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What a great weekend! - Downtown for Good, Downtown Hoedown

Our church was at its very best this weekend! On Saturday, almost 200 volunteers met in Jubilee Hall to be Downtown for Good. Teams then fanned out across midtown Tulsa to paint, sort clothing and food, do yard work, deliver groceries, pick up trash, re-rock a parking lot, and anything else that needed doing.

On Sunday after morning worship, our church family gathered in the park for a great time at the Downtown Hoedown. Grilled hotdogs and beautiful weather combined with pony rides, a live D.J., pumpkin decorating, face painting, carnival games, hay rides and intergenerational volleyball and football games to provide something for all.



Initial estimates cover 49.78% of budget

At the end of the day on Monday, our church members' estimates of giving for 2011 have underwritten 49.78% of next year's budget. A total of 484 cards have been returned, and those members who returned them increased their giving by 9.11% over last year's estimates.

Anyone who has not yet turned an estimate is encouraged to do so by calling it in to Lillian Dickey at 583-5181, placing it in the offering plate Sunday morning, bringing it to the church, or emailing it in to lilliandickey@bostonavenue.org.

All Saints Vesper Service is Sunday

Dr. Bill Crowell will preach at the All Saints Vesper Communion Service this Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The service will be held in Great Hall.

All who come to the service will have opportunity to honor and give thanks for those saints who have influenced their lives. Each person's list of saints might include those as well known as St. Francis of Assisi, or those as personal as a grandparent or great friend who has helped you along your faith journey.

This service is different from the Longest Night Service in December, when we will be remembering loved ones and all of our B.A. members who have died in the past year.

Tickets on sale Sunday for *The Grand Tour*

By Angelyn Dale

It's a race against time across Europe during World War II as Paris falls to the Germans. To escape, a stuffy Protestant Colonel smuggling papers to England to aide the Polish Resistance, accompanied by his clever and funny military aide and an eagle-eyed French female chaperone, must suddenly join forces and travel together through Europe. They find themselves traveling with a witty, urbane Jew fleeing for his life and a beautiful young woman with whom they fall in love.

Along the way they encounter a rollicking train full of French passengers, a traveling carnival in which they hide out as performers, a beautiful Jewish wedding with rousing dancing, and a courageous group of Catholic nuns who must ultimately save them from discovery.

Come enjoy the harrowing yet hilarious adventures of this unusual
(See "The Grand Tour" on page 5A)



Larkin McCann, Ali Wonderly, and Scott Solomon play lead roles.



From the Pastor's Study

Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Thank you for making this past weekend so special.

1.) The Jubilee Hall was filled at 7:45 a.m. Saturday with Boston Avenuers ready to show Tulsa that we are "Downtown for Good." Work teams fanned out to address numerous projects suggested by the City of Tulsa. We invested 1,000 hours of meaningful work.

2.) Sunday morning during the closing hymn of both major worship services, you came forward with your "Estimates of 2100 Giving) cards and dropped them into large gift boxes at the altar. Lillian Dickey, our Financial Secretary, was busy tabulating the numbers and said she could tell that hundreds of us were determined to be better, more generous stewards in 2011.

3) It was a beautiful Sunday for our Downtown Hoedown. Several hundred met in our park for fresh-grilled hotdogs, chips, cookies, and soft drinks. We had pony rides, face painting, volleyball, hay rides, a costume parade, pumpkin carving contests, and games for young children.

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There are only three more Sundays in this liturgical year that culminates in Christ the King Sunday on November 21. This week's lection finds Jesus again in Jerusalem during his last week.

My sermon will be, "HE CONDEMNED THEM? HE PRAISED HER?"

B.A. family update

Baptisms



Josie Marilyn Fernandez, daughter of Shane and Marnie Fernandez, was baptized Sunday, October 31, with Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., officiating. Proud siblings are Jade and Tristan Fernandez and Nicholas Ducato.

Altar Flowers

Luci Scott in loving memory of **Clara M. Davidson**, whose birthday was November 4th, and **Norvell K. Scott**, whose birthday was November 8th.

Deaths
Joseph P. Byrd, III, died October 6, 2010. Services were held November 1 at Rose

Hill Mausoleum with Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., officiating. Survivors include his wife, Mary Elizabeth Byrd, of Tucson, Arizona; sons, Joseph P. and Sandi Byrd, IV, of Cumming, Georgia, and William E. and Beth Byrd of Atlanta, Georgia; daughter, Susan Merrill of Durango, Colorado; sister-in-law, Mrs. Roy Mead of Tulsa; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Greg Maxey died October 16, 2010. Services were held October 21 in Annapolis, Maryland. Survivors include his partner, Walter Baumgart; mother, Sue and Eugene Christmann; brothers, Brad Maxey and Lance and Lori Maxey; and sister-in-law, Tina Maxey.

Hospitalized Last Week

St. John - Carl Critz, Levi Rodriguez

St. Francis - Patti Davis, Clara Perkins, Marion Towry, Sue VanZant

OSU Medical Center - Bob Bowker, Robert Ritter

Meet our newest members



Laura Beth Bevill joined Sunday. She works with Neighbor Newspapers.



Pat and Grace Lockridge, mother and daughter, also joined Sunday. Both Pat and Grace are registered nurses with Tulsa Public Schools.

Gifts and Memorials

GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Friday Leonard

By: Summit Bank
By: Carol Ricks
By: David Murray
By: Van and Pat Barber
By: Jerry and Annette Bird
By: Patti Booth
By: Janet Ellsworth

Gutman, Seth Gutman, Todd Ellsworth, and Eric and Whitney Ellsworth

In memory of Joseph P. Byrd, III

By: Susan Schallhorn

BUILDING ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Friday Leonard

By: Roger and Cookie Coffey

YOUTH MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Friday Leonard

By: Al and Jerri Brownlee

Have a prayer request?

Call our prayer line
at 699-0158

RSVP for Medicare D assistance

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. INCOG Area Agency on Aging representatives are partnering with University of Oklahoma pharmacy students to clear up details about this important benefit program.

There is no cost for this event, but reservations are helpful so that presenters can have enough materials. Contact Rev. Paul Staat at 699-0133 or pdstaat@bostonavenue.org.

Poinsettia orders due November 12

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.

Another Helping returns November 17

By Rev. Paul Staat

Senior adults will be treated to "Another Helping" at noon on November 17th in Community Hall. A light lunch will be provided for \$5.00, or participants can bring their own "brown bag."

Kathy Busch will present "Name That Tune!" with interactive live music featuring songs from Broadway musicals and movies. Using the format of the popular TV show, Kathy will invite audience members to compete in identifying the tunes.

Please tell us if you will be attending and whether you plan on buying lunch at the church. Call (918) 583-5181 Ext 129 or 133, or email paulagrady@bostonavenue.org.

Roundtable Class to celebrate 50 years

By Judie Cherblanc

Roundtable Sunday School Class will be celebrating 50 years of faith, fun and friendship Friday through Sunday, November 12-14. They will share memories, tour the church, tour Tulsa, and enjoy a 50th Anniversary Dinner at Tulsa Country Club.

On Sunday morning they will attend a Devotional and Memorial Service in Rose Chapel, then sit together at the 11:00 worship service in the sanctuary.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Canned food drive November 14, 21

The semiannual food drive for Eastern Oklahoma Community Food Bank will be held November 14 and 21. Donations can be left in Bishops' Hall. Our church is required to sponsor two drives a year in order to be able to refer those in need to the food bank.

Needed items include canned fruits, vegetables, meats, flour, sugar, coffee, canned milk, etc.

Adult SS leader training is Sunday

All adult Sunday School class officers and teachers are invited to a Teacher Resource Breakfast this Sunday, November 7, from 8:30 to 9:30 in Community Hall. The breakfast will include a look at new Cokesbury resources and Sunday School lesson ideas.

UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

Joy Circle will meet Monday, November 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Ruth Ann Thompson will present the "Journey of the Mission Dollar." A member will review an outstanding UMW magazine article, and everyone will enjoy refreshments.

Circle W will gather for dinner on Tuesday, November 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the little dining room. Pat Fulford will give the program on Mission Hospitality from the Social Action Study, "Joy to the World."

Circle of Grace will meet Wednesday, November 10, at 6:15 p.m. in the Asbury Room. Ruth Ann Thompson will discuss pledges.

PM Circle will enjoy refreshments and fellowship on Wednesday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Hostess is Coe Ann Patton. Pat Kopenhagen will give the devotion, then Debbie Pinkerton will talk about the Amish Community.

The following circles will meet Thursday, November 11:

Alpha G will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the little dining room for refreshments. Sue Brothers will present the Social Action program, "Joy to the World."

Circle B will gather at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments in the Oxford Room, followed by their program featuring Ruth Ann Thompson discussing her trip to the Greek Isles and Asia Minor.

Circle E will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Circle H will gather at 10:00 a.m. for refreshments in the home of June Barber, 3139 E 91st St. Co-hostesses are Lou Ann Dale and Eloise Rogers. Leona Newell will lead the program on the UMC's Exodus House.

Lectionary Readings

November 7, 2010

Psalm 127
Ruth 1:1-18
Mark 12:38-44
Hebrews 9:24-28

Youth News! . . .

Senior High news

I am so proud of our church for SO many reasons this week!! As many of you know, we have been hosting a young lady from Israel this past week. On the day she arrived from Israel, we whisked her away to Boston Avenue for Chapel Choir and DTBA and our people were gracious and inclusive. Even though she was very tired....she felt very welcomed.

On Saturday morning, we left early from the Fogle house to participate in the Downtown for Good event. She had the opportunity to see our church at work helping others (It was a uplifting day... Thank you so much to everyone who organized and gave their time to participate in such a worthwhile event...I had a BLAST and got to know another church member!!).

On Sunday, she was up and ready to attend worship at Boston Avenue. At one point Shahar leaned over to me and said, "I like this church very much!" Dr. Biggs' sermon was PERFECT to help convey our feelings toward our Jewish neighbors!!

And THEN...a brunch on the fourth floor...WOW! She was able to experience the energy and laughter of our youth.

And for a conclusion to her experience with Boston Avenue...the Chastangs hosted us for our Halloween party last night. Little did I know that when the Chastangs throw a party.....they go an extra TEN miles!! It was a fabulous feast!!

So from someone who was hoping to introduce a young Jewish girl to the Christian hospitality of our Boston Avenue Church....Thank you! I am overwhelmingly proud of all parts of our church - the music, the beautiful building, the outstanding food but most importantly the Christian witness of our people!! May God bless you this day!

Smiling all the way to my toes! - Audra

6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Attention all Confirmands!!!! Confirmation Sunday is right around the corner! This Sunday at noon, please be present in the sanctuary to rehearse for Confirmation Sunday. You will want to be in the know on what to do when it comes to making your public profession of faith. It takes about 30 minutes if everyone is on time.

The **29th Annual Youth Interfaith Tour**, "Operation Understanding" is this Sunday, November 7th. All youth are invited to attend. We will be visiting a church, a mosque, and a synagogue.

Boston Avenue youth will meet in Jubilee Hall at noon for pizza, then get on board our church vans. We will return to Boston Avenue no later than 5:30. Come and learn about some of the different religions in Tulsa.

No proselytizing is allowed. This experience will help our youth understand, appreciate, and respect differences in religion. Hope to see you participate.

The Mid High Youth Adult Advisory Team will be meeting on Wednesday evening, November 10th at 5:30. We would love to have any interested adults join us. Dinner will be provided, so your RSVP to me would be appreciated.

Thanks to all of my pumpkin decorators and helpers that came to the Downtown Hoedown. We raised \$189.36 for UNICEF at the Hoedown....Way to go!!!!

Everyone gets an extra hour of sleep this Saturday night (Daylight Saving Time begins), so no excuses for being late to Sunday School.

Faithfully yours - Debbie

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday!

Remember to set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night, or you'll arrive very early on Sunday morning.

The Grand Tour ...

(continued)

grouping of people who initially believe they have nothing in common because of the clashing of their Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths. Experience the truths they discover about courage, survival, friendship and the real meaning of interfaith acceptance.

The Grand Tour is a beautiful story about interfaith friendships and coming to understand how much we have in common with people who initially seem nothing like us on the outside.

Theatrically, this show has wonderful elements, including

- 1) superlative music with great show-stopping numbers for the chorus, as well as "rip your heart out" ballads for the leads
- 2) energetic and complex dances
- 3) lavish costumes
- 4) intricate sets depicting all forms of travel (a car, a train, a boat, a wagon and a bicycle), and
- 5) a cast comprised of 22 high school students with amazing talent.

We will also attempt to shoot a cast member out of a cannon! *How can you NOT be part of this?*

Yet of all of its terrific elements, the most important is that it is the chance to tell this poignant and moving story of interfaith acceptance which makes this show such a profound theatrical piece which Boston Avenue is proud to have its youth perform.

Tickets go on sale this Sunday for **The Grand Tour** \$7 each, or \$6 each for groups of 10 or more

Performance dates:
Saturday, Nov. 20 - 7:00
Sunday, Nov. 21 - 2:00

Sunday Worship

November 7, 2010

The Eleventh 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 CONDEMNED *THEM*? HE PRAISED *HER*?"

Mark 12:38-44

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Music:

Prelude: Dearest Jesus, at Thy Word Johann Walther

Anthem: What Shall I Render to My God? Austin Lovelace
The Chancel Choir (8:30)

For These Blessings Natalie Sleeth
The Academy Choraliars (11:00)

Offertory: Listen, God Is Calling arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
The Carillon Ringers (8:30)

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name Johannes Michel
Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist (11:00)

Anthem: Christ Is the King arr. Donald Busarow
The Chancel Choir (8:30)

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Mark A. Miller
The Chapel Choir (11:00)

Postlude: Recessional on *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*.....J. Sedio

Hymns: 102

Now Thank We All Our God

430

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

664

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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

6:00 p.m. Vesper Communion Service

Class News . . .

Cornerstone

Our next mission project is November 12 at the Day Center for the Homeless, with a class social to follow. Watch for details in your email.

This Sunday begins our six-week Interfaith Series. Nancy Day will start our series with an overview of what's to come.

We welcomed Chris and Jill Nerio back to class.

Happy birthday to Brad and Michelle Phillips.

Thanks to Shari Goodwin for sharing a faith story about how our church came to be.

Disciples

We continue our James Moore Bible series this week. The Sanders will bring treats.

We have many class members teaching in Senior High these next few weeks.

Thanks so much to Jennifer Sneed for leading our lesson on Esther. Have you seized the moment today?

Heritage

Our next social is a potluck dinner and a movie on Friday, November 12, at 6:00 in the Holy Grill. Contact Marlene if you need more details.

Remember to bring items for the Blue Star Mothers. The barrel is in our classroom.

This Sunday Steve Herr will continue his lesson on "Astronomy and Psalm 19." Steve's lessons are always interesting.

Thanks to the Lees for our treats last week. This Sunday Jeanne Parnell will bring them.

Homebuilders

This week Barbara Bond will continue her lesson on the Israeli-Palestine Conflict. We thank her for an interesting lesson last week.

We were happy to have Don Johns visit our class.

Marita Morgan gave to missions for her birthday.

Keep the Bowkers and Ritters in your prayers.

The Tuers brought treats and the Rubottoms made coffee. We had 26 present.

Horizons

Please check to see if you can help with the Respite Christmas Party on Friday, December 3, from 7-9 p.m.

Howard Plowman will teach us for the month of November. This Sunday the Huntsmans will bring treats.

Happy birthday to Isabella Thompson, Samantha Devlin, Leah Raley, and Katie Wonderly.

We thank the Robinetts for our treats and Kevin for our lesson on thought-provokers.

Maranatha

Thanks to the Meredith-Orrs for a great Halloween party! We will have a gourmet dinner on November 13.

Advent starts November 28.

Suzy Meredith-Orr, Cisco Maldonado, Mary Ellen Niblack, and Rob Davis are celebrating birthdays. Happy anniversary to Jill and Bob Thomas and Lydia and Ralph Jackson.

Thanks to Paul Lloyd for the prayer, and to everyone for the food for our brunch.

New Covenant

There will be a sing-a-long on November 13 at the Lees' home at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. David Robbins will be our teacher this week.

Keep Doris Fenn and Myra Critz's son in your prayers.

Rev. Charles Herndon finished his lessons on *Ten Gospel Promises for Later Life*. They were wonderful.

Thanks to Dale Wood and Dorothy Nix for the music, Margaret Carpenter for the prayer, and Joyce Byrne for the treats.

New Frontiers

We will have family dinner out at Chimi's at 15th and Peoria, followed by dessert at the Aufdenkamp's house on Friday, November 12, at 5:30. Please RSVP to Jeff Hansen.

EvaMarie Campbell will teach this week on "Marriage, Family and Kids."

Congratulations to our newly-elected class officers.

Thans to all who brought food for our class brunch.

Pilgrimage

The Mohawk Manor Party will be held on December 9.

This Sunday we'll have the gift lists for both Mohawk and the Children's Home girls.

Our class Christmas party

will be December 12.

Judy Rowell will be our speaker this Sunday.

Our thanks to Susanna Southard for her lessons on Jeremiah's prophecy.

Congratulations to the Herrmanns on the birth of their second granddaughter.

We welcomed Chad Higgins for his second visit.

Roundtable

Our class' 50th reunion is November 12, 13, and 14.

Charles Spears and students from TU's Wesley Foundation will present our lesson this week.

Last Sunday the Danskins presented part III of "Jesus in Movies." We thank them.

Seek and Discover

Dr. Bill Crowell will be our teacher this Sunday.

Thank you, Dr. Tankersley, for your lessons and for being with us during October.

Thank you to Christine for our snacks, Nancy for our special treats, and all class members who helped with Downtown for Good.

Wesley Fellowship

Our Christmas party is December 7. Rev. Howard Plowman reported on our mission gifts.

Dr. Don Forsman will be teaching us during November on the Beatitudes.

Both Sally Jeffrey and Beth VonDrehle are home from rehab. We welcomed visitors Steve and Lola Forsman.

Thanks to Guy Logsdon for teaching Sunday and to Suzy Reagan for the devotional. We had 65 present.

Travel opportunities

Dr. Warren and Lynette Danskin will host a Christian travel meeting at 12:00 noon Sunday, Nov. 7, in the Little Dining Room to describe three trips they will lead during 2011.

Trips include an Alaska glacier cruise leaving May 20; a Wesley heritage trip to England on July 5, and a western Mediterranean cruise leaving October 16. For more, contact the Danskins at 712-9085 or warrendanskin@sbcglobal.net.

Boy Scout popcorn available Sunday

Boy Scouts of Troop 20 will be ready and waiting to deliver popcorn orders this Sunday morning in Center Hall, just outside Community Hall.

The popcorn will be available again next Sunday, November 14, and extra popcorn is also available for anyone who wanted popcorn but didn't get to place an order.

Be sure to stop by Sunday.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday - November 7, 2010

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
8:30 a.m. Adult Officer Breakfast
9:30 Communion Service
9:40 Faith Academy and Sunday School
10:40 Children's Worship
11:00 Worship Service
12:05 p.m. Confirmation rehearsal
12:10 Communion and Service of Healing
12:30 *The Grand Tour* rehearsal
1:30 Christian Believer
6:00 All Saints Vesper Service

Monday - November 8

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
9:30 UMW Joy Circle
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 9

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
9:00 Overview of the Bible
12:15 p.m. Weight loss group
4:00 Preschool Messy Art Night
6:00 Financial Peace University
6:00 Invitation to New Testament
6:00 UMW Circle W

Wednesday - November 10

9:00 a.m. Weekday School

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

6:15 UMW Circle of Grace

6:30 Yoga class

6:45 *The Grand Tour* rehearsal

7:00 DTBA

7:00 Carillon Ringers

7:00 Chorister Ringers

7:00 UMW PM Circle

7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday - November 11

UMW Groups - See

"UMW News" on page 5A

9:00 a.m. Weekday School

9:30 Program Staff

3:00 p.m. Church Women United

5:30 Senior High basketball

6:00 PCCT Parenting Classes

6:30 Preschool staff meeting

Friday - November 12

9:00 a.m. Weekday School

5:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

6:30 Respite Care

6:30 Roundtable Class

50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday - November 13

9:00 a.m. M.L.K. Speech Contest

Sunday School at a glance...

Adult Classes for Sunday, November 7, 2010

Visitors are welcome in all classes.

Dr. Biggs' Class - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages

College & Career - to be announced

Cornerstone - Nancy Day, Interfaith series

Disciples - James Moore Bible Series

Ephphatha - to be announced

Heritage - Steve Herr, "Astronomy and Psalm 19"

Homebuilders - Barbara Bond, "Christians in Palestine"

Horizons - Howard Plowman

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Seek & Discover - Dr. Bill Crowell, "Church History"

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