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This Sunday is Pledge Sunday

“A Farewell to Alms”: Good stewardship involves giving more than “loose change”

By Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

On Monday I mailed you a letter that pleads for a “Farewell to Alms.” Our church has been a dynamic force for good in the heart of this city for 117 years because our members took stewardship seriously. They knew a great church cannot survive on pennies, nickels, and one-dollar bills.

Two years ago our country was hit by a huge financial crisis, the most dramatic crisis in eighty

years. Our church immediately reacted to that crisis, determined to operate on whatever we are all willing to give.

However, 2011 is the year we need to move ahead again. Please read my letter carefully and then prayerfully write your estimate of giving on your card. Mail it to us, email it to us (brendareed@bostonavenue.org), phone it in to us at 583-5181, or bring it to church this Sunday.

Come enjoy the Hoedown!

The annual Downtown Hoedown is this Sunday! Join your church family 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 be pony rides for children (provided by the Boy's Ranch), face painting, a live D.J., carnival games with prizes, a Jupiter Jump, a photo booth, intergenerational volleyball and football, and a pumpkin decorating contest (\$3 per pumpkin) with proceeds benefitting UNICEF.



Xander Sexton and mom Angela had a great time last year!

Children are invited to come in costume for a costume parade at 12:45 (nothing scary, please).

Downtown for Good is Saturday!

Our second annual Downtown for Good takes place this Saturday, October 30, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

All are encouraged to join in this great mission event, even if you have not preregistered. 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
(See “Downtown for Good” on page 4A)

Cookson donations due Sunday

This Sunday is the last in this year's effort, and the Rev. Meri Whitaker and the Cookson Hills Mission need your help! Gift donations for their Christmas store are lagging behind.

Supplies and gifts for babies and men are the greatest needs for the store this year. The mission has virtually no winter clothing for them, and our United Methodist Women are helping meet the need.

Practical, new gift items can be left on tables in Bishops' Hall Sunday. All gifts should be new and
(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.

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We have only four more Sundays in this liturgical year. (November 28 begins a new Advent season.) This Sunday Jesus is in the last week of his life in Jerusalem.

A scribe presses him to pick which commandment is the most important of all. Jesus quotes from two places in the Torah. The scribe likes Jesus' answer.

I am calling the sermon, "I'M GLAD WE COULD AGREE ON THAT!"

Medicare D assistance coming

By Rev. Paul Staat

Seniors, do you have questions about the U.S. Government's Medicare D program? Need help with enrollment?

Our church will host an informational seminar on November 16th at 1:30 p.m., followed by an enrollment workshop on November 19th at 1:30 p.m. Representatives from INCOG Area Agency on Aging are partnering with pharmacy students from OU School of Pharmacy to help clear up details about this important benefit program. There is no cost for this event.

B.A. family update

Altar Flowers

In loving memory of **Alvin Wiggs**, whose birthday was October 25th, and **Newton Newell**, whose birthday was November 8th, by Leona Wiggs-Newell.

In honor of **Pat Mayo** on the celebration of her birthday on October 22nd.

In memory of **Dr. Gilbert E. Haslam, Jr.**, by the Haslam family - Bob, Lisa, Robert, Veronica, Elizabeth, William and Nina.

Deaths

Clinton F. Cheek died October 18, 2010. Services were held October 21 at Christ UMC in Tulsa. Survivors include his wife, Oleta Cheek; daughter, Mary and Rev. Paul Staat; grandchildren, Kate Staat, Emily and Justin Crooks, and Nick and Megan Staat; great grandchildren, Lauren Olivia and Lincoln Avery Crooks.

Mildred Grissom died October 18, 2010. Services

were held October 23 at Moore's Southlawn Chapel in Tulsa. Survivors include her stepdaughter, Darlene Tegeler, and step-grandchildren, Chuck and Lynn Tegeler.

John C. Thompson of Dallas, Texas, died October 19, 2010. Services were held in Dallas. Survivors include wife, Dennis Jean Thompson; daughters, Dianne Sibley and Colleen and Frank Elliott; sister, Sibyl and Rev. Justus Edmondson of Tulsa; and a grandchild.

Weddings

Erin Briggs and **Gaston Dye** were married October 15, 2010 in Tulsa by Dr. Bill Tankersley. Her parents and Patti Lucas and Charles Johnson and David and Gina Briggs; and grandmother, Betty Lucas.

Hospitalized Last Week

St. John - Mike Fogle, Levi Rodriguez

St. Francis - Patti Davis, Bob Wiebusch

OSU Medical Center - Bob Bowker, Robert Ritter

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 to place an order. Orders must be placed no later than Friday, November 12th.

Cookson

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unwrapped. Be sure to mark them "Cookson."

They will then be displayed in the mission's Christmas store, where about 300 families living below the poverty level will pay a token amount, based on their income, to "shop" for gifts for their children 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, or to provide holiday food for the families at Christmas.

Downtown for Good

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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!

Have a prayer request?

Call our prayer line at
699-0158

Dr. Biggs to present "Riding the Trains of France" at final SCE Forum Luncheon

Dr. Biggs and Gayle spent a long three weeks in France last summer. The trip was a mixture of breathtaking views, delicious French food, and schedule frustrations as they vacationed in spite of an on-again, off-again transportation strike.

Come hear about their experiences and see pictures of their journeys by train, bus, and on foot. It's quite an exciting story!

This Week in SCE:

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

Airmen in Europe - Jack Babbitt, a B-17 pilot, became a lead pilot who lead the entire 8th Air Force Bomber stream, some 1,300 aircraft, on missions. You'll want to hear his story.

Genealogy - Tour of Internet resources

Genealogy Talks -

Deutsche Vorfahren: German ancestors

Easy Eats - Holiday party fun: incredible recipes and ideas for everything from cookie swaps to fixing gifts for the neighbors.

Books in the Afternoon - Dr. Gwen Humphrey's review includes two sources, *The Marland Tragedy*, by Kim Brumley, and *Lydie's Legend*, by Patti Apman.

Turning Points in American History - Reconstruction and Civil Rights, part II

Travel with a Camera - Stanley and Gayle Teter will discuss "Angel Flight Travels: a special gift of travel for people needing help."

Antiques - Tour to Linda Harkey's home, 29655 S 4090 Rd, Catoosa, to learn about Navajoe rugs

Holiday Decorations - Gift bags and boxes



They're back!

Our mission team returned home safely on Saturday evening, though their plane arrived four hours late. All had a great trip, and team members will report on their work in Nicaragua once they have time to organize thoughts and pictures.

The men spent time painting and doing construction at the United Methodist church in Masaya while the women led a Vacation Bible School for the local children and then, later in the afternoon, a Bible study for women in the area each day.

On Thursday the team wrapped up their time at the Masaya church with a special celebration where they presented the audio Bibles.

"Of all the mission trips I've participated in, this was the best yet!" Mae Smiley said on Sunday. Watch for more news about their experiences soon!

UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

The **Executive Committee** will meet Thursday, November 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Oxford Room.

Church Women United will celebrate "World Community Day: Building the Beloved Community" on Saturday, November 6, at 9:15 a.m. at Christ UMC, 3515 S. Harvard. The day begins with registration and refreshments, followed by celebration.

The Laura Dester Shelter has moved into a new building! They need new or gently used twin bed sheets, as well as children's toys and clothing (to age 17) and baby wipes. These should be brought to the celebration.

Upcoming CWU events include: Annual Meeting and Human Rights Celebration, January 29 at Boston Avenue UMC.; World Day of Prayer, March 5 at Pine Street Christian Church, 762 E. Pine St.; and May Friendship Day on May 7. Next fall we will participate in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, fighting against breast cancer.

Meet our newest members



Kim Coffey and **Pam Pretz** both joined Sunday. Kim is self employed and is transferring from a church in Roswell, Georgia. Pam works for Magellan Corporation and comes from another denomination.

Lectionary Readings

February 28, 2010

Psalm 146
Ruth 1:1-18
Mark 12:28-34
Hebrews 9:11-14

Have any 1940's attire?

Our youth need your help to prepare for their upcoming 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.



Youth News!! . . .

Senior High news

I don't know about you, but I will never think about bungee jumping or piñatas the same after hearing Willie Berman speak on Sunday morning! Not only was he humorous, he so wonderfully explained the importance of our mission work in Mexico, as well as addressing safety in Rio Bravo. If you weren't there to hear him, it was videotaped and you can access it on our website. Please check it out!

We have filled about half of our slots for the trip, so if you are interested, contact me right away. I can't wait for us to be part of the very first "Manitos Juntas," a special new mission program that combines kids and construction! It's going to be awesome!

This weekend is bursting with opportunities, so DIVE in....
Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-noon- **Downtown for Good!** Everyone welcome, and we have a special project for Manly Men!
Sunday- BAY Troupe **costume fittings**. Contact Angie if you are uncertain about your scheduled time.
Sunday, 12-2- **Downtown Hoedown**, and we're playing **FOOTBALL!** We need all available youth on our team to show them who is boss!

Sunday, 5-8:30 p.m. - **Halloween party** at Chastangs'. It's going to be a blast, but you must RSVP! Transportation provided to/from the church. Text 557-2314 right now!

Joyfully - Audra

6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Hope you all had a wonderful fall break and are ready to get back into the swing of things because it is a busy week.

We have a trip to the Dollar Store on Wednesday evening to provide some fun items for a service project for children. Saturday morning is Downtown for Good and Saturday evening our mid-high Halloween party. Sunday morning means Sunday School and church, and at noon the Downtown Hoedown in our Boston Avenue Park.

Your participation as a Boston Avenue mid-high youth does help make a difference in our community and our world. Each one of these activities has the potential for your helping others while having a great time. Won't you come along and be part of making a difference?

Special Dates to Note

November 7, 12:00 - Confirmation Sunday Rehearsal
OCCJ Youth Interfaith Tour from 12:00 to 5:30 Lunch will be provided at B.A., then we will board our buses for the tour. All youth are invited to attend!

November 14 - Confirmation Sunday (wahoo!)

November 21 - Advent Workshop (Mid-high youth help provide leadership for the children.)

November 20 & 21 - Senior High BAY. Troupe Show
Looking forward to all of our opportunities to be the church together. - Debbie

Another Helping returns in November

Our senior adults will be treated to "Another Helping" in November as Kathy Busch presents "Name That Tune!" an interactive program of live music featuring songs from movies and Broadway musicals. Using the format of the TV Show "Name That Tune," Kathy will invite audience members to compete in identifying the tune.

A light lunch will be provided for \$5.00, or participants can bring their own "brown bag."

Join us November 17th at noon in Community Hall! Please RSVP and tell us if you will be attending and whether you plan on buying the lunch. Call (918) 583-5181 Ext 129 or 133.

Gifts and Memorials

GENERAL ENDOWMENT

In memory of Hurlis Graham, father of Dr. Vondale Graham

By: Heritage Sunday School Class

In memory of Mildred Grissom, stepmother of Darlene Tegeler

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In memory of Darrell and Mildred Grissom, father and stepmother of Darlene Tegeler

By: Chuck and Charlene Gibson

In memory of Friday Leonard

By: Jim and Judy Parker

By: Max and Phyllis Albertson

By: The Branson Family

By: Seed N' Weed Garden Club

By: Jean Tate

By: Larry and Debbie Fenity

By: Virginia Steele

By: Betty Caudle

By: Leslie Pierce

By: Bainswest, Inc.

By: Don and Eva McAdams

By: Peggye Enlow

By: Blair and Ruth Ann Harp

By: Bill and Gloria Hunt

By: Thomas Frazee

By: Elizabeth Martin & Cathey Jo Warner

By: John and Marge Meyer

By: Twila Ashley Brown

TV MINISTRY

In memory of Friday Leonard

By: Gwen Mitchell

Sunday Worship

October 31, 2010

The Tenth Sunday in Kingdomtide

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

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

Sermon: "I'M GLAD WE COULD AGREE ON THAT!"

Mark 12:28-34

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Music:

Prelude: Solemn If With All Your Hearts F. Mendelssohn
The Festival Ringers

Anthem: Let Everything That Hath Breath Jeffrey Ames
The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Love Comes From GodAllen Pote
The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Offertory: Nocturne No. 2 Michael Hellman
The Festival Ringers

Postlude: Dialogue/Recessional John Lee

Hymns: 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

111 How Can We Name a Love

399 Take My Life, and Let It Be

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

12:10 Downtown Hoedown

Class News . . .

Cornerstone

We will have a costume party at the Barrows' home on Friday, October 29.

We welcomed Chris and Jill Nerio as visitors.

Heidi Doss is celebrating a birthday.

Thank you to Adam and Heidi for our yummy breakfast snacks.

Disciples

We will continue our new video series by James Moore, "Making Much out of Our Little" with a lesson from the book of Esther.

Last Sunday we began a new Bible study series with a lesson about Moses and the burning bush. We were reminded to live our lives out of gratitude for God's grace and promise to "always be there" for us.

Thanks to the Holmes for the tasty treats.

Ephphatha

Charles Dye will teach Sunday from Ephesians on "What's the Plan."

Mike Limas taught last week on "God is in Charge." It was a wonderful lesson.

Heritage

Thanks to Jim Roberts for teaching from Charles Allen's *Meeting the Methodists*. Steve Herr will teach us the next two weeks on astronomy and Psalm 19.

Birthday wishes this week to Rosalyn May and Buck Herron.

Thanks to the Rischards for the treats. The Lees are scheduled to bring refreshments on the 31st.

Our class will have a covered dish dinner and a movie at the church on Friday, November 12. If you need information, contact Marlene.

Our Christmas gathering is Saturday, December 11.

Homebuilders

Barbara Bond will be our teacher this Sunday.

Continue to keep the Bowkers and Ritters in your prayers.

Thanks to Don Rubottom for his interesting lesson on "Super Freakonomics."

Pat Hardin and Joanna

Tuers led the singing. Ron Setser presided. The Rubottoms did the coffee, and the Tuers provided the treats.

We had 28 present.

Horizons

Please join us Sunday for a Halloween spectacular. The Robinetts will bring our treats.

Derek Cowan visited us again.

Happy birthdays to Nancy Gross and Holly Raley.

Our class brunch was a nice opportunity for food and fellowship. We missed many of you.

We are so happy that our Nicaragua team returned home safely.

Maranatha

Downtown for Good is this Saturday, October 30. We will have a Halloween party Saturday night and a brunch this Sunday.

It was nice to have Kenny King back with us. Keep Rex Ball in your prayers.

Ed Payton, Beth Winchester, and Mary Adams are celebrating birthdays, and Julie and Jim Embrey are celebrating an anniversary.

We welcomed Michael Lane as a new member.

Thanks to Lynn Jessee for the prayer, and Mickey and Carol Maus and Mike Stevenson and Denise Graham for the refreshments.

New Covenant

This Sunday Rev. Charles Herndon will continue his lessons on *Ten Gospel Promises for Later Life*.

Jerry Smith returned after a summer away, and Laurie came with her mother, Marilyn Spencer.

Thanks to Rev. Herndon for the lesson, Dorothy Nix and Joan McGrew for the music, Dorothy Nix for the prayer, and Margaret Carpenter for the treats.

New Frontiers

We will have class officer elections this Sunday.

Congratulations to Jeff and Samantha Slater on the birth of their daughter, Meredith Rose Slater.

Thank you to Bryan Harrington for the lesson on

doubting Thomas and to Jeff Hansen for our snacks.

Pilgrimage

Are you ready for great burgers? Our November dinner will be at Arnold's.

Thanks to Susanna Southard for our lesson on Jeremiah's call. This Sunday we'll have a lesson about his prophecies.

We welcomed Chad Higgins to class and hope he'll join us again.

Keep Kathy Marsh in your prayers as she heals.

Sunday will be the last day to bring items for the Cookson Christmas store.

Roundtable

Our class's 50th anniversary celebration will be November 12, 13, and 14.

The Danskins will present part III of their series this Sunday.

We welcomed a visitor and presenter, Denice Willis.

Sue Venable is celebrating a birthday.

Thanks to Bob Thomas for his lesson on "Keeping Current with Alzheimer's."

Seek and Discover

Dr. Tankersley will lead a discussion about persecutions during the Roman Empire.

Mark Davenport and Jennifer Smith are celebrating birthdays.

Dr. Tankersley led a discussion involving Jesus' sayings about the politics of his day.

Wesley Fellowship

Phillelle and Rollie led our music. Irene Lumley gave a wonderful devotional. Thanks to Guy Logsdon for his lesson on Oklahoma missions. He will continue this Sunday.

Our Christmas party is December 7. Bring a picture of yourself from the past.

Cookson Hills is still in need of new items for their Christmas store. Bring items to the church. Mission donations from the ice cream social will be distributed to six organizations.

Alice Grubb is celebrating a birthday.

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



Ride 'em, cowboy!

At left, preschooler Spencer Thomas had a great time meeting Vicky, the goat, and lots of other animals when the traveling barnyard visited our Weekday Preschool recently.

This week the children dressed up and they (and their parents) enjoyed a costume parade on Tuesday and Wednesday. It was quite a show!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday - October 31, 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
11:00 BAY Troupe fittings
12:10 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing
12:10 p.m. Downtown Hoedown
1:30 Christian Believer

Monday - November 1

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
10:00 History and Archives
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 - November 2

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
9:00 Overview of the Bible
12:15 p.m. Weight loss group
5:30 Senior High basketball
6:00 Financial Peace University
6:00 Invitation to New Testament

Wednesday - November 3

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
5:30 Religion & Race
5:30 Interfaith Concerns
5:50 Festival Ringers
6:00 Chapel Choir
6:00 LIFE Group for children
6:30 Yoga class
6:45 BAY Troupe rehearsal
7:00 DTBA
7:00 Carillon Ringers
7:00 Chorister Ringers
7:30 Chancel Choir
Thursday - November 4
9:00 a.m. Weekday School
9:30 UMW Executive Cmte.
10:00 Program Staff
5:30 p.m. Senior High basketball
6:00 PCCT Parenting Classes
Friday - November 5
9:00 a.m. Weekday School
10:00 Quilting for Others
5:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous
6:30 Respite Care

Sunday School at a glance...

Adult Classes for Sunday, October 31, 2010

Visitors are welcome in all classes.

Dr. Biggs' Class - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages

College & Career - to be announced

Cornerstone - Shari Goodwin

Disciples - "Making Much Out of Our Little"

Ephphatha - Charles Dye, "What's the Plan"

Heritage - Steve Herr, "Astrology and Psalm 19"

Homebuilders - Barbara Bond, "Christians in Palestine"

Horizons - Halloween spectacular

Maranatha - Fifth Sunday brunch

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

New Frontiers - Brunch and class officer elections

Pilgrimage - Susanna Southard, "Jeremiah's Prophecies"

Roundtable - Dr. Warren and Lynette Danskin, "Jesus in Film"

Seek & Discover - Dr. Bill Tankersley

Wesley Fellowship - Dr. Guy Logsdon