August is the LAST month for Family Swim. Labor Day Weekend will be the final weekend until next Summer!

Saturday mornings 9 a.m. to Noon

Morrison Dining Announcements

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Fine Dining

Thursday, August 25

For reservations, please call the Dietary Office at (918) 794-1927 or (918) 425-3583, extension 227.

Resident Western Days Menu

Mixed Green Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette
Carved Roasted Beef Strip loin
Sautéed Shrimp in Garlic Butter
Baked Potato with Sour Cream, Butter, Bacon, & Cheese
Fresh Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Homemade Blueberry Pie

Cost for guests is $10 per person

Please RSVP to Becky at (918) 794-1903

Prelude to the Ponderosa at Resident Western Days!
Family & Friends are Invited!

Please Join Us!

featuring the musical artists

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Donte Perry in Facility Services was selected as June Kris’ Caring Champion. He was nominated by a co-worker in another Department and this is what she said:

On a Sunday morning recently while taking residents to worship service in the Chapel, Donte observed a resident having difficulty with her walker, so he turned off his floor machine and walked with her to the Chapel where he helped her to her seat. Not only did he display the kind of courtesy and helpfulness that our residents deserve, but other residents saw his action as well and were very vocal in letting me know that they thought he was a fine young man for stopping his work to lend a resident a much needed hand. Thank you, Donte, for your kind gesture and helping hand.

Donte is a Floor Technician and works all over the Home. “My main job is to strip, wax, buff, and shampoo Saint Simeon’s floors and carpets. Also, whenever I am needed I do regular housekeeping duties like clean residents’ rooms or prepare a room for a new resident. I like working here very much. I love being around the residents. I learned from being around my Grandma, Alberta Penky, the importance of helping people. She has helped me recognize what I can do to help the residents because she has arthritis and it is difficult for her to do a lot of things.”

“I was born in Tulsa and grew up here. I attended Roosevelt Elementary School, Hamilton Middle School and graduated from Will Rogers High School. My senior year I divided my day between three classes at high school and working the rest of the day in the Dietary Department at Tulsa Regional Medical Center. After graduation I continued to work there for two years and then went to work at Wal-Mart. I worked in the warehouse loading and stacking stuff using a forklift. I also worked as a temp for a brick company, stacking bricks. I’m glad I’m not working outside doing that in this weather!

My Mom, Lisa Perry, used to work at K-Mart and now runs a Day Care Center in her home taking care of seven or eight kids. My Dad, Jimmy Perry, drives eight-wheeler trucks. He used to drive for Federal Express and now drives for Air Gas Company. I have two sisters, Matra, who has three kids and Daysha, who has two kids.”

“I have three wonderful children. My son, Daviontae Perry, is two years old, a daughter Azkiia Austin is four years old and Aaliayah Austin is three months old. I met their Mom, Rose Austin, in High School and she lives in Vinita where she works in Home Health Care. She used to work here at Saint Simeon’s, and her Mom, Chris Austin, works here in the Dietary Department. I learned about Saint Simeon’s from them. We both work a lot so I don’t get to see the kids much but Rose brings them to Tulsa every other weekend when I am off and we have a lot of fun. We all like going to the playground in the Promenade Mall.”

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“I love cars! Especially ‘Old School’ cars and cars in shows, like Back to the Future, Dukes of Hazard, anything with cars! One of my favorite cars is the 1969 Cutlass. I own a 1983 Cutlass and this is the same car I’ve had ever since I got my driver’s license. I like going to car shows and regularly go to the ones at Expo Square and in Chandler. I would like to someday own my own car shop where I could build cars. I plan to go to school at Tulsa Technology to learn more about this.”

“I currently live with my Aunt Linda right down the road on Cincinnati Avenue. Some day I would like to live in Oklahoma City because I have a lot of relatives who live there and I haven’t seen them in a while. I never thought that I would have three beautiful kids. They are the best thing in my life!”

Join the Saint Simeon’s Volunteer Auxiliary!
♦ Help with Resident Activities
♦ Tree of Dreams
♦ Friends of the Animals
♦ Ice Cream Social
♦ Landscape Committee
♦ ...and much, much more!

Please plan to attend:
Membership Meeting of the Saint Simeon’s Auxiliary
Tuesday, August 9th
1 p.m.
Smith Conference Center
Meetings are open to everyone!

A Reminder to Existing Members: Please turn in your membership forms as soon as possible if you have not already!

TIE - BREAKER!

The Quill of the Hill will soon have a new feature, providing an opportunity to share creative writings, short stories, poems, jokes and other pieces.

Thanks for your votes - we have a 3-way tie!
Please vote for your favorite, and encourage others to do so as well. ANYONE can vote!

♦ Inspiration Nook  ♦ Hilltop Potpourri  ♦ Miscellany

* * * * * * VOTE * * * * * *
If you’re reading this Quill, you can vote!
This is already a record setting summer for high temperatures and little rain. Very tough on our outdoor plants and animals. The ones inside the building in the various aquariums, aviaries, and pots are thriving. They love the temperature range that is maintained for the residents.

But it is only through a supreme effort of daily watering that we haven’t lost any more plants outdoors than we have. Many long-time vegetable gardeners in Tulsa have harvested almost nothing so far this year. It got too hot, too early for the blooms to develop into fruit or vegetables. So far we have only a handful of tomatoes but, at least, we have a few. We also have a good crop of cucumbers, a few Pattypan squash, and a bumper crop of corn. Fall will offer another opportunity for the garden to flourish.

Our most challenging environment is the south side of our building with an incredible view but a lot of sun and wind. Please take the time to visit the Dotson Family Assisted Living Center and sit a while in the Jackson Parlor on Casey Hall. Outside those windows is where Ruth Matlock’s daughter, Mary Newman, has created “The Secret Garden”. Secret, because most people don’t even know it is there! It refers to Frances Hodgson Burnett’s famous children’s book by the same name and is the closest thing to an actual butterfly/humming bird garden we have. It is alive with colorful flowers and a variety of birds. As more residents have discovered it, they’ve asked that we leave the blinds up for better viewing so come enjoy our little oasis while in the comfort of air conditioning. We hope to be able to provide heating for the bird bath there this winter. Maybe The Secret Garden can become a stopping place for the occasional migratory bird.

Simone II, our Home dog, has received a special gift. Recently Jim and Val Hazlin were here visiting their aunt, Janet Macleod. They were introduced to Simone II and thought she was wonderful. They are the regional coordinators (Connecticut, Maine and Rhode Island) for Guiding Lights, an organization dedicated to raising puppies to become Guide Dogs, also called Seeing Eye Dogs. They attended our monthly Friends of the Animals Committee Meeting (we’d love to have you come if you are interested) and shared how that program works. Dogs are especially bred and spend almost two years growing up with a volunteer family who take them for weekly training. After that, the family must give them up to they can enter the actual Guide Dog Training Program. The training is so rigorous that only half will “graduate” to become Guide Dogs. But their training doesn’t go to waste, since they are sought after for other careers, like therapy dogs or even bomb sniffing dogs.

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Western Days: Bonanza Bash

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Dear Families and Friends of Saint Simeon’s,

One of my fondest childhood memories is working on jigsaw puzzles with my grandmother. She would come to visit us, and there would often be a new jigsaw puzzle to be worked on at various times by different members of the family. You know the routine: set up a card table, empty the contents onto it, always have the box handy so you know what it’s supposed to look like, and let people just come by and work on it.

Jigsaw puzzles are quite addictive. It’s one of those things that if someone says, “Hey, let’s work a jigsaw puzzle,” no one is going to jump up and down screaming “Yay!” You just put it out there, and pretty soon somebody walks by, and happens to spot a piece that goes into its specific place. Then you start looking for another, and another. The same thing happens to most everyone in the house. They just get caught up in it.

Funny thing about jigsaw puzzles – every piece is important. It doesn’t matter how big or small it is. It doesn’t matter if it’s multicolored or just a single hue. Each piece is unique and critical. If one piece goes missing, you will search high and low for it, with urgency, and even anxiety! Why? The picture is not complete without it. Until that piece is found, the work will remain incomplete.

Has it ever occurred to you that you are like that jigsaw piece? You are unique and critical. God has created a wonderful and marvelous picture made up of individual pieces that shine on their own, but must be connected with others to fulfill their true potential. Without you, the work of God remains incomplete. Yes, you are that important! So is that neighbor you’ve had the ongoing disagreement with for years over – whatever. So is that Somali child who is about to die of starvation. Each person is absolutely unique and critical to the life picture God is continuously creating.

One major difference between you and a jigsaw piece: the jigsaw piece is a passive object that cannot actively participate in the creative process. A jigsaw piece can’t choose how and when to connect to the picture. A jigsaw piece can’t choose to remain apart from the picture. A jigsaw piece can’t find other pieces and help them discover their place in the picture. You can. You have been given that power.

May God grant you the wisdom to embrace the living picture that has been, and is being created. May you find within yourself the desire to do so.

God’s Blessings to you,
Fr. Bill Holly+
Welcome! to those who have joined our family

Bruce Clary
Duke Iseley
Elmina Iseley

August Birthdays

8/3  Mary Brainerd
8/4  William Lavendusky
8/6  Mildred Carroll
8/9  Billie Owens
8/11 Shirley Taggart
8/12 Charlotte Miller
8/14 James Freeman
8/20 Veda Duncan
8/20 William Stringfield
8/24 Peggy Null
8/25 Jean Stokes

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Important News & Information

August 2011 Resident Council Meetings

Monthly Resident Council meetings are held for each living area. Residents and their family members learn about upcoming events, ask questions, or express concerns about their care and life at Saint Simeon’s.

Health Care Center
Thurs., August 25, 10:30 a.m.
Garden View Dining Room

Dotson Family Assisted Living Center
Tues., August 30, 10:30 a.m.
Deisenroth Bistro

Memory Center
Thurs., August 25, 3 p.m.
Home 6

D-Hall Assisted Living
Tues., August 30, 1:30 p.m.
Common Room

We Remember in Our Prayers
Rosalind Banks
Velma Villines

Those Who Have Departed from this Life
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