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Open Hearts ♥ Open Minds ♥ Open Doors



COOKIE SMILE POPS

Transform slice-and-bake cookies into cheerful lollipop treats and share a few edible smiles.

What you need:

- 1 roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Baking sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Clear treat bags
- Ribbon



What you do:

1. Freeze the cookie dough for 15 to 20 minutes to firm it up, then slice into ¼-inch rounds.
2. Place cookies on a baking sheet about 2 inches apart.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes.
4. Remove from the oven and gently press a wooden stick halfway into the bottom of each cookie.
5. Return to the oven and bake 3 to 5 more minutes, until lightly golden.
6. Let cookies cool completely.
7. Decorate with frosting to create smiling faces and add sprinkles.
8. Slip each cookie pop into a treat bag and tie with ribbon.



Puzzle!

One of a Kind

The scrambled words and phrases below are all drawn from Scripture. Unscramble each one to reveal the correct biblical term or phrase. After solving them, transfer the circled letters in order to the lines at the bottom of the page to uncover the final message.

- 1) eiVn _ _ _
- 2) ilLy fo teh elaVly
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 3) abLm fo dGo _ _ _
- 4) estMar _ _ _ _ _
- 5) eJuss _ _ _ _ _
- 6) okRc _ _ _ _ _
- 7) rdBea fo eiLf _ _ _ _ _
- 8) higLt fo hte dorWl _ _ _ _ _
- 9) voaSir _ _ _ _ _
- 10) doLr _ _ _ _ _
- 11) ishCrt _ _ _ _ _
- 12) ehSprhed _ _ _ _ _
- 13) hTe doWr _ _ _ _ _
- 14) rncPie fo cePae _ _ _ _ _



What do all these words have in common?

Answers: Vine; Lily of the Valley; Lamb of God; Master; Jesus; Rock; Bread of Life; Light of the World; Savior; Lord; Christ; Shepherd; The Word; Prince of Peace; Names of God's Son

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JULY

Shermans Dale Church

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	01	02	03	04 
05	06	07 6:30p AA & Alanon Mtg	08	09	10	11 9a Food Distribution @ Rec Field
12 9a Worship	13 7p Softball game - Young's @ 3 Springs	14 6:30p AA & Alanon Mtg	15	16	17 Senators Baseball game Gates open @ 6p, game starts @ 7p. Church van will leave Young's parking lot @ 5:30p	18
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26 Parents Day 9a Worship	27 7p Softball game - Faith United @ Rec Field	28 6:30p AA & Alanon Mtg 7p Administrative Board Mtg	29	30	31	01
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Young's Church

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Susan Fisher	7/2	Lisa Vega	7/18
Melissa Freeland	7/5	Margie Kapp	7/19
Justo Vega	7/5	Jordan McAllister	7/23
Barbara Kell	7/7	Ginny Shope	7/23
Pat Cramer	7/10	Gary Shambaugh	7/28
Charles Sweigert	7/17	Tim Wilson	7/31
Emma Dashiell	7/18		

Special Days

- Independence Day, *July 4, 2026*



William DeWalt	7/7	Robert Brunner	7/15
Barbara Kell	7/7	Kenzie Sherman	7/15
Kendall McGowan	7/9	Darcie Dolin	7/24
Betty Jeffrey	7/10	John Sledzinski	7/31
James Grafmyer	7/11		

George & Christine Binger	7/4
Dale & Robin Metz	7/10
Timothy & Chelsea McGowan	7/19
William & Debra DeWalt	7/23

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Jessie's Journey – Pastor's Edition

I am excited to officially begin serving as your pastor on Sunday, July 12. As that day approaches, I want to share a few glimpses into what I've been actively participating in during my **Listening & Learning Tour** these last few months of transition.

Over the past several weeks, I've had the privilege of attending **Administrative Board meetings** at both Sherman's Dale and Young's. These meetings have helped me understand how each church's budget and spending plan support its current vision and ministry priorities. I've also heard **updates from many of our active ministries and outreach efforts**, which has given me a deeper appreciation for the countless ways God is working through these congregations.

I've been learning about our **two church locations and their unique personalities**. For example, I learned that Sherman's Dale Church recently purchased a **new riding mower** to tackle "the great hill." As someone still getting acquainted with the property, I now see why a push mower just won't cut it (sad pun intended)!

My tour has also included **observing both services, attending Sunday School, Children's Ministry, and Youth Ministry**. I have been blessed to begin serving alongside an amazing **Children's Ministry Task Force** at Young's, as we work to make enhancements to the basement ministry space for our young "Bible Babes." One exciting update is that the **Nursery is now available for parents of infants and toddlers** at any time during worship. Even more exciting, our technology experts are working toward **simulcasting the worship service** downstairs so young families can continue participating in worship while caring for their little ones.

I've also had the opportunity to get a little dirty during a **mini workday** at Young's, where a team of dedicated **volunteers cleaned and organized storage areas** for better use. It turns out ministry sometimes requires prayer, planning, and occasionally moving boxes that haven't seen daylight in years!

Sherman's Dale also joined in the fun of **pulling and sorting boxes of historical documents**. It's been amazing to read testimonies, chuckle over budget numbers from "back in the day" that wouldn't even cover a tank of gas today, see pictures, and was reminded of how far church curriculum and resources have come in continuing to effectively teach and preach the good news of Christ in each generation.

I have to tell you; I fell in love with the **Omega Men's ministry** who created a **Ladies' Luncheon** to show their appreciation for the mighty women of God who are often the backbone of church efficiency and effectiveness. The ladies in attendance, from both churches, enjoyed the thoughtfulness of our gentlemen, who even donned aprons to express their gratitude for the women who are known for keeping us well-fed.

One of the other highlights of my transition has been **serving alongside our church members who volunteered for Vacation Bible School at Mount Gilead**. There I had the pleasure of **meeting Pastor Brian** and many wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ from their congregation

(and eat amazing homemade ice cream). I am excited by the **partnership between our churches** and the opportunities we have to share the Gospel throughout the Sherman's Dale community.

I've also received an unexpected **education in the fine art of selecting ripe fruit** during the Sherman's Dale Talent Show. While I cannot yet claim expert status, I now know considerably more about fruit. Whether that knowledge will ever appear in a sermon remains to be seen, but you know by now that I do love storytelling to illustrated Scripture!

Throughout this **Listening & Learning Tour**, I've had the opportunity to share some of the **ideas God has been laying on my heart to increase our evangelistic outreach** to local children and families. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm, creativity, and servant hearts I've encountered everywhere I've gone. Each conversation has **helped me better understand who we are, where God has brought us, and where He may be leading us next**. The joy and laughter with those of you I have met continue to increase my excitement to join you full-time.

Thank you for your warm welcome, your prayers, and your willingness to share your stories with me. **I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from you and serve alongside you**. I look forward to officially beginning this new chapter with you on July 12 and discovering together all that God has in store for Sherman's Dale and Young's Churches. **Please join us for service as we dive into our first sermon series, beginning with how God positions us, individually and collectively, with purpose. See you soon.**

Pastor Jessie