

# THE WORD

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*Hundreds of volunteers, many of whom are pictured above, participated in Downtown for Good last year. This year's Downtown for Good, which will be held from 8:00 to noon on Saturday, October 30, promises to be another great day of mission!*

*Signed up yet?*

## Downtown for Good is next Saturday!

Boston Avenue volunteers are just a week away from a great event! Our second annual Downtown for Good takes place on Saturday, October 30, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

All who are interested in doing good in the downtown Tulsa area are encouraged to enroll Sunday and join in this great mission event, if possible. It will include projects appropriate for all ages, toddlers through adults.

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

Leaders have been assigned to each of a number of different work projects, and they will be meeting in the Aldersgate Room this Sunday, October 24, at 10:05 a.m. or 12:00 noon to organize for their projects and secure needed supplies.

Some teams will be painting (interior or exterior), while others do landscape work or sort toys or clothing. One team will help remove a fallen tree for an elderly woman.

Still others will move rock, deliver food, or help our own church members with a project of their choosing.

Be sure to sign up this Sunday. It's an event you won't want to miss!

## Pledge materials to be mailed Monday

In addition to the Downtown Hoedown, next Sunday, October 31, is our church's Pledge Sunday.

Pledge materials will be mailed this week. When the materials arrive, please read them carefully, then prayerfully consider your 2011 estimate of giving.

All are asked to bring their completed cards to the church for dedication during either worship service next Sunday. They can also be mailed, brought to the church, or the number can be given to Lillian Dickey, our financial secretary, at 699-0136; or emailed to [brendareed@bostonavenue.org](mailto:brendareed@bostonavenue.org).

## VIM team returns Saturday

Our Nicaragua mission team returns home this Saturday after spending a week work in the village of Masaya. Posts and pictures from their trip are available at <http://www.baumcmismissiontrip2010.blogspot.com>.

The team worshiped at the local United Methodist church in Masaya on Sunday, then some of them did construction work at the church during the week while others hosted a Vacation Bible School for the local children. That work will include putting a new brick facade on the front of the building and doing interior painting and refurbishing.

Their work was finished on Thursday morning, and they are spending the day Friday in Managua before flying home on Saturday.

They also took three solar or crank powered audio Bibles, provided by Faith Comes By Hearing, for the people who cannot read. The Bibles were recorded in three languages - English, Spanish, and Miskito.

Please keep them in your prayers as they return home.

## Hoedown: a great time for all!

The Annual Downtown Hoedown is also just a week away! It will include lunch and great fun in the park from noon until 2:00 p.m.

For just \$5.00 each, all can enjoy grilled hotdogs, 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 invited to come in costume and participate in a costume parade at 12:45 (nothing scary, please). Come and enjoy!





## From the Pastor's Study

*Mouzon Biggs, Jr.*

On Monday, October 25, I will send you an important letter. It will tell you about a sermon preached by my friend, Dr. Brian Bouknight, when he was still a pastor in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

He recalled Ernest Hemingway's first big novel about World War I called *A Farewell to Arms*. Brian's sermon was called, "A Farewell to Alms."

Alms are the loose change you drop into a Salvation Army kettle just before Christmas or the dollar you give a panhandler who confronts you outside the mall.

Churches cannot be a strong presence if their members give only loose change or a dollar bill whenever the plates are passed. Effective churches need persons who take seriously their gifts to God's work.

The Bible talks about ten percent of all that God has entrusted to you. You can't ever be a generous giver if you give what's left over at the end of the month. Serious givers write the first check to the church, the second check to savings and investments, and then enjoy the remaining 80% with gratitude.

Please read my letter carefully, prayerfully consider how much that first check will be every month, write that estimate on your card, and bring it to the altar on October 31.

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This week's sermon will be called, "HE HEARD YOU - ARE YOU SATISFIED?"

## B.A. family update

### Baptisms



**Aiden Alexander Smith**, son of Marty and Autumn Smith, was baptized Sunday with Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., officiating. He was born May 27, 2010. Proud relatives include his grandparents, Judy and John Harkins and Don and Lana Souders.

### Altar Flowers

In loving memory of their parents and grandparents, **Virginia and Lee Hagan** and **V. L. "Tag" Gross**, by Ginger Gross, Cassie and Tag Gross, Cooper and Hagan, Robbie and Leslie Hicks, Maggie, Boone and Kate.

In loving memory of **Elsie Fchlegel Bailey**, whose birthday was October 28th, by Ann Caraway.

In loving memory of **Evelyn H. Meyers**, whose birthday was October 23rd, by Charles Meyers, Jr.

In honor of **Helen and Bob Watson** on the celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 22nd.

### Deaths

**Mrs. Gerry Cochran** died October 10, 2010. Memorial services will be held at Boston Avenue on October 30, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating. Survivors include her daughter, Melanie and Barry Redlinger of Tulsa.

**Friday Leonard** died October 11, 2010. Services were held at Boston Avenue with Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., officiating. Survivors include her husband, Carl Leonard; sons, Thad and Susan Leonard

## Meet our newest members

**Bob Cleere** joined Sunday. He is retired.

**Jerry Mays** joined Sunday by baptism and profession of faith. His wife Ruth and daughter, Shonda Heck, are also B.A. members. Jerry is retired.

## It's time to order poinsettias!

Orders are now being taken for poinsettias to be placed on the altar during Advent and Christmas. The cost is \$15.00 per plant, and they can be purchased in honor or in memory of loved ones. A list of honorees will appear in *The Word* and the worship bulletin.

Call 583-5181 or email [infodesk@bostonavenue.org](mailto:infodesk@bostonavenue.org) to place an order. Orders must be placed no later than Friday, November 12th.

and Kevin and Sally Leonard; daughter, Megan and Peter Hamm; eight grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

### Weddings

**Cassie Lynn Grammer** and **Andrew Michael Zanovich** were married on Saturday, October 9, 2010, at Boston Avenue Church with Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., officiating. Proud relatives include parents, Dr. and Mrs. Terry Zanovich; sister, Emily Zanovich; brother, Darin and Lindsey Zanovich; niece and nephew, Zoe and Brody Zanovich; and grandmother, Carole Grammer.

### Hospitalized Last Week

**St. John** - Sally Jeffrey  
**St. Francis** - Cassie McCoy, Julie Ann Cottrell  
**OSU Medical Center** - Robert Ritter

## Have a prayer request?

Call our prayer line at 699-0158

## Forum Luncheon focus is Linneaus Gardens this week

Carol Lewandowski from Tulsa's Linneaus Gardens will be the featured speaker at this week's Forum Luncheon. Her topic is "Your Secret Garden."

Dr. Ray and Carole Lewandowski moved to Tulsa in 1966 to teach at Oral Roberts University. Ray began the Theatre Department and chaired the Communication Arts Department for 18 years.

"When we retired from O.R.U., the first thing we did was enroll to become Linneaus Gardeners," says Carole. "There was no garden - just a plan and lots of enthusiasm!"

Sharing that enthusiasm and letting you see the garden progress from a dream to a mature, five-year-old masterpiece is their desire. Your secret garden will be revealed before your very eyes!

All are invited to come.

The meal includes barbecue beef brisket, potatoes au gratin, broccoli salad and assorted cream pies at a cost of just \$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.

### This Week in SCE:

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

**Airmen in Europe** Don Forsman will share pictures as well as the story of his involve-



*Ray and Carole Lewandowski*

ment during WWII.

**Genealogy** - Court, land and military records

**Genealogy Talks** - Oklahoma Settlement: Territorial Homestead and Allotment Records

**Easy Eats** - Prepare for Thanksgiving: some awesome trade-offs for ho-hum turkey

**Books in the Afternoon** - Sue Lohmann will share a quick review of her "favorite books."

**Turning Points in American History** - Franklin Roosevelt and a New Deal for America

**Travel with a Camera** - Dr. Nancy Feldman will share sights of Cuba

**Antiques** - See antiques at Loretts Pickhardt's home, 3252 East 93rd.

**Holiday Decorations** - Christmas tree skirt and table cloth



*Our Nicaragua VIM team posed together just before they left early last Saturday to spend week in mission together. Our prayers are with them as they return home on Saturday.*

## 1940's items needed by youth

Our youth need your help to prepare for their BAY Troupe production, The Grand Tour.

They specifically need old suitcases, as well as black belts for men and ladies' gloves, slippers, scarves, and purses.

If you have any of these items and would be willing to loan or donate them, please contact Laura Hardin at 230-4640. Costume fittings are October 31.



Senior high youth attended Heifer International's Global Village last weekend and are available to talk about their experience.

## UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

**Faith Circle** will meet Wednesday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Several members will discuss the UMW Reading Program book, *The Undertaker's Wife*, by Celia M. Hastings. The author tells of reluctantly becoming an undertaker's wife, then learning to help others face death. She also shares her unwavering yet unconventional faith. The book helps readers with wills and funerals, and provides excellent outlines for living life while facing death.

## Gifts and Memorials

**GENERAL ENDOWMENT**  
In memory of Friday Leonard

By: Jeff Wilber  
By: David Wilber  
By: John Harper

**BUILDING ENDOWMENT**  
In memory of Friday Leonard

By: Mrs. Martha Jo Bradley

**MISSION ENDOWMENT**  
In memory of Friday Leonard

By: Dan & Eloise Rogers

## Lectionary Readings

October 24, 2010

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

## Youth News! . . .

### Senior High news

Last night, I slept in my fluffy bed in a warm house and felt very thankful. The night before, 12 of us spent the night in Perryville, Arkansas, at Heifer International's Global Village. The Global Village is a hands-on experience in how the rest of our world lives.

You can watch a video about our experience at <http://www.edutopia.org/night-global-village>. Our sleeping accommodations included a Zambian hut, Thailand stilted house, Appalachian mountain shack, Urban slum, and if you got lucky (which I did not!), you stayed in the Guatemalan House. For dinner, we ate rice and vegetables cooked over an open fire.

After experiencing a very cold night in the village, we spent time processing our experience. If you would like to hear more, I can arrange a team of students to come to your Sunday School class to share what we learned. It was a timely event, following our Green Church Sunday morning classes.

This Sunday morning, October 24th, during Sunday School, we welcome Willie Berman, Director of Manos Juntas. Mr. Berman will talk about mission work in Rio Bravo and address safety concerns. All youth, parents, college students and anyone who is interested in what's happening in Mexico is welcome to join us in 420 at 9:40.

Together in Ministry - Audra

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

It was a good day on the third floor Sunday! We used our new video/sound system and it is totally awesome. We are very thankful for a church that cares so much for its youth ministry and provides us with the teaching tools that young people enjoy.

The Confirmation class began a new curriculum with a three-week rotation, and then it will be time for Confirmation Sunday.

Mid-high and senior high met together to complete our Burst, Green Church series. Bill Crowell led us in closing worship and we each wrote one way that we could be better caretakers of our community.

Several of us attended a Green Church event at St. Stephens UMC along with the Indian Church and Haikey Creek Church. Sam Embrey and Katherine Lawrence represented the mid-high. Hats off to these outstanding young people for a job well done!

Mark your calendars for October 30th Downtown for Good mission morning and our mid-high Halloween party that evening. (Get those costumes ready!) The Hoedown is planned for October 31st and that is always lots of fun for everyone.

Have a safe and enjoyable break from the routine this week and I will see you in church on Sunday!

Yours truly - Debbie

## Cookson gift donations lag, effort concludes October 31

Supplies and gifts for babies and men are the greatest needs at Cookson's Christmas store this year, according to employee Debbie Humphrey. The mission has virtually nothing for winter for them.

Our United Methodist Women are helping the mission, as they do every year, by collecting gifts this month for the Christmas store. Practical, new gift items can be left on tables in Bishops' Hall any time through October 31.

All gifts should be new and unwrapped. Be sure to mark them "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.



Rev. Meri Whitaker

### 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*

*Your help is greatly appreciated!*

## Sunday Worship

October 24, 2010

The Ninth Sunday in Kingdomtide

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

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

Sermon: "HE HEARD YOU - ARE YOU SATISFIED?"

Mark 10:46-52

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

### Music:

Prelude: Solemn Prelude ..... Alec Rowley  
Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist

Anthem: Siyahamba ..... trad. South Africa  
The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Shalom Rav ..... G. Steinberg  
The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Offertory: Nocturne de Chopin, Op. 9, No. 2.....trans. Albert Androud  
David Carpenter, French horn

Postlude: Pasticcio ..... Jean Langlais

Hymns: 421 Make Me a Captive, Lord  
452 My Faith Looks Up to Thee  
451 Be Thou My Vision

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

# Class News . . .

## College and Career

We will participate in Downtown For Good on Saturday, October 30. Sunday, the 31st, we will meet off-site.

This Sunday we will meet on the fourth floor with senior high for a presentation by the director of Rio Bravo Mission.

## Cornerstone

We will have a costume party at the Barrows' home on Friday, October 29. Watch for details on the Day Center meal in November.

EvaMarie Campbell will be with us this week.

Brenner and Brooke Farr and Dave and Sue Pooch visited last Sunday.

Cornerstone will begin a six-week series on Interfaith beginning November 7. We welcome all visitors.

## Disciples

Melanie led the conclusion of our series on world religions with a lesson on Christianity. We had an interesting discussion answering the question "Why are you a Christian?"

Join us this Sunday as we begin a new series.

Thanks to Tammy for the good treats. We look forward to Karen's treats Sunday

## Ephphatha

Mike Limas will be our teacher this week.

Roy D. Robinson is celebrating a birthday.

Last week Carol Bean gave a wonderful lesson on "Trusting God."

## Heritage

Michelle Place continued her lesson from Rabbi Harold Kushner's book, *Living a life that Matters*. She talked about how Jacob became a person of integrity.

Jim Roberts will be our teacher this week.

We welcomed John Berry as a visitor. Happy birthday to Judy Rowell and Bob Searcy.

Thanks to Marilyn Hartman for the treats. The Rischards will provide them this Sunday.

## Homebuilders

Don Rubottom will teach us on "Super Freakonomics" this Sunday.

Mission gifts were from

Earl and Joanna Tuers for their anniversary, and Jan Fitzgerald for having her son, Tim, bring her back to class.

Our visitors were Earl Tuers' daughter, Julie Whitney; Kris Hooper; and Jan's son, Tim Fitzgerald.

Angela Hooper ended her *Three Simple Rules* series with "Stay in Love with God."

The Tuers furnished our treats. Pat and Joanna led the singing. We had 30 present.

## Horizons

We will have a brunch this Sunday.

Kim Eddins, Rick Kelly, Katy Mills, Scott Haines, and Tristan Fernandez are celebrating birthdays. The Pinkstaffs are celebrating an anniversary.

## Maranatha

We will have a Halloween Party on October 30. The Hoedown is Sunday, October 31. We will have a gourmet dinner on November 13.

We welcomed visitors Sara and Jim Young, Michael Lane, Eddie and Connie Green, Ashley Butterworth, and Alexis Brownlee.

Linda and John Nicks and Sara and Sam Smith are celebrating anniversaries.

Thanks to Lonnie Vaughn for teaching, and to the Scotts and Carpenters for the refreshments.

## New Covenant

Rev. Charles Herndon will be our teacher this week.

Jimmie Davis, Mae Smiley, and Joy York are celebrating birthdays.

Our attendance was up, and we pray for members who cannot attend.

Thanks to Rev. Charles Herndon for the lesson, Joan and Dorothy for the music, June for the prayer, and Ruth Boone for the treats.

## New Frontiers

Our class officer elections are Sunday, October 31.

David Harland will teach this Sunday on "What is Story?" We thank him for last week's lesson.

Welcome to Susan Perry.

We're keeping the Slater family and baby Meredith Rose in our thoughts and prayers.

Thanks to the Barrons for planning our October social at the Kiddie Park in Bartlesville.

Jeff Hanson will bring our snacks this Sunday.

## Pilgrimage

Our Mohawk Manor party is December 9. Marilyn will get information to us. Vicky will send the Children's Home information out. Contact Nancy Campbell to host the Christmas party. Our November dinner will be at Arnolds.

This Sunday our speaker will be Susanna Southard.

We were blessed to have Christian Threadgill, Lori and Nicole Ebenhack, and Jana Curtis with us to honor Kim Ebenhack's memory.

Please contact George and Sally or Sherri and Richard to be a class officer next year. Thanks to Richard Neel for arranging for our new cabinet.

Our lesson on giving to modern churches was informative. Want to rent your pew?

## Roundtable

HUGS and dinner at Redemption Church is this Sunday, October 24.

Sunday Bob Thomas will speak on "Keeping Current with Alzheimer's." Last week Rev. Warren Danskin and Lynette Bennett Danskin taught part 3 of "Jesus in Film."

Jack Blakely is celebrating a birthday.

## Seek and Discover

We are looking forward to the upcoming church events.

Dr. Tankersley will teach about the Roman government during Jesus' time.

## Wesley Fellowship

Remember your items for the Cookson Christmas store. Call Paul Reagan if you are interested in Dinner (or Brunches) for 8.

John Crowell gave the devotional, and Guy Logsdon taught on Oklahoma missions.

Virginia Thomas visited last Sunday.

Happy birthday to Jinny Mudd and Louise Reid. The Hammerschmidts are celebrating an anniversary.

Keep Chet Bloomfield, Sally Jeffrey, and Aileen Winters in your prayers.

## Hear a Mexico missionary Sunday

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



Willie Berman

Mr. Berman works with mission teams and immigrants through Manos Juntas. There he has helped create new ministries such as medical clinics, scholarship programs and construction of houses, schools and community centers in recent years.

His presentation is of special interest to our church. Our senior high mission team will work with him in the Rio Bravo area during the Christmas break.

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday - October 24, 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  
12:10 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing  
12:30 BAY Troupe rehearsal  
1:30 Christian Believer  
5:30 Open Tables celebration

### Monday - October 25

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
5:30 p.m. Parenting Class  
6:00 Men's basketball practice  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 20  
6:30 Jesus in the Gospels  
**Tuesday - October 26**  
9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
9:00 Overview of the Bible  
11:00 Building Committee  
12:15 p.m. Weight loss group  
5:30 Finance Committee  
6:00 Financial Peace University  
6:00 Invitation to New Testament  
6:30 Administrative Board

### Wednesday - October 27

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 children  
6:00 UMW Faith Circle  
6:30 Yoga class  
7:00 DTBA  
7:00 Carillon Ringers  
7:00 Chorister Ringers  
7:30 Chancel Choir  
7:30 BAY Troupe Rehearsal

### Thursday - October 28

9:00 a.m. Weekday School

### Friday - October 29

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
10:00 Program Staff  
10:00 Quilting for Others  
5:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

### Saturday - October 20

8:00 a.m. Downtown for Good!

## Sunday School at a glance...

Adult Classes for Sunday, October 24, 2010

Visitors are welcome in all classes.

**Dr. Biggs' Class** - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages  
**College & Career** - Willie Berman, "Rio Bravo Mission"  
**Cornerstone** - Rev. EvaMarie Campbell  
**Disciples** - New series to be announced  
**Ephphatha** - Mike Limas  
**Heritage** - Jim Roberts  
**Homebuilders** - Don Rubottom, "Super Freakonomics"  
**Horizons** - brunch  
**Maranatha** - to be announced  
**New Covenant** - Rev. Charles Herndon, "10 Gospel Promises"  
**New Frontiers** - David Harland, "What Is Story"  
**Pilgrimage** - Susanna Southard, Phillips Theological Seminary  
**Roundtable** - Bob Thomas, "Keeping Current with Alzheimer's"  
**Seek & Discover** - Dr. Bill Tankersley  
**Wesley Fellowship** - Dr. Guy Logsdon