

# THE WORD

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**Pastor's Study**  
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**Confirmation**  
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Nicaragua VIM team will be commissioned Sunday

## Audio Bibles help share good news

Above, Rev. Paul Staat examines new audio Bibles with Nicaragua volunteer-in-mission team members Mike and Penny Sheehan. Our VIM team will take the Bibles with them to Nicaragua later this month.

The Bibles, which are provided by a non-profit organization called Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH), are solar powered and can also be powered by cranking a handle. FCBH is working to reach the 3.1 billion people who have never read scripture because they cannot read. These Bibles are available in different translations and are especially helpful in remote areas where batteries are not available.

The Bibles are recorded in three languages - English, Spanish, and Miskito. They will be left for the people of Masaya to use.

Team members will be commissioned this Sunday, October 10, at the close of both worship services, then they will leave for Nicaragua early on Saturday, October 16.

The team will travel all the way to the village of Masaya on Saturday and will stay at Hotel

Ivania's there. They will worship at the local United Methodist church on Sunday morning and then spend the afternoon gathering supplies and coordinating plans for the week.

Part of the team will do construction work at the local church. That work will include putting a new facade on the front of the church and doing interior painting and refurbishing.

Other team members will host a Vacation Bible School all day on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for the local children.

All work will conclude on Thursday morning, then the team will spend Friday in Managua before flying home on Saturday, October 23.

The team will be maintaining a blog during their trip to update fellow church members at home. Watch next week's newspaper for the blog address.

The team includes Mike Sheehan (team leader), Richard Gibbs (treasurer), Kali Alger, Linda Allegria, John Colbert, Mark Collins, Rex Donley, Erin Meehan, Jackie Reichman, Judy Rowell, Penny Sheehan, and Mae Smiley.

## Downtown for Good: register now

Enrollment begins this Sunday for Downtown for Good, our mission event on October 30th. The morning will include mission projects appropriate for all ages.

All participants should plan to meet at the church that Saturday morning to receive assignments and divide into teams. Children under age eight will work at the church to create oatmeal packets for the Day Center for the Homeless and do other projects.

Classes and other church groups may choose to work on a project together, or church

members may choose to make new friends by participating on a team with others they do not already know. Some youth and adult teams will be painting or building, but other work will be less strenuous.

Sunday, October 31, will include a lunch and celebration in the park after the 11:00 service. That Sunday is also Pledge Sunday, and families are invited to bring their estimates of giving to the altar together.

Be sure to sign up any Sunday - October 10, 17, or 24 - to be scheduled on a team!

## James Aydelott to speak at Forum Luncheon Wednesday

Popular Fox 23 Chief Meteorologist and B.A. member James Aydelott will be the speaker for this Wednesday's Forum Luncheon. His presentation is entitled, "Oklahoma Weather and Other Thoughts!"

James is a native Tulsan who has always been fascinated by the severe weather that seems to hit our city with fearsome regularity. After graduating from East Central High School, he earned a meteorology degree at the University of Oklahoma.

James has worked in Sherman, TX; Savannah, GA; Wichita, KS, Dallas, TX and in Tulsa, forecasting everything from tornadoes to hurricanes to blizzards. He has years of tornado chasing experience and is a severe weather and Doppler radar expert.

He also likes to cook and has been a celebrity chef in Tulsa's

Chef Fest. He and his wife, Robyn, are active in the Cornerstone Class and Robyn sings in



*James Aydelotte* Chancel Choir.

Cost of the meal is \$7. Reservations are due on Sunday and can be made by calling 583-5181. There is no cost for those wanting to hear the program without eating the meal.

The Fall 2010 School of Continuing Education is now underway, but it's not too late to enroll. Classes are offered all day on Wednesdays - 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Each lasts 1-2 hours.

An enrollment fee of \$12 covers unlimited classes, and a full list of classes is available at the church or on our website, [www.bostonavenue.org](http://www.bostonavenue.org).



## From the Pastor's Study

*Mouzon Biggs, Jr.*

For centuries before Jesus lived, most people believed that good people lived long lives, were surrounded by lots of loving children, and were rich. The *Book of Job* questioned that and affirmed that sometimes "really bad things happen to really good people."

Nonetheless, a young man seems shocked that Jesus would ask him to sell all that he had, give his money to the poor, and follow Jesus as a disciple. Weren't his riches a sign of God's love for him and God's reward for having kept the commandments all of his life?

Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

A commentary on this text written 1200 years ago tried to soften Jesus' statement by contending that there was a rock formation in Israel called "the needle's eye." Another changed one letter in the word for "camel" to make it "rope," or "rope going through the eye of a needle."

However, all of today's best scholars believe Jesus was talking about the largest animal living in Judea in his lifetime.

My sermon will be, "A REALLY BIG CAMEL, A REALLY SMALL NEEDLE!"

## B.A. family update

### Altar Flowers

In honor of **E. L. Thomas**, an amazing father, grandfather, and great grandfather, on his 94th birthday on October 10th, from his family.

### Births

**Eben James Clanton** was born on September 28, 2010 to John and Julie Clanton. Proud relatives include his older sister, Medea Ruth, and grandparents, Sid and Belynda Clanton.

### Deaths

**Tony Twist** died September 24, 2010. Services were held October 1st at Floral Haven Chapel in Broken Arrow. Survivors include wife,

Linda, of Claremore; sons, Scott Manley and Steven Twist; mother, Ruth Twist; and sister, Kay Twist.

**John Grammer** died September 27, 2010. No services are planned. Survivors include his wife, Carole Grammer, of Colcord, Oklahoma.

### Hospitalized Last Week

**St. John** - Jerry Mays  
**St. Francis** - Frank Cox, Robert Smith, Betty Thompson, Don Wanasinghe, Aileen Winters

**OSU Medical Center** - Robert Ritter

**SouthCrest** - Kenny King

## September Administrative Board news

At its September meeting, our Administrative Board approved funds to help replace parking lot lamps and support missionary Meri Whitaker's salary at the Cookson Hills Mission, as part of our covenant relationship with her. Mission Endowment earnings will also help Nueva Esperanza,

our Hispanic outreach in Tulsa.

The board also approved funding from endowment earnings to support Downtown for Good on October 30. Building Endowment earnings will help secure and reseal tower windows, replace two trees, and pay for waterproofing of the main building.

## Seniors' driver safety course set

St. Mark's United Methodist Church will host a driver safety course for drivers age 50 and older on Saturday, October 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The class will address defensive driving techniques and often results in an insurance discount. No test is required, and anyone with a driver's license is eligible to take the class.

Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. Call 437-4953 and leave your name and phone number to enroll.

## Meet our newest members



**Johnnie Romo** joined by confirmation of vows. He is in the Maranatha Class.



**Marcia McPhail** joined Sunday. She is Contract and Grant Manager for the University of Tulsa School of Engineering.



**Chad Higgins** joined Sunday. He is an administrator for Tulsa County. His son James is also a B.A. member.



## Cookson Christmas store helps mission clients show love

Cookson Hills Mission clients who are parents of these precious children, and others like them, desperately need help to provide even a small gift for their children and loved ones this Christmas.

Our United Methodist Women are helping them out by collecting gifts this month for the annual Christmas Store at Cookson Hills Mission. Practical, new gift items can be left on tables in Bishops' Hall any time, October 1-31. Be sure to mark them "Cookson" so that they will be taken to the mission instead of another organization.

All gifts should be new and unwrapped. They will be displayed in the mission's Christmas store, where about 300 poverty-level families will pay a token amount, based on their income, to "shop" for gifts for their chil-

dren and loved ones.

Cash donations are also very much appreciated. They can be left at the information desk and will be used to purchase and fill in specific items needed at the store.

### Cookson Gift Needs

Clothing (all sizes, male & female)  
Socks and underwear  
Tools, jumper cables  
Crock pots  
Coffee makers  
Clock radios  
Can openers  
Hair dryers  
Dishes, pots and pans  
Coats, gloves, hats  
Toys for all ages  
Personal care items  
Portable CD players and CD's  
*No candles please*

## School of Continuing Ed ... (continued)

### This Week in SCE:

(Classes listed below change topics or speakers each week.)

#### Airmen in Europe

presents B.A. members Dan Rogers and Frank Hamerschmidt. Dan will share his work to "keep them flying" and Frank will talk about the missions he flew over Hitler's Germany as a navigator. With WWII veterans dying at a rate of 1,000 per day, firsthand accounts are exciting and rare.

**Genealogy** - The Census  
**Genealogy Talks** -

Improve your online searching skills

**Easy Eats** - Not hot, not cold - what to cook?

**Books in the Afternoon** - Janelle Swearingen will share a multimedia look at London in WWII from *London at War*.

**American History** - Presidential Assassinations

**Travel with a Camera** - Ken and Ruth Weston lead a trip to Spain and Poland

**Antiques** - Josie Driscoll - Art Pottery

**Holiday Decorations** - Table runners

# UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

**Joy Circle** will meet Monday, October 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Betty Alsabrook will explain the 2011 UMW Reading Program.

**Circle W** will bring a sack supper at 6:00 p.m., October 12, to the little dining room. Phillele McBrayer will guide them on a "Tour of Southeast Asia."

**Circle of Grace** will meet Wednesday, October 13, at 6:15 p.m. in the Asbury Room.

**PM Circle** will enjoy fellowship Wednesday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room with hostess Beverly Lightner. After Carolyn Morrison's devotional, Betty Alsabrook will report on the book, *Stones Into Schools*.

*The following circles will meet Thursday, October 14:*

**Circle Alpha G** - 10:00 a.m. in the little dining room with hostess Joanne Galloway. They will continue the UMW study, "For the Love of God," and share notes from the Conference UMW Annual Meeting.

**Circle B** - 9:30 a.m. in the Oxford Room for fellowship, and then Joanne Colbert will lead a discussion based on the UMW Reading Program, "Sweatshop Warriors."

**Circle E** - 10:00 a.m. in the parlor will enjoy refreshments with hostess Margret Carpenter. Betty Alsabrook will give an overview of the 2011 UMW Reading Program.

**Circle H** - 10:00 a.m. in the home of Suzy Reagan, 7025 E. 77<sup>th</sup> Pl. with co-hostesses Ester Morrow and Leona Newell. Julia McDonald, director of Pearl's Hope, will talk about their ministry.

**Have a prayer request?**

Call our prayer line at 699-0158

## Lectionary Readings

October 10, 2010

Psalm 22:1-15  
Job 23:1-9, 16-17  
Mark 10:17-31  
Hebrews 4:12-16

**Circle of Care** invites you for festivities, food and fellowship at the **Annual Boys' Ranch Rodeo** Saturday, October 16, at the Boys' Ranch near Gore  
12:15 **Parade of Children** - 12:15 **\*Quilt & Basket Auction** with Clogging and Gospel Music  
2:00 **RODEO** - 4:00 **Hoedown** with cobbler & ice cream  
\* Basket & Quilt donations needed - call 918-487-5281

## Youth News!! . . .

### Senior High news

Thou SHALT love life! I LIKE it!! I hope you will take a deep breath this week, look around and thank our Awesome God for the teeming life all around!

We are pleased to announce that **Jason Earley** will be receiving his **Eagle Scout Award** soon! Jason's project included updating our existing computer lab and we are THANKFUL! We will dedicate the room to God's service this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

We are receiving applications for our **Rio Bravo Christmas Mission** to be held **December 27-31st!** Information Packets with all forms are now available. Due to our flight deadlines- all registrations are **due by October 31.**

**Mark your calendars! Willie Berman, Director of Manos Juntas** in Rio Bravo Mexico, will be here on **October 24th** during the Sunday School hour to address safety issues along the border and the exciting ministries that are happening in Mexico! Parents and students are encouraged to attend.

Working as the hands and feet of Christ in our world - Audra

### 6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Neighbor for Neighbor will be very pleased with the canned goods you collected Wednesday at youth group. When all the scores were tallied, Maple Ridge Raiders won with the most points and about 100 cans.

Sunday evening we enjoyed Questions and Answers with Dr. Biggs. I am sure you know much more now about him than you did last week. Thank you all for a lovely evening.

We will be using the **Fatal Vision Goggles** this Wednesday evening at DTBA. We will all learn more about how our body is affected by alcohol or drugs. Hope everyone comes to be enlightened on this subject. We will also be breaking open the pinata!!!

Our first meeting for **Glee**, the mid-high show, is this Sunday at noon on the third floor. This informational meeting is for youth and parents. A snack lunch will be provided. Please come and talk with our directors about talents that you may be willing to share. Don't know what your talent might be??? Come anyway - We have a place for everyone!

**Paint Ball** this Sunday, October 10th, for all mid high boys! Following our **Glee** meeting, 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys will board our bus to Sapulpa for an afternoon of paint ball. We will leave from church at 1:30. If you want to meet us at Paint Ball Adventure, come from 2:00 to 4:00. The cost is about \$15.00 and permission forms must be signed in advance.

Don't forget - no youth group meetings on October 20th due to Fall Break.

Great to be in ministry with you - Debbie Peterson

## Gifts and Memorials

**MEALS ON WHEELS**  
In memory of Desiree McKenzie

By: George and Jane Deal

**MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND**  
In memory of Burt Tyler

By: Pat Mitchell



## Confirmation journey continues ...

Our 2010 Confirmation Class had a great time on their retreat, as shown above, and were even visited by John Wesley. Below, they and their parents met with Dr. Biggs last Sunday to ask questions and discuss faith matters. Confirmation Sunday is November 14th.



## Sunday Worship

October 10, 2010

The Seventh Sunday in Kingdomtide

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

Sermon: "AREALLY BIG CAMEL, A REALLY SMALL NEEDLE!"

Mark 10:17-31

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

### Music:

Prelude: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens.....arr. D. Wood  
Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist

Anthem: Blest Are They ..... David Haas  
The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Fairest Lord Jesus..... arr. Jonathan Crutchfield  
The Academy Choristers (11:00)

Offertory: To God All Praise and Glory .....Derek Hakes  
The Jubilation Ringers

Anthem: Praise the Lord ..... George Frideric Handel  
The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Would I Have Answered When You Called .....arr. Williams  
The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Postlude: Postludes on an Original Antiphon .....Christopher Uehlein

Hymns: 150 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens  
396 O Jesus, I Have Promised  
S-963 The Summons

12:10 p.m. Service of Healing

# Class News . . .

## College and Career

The District College and Career Gathering is held every Wednesday evening at 9:00 p.m. Come join us.

Sunday we will have the final lesson on "The Green Church" with Rob Morgan.

Congratulations to Brittany on her new job.

## Cornerstone

We will take a family trip to Carmichael's Pumpkin Patch on October 17 at 3:00 p.m.

Thanks to Ed Payton for teaching. He will return Sunday.

Sam and Heidi are celebrating birthdays.

## Disciples

Last week Warren taught our lesson on Islam. It was interesting to see the similarities of Islam and Christianity, and yet there is also such a basic difference. This timely lesson encouraged a very thought-provoking discussion.

Thanks to the Linskys for the treats. Joanne will bring treats this week.

## Heritage

Sheila Parr continued her lesson on "Fruits (values) of the Spirit." She emphasized spiritual growth and development, and class members provided personal insights.

Michelle Place will teach the next two weeks.

Former members Ann and Curtis Culvert presented two crosses to the class to hang with others as a memorial on our class room wall.

Thanks to the Thomases for treats. The Gibsons will provide them this week.

## Homebuilders

Angela Hooper will continue with "Do Good" from *Three Simple Rules*.

We welcomed visitors Betty Morgan; Earl Tuer's sister, Arlene Walton; and Angela's husband, Kris Hooper.

Sue Bowker expressed appreciation to the class for attending Bob's birthday celebration.

Lynn Bartlett gave to missions for his birthday.

Keep Bob and Dolores Ritter in your prayers.

Angela Hooper taught our

lesson on "Do No Harm" from the book *Three Simple Rules*, by Reuben P. Job.

Pat Hardin and Joanna Tuers led the singing. The Rubottoms made coffee, and Joanna and Earl Tuers brought treats. We had 35 present.

## Horizons

We will serve at the Day Center for the Homeless this Friday, October 8.

Please join us Sunday for fellowship and food. The Haines will bring our treats.

James Stovall, Meg Robinett, and Nicole Young are celebrating birthdays. The Huckabys are celebrating an anniversary.

Bryan Harrington taught a lesson on St. Thomas. Thank you for being with us. Thanks to the Youngs for the treats.

## Maranatha

Thanks to Phillips Seminary professor Nancy Pittman, who taught a great lesson on *Revelation*. She will teach us again this Sunday.

We had a great time at the Amish dinner Saturday.

Please remember Kenny King and Roger Rowe's brother in your prayers.

Happy birthday to Will Johnson, Denise Kilman, Lynn Russell, Scott Morgan, Jim McCann, and Nancy Morgan.

Happy anniversary to the Kleins, Pancieras, and Sam and Sarah Smith.

## New Covenant

This Sunday we will discuss our class bylaws. We will have a sing-a-long at the Lee's this Sunday, October 10 at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday Rev. Charles Herndon will also continue his lessons from "10 Gospel Promises for Later Life."

Keep Frank Cox in your prayers. We were pleased to have his wife, Marilyn Cox, in class last week.

We appreciated Dot Kelly's prayer, Joan McGrew's and Dorothy Nix's music, and Betty Wright's treats.

## New Frontiers

Dr. Joel Panciera will teach this Sunday on modern and traditional music.

Last Sunday Joel talked

about the health benefits of singing and music.

Thanks to the Barnharts for the snacks.

## Pilgrimage

Thanks to Steve and Nancy for organizing our outing to Ted's for dinner.

Our speaker this Sunday will be Gary Peluso-Verdend.

Thanks to Phil Smith for his lesson on micro-financing and aiding developing countries.

Congratulations to Belynda and Sid on their new granddaughter.

If you are interested in holding a class office next year, please give the Segnars or George or Sally a call.

## Roundtable

October 24 is the date for the Redemption Church project. Please bring your "HUGS" for the baskets in the classroom.

Sunday Charles Meyers will present "Coins of the Bible."

We welcomed visitors Kay McKenzie and Dee Hill.

Happy birthday to Suzanne Martin.

Rev. Warren and Lynette Bennett Danskin presented "Jesus in Film"

Sunday we enjoyed lunch out at Ti Amo's. It's time to sign up for the Roundtable committees of your choice.

## Seek and Discover

Stay turned for a Saturday lunch together. Our president has a great idea for us.

Dr. Tankersley will continue teaching on the life of Jesus Sunday. Last week he focused on the visit of the Magi.

We will pray for and care for "Dr. Bob," Jennifer Smith's husband, as he recovers.

Jeanne Boone again shared a wonderful devotion.

## Wesley Fellowship

Welcome to our visitor, Karen Carr from Lincoln, ME.

Happy birthdays to Mary Ward and Phillelle McBrayer. Jess and Carolyn Evans, and LeRoy and Faye Dean Bath are celebrating anniversaries.

Keep Martha Birkenbile, Betty Taylor, Sally Jeffrey, Aileen Winters, Clint Fuhmann's brother Delbert, and Howard and Trudy Plowman in your prayers.

## Waterproofing, repair near completion



Workers have now completed rebuilding the wall by the north porch steps. This project was undertaken as part of the effort to tuck point and waterproof the main building.

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday - October 10, 2010

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:30 Communion Service  
9:40 Faith Academy and Sunday School  
9:40 Confirmation Class  
10:40 Children's Worship  
11:00 Worship Service  
12:00 Mid High "Glee" meeting  
12:10 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing  
12:30 BAY Troupe rehearsal  
1:30 Christian Believer

### Monday - October 11

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
9:30 Joy Circle  
5:30 p.m. The Incredible Years  
6:00 Financial Peace University  
6:00 Men's basketball practice  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 20  
6:30 Jesus in the Gospels

### Tuesday - October 12

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
9:00 Overview of the Bible  
12:00 noon M. L. King Commemoration Committee  
12:15 p.m. Weight loss group  
4:00 Weekday Messy Art Night  
6:00 UMW Circle W

### Wednesday - October 13

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
9:30 SCE classes begin  
11:45 Forum Luncheon  
2:00 p.m. Timothy & Titus study  
5:00 p.m. Snack Supper  
5:00 Jubilation Ringers  
5:00 Capriccio Ringers  
5:50 Festival Ringers  
6:00 Chapel Choir  
6:00 LIFE Group for kids  
6:15 Circle of Grace  
6:30 Yoga class  
7:00 DTBA  
7:00 Carillon Ringers  
7:00 Chorister Ringers  
7:00 UMW PM Circle  
7:30 Chancel Choir  
7:30 BAY Troupe Rehearsal

### Thursday - October 14

UMW Groups - See "UMW News"  
8:30 a.m. Flu shots  
9:00 Weekday School  
10:00 Program Staff  
6:00 p.m. PCCT Parent Class  
**Friday - October 15**  
9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
5:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

## Sunday School at a glance...

*Adult Classes for Sunday, October 10, 2010  
Visitors are welcome in all classes.*

**Dr. Biggs' Class** - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages  
**College & Career** - Rob Morgan, "The Green Church"  
**Cornerstone** - Ed Payton  
**Disciples** - to be announced  
**Heritage** - Sheila Parr, "Fruits of the Spirit"  
**Homebuilders** - Angela Hooper, "Three Simple Rules"  
**Horizons** - to be announced  
**Maranatha** - Nancy Pittman, Phillips Theological Seminary  
**New Covenant** - Rev. Charles Herndon, "10 Gospel Promises"  
**New Frontiers** - Dr. Joel Panciera  
**Pilgrimage** - Dr. Gary Peluso-Verdend  
**Roundtable** - Charles Meyers, "Coins of the Bible"  
**Seek & Discover** - Dr. Bill Tankersley, "The Life of Jesus"  
**Wesley Fellowship** - Dr. Guy Logsdon