



## Lake Michigan

While my family and I were gone in July, one of the places we stopped was Lake Michigan.

It was an amazing sight, as we went on a somewhat rainy, stormy day, the white caps were rolling in off the lake pounding the shore in a way that my kids had never seen before that day.

Against regulations, we took off our shoes and did some shallow wading in the surf and watched as the

waves rolled over

Kaylynn's legs and up onto the beach.

Asher was happy to be chasing seagulls around, while Amy and I were happy to

watch our family have an experience they had never had. It was a great day (even with the rain.)

The most interesting thing to me was the kid's reactions to the lake though. Asher couldn't grasp the concept of this massive body of water being a lake.

We watch a show called **Octonauts** at our house. It is about a bunch of creatures that roam the Sea and help other creatures. Therefore, anything as big as what we were standing in had to be the ocean because it was "big enough to have octonauts!"

Even though we explained over and over that this was a lake, Asher could not get past how big it was and how wide and seemingly deep it must be.

On the other hand, Kaylynn knew it was a lake. She knew it was fresh water. She knew where it was located in the United States and she even knew some of what the vessels on this lake looked like.

We had been to lakes before:

Lake Carl Blackwell, Grand Lake, Beaver Lake, Boomer Lake. They were all lakes and so she had a grasp of what a lake was like in her mind.

The amazing thing was to watch Kaylynn be confronted with the reality of a lake this large. Even with all her knowledge, until she was presented with a lake that had no opposite shore and no knowable depth, she couldn't conceive of it.

The Love of God is much like Lake Michigan.

To many, it seems like it must be something else or something that has a hitch. There is no way in their minds that love could be so vast and so intimate.

To others, they have a grasp on what love should be after seeing it in the world, but upon coming in contact with the true love of Christ they are flummoxed by the grace that covers this passion and intimacy that has no end.

*Ephesians 3:17-19 (NIV)*

*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

I have been blessed to see people's faces when they finally grasp the Love of Christ and the fullness of His redemption. They look like Kaylynn when she put her feet in Lake Michigan for the first time.

Her toe dipped, her eyes grew huge and a smile that lit up the beach fell over her face. It was the smile of someone who had reached a new understanding of the world and was overcome with joy by it.

## Comings and Goings

July's highlight was Vacation Bible School. Kim Matthews and Priya Humphries did an amazing job as directors, and it was a real blessing to see so many others helping out. We generally had about 60 kids in attendance, and although there was no "official" count, most nights it seemed we had about 30 adults helping teach, do recreation and crafts, lead music, organize and prepare food, etc. Those were in addition to the ones that came to help decorate and clean up afterward. Everything was very well done!

The Ladies' Bible Studies continued meeting and the Saturday morning group finished up their study. The Wednesday group finished up in the first week of August.

We held services at the Hennessey Nursing Home with several more than usual helping out. Jimmy led the singing, Beth played the piano and Fred gave the devotional.

Men's breakfast met and that Sunday there was a third Sunday meal.

Pastor Matt went to Michigan and preached there on change and God's purpose. Check the website for a video of that sermon.

There were meetings and plans set up to begin renovations on the fellowship hall and the parking lot out back, which will be started soon!

### JOIN US SEPT 16 FOR OUR 2ND REDNECK REVIVAL AND REDFORK STATION CELEBRATION

BOUNCE HOUSE  
**MAZE**  
COWBOY GAMES  
ENTERTAINMENT  
12 NOON PASTOR FRED  
12:15 JAY SNIDER COWBOY POET  
1 PM TUCKER FROM BRANSON  
2 PM DAMOND BURPO  
3 PM WENDELL PRIM AND  
PRAISE & WORSHIP TEAM  
4 PM KELLY KOPP  
RECKLESS LOVE REVOLUTION  
5 PM ROAD 23  
6 PM GUNS & GOOD COMPANY  
**LUNCH \$5**  
SLOPPY JOES, HOT DOGS,  
CHIPS, WATER, COOKIE  
DINNER BY DONATION  
FRITO CHILI PIES & MORE  
VENDOR BOOTHS  
PASTOR MATT TO CLOSE IN PRAYER

**Dover Park, Dover, Okla**

Just off Hwy 81 between Hennessey & Kingfisher

Volunteers and Vendors Wanted

Contact Andrew or Robin Green for more info

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*23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord*

*Christ you are serving.*

*Colossians*

*3:23-24  
(NIV)*



### The Numbers

July Income	\$31418.74
July Expenses	\$24122.63
July Attendance	92

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					Jerry Humphries, Jr. Garry Humphries Sherrie Humphries Tracy Gardner Ronnie & Carol Fry	McKenna Pendergraft Beth Berkenbile Phillip Cox Kelly Gardner
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30 a.m Labor Day Service in Hennessey  NO SERVICES AT DOVER TODAY  Leta Mae Stitt Greg Hobbs Rob & Kristi Simunek			6:30 p.m.Jr./High School Meet  Marcy Pribyl	Wanda Claunch Brinkley Taylor		Brytan Gardner
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30 a.m.Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Board Meeting  Kay Gardner Randy Green Bob & Ethel Gardner	Alisha Haymaker Kevin Weber Brittney Heibert		6:30 p.m.Jr./High School Meet		Vivian Vincent Pearl Kale	12:00 p.m. Redneck Revival  Dason Townsend Erin Guinn

Aug. 27: Worship Leader: Donna Kay  
Offering: Will Johnson  
Communion: Dennis Sipe  
Deacon: Shawn Walker  
Greeter: Ryan Cooper  
Nursery: Carol Fry  
Children's Church: Jennifer Farrar

Sept. 3: LABOR DAY SERVICE IN HENNESSEY  
  
NO SERVICES IN DOVER

Sept. 10: Worship Leader: Donna Kay  
Offering: Bobby Gardner  
Communion: Jeff Johnson  
Deacon: Joe Vadder  
Greeter: John Deutschendorf  
Nursery: Timberly & Taryn Jech  
Children's Church: Priya Humphries

Sept. 17: Worship Leader: Donna Kay  
Offering: Wayne Biggs  
Communion: Max Vincent  
Deacon: Blake Victor  
Greeter: Chris Kirby  
Nursery: Cheryl Bullis  
Children's Church: Janie Haymaker

Sept. 24: Worship Leader: Donna Kay  
Offering: Oscar Thiems  
Communion: Chase Farrar  
Deacon: Mike Meyer  
Greeter: Jason Gundlach  
Nursery: Carol Fry  
Children's Church: Kathy Leitner

September Shut-In Communion:  
Arnold Kenyon

## Upcoming Lay Leaders



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