
celebration of our Spiritual Center.

Leadership Council Communiqué

Dear Friends in Spirit,

Entering the Dog Days of Summer, the lakes and ponds are full to overflowing in central Oklahoma. The winter wheat harvest is in and our own garden is busting out all over (mostly with weeds as I write). The Two Nice Girls Trio (SuZ, Nina and Joan) have manifested an abundance of rain from their singing about "I dreamed of rain and the rains came". I am thankful for the rain, but sometimes you get more than you ask for.

I am also thankful for the Leadership Council (LC). We just completed our retreat at St. Francis of the Woods. We now know each others' True Colors, thanks to a presentation by Mary Strasner. We know the "Greens" outnumber all the other colors, so we can expect them to dominate the LC proceedings this year. Greens are philosophical, theoretical, principled, rational, determined, complex, curious, knowledgeable, versatile and inventive. We also have a fair amount of "Oranges" in our mix, that embody the characteristics of active, spontaneous, adventuresome, impulsive, open-minded, fun, and courageous. We know that conflicts will arise since Green wants to take time to research and think and Orange just wants to Do and get going. We also spent some time talking about the goals we want to accomplish this year. As such the LC has conjured up an interesting mix of projects for this year. The following is a partial list of upcoming projects and events:

1. "Birthday Party, Sixty Years As a Center for Spiritual Living". This is our 60th anniversary and we are planning a big two-day celebration on the weekend after Labor Day, Sept 12 & 13. We will need many

volunteers and participants including arts & crafts people, musicians, face painters, gardeners for a farmers market, bakers for the bake sale, artists for the arts festival, white elephant items and many other helpers. Anna is heading up this project.

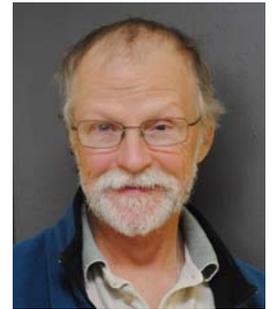
2. In June we had another Town Hall meeting, this one honored all our new members.
3. We will be sending out praise letters to all the members of the US Congress, including the President.
4. We will be starting our 300 Club campaign to bring our membership up to 300.
5. We will complete a Landscaping & Grounds Master Plan.
6. The upgrade of the audio/visual in the Sanctuary will be completed.
7. We will start a master plan to upgrade and rejuvenate the social hall & kitchen area.

Obviously, we need a lot of participants to complete these activities—we need every member of the church to do as much as they can.

On a final note, I want to say that even though I am not Catholic, I am very proud of the Pope and his latest Encyclical about Climate Change. He is saying that Climate Change is not just an environmental issue, it is a moral issue, because the poor are the first and foremost to suffer, not to mention the many species who are going extinct.

May everyone find their own peace and tranquility and understanding with God.

~Rick



Rick Wicker
Leadership Council
President

Creative Spirits

We meet each 2nd & 4th Saturday @ Christine Baldwin's house.
Please call her at: 943-426 for directions.



TONING CIRCLE

The singing bowl Toning and Meditation Circle continues to meet the **third Sunday** of each month at **6:30 pm** at United Life.

From The Desk of Dr. SuZ



Dr SuZ Ogden
Music Director

It's choice—not chance—that determines your destiny.
~Jean Nidetchahead

Dear Friends,

Our destiny is not in anyway related to chance. Those of us that fulfill their destiny are not nearly just lucky, we choose success. We go after what we want and we achieve it. It has nothing to do with a card game, or rolling dice to find out the outcome. This is real life. We determine what happens next.

We create our destiny every day with the choices we make. It's not always the big choices but sometimes the small ones that we put together and they begin adding up to a greater experience of this thing called success.

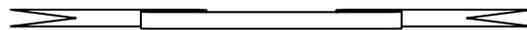
Recognizing this truth I want to take a moment to thank the choir for the time and talent and effort that they put into Sunday's performance. They came together and

were diligent about the task of preparing the music. First of all I want to recognize them for the incredible job they did on Sunday. We are going to take a month off and then begin preparing music for the holiday season. They have been an integral part of what has made the music successful at United Life Spiritual Center.

Finally, refuse to let chance rule your destiny. Be aware of your choices today and remember that the small decisions that you make have just as much power to shape your destiny as the big ones.

Keep a good song in your heart and sing it everyday,

~Rev Dr SuZ



We Love You, Choir Members! Sincere thanks for your commitment, dedication & for sharing your talents with us!

New

Choir Members
Welcome!

CHOIR PRACTICE
on hiatus in July

Our own **One Voice Choir**
practices most Sundays 11:45 am
(check for time on Potluck Sundays)

Please let Rev SuZ know if you'd
like to join!

AFTER FURTHER REVIEW . . .

It seems to me that it is time to discuss the value of our New-Time Religion, and what it has meant for the whole community to have our church presence on “church-row” Meridian Avenue for sixty years! Yes, we are preparing for a huge celebration on September 12th and 13th and we are inviting all friends, past and present to come celebrate with us! And yet, just what does it mean to have such a broad spectrum inter-denominational church espousing and teaching the oldest of ideas, the beginnings of doctrines, and the varieties of dogmas that have so crystallized other “Old-Time” faith traditions, some of which still exist in our neighborhood?

While the other faith traditions tend to hold a particular given theological “line” – ours is a tradition with its prior-claim and subsequent roots in a time when science, religion and philosophy were a single and much simpler unified discipline! The unfolding post-Reformation denominations each seemed to pick and choose particular doctrinal and/or dogmatic positions and then proceed to create various hierarchies that strangely enough mimicked the very thousand year reign and polity of the great Roman Church they just left! So what may we conclude as a result of these historical facts?

Today we now have the results in the twenty-first century of what began in the eighteenth through the twentieth centuries! It has been a new time of reformation that demands we understand again the unified simplicity of religion, science, and philosophy humans once enjoyed with all sorts of cross-discipline discoveries that thrilled the soul, improved the human condition, and assisted us to secure the blessings of conscious liberty, and a new freedom-faith the entire world and all humanity deserved!

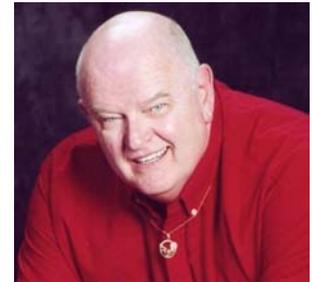
Our “New-Time” Religion, Centers for Spiritual Living, blesses and incorporates all who have gone before us to preserve the rich heritage of philosophy, reason, tradition, and experience which, when combined makes up a truly balanced life lived to the fullest! It is a life that guarantees the freedom to become all that God

has meant for us to become – God’s holy children in whom God is well pleased to give the Good news of the Kingdom of God; the wealth of the universe at our disposal; and the power to be co-Creators with God re-creating the Love, Life, Light, Power, Peace, Beauty, and Joy that is God, wherever we go and whatever we do!

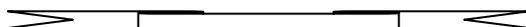
Many, if not most of the mainline faith traditions are losing ground and congregations at an alarming rate and yet they seem to follow a four to five hundred year pattern of major change! Apparently shifts in thought and praxis must surface to create a rebirth of some kind of belief system that appears to work for the majority of human beings, hopefully with nothing and no-one left out insofar as that is possible! Thus, out of an 18th and 19th century mandate springs another magnificent creation of the Creator-of-All! Not only does humanity create an awesome experiment in polity with the establishment of our representative republic called the United States of America, but there comes along with such new-found freedoms, the phenomenal truth that within each and every human heart there beats a consciousness of an indwelling God!

Not only is the locus of this “New/Old-Time” God a certainty within every human being, It is the very foundation of a magnificent belief system that declares through Ernest Holmes that without exception, “There is a power for good in the universe, greater than we are, and we can use It for specific purposes!” We are free politically and religiously to create for ourselves new and exciting “star-changing” lives wherein we love and are loved beyond measure; where we are healthy, whole, and complete; where we celebrate every opportunity to derive a living from the divine creativity at work in everything we choose to do; and where we celebrate our God-given, God-driven relationships with everyone we meet! To and for this truth and “New-Time/Oldest of Times” religion we give our assent and dedicate ourselves a-new to become all God ever intended for us to become! And so It is!!!

Rev. Dr. Bill Ward



Rev Dr Bill Ward
Senior Minister



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WE ARE OPEN

SUNDAY

Book Discussion Group	9:00 - 10:00 am
Meditation Service	10:00 - 10:20 am
Celebration Service	10:30 - 11:30 am
Choir Practice	on hiatus in July
Toning & Meditation Circle	3rd Sun, 6:30 pm
Practitioner Meeting	4th Sun, 11:30 am

MONDAY

Toastmasters	7:00 - 8:00 pm
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WEDNESDAY

White Bison Society	6:00 - 8:00 pm
OKC Reiki Energy Circle	1st Wed, 2 pm 3rd Wed, 7 pm
Foundations Class	Time TBD

THURSDAY

Stewardship Team Meeting	Thu before LC Mtg, 5pm
OKC Reiki Energy Circle	4th Thu, 6:30 p

FRIDAY

Substance Abuse Group (\$15)	6:30 - 7:00 pm
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SATURDAY

Community Garden (come-n-go)	8:30 am - Noon
Creative Spirits (come-n-go)	9:00 am - Noon
	(2nd & 4th Sat. at Christine's-call 943.0426)
OKC Reiki Energy Circle	2nd Sat, 11 am (OR 3rd & 5th)

Keeping You in the Loop

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

~YTD: 1,137 ~June 2015: 180

NEW MEMBERS

~YTD: 9 ~June 2015: 1

FINANCIALS

~YTD Income: \$ 55,258⁸³

~YTD Expenses: \$ 65,312⁴³

~June Inc: \$ 10,483⁰³

~June Exp: \$ 12,264⁴⁴

Pastoral Care

If you know of someone in
need of care or prayer,

Send a prayer request
(hardcopy or website), email
us, contact a minister or any
MAC member below.

Reach Out to Your Practitioners!

Practitioners are available
for Spiritual Mind
Treatment by
appointment and after
our Sunday services.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>It's ULC's 60th Birthday Party, Sep 12-13th! Join the planning team and help make it great!</p>			<p>1 2:00 pm OKC Reiki 6:00 White Bison</p>	2	3 6:30 pm Substance Abuse Group	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY! God Bless America
<p>5 9:00 Discussion Groups 10:00 Meditation 10:30 Celebration Service 11:30 BIRTHDAY CAKE!</p>	6 7:00 pm Toastmasters	7	<p>8 Foundations class <u>begins</u> Time TBD 6:00 White Bison</p>	9 5pm Stewardship Team Meeting	10 6:30 pm Substance Abuse Group	11 (come-n-go) 9am—12Noon Creative Spirits 11am OKC Reiki Energy Circle
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<p>26 9:00 Discussion Groups 10:00 Meditation 10:30 Celebration Service 11:30 Practitioner Meeting</p>	27 7:00 pm Toastmasters	28	<p>29 Foundations class Time TBD 6:00 White Bison</p>	30	31 6:30 pm Substance Abuse Group	

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OUR VISION

We are a loving spiritual community,
joyfully expressing Spirit.

OUR PROSPERITY AFFIRMATION

We express the overflowing prosperous
nature of God,
both in our Spiritual Community,
and in our own personal lives.

MISSION STATEMENT

By practicing the Science of
Mind Principles, we honor the
presence of God in all,

Nurture and support spiritual
growth and transformation,

Empower people to create
happy, healthy, abundant lives.



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