



Dates to Remember:

Friday, July 3 rd	Church Office Closed
Sunday, July 5 th	Worship, Guest Speaker Mike Dumas First Sunday Fellowship
Sunday, July 12 th	Worship, Speaker Mike Dumas, Communion
Sunday, July 19 th	Worship, Speaker Rev. Bill Odom
Sunday, July 26 th	Worship, Speaker Ham Singleton

Session will not meet in July

CE, Membership, Mission, and Worship will not meet in July

No Choir rehearsal in July!

Most gracious and loving God, we come to you today Lord, to thank you for our many blessings. You have blessed us greatly in this beautiful land of plenty, offering us the opportunity to live in a country that gives its citizens freedom of speech, equal rights to all, and the freedom to worship You and speak of Your truths. Lord we thank you. We thank you for the many brave men and women who have fought for and continue to protect those freedoms for 250 years. Lord we thank you. We pray you will guide and direct our nation's leadership for the good of mankind. We pray that the United States may be an inspiration to other nations who lag behind or fail in fair and just treatment to all people. We see your progress Lord, and we are thankful. We ask that you be with those less fortunate, to give them comfort and that they may know your goodness and your gift of everlasting life through Jesus Christ. Help us to help where we can Lord, often with the person directly in front of us. We offer ourselves to your service Lord, that we may do our part to assist the poor, those who are sick and those with hurt and issues beyond our comprehension. Help us to understand the struggles of others and to be sensitive to ways we can assist Lord. We know that any good in this world comes from You.

Guest Speakers

July 5 - Mike Dumas

July 12 - Mike Dumas

July 19 - Bil Odom

July 26 - Ham Singleton

August 2 - Mike Dumas

August 9 - Mike Dumas

August 16- Pat Daugherty

August 23 – Ed Hurley

August 30 – Ed Hurley

September 6 – Mike Dumas

September 13 – Mike Dumas

A message from the PNC:

The PNC continues to be very active. We have had several conversations and are hopeful. Please keep up your prayers, they are working!



For a complete list of **FUN**, visit GoElDorado.com

July 2 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Downtown El Dorado 101 N. Washington, El Dorado

Stars & Stripes **Walking Parade** July 2 | 7:30 PM Downtown El Dorado Celebrate patriotism and community spirit at the Stars & Stripes Walking Parade in Downtown El Dorado! This [...]

July 2 @ 8:45 pm - 10:00 pm

Downtown El Dorado 101 N. Washington, El Dorado

Red Bull Sky Divers 8:45 PM **Murphy USA Drone Show** July 2 | 9:00 PM Don't miss the Murphy USA Drone Show lighting up the skies over Downtown El Dorado as part of the America [...]

July 4 @9:00 pm

Fireworks Show

Union County Fairgrounds

30 Years of SHARE

Community Impact Story

Claire Herrmann

Looking for Things to Do

When Claire joined eXtreme Youth Programs (EYP), a local drug-free prevention program specifically for youth, as a seventh grader at Barton Junior High, she was looking for something to do during an unusual time. The COVID-19 pandemic limited students' activities, and EYP was one of the few opportunities available outside of sports.

What Claire did not know at the time was that a decision made at 12 would help shape much of her middle and high school experience.

Claire remained involved in EYP throughout her school years, participating in meetings, activities, conferences, service projects, and leadership opportunities. Along the way, she formed friendships, met mentors, and discovered a passion for getting involved in her community.

Her involvement extended well beyond EYP. Throughout high school, Claire participated in organizations such as Student Council, FBLA, DECA, National Honor Society, Key Club, and many others. She also served as a youth representative with the Touch Coalition and ACTIVE Coalition alongside community members from multiple sectors. Looking back, she credits many of these experiences with helping her develop confidence, leadership skills, and a willingness to step outside her comfort zone.

"Looking back, what I enjoyed the most about EYP was the people."

Claire explains, "EYP sets an example of how to live a great lifestyle, how to surround yourself with good people that inspire you and make you want to do good. You have this community of leaders, mentors, and peers that are focused on living positive lives."

As Claire became more involved, her confidence grew. What started as participation soon turned into leadership. Along the way, several EYP experiences left a lasting impression on her.

One of her proudest accomplishments during EYP was helping create and lead El Do HOCO, a youth-inspired and youth-led homecoming dance for local students. At the time, students had gone several years without a community

homecoming dance, and many wanted an opportunity to gather and celebrate together. Rather than waiting for someone else to make it happen, Claire took the lead. She helped turn the idea into reality by coordinating nearly every aspect of the event, from planning and securing sponsorships to organizing volunteers and hosting the dance itself. The event was held twice, in 2023 and 2024 (her Junior and Senior years of high school), and involved approximately 30 student volunteers each year.

Overall, the El Do HOCO events donated over 800 meals to the Salvation Army.

While Claire played a leading role in bringing El Do HOCO to life, she is quick to credit the many students, volunteers, mentors, and community supporters who contributed their time, energy, and talents to help make the event a success. Claire believes El Do HOCO would not have been possible without their help and encouragement. Through the experience, she learned valuable lessons about teamwork, leadership, communication, and perseverance.

Over the years, Claire's dedication to prevention and youth leadership did not go unnoticed. During her senior year, she was recognized by the **Prevention Professionals of Arkansas** with the **Outstanding Youth Award**, *an honor that recognizes exceptional leadership and engagement in prevention efforts*. The award reflected Claire's years of involvement with EYP and her commitment to helping create positive opportunities for other young people.

Through those experiences, Claire has learned lessons that extend far beyond social media. She has learned how to market herself, communicate professionally, build relationships with businesses, and navigate the ups and downs that come with pursuing new opportunities. She is intentional about the companies she chooses to work with, preferring products and brands that she enjoys, believes in, or feels comfortable representing.

Not every opportunity works out. Sometimes companies say no. Sometimes emails go unanswered. Sometimes negative comments come from strangers online. Rather than allowing those experiences to discourage her, Claire has learned to keep moving forward.

"I've learned not to be afraid of asking, reaching out, or trying to partner with someone," she said. "If you keep trying, someone is going to say yes."

That mindset continues to shape how she approaches opportunities today. Whether she is running her online boutique, creating content, pursuing her education, or exploring future business ventures, Claire embraces challenges with confidence and determination.

She remains grateful for the opportunities EYP provided and the impact the program had on her life.

"Being healthy and drug-free is a lifestyle," Claire said. "eXtreme gave me the understanding and tools to make healthy decisions, not just in the moment, but for a lifetime."

For Claire, EYP became more than "something to do." It was a place where she found friendships, leadership opportunities, and the confidence to pursue her goals. As she continues building her future, those lessons remain with her every step of the way.

We love you and we are proud of you!

Please Pray.....

FPC Church Members: Mark Bates, **Elizabeth Eggleston**, Susan Landers, Emon Mahony, Joe Nixon and Julia Warren.

FPC Family and Friends: Mark Arn, Shirley Butler (Lisa Cooper's Mom), Sloane Clayton, Nancy Gee, Cheryl Hartman, Amanda Herring, Barbara Herrmann (Claire's Grandmother), Samantha Huddleston, Johnnie Lynn Keilers (Claire's great-aunt), Bonita Kidd, George Maguire, **Joan Murphree**, Merritt Ross, Susan Smith, **Nancy Awbrey Smyth**, Benjamin Stepp, Debbie Stover Villareal, Gina Webb, Janice West, Kent White, Esther Ruth Williams, and Buddy Worrel.

I will be out of the office July 7th -12th, Shari Burns has graciously agreed to do the bulletin for. Love, Lisa



July 2nd

Sonya Archer

July 4th

AMERICA

July 6th

Ann Trimble

July 17th

Jesse Eggleston

July 19th

Talon Hurley

July 21st

Bryan LaRue

July 22nd

Lori Bell & Elizabeth Eggleston

July 25th

Jackie Archer

