

# THE WORD

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**Pastor's Study**  
4A



**New members**  
4A



**Assembly**  
8A

## Mission team leaves this Saturday to work in Nicaragua



Our prayers are with our Nicaragua VIM team this week. Team members are (1 to r) Jackie Reichman, Mike and Penny Sheehan, Judy Row-

ell, Linda Alegria, Erin Meehan, (2nd row) Kali Alger, Mae Smiley, Mark Collins, Darlyn Slater, John Colbert, Ricard Gibbs, and Rex Donley.

Our newest volunteer-in-mission team was commissioned Sunday, and they will leave early this Saturday morning to work in Masaya, Nicaragua. They plan to post regular updates throughout the week at <http://www.baumcmisstrip2010.blogspot.com/> to keep church members informed about the mission.

The team will travel 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 church. That work will include putting a new brick facade on the front of the building 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 who come to the church for food.

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

They will also be taking solar or crank powered audio Bibles, which are being provided by a nonprofit organization called Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH). The Bibles are recorded in three languages spoken in that area - English, Spanish, and Miskito).

FCBH is working to reach the 3.1 billion people who have never read scripture because they cannot read. These Bibles are especially helpful in remote areas where batteries are not available.

Please keep them in your prayers as they go to represent our church and to spread the good news of God's love for all people.

## Two weeks to Downtown for Good, Hoedown!

Boston Avenuers are just two weeks away from a great weekend of work and play! Our second annual Downtown for Good takes place on Saturday, October 30, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, followed by Pledge Sunday and the Downtown Hoedown on Sunday.

Enrollment is already underway for Downtown for Good, and all are encouraged to join in this great mission event. It will include projects appropriate for all ages, toddlers through adults.

All participants will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. to receive assignments and divide into teams. Children under age eight will work at the church while other teams fan out throughout central Tulsa.

Classes may choose to work on a project together, or members can make new friends by participating on a team with others they do not know. Teams will be painting or building, but

other work will be less strenuous. Be sure to sign up this Sunday or next!

On Sunday, October 31, church members will bring their estimates of giving to the altar during worship, then after the 11:00 service the Hoedown will include lunch and celebration in the park until 2:00 p.m.

For just \$5.00 each, all can enjoy hotdogs with all the trimmings, chips, cookies, tea and lemonade. There will also be pony rides for the children provided by the Boy's Ranch, face painting, a live D.J., carnival games with prizes, a Jupiter Jump, a fall photo booth, intergenerational volleyball and football, and a pumpkin decorating contest (\$3 per pumpkin) with proceeds benefitting UNICEF.

Children are encouraged to come in costume and participate in a costume parade at 12:45 (nothing scary, please). Come and enjoy!

## Babies', men's items especially needed for Christmas store

"Supplies and gifts for babies and men," answers Cookson's Debbie Humphrey when asked about the mission's greatest needs for the annual Christmas store. "We really have nothing at all for winter for them."

Our United Methodist Women are helping the mission by collecting gifts this month for the annual Christmas Store. Practical, new gift items can be left on tables in Bishops' Hall any time, October 1-31.

All gifts should be new and unwrapped. Be sure to mark them (*See "Cookson" on page 4A*)

### 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*



## From the Pastor's Study

### Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Grace Porter was another member of America's "Greatest Generation," the World War II generation that worked so hard, saved so faithfully, and gave so generously. This week our church received \$180,000 from her estate to be added to the \$120,000 we had already received.

Her generous \$300,000 will produce approximately \$15,000 every year *forever* to help keep our buildings and grounds inviting to all who will come to this special place.

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Our endowment funds keep up our buildings and grounds, but all missions, programs and current expenses fall to you and me.

Our television costs, personnel, utilities, Sunday School materials, camps, more than a half-million dollars every year to institutions owned by our denomination (Methodist Manor, thirteen seminaries, Oklahoma City University, the Children's Home, the Boys' Ranch, Child SHARE Foster Care, etc.) - all of these are dependent on you and me.

Read the letter I am writing you on October 25 and respond as God leads you.

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This Sunday's sermon will be, "ANSWER YOU BEFORE YOU ASK THE QUESTION?"

## Mexico mission director to speak

Willie Berman, a missionary with our General Board of Global Ministries serving as the Mexican Methodist Border Mission Coordinator, will speak next Sunday, October 24, at 9:40 a.m. in room 420. He will discuss safety issues and our United Methodist ministry there, and all are welcome to hear him.

Willie works with mission teams and immigrants along the Mexico border through Manos Juntas. During the last few years he has helped create new ministries such as medical clinics, scholarship programs, Bible distribution, and construction of houses/schools/community centers in the area.



Willie Berman

"I have seen wonderful growth in the social outreach ministries of our church, and I hope to see many more," he says. After earning a degree in engineering, Mr. Berman worked in the computer industry while serving part-time as VIM coordinator for the San Pablo District of the Eastern Conference in Mexico.

## Cookson ..... (continued)

"Cookson." 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 children and loved ones. Even older children and teens are allowed to shop.

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, or to provide holiday food for the families at Christmas.

## Thanks, B.A.

The following note was received by Rev. Paul Staat earlier this month:

Dear Paul,

Thank you for organizing and delivering the food drive donations to the Food Bank. It weighed 655 pounds!

Every dollar and every donation of food, big or small, moves us closer to ending hunger in eastern Oklahoma.

Thanks!

Jill Thompson

Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma

## Follow us on Facebook!

You can now get extra church news, snack supper menus, etc, by following "Boston Avenue United Methodist Church" on Facebook. All are welcome!

## Meet our newest members



Nathan and Jessica

Cross joined Sunday with their daughters, **Emily** and **Ainsley**. Nathan is an attorney with Riggs, Abney, et al. and Jessica is a dietitian with St. Francis Hospital. They are already members of the Horizons Class.

## Have a prayer request?

Call our prayer line at 699-0158

## Drillers exec to speak at SCE Forum Luncheon this week

Jason George, Assistant General Manager of the Tulsa Drillers, will be the featured speaker at this week's Forum Luncheon.

Jason, 36, is a native of Waco, TX and holds a Masters Degree from Baylor University. He played college baseball at St. Edward's University in Austin, TX, then began working with the Drillers as a food & beverage intern in 1996.

After a brief stint with the Arkansas Travelers and the Baylor Athletic Department, he rejoined the Drillers in late 1998. In addition to food & beverage, Jason held positions in group sales and promotions and merchandise before being promoted to Assistant General Manager in 2006.

Jason is a board member and Vice President of Programming for the American Marketing Association, Tulsa Chapter. He is an active member with the Tulsa Metro Chamber of Commerce and a Junior Achievement Volunteer. He also is a delivery volunteer with Meals on Wheels.

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.

### This Week in SCE:

(Classes listed below change topics or speakers each



Jason George

week.)

**Airmen in Europe** Jack Sanders, a B-24 pilot, will share an unusual and fascinating story about his sixth of thirty-one combat missions.

**Genealogy** - The Family History Library

**Genealogy Talks** - What's new at FamilySearch

**Easy Eats** - Simple suppers, for goodness' sake!

**Books in the Afternoon** - Lou Ann Dale will review Erma Bombeck's delightful book, *A Marriage Made in Heaven, or Too Tired for an Affair*.

**Turning Points in American History** - Reconstruction and Civil Rights, Part I

**Travel with a Camera** - Tom Campbell will lead a tour to China

**Antiques** - See cruetts at Bob Fischer's home, 3036 East 85th, Gate 1016

**Holiday Decorations** - Wall hangings

## Downtown Croppers SCRAPBOOKING FOR ALL!!

Third Tuesday of each month,

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Room J130 -

October 19, November 16, (No meeting in December)  
January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17

Child care provided from 9:30 - 12:00

\* INVITE A FRIEND

\* BRING A SNACK TO SHARE WITH THE GROUP

For more information, please contact Rev. EvaMarie Campbell at 699-0120 or evamariecampbell@bostonavenue.org

# UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

Rev. EvaMarie Campbell and Michelle Gaddis will give an overview of the international 2010 UMW Women's Assembly at our October Unit Meeting on Thursday, October 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Asbury Room. Assembly was held in St. Louis last May.

The cost of the catered meal will be \$10.00, which is due Monday, October 18, to Coe Ann Patton, 8536 E. 7th St., Tulsa OK 74112.

## B.A. update

### Deaths

**Hurlis V. Graham** died October 8, 2010. Services were held October 12 in Conway, Arkansas. Survivors include his son, Dr. H. Vondale and Jan Graham of Tulsa; granddaughters, Dr. Leah Graham-Klotzbach of Florence, Alabama; Dawn Graham of Fayetteville, Arkansas; and Jennifer Moix of Conway, Arkansas; 13 other grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

### Weddings

**Sarah Elizabeth Padgett** and **James Shuman** were married at Boston Avenue on October 2, 2010, with Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating.

### Hospitalized Last Week

**St. John** - Sally Jeffrey, Jerry Mays  
**St. Francis** - Joyce Carter, Frank Cox, Don Kramer, Bill Rea, Robert D. Smith, Don Wanasinghe  
**OSU Medical Center** - Robert Ritter  
**SouthCrest** - Kenny King

## Lectionary Readings

October 17, 2010

Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c  
 Isaiah 53:4-12  
 Mark 10:35-45  
 Hebrews 5:1-10

**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**, Clogging and Gospel Music  
 2:00 **RODEO**  
 4:00 **Hoedown** with cobbler & ice cream  
 There will be concessions at several locations all day.  
 Please call 918-487-5281 for more information.

*All are welcome!*

## Youth News!! . . .

### Senior High news

Mark your calendars for Sunday morning, October 24th. Willie Berman, Director for Manos Juntas in Rio Bravo, Mexico, will be speaking in 420. All youth, parents and interested adults are invited to hear Willie speak about current missions and address safety issues. He will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Please make every effort to attend as we look forward to reestablishing our relationship with Manos Juntas this Christmas. Our team plans to build casitas, as well as lead a Mission Bible School with local children.

This weekend a team will travel to Perryville, Arkansas, to visit Heifer Ranch. Heifer Ranch is an educational site for Heifer International. We are excited to learn more about our world, the distribution of resources, and how one person can truly make a difference in shaping communities. Look for pictures in next week's newspaper!

Downtown for Good is Saturday, October 30th. Calling all youth to come and make a difference in our communities! Sign up in Bishop's Hall this Sunday morning.

Finally, if you have not begun on your Halloween costumes...start now! Our HUGE Halloween party will be off-site at Amanda Chastang's house, 30 minutes south of Tulsa. The party is Halloween night from 5:00-8:30.

Continuing to work for GOOD! Audra

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

Confirmands have only four more Sundays before the big day! Please make every effort to be present the next four weeks so you will be prepared for Confirmation Day.

Fall brings many fun activities for us at Boston Avenue. Coming up on Saturday, October 30, is Downtown for Good, an opportunity to help others.

The evening of October 30th is our Mid-high Halloween Party. We had a great time last year at the home of the Blands and will be going back again this year for another hilarious evening of fellowship, including a scavenger hunt and trick or treating for UNICEF.

Downtown Hoedown is scheduled for Sunday, October 31st. Anyone want to help with the pumpkin decorating? Pumpkins are always a big hit with the children and they enjoy your assistance. Let me know on Sunday if you can be a helper - parents too!

Keep those UNICEF boxes in a place where you will be reminded to collect your change this month. There are children around the world depending on YOU for help. You CAN make a difference!!! See you in church...

Faithfully yours, Debbie



## Come learn more about Assembly!

Rev. EvaMarie Campbell and Michelle Gaddis both attended Assembly 2010, an international gathering of United Methodist Women held in St. Louis, Missouri, last spring. They have a wealth of information to share! The class, entertainment, and worship services were once-in-a-lifetime events.

All are welcome to come hear them on October 21, 6:00 p.m. in the Asbury Room.

## Gifts and Memorials

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

By: Don and Carmen Marple

**GOOD SAMARITAN FUND**  
**In memory of Desiree McKenzie**

By: Fay and Shirley Larson

## Sunday Worship

October 17, 2010  
**The Eighth Sunday in Kingdomtide**

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

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

Sermon: "ANSWER YOU

BEFORE YOU ASK THE QUESTION?"

Mark 10:35-45

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

### Music:

Prelude: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ..... Andrew Miller  
 Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist

Anthem: O Lord, Support Us All the Day Long ..... Allen Pote  
 The Chapel Choir (8:30)

On God, and Not on Human Trust ..... Johann Pachelbel  
 The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Offertory: Rejoice Greatly ..... Susan Greschke  
 The Capriccio Ringers (8:30)

God Himself Is Present ..... arr. Max Drischner  
 Anthem: Beloved, Let Us Love One Another ..... Philip M. Young  
 The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Psalm 150 ..... John Harper  
 The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Postlude: Fanfare ..... Guy Eldridge

Hymns: 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
 432 Jesu, Jesu  
 530 Are Ye Able

12:10 p.m. Holy Communion & Service of Healing

# Class News . . .

## College and Career

This Sunday we will be considering materials for future study. On October 24 we meet with the Senior High Youth and the Rio Bravo director. On October 31 we will have an off-site gathering.

Welcome home, Kali and Ben.

Our prayers are with Kali on her Nicaragua mission trip.

## Cornerstone

Sunday we will meet at Pumpkin Town, 81<sup>st</sup> and Mingo at 3:00 p.m. for family fun.

This Sunday we will also spend time planning our upcoming mission work at the Day Center for the Homeless.

Bring your family pictures to fill our family collage frames.

Happy birthday to Sam Crabtree.

Thank you again to Ed Payton for sharing your insights with us these last two weeks.

## Disciples

Please join us Sunday as we wrap up our review of World Religions. We'll be discussing our Christian faith.

Thanks to Mike for teaching our lesson on Judaism.

Thanks to JoAnne Stafford for the wonderful treats. The Woods are signed up to bring treats this week.

## Heritage

We welcomed Michelle Place, who will be our teacher for the next few weeks. She taught from Rabbi Harold Kushner's book *Living a Life that Matters* and gave examples of persons who modeled that life.

Celebrations this week include the Snelling's anniversary and Brad Bertrem's birthday. Best wishes to them.

Thanks to the Gibsons for treats. Marilyn Hartman is on the schedule for the 17th.

## Homebuilders

Angela Hooper continues with "Stay in Love with God" from *Three Simple Rules*. We thank her for teaching us.

We were happy to have Betty Morgan visit again.

Norean Hardin and Wanda Rubottom gave to missions for their birthdays.

Continue to keep Bob and

Dolores Ritter in your prayers.

Pat and Richard led music. Rubottoms furnished coffee and the Tuers brought treats. We had 30 present.

## Horizons

Thanks to all who helped at the Day Center for the Homeless.

We've missed many of you. We hope to see you this Sunday. The Binghamms will bring the treats.

Happy birthday to Katherine Eddins, Nicholas Ducato, Michelle Horgen, and Jacob Thompson.

We thank Rick for leading another NOOMA video. We thank the Haines for our treats.

Welcome to new members Jessica and Nathan Cross.

## Maranatha

We donated again to the Nicaragua mission team.

We welcomed visitors Richard Mays and Jo Walker.

Happy birthday to Jennifer Hall, Karen Campbell, and Mark Jennings. The Latchems are celebrating an anniversary.

Sunday Lonnie Vaughn will teach on Tulsa Area Car Care Clinic, an exciting ministry.

## New Covenant

Our class bylaws have been updated and will be voted on this Sunday.

Rev. Charles Herndon will be our teacher this Sunday.

Keep the Arnolds in your prayers. Barbara Bond is celebrating a birthday.

Thanks to Joan McGrew and Dorothy Nix for the hymn, and the McGrews for treats.

## New Frontiers

On Saturday, October 16 we will go to the Kiddie Park in Bartlesville, 6:00-10:00 p.m. We will elect new officers on October 31.

David Harland will be our teacher this week.

Thank you, Dr. Panciera, for your lesson on hymns and worship. Thank you to the Linns for our snacks.

## Pilgrimage

We are planning our Christmas party. Please let Nancy know if you'd like to host it.

Last week Gary Peluso-Verdend taught our lesson on

money and Jesus. He will continue this week with money and the church today.

Keep class members Darlyn Slater, Penny and Mike Sheehan, and Mark Collins in your prayers as they represent us on the mission trip.

We welcomed Judy and Darole Mott back. Judy is walking well.

Mark your calendars for the Mohawk Manor party on December 9. Details later.

## Roundtable

We will have HUGS and dinner at Redemption Church on October 24. We will serve dinner and provide hats, caps, scarves, socks, and underwear.

Rev. Warren Danskin and Lynette Bennett Danskin return for Part II of "Jesus in Film" this Sunday.

We thank Charles Meyers for teaching last week.

Kay Ann McKenzie joined our class last Sunday.

## Seek and Discover

We donated to the Nicaragua trip for musical instruments and to BAY Troupe.

This Sunday we'll see a DVD on the Roman Empire.

The Smith family is making good progress on their health.

Dr. Tankersley taught about the Kingdom of God last Sunday.

## Wesley Fellowship

A beautiful fall morning greeted us as we came into God's house. We sang with joy as Harold and Twila led us.

The report from the Mount Sequoyah campers was glowing. We also were presented with a new slate of officers and committee members. The slate was accepted with affirmation.

Mary Helen's beautiful prayer led us into a great lesson by Guy Logsdon. Thank you, Guy, and please come again.

Joanna Waters is celebrating a birthday.

Prayers are needed for Sally Jeffrey, Chet Bloomfield, Betty Taylor, Aileen Waters, Martha Berkenbile, and others we do not know.

We had 61 present, sharing faith. Join us this week for conversation and love. You will be blessed. Shalom.



## Preschoolers learn fire safety

Preschoolers enjoyed learning fire safety tips such as staying low, calling 911 and "stop, drop and roll" from area firemen last week. They also got to see inside a fire truck and try on equipment.

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday - October 17, 2010

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

### Monday - October 18

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
5:30 p.m. Parenting Class  
6:00 Financial Peace University  
6:00 Men's basketball practice  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 20  
6:30 Jesus in the Gospels  
6:45 Child SHARE Support Grp.

### Tuesday - October 19

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
9:00 Overview of the Bible  
12:15 p.m. Weight loss group  
6:00 Invitation to New Testament  
7:00 Postpartum Support Group

### Wednesday - October 20

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  
6:30 Yoga class  
7:00 DTBA

### Thursday - October 21

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
10:00 Program Staff  
5:45 p.m. Work Area on Missions  
6:00 UMW Unit meeting  
6:00 p.m. PCCT Parent Class

### Friday - October 22

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
5:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous  
6:30 Respite Care

## Sunday School at a glance...

### Adult Classes for Sunday, October 17, 2010

Visitors are welcome in all classes.

**Dr. Biggs' Class** - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages

**College & Career** - Future lessons meeting

**Cornerstone** - Mission planning

**Disciples** - Our Christian Faith

**Heritage** - Michelle Place, "Living a Life That Matters"

**Homebuilders** - Angela Hooper, "Three Simple Rules"

**Horizons** - to be announced

**Maranatha** - Lonnie Vaughan, "Car Care Clinic Ministry"

**New Covenant** - Rev. Charles Herndon, "10 Gospel Promises"

**New Frontiers** - David Harland

**Pilgrimage** - Dr. Gary Peluso-Verdend, "Money and Church"

**Roundtable** - Dr. Warren & Lynnette Danskin, "Jesus in Film"

**Seek & Discover** - The Roman Empire

**Wesley Fellowship** - Dr. Guy Logsdon