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## Advent Schedule 2009

**Advent Workshop**.....November 22, 12 - 2 p.m.

**Advent Vesper Service**.....November 29, 6 p.m.

“WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?”

Paul Staat

**Festival of Lessons & Carols**.....December 6, 4 & 6 p.m.

Camerata, Orchestra and Readers

**Longest Night Service**.....December 13, 6 p.m.

“THEY HAVE TO GO ON”

The Reverend Dr. William Tankersley

**MESSIAH**, by George Frideric Handel.....December 20, 5 p.m.

The Thirteenth Annual Natalie O. Warren Presentation

The Chancel Choir, Soloists & Orchestra

**Revival-style Services**.....December 20 & 27, 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Beloved Christmas carols, casual atmosphere

### Christmas Eve

**Service of the Bells**.....December 24, 2:00 p.m.

Led by our elementary school children and their families

**Candlelight Worship Services**.....4 & 6 p.m.

“DON’T BE AFRAID - I KNOW SOMETHING REALLY GOOD!”

The Reverend Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

**Candlelight Communion Service**.....11 p.m.

“THE WISE TAKE A DIFFERENT ROUTE”

The Reverend Dr. Bill Tankersley



## From the Pastor’s Study

*Mouzon Biggs, Jr.*

We have only five more Sundays in 2009. This has been the third most difficult year financially in my thirty years with you. The two years following 9/11/2001 were the worst. I really believe our theme for this year’s campaign, “There Is Enough - If We All Share!”

We need two things to happen as soon as possible.:

1) If at all possible, bring your estimate of giving for 2009 to completion. If the year has been better for you than you had expected, an extra gift to the church would help us end this year with all missions and programs underwritten.

2) Be optimistic about 2010. Believe that God will help America recover from its economic problems and that 2010 will be a year when you can do more for the church. Ask God what the right number is for you to put on your card and get it to us right away. (Mail it, phone it in, or email it to us.)

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Sunday you will be greeted with the Advent wreath, poinsettias and green garlands. We will begin a new year with the anticipation of our Lord’s coming. The sermon I am writing this week will be called, “IS ‘LITTLE APOCALYPSE’ AN OXYMORON?”

## Pick an apple for a teacher Sunday

There are apples for picking on a tree in the library! Each apple bears a request from a deserving Burroughs teacher - one that will help him or her better serve the students. Please stop by Sunday, pick an apple or two, then purchase the item(s) requested on them and return them with the apples to the church. Donors can work individually, with a friend, or as a class to fulfill the requests.

Teachers often must use their own money to purchase classroom supplies and equipment. They need and appreciate our help.

## Christmas offering helps many in need

Each year our church takes an offering at Christmas to help those in need. Your help is appreciated. Our goal for giving this year is \$91,400.

Mark it “Christmas Offering” and mail it in or bring it to worship.

The agencies chosen to distribute the offering this year include:

### For children and youth:

**United Methodist Circle of Care** includes the Boys’ Ranch, the United Methodist Children’s Home in Tahlequah, Holsinger Home in Enid, plus Child SHARE foster care and Pearl’s Hope to fight abuse.

**Camps** - provide faith-enriching opportunities for Oklahoma youth  
**Lydia Patterson Institute** provides quality education for needy youth living along the Mexico border

**SMU Campus Ministry** supports college students

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## Stinnett Family to light first Advent candle

*The Stinnetts - Joel, Melinda, Josh, Nate and Sarah, will lead the lighting of the first Advent candle on the large wreath in Bishops’ Hall this Sunday morning. The brief event begins at 9:30, immediately after the 8:30 service. Our Boston Avenue Brass Ensemble will play and Jackie Reichman will lead the singing. Be sure to stop by and participate with our church family in this Boston Avenue Advent worship tradition before going on to Sunday School.*

# Advent poinsettias honor loved ones

The altar of the sanctuary will be filled with beautiful poinsettias throughout this Advent season. They were given in honor or in memory of the following people:

Phil, Cindy and Blake Allbritten in honor of Mary Ann Cabler.

Phil, Cindy and Blake Allbritten in memory of Jim Cabler.

Phil, Cindy and Blake Allbritten in memory of Haskell and Mary Allbritten.

Jeff, Julie, Taylor and Rebecca Allen in memory of Greg Brownlee.

Jeff, Julie, Taylor and Rebecca Allen in memory of Julie's father, Preston Rennie.

Patricia J. Anderson in loving memory of her mother, Opal I. Anderson.

Debbie and Ross Aycock in memory of her parents, Betty and Bob Sutton, and his father, Tommy Aycock.

Tom and Sheila Baker in loving memory of their grandson, Jacob Dexter.

Tom and Sheila Baker in loving memory of Tom's parents, Russell and Alene Baker.

Tom and Sheila Baker in loving memory of Sheila's mother, Roxie Hanson.

In memory of Hattie Lee Ballard from her grandchildren.

In loving memory of Dick Barber from June, Blair, Kelly and Max.

In loving memory of Judge and Mrs. Herbert Hodge, Paul Hodge, and Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Barber from the Dick Barber family.

Searcy and Lillie Barnett in loving memory of the Barnett and Bramlett families.

Una Barr in loving memory of Bob Barr.

Una Barr in loving memory of her daughter, Robyn Barr.

Ed and Linda Behnken in honor of their family.

Donna Betow and family in memory of Lloyd and Larry Betow.

JoAnn and Richard Bingham in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bingham and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moran.

In memory of my wife, Tobe, and my son, Steve, by Herman

Bissett.

Carol Blackwood and family in memory of L. C. Kendall, whose birthday was December 10, and J. A. Blackwood, whose birthday was December 6.

Jo Ann and Wayne Bland in memory of his parents, Hemp and Mildred Bland.

Jo Ann and Wayne Bland in memory of her parents, Billy and Lela Hammond.

Jo Ann and Wayne Bland in memory of her brother, J. Dean Hammond.

Colleen Bonner in loving memory of Charles.

Colleen Bonner in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Hartley and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bonner, Sr.

Colleen Bonner in memory of dear friends, Bob and Mary Jo Garetson.

Colleen Bonner in memory of Jack Bonner.

Otto K. and Sue Boothe in loving memory of her parents, John and Leoma Abernathy.

Otto K. and Sue Boothe in loving memory of his parents, Otto and Bonnie Boothe.

Mary Ann Bosley in memory of her husband, Sam Bosley, and their daughter, Vicki Bosley.

Mary Boyd in loving memory of my nephew, Clyde Alva Boyd, III (Trey), and in honor of Emily and Audrey Boyd.

John H. Bradley and Patti Rist in honor of their mother, Martha Jo Bradley.

John H. Bradley and Patti Rist in memory of their father, John D. Bradley.

In memory of John D. Bradley and James N. Bradley from Martha Jo Bradley and John H. Bradley.

In honor of Patti and Randy Rist and John H. Bradley from Martha Jo Bradley.

Graham, Terri, Caroline, Joe and Jacob Brannin and Jonathan and Alli Bird in memory of Dan and Neva Brannin.

Graham, Terri, Caroline, Joe and Jacob Brannin and Jonathan and Alli Bird in honor of Betty Smith and in memory of Curtis Smith.

Caroline Britt in loving memory of Dr. Clarence I. Britt.

Mark, Sheila, and James Michael Britt in loving memory

of his father, Dr. Clarence I. Britt.

Matthew, Carla, Jolie, Caitlin and Joshua in loving memory of his father, Dr. Clarence I. Britt.

Beth Brothers in memory of Paul Brothers.

Beth Brothers in memory of Mary Neubauer.

In memory of my father, Marvin G. Brotherton, by Deborah Kaye Brotherton.

In honor, with love, of my mother, Vi Brotherton, by Deborah Kaye Brotherton.

In honor of my brother, Rev. Bruce A. Brotherton, who celebrates a birthday on December 31st, by Deborah Kaye Brotherton.

In honor of my sister-in-law, Tracy Brotherton, by Deborah Kaye Brotherton.

In memory of my husband, Marvin Brotherton, and my parents, Archie and Mamie Cox, by Viola Brotherton.

In honor of Deborah K. Brotherton and Rev. Bruce A. Brotherton, who celebrate birthdays on December 21st and December 31st, by their mother, Viola Brotherton.

In memory of her parents, Roy L. Groves and Beulah F. Groves, by Leslie and Betty Zo Brown.

In memory of my brother, Charles R. Groves, by Leslie and Betty Zo Brown.

Twila, Mark, Susan, Ashley, Adam, Riggs, Kelley, and Bryan Brown in loving memory of Roy G. Brown and Beverly Ann Brown.

Twila Brown in honor of Mark, Susan, Ashley, Adam, Riggs, Kelley, and Bryan Brown.

Twila Brown in loving memory of her parents, Cecil and Anna Ashley, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Brown.

Dr. Al and Jerri Brownlee in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Karen, Alexis and Katie in memory of our beloved Dr. Greg A. Brownlee.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brownlee in loving memory of our son, Dr. Greg A. Brownlee.

Bill and Carol Brumbaugh in loving memory of his parents, Bill and Hazel Brumbaugh.

Bill and Carol Brumbaugh in

loving memory of her father, George Rose.

Bill and Carol Brumbaugh in loving memory of their nephew, Tyler Barris.

Patsy Byrd and Sydney Byrd in loving memory of Kenneth Byrd.

Joyce Havens Byrne in memory of her husband, Robert G. Byrne, and her parents, Maxine Havens Mullin and Russell E. Havens.

Mary Ann Cabler in loving memory of Jim Cabler.

Mary Ann Cabler in honor of Cindy, Phil and Blake Allbritten.

Jim and Nanci Calderwood in honor of Dorothy and E. L. Thomas.

Jim and Nanci Calderwood in honor of their son, Will Calderwood.

Emily Caldwell in loving memory of her husband, Vittum Caldwell.

Emily Caldwell in honor of our granddaughters, Laura, Rachel and Michelle and our great-granddaughter, Hope Rhoads.

Emily Caldwell in loving memory of Brad and Al Shultz.

Art and Phillip Campbell and Katie Morgan in loving memory of Kathy Campbell.

Art Campbell in loving memory of Bill and Mary Belle Campbell and Margie E. Campbell and Anna Grace Hisaw.

Pat Carney and children in memory of husband and father, Blythe Carney.

Mrs. Blythe Carney in memory of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Carney.

Mrs. Blythe Carney in memory of his sister, Patricia Carney Imel.

Robert Cathey in memory of Joyce Cathey.

Marvene Clark in loving remembrance of her husband, Emerson Clark.

Ruth and Jess Clemmons in loving memory of their daughter, Rebecca Ann Clemmons.

Ruth and Jess Clemmons in loving memory of his parents, Jess and Florence Clemmons.

Ruth and Jess Clemmons in loving memory of her parents, Harry and Pearl Dolen.

Cheryl, Marilyn and M.U.; Marc and Patty, Christopher and Meghan in loving memory of

Blanche and Melvin Coiner.

In memory of Wilma Ross, mother of Jeanette and Dr. Ronald L. Coleman.

In honor of Oliver, Madeline and Eleanor Dilger, grandchildren of Jeanette and Dr. Ronald L. Coleman.

In loving memory of Donovan Collins, Jr., by Mary Collins, Donovan, Rachel and Marin Collins.

Donovan Collins in memory of Charlie Bonner.

Nita Connors in loving memory of her husband, Bill.

Nita Connors in loving memory of Bill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Connors, Sr.

Nita Connors in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Gauger.

Dale and Peggy Cooper in memory of Ralph and Emily Carver.

Dale and Peggy Cooper in memory of Paul Cooper and in honor of Elaine Cooper.

Nancy Core in memory of her mother, Muriel K. Ahrens Sharpe and her father, John H. Sharpe.

Gwen Coulter in memory of A. W. (Bill) Coulter.

Gwen Coulter in memory of Martha A. (Mattie) Coulter.

In loving memory of Elizabeth Cox, by her family.

Jackie and Jim Crews and family in memory of Vera and Jack Grubbs.

John and Jean Crowell in memory of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Crowell and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tygart.

In honor of Theda Cunningham and in memory of Jacques Cunningham, by Cindy and Jacques Cunningham and Jackie and Bob Shipman.

In honor of Betty Marsh and in memory of Earl Marsh, by Cindy and Jacques Cunningham, Ron and Kathy Marsh, and Molly and Galand Kramer.

LouAnn and Angelyn Dale and Jim McCann in loving memory of Dan E. Dale.

Larkin and Molleigh McCann in loving memory of our granddaddy, Dan E. Dale.

Angelyn Dale, James McCann and LouAnn Dale in loving memory of Lea Ida Hollingsworth Boyle.

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## Advent poinsettias.....(continued)

Angelyn Dale, James McCann and LouAnn Dale in loving memory of Mary Alice and Lawrence Dale.

James McCann and Angelyn Dale and Larkin and Molleigh in loving memory of Thomas Murray McCann and Ella Bridge McCann.

Laura, Mike, Joseph and Woody Daniel in memory of her father, Woodrow Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Daniel in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eldridge Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Daniel in loving memory of his mother, Mrs. Mary R. Maxey, and his father, Sam P. Daniel, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Daniel in honor of their grandchildren, Caroline Briggs, Alexandra Rains, Lauren and Stephanie Daniel, and Anne and Field Daniel.

Dorothy Darland in memory of James Darland.

Susan Day in memory of her parents, Edgar and Mildred Day.

Anita and Paul Dewhurst in loving memory of George and Jim Dewhurst.

Anita Dewhurst in loving memory of Judy and Joe Dewhurst.

Anita Dewhurst in memory of Henry, Louis and Eva Aubry.

Anita Dewhurst in honor of Paul Dewhurst.

Rex and Allene Donley in honor of our daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Jeff Sexton.

Rex and Allene Donley in honor of our grandson, Xander Sexton.

Bill and Lois Dorsett in memory of our daughter-in-law, Linda Dorsett.

Bill and Lois Dorsett in honor of our children and grandchildren.

In memory of Helen Louise Drew from her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Sibyl and Justus Edmondson in loving memory of their son, Mark, whose birthday was December 12th.

Marilyn Elder, Alicia Marriott and Aaron Elder in loving memory of Philip Elder.

Peggye Enlow and family in loving memory of Bill Enlow.

Jon and Linda Ferris to honor Sue Baier Ferris.

Jon and Linda Ferris to honor Craig Ferris, Sr.

Jon and Linda Ferris to honor Craig Ferris, Jr.

Jon and Linda Ferris to honor the Rev. Murray Dickson and in honor of Nova Dickson.

Jon and Linda Ferris to honor Bishop Paul Galloway.

Jon and Linda Ferris to honor Elizabeth Galloway.

Jon and Linda Ferris to honor Elsie Schumacher.

In loving memory of Robert W. Foreman, a wonderful husband and father, from Donna and family.

Linda and Marc Frazier, Marcy Huigens, Lynn Goldberg and Kim Teis in loving memory of their parents and grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Buford Sellen.

Linda and Marc Frazier, Marcy Huigens and Lynn Goldberg in loving memory of their parents and grandparents, Ruth and Orville Frazier.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Gary in memory of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Floyd Gary and Mr. and Mrs. Paul George Brewster.

Chuck and Charlene Gibson in honor of Cheryl and Mark, Connor, Preston and Owen Hasting.

Chuck and Charlene Gibson in honor of Charlotte and Brian and Emily and Brandon Cook.

In honor of Chuck and Charlene Gibson by Mark, Cheryl, Connor, Preston and Owen Hasting.

In loving memory of Armon and Jeanine Bost by Tom and Beverly Golden and family.

In loving memory of Julie Golden by Tom and Beverly Golden and sisters, Dathel and Laura.

In loving memory of Court and Loyce Golden by Tom and Beverly Golden and family.

Jean Gomez in memory of her husband, Ralph G. Gomez.

Jean Gomez in memory of her mother, Opal M. Brooke.

In honor of Martha Jo Bradley by Shari and Lynn Goodwin.

In memory of Charles Ward and in honor of Mary Ward by the Goodwin family.

In memory of Bob Purinton and in honor of Janet Purinton, by Lynn and Shari Goodwin.

Evedna Gordon and family in

loving memory of Clarence Gordon.

Evedna Gordon and family in loving memory of Ella Whitman Yirsa.

Becky Griffis in loving memory of husband and best friend, Patrick Griffis.

Dr. and Mrs. Nolan Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Tag Gross, Cooper Lee and Hagan and Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Hicks, Maggie Boone and Kate in memory of our father and grandfather, V. L. "Tag" Gross.

Dr. and Mrs. Nolan Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Tag Gross, Cooper Lee and Hagan and Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Hicks, Maggie Boone and Kate in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hagan.

Alice Grubb in memory of Dr. Robert Grubb.

Alice Grubb and family in memory of Judge and Mrs. William McCarty and Rev. and Mrs. Chester Grubb.

In memory of Bob Purinton, from Beth and Scott Hall.

In honor of Janet Purinton and David and MaryLou Hall, from Beth and Scott Hall.

Mary Halterman in loving memory of her husband, John W. Halterman, Jr.

Mary Halterman in honor of our children, Ken and family and Jonna and family.

Perry and Pat Hammond in loving memory of our daughter, Susan J. Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hanson in memory of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Derrick.

Cindy and John Harmon in memory of her parents, Walter and Evalena Johnson.

Cindy and John Harmon in memory of his parents, Mary E. and Dub Harmon.

Cindy and John Harmon in loving memory of their dear friend, Joan Fogleman.

In honor of our parents, Tom and Sue Harrington, by Bryan and Kristin Harrington.

In honor of our parents, Robert and Arlene Fulton, by Bryan and Kristin Harrington.

Brent, Barbara, Elizabeth and Emily Hartsell in memory of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Wright, Jr., Mrs. W. M. Wilcox, and Mary Hartsell.

Julie Haslam, children and grandchildren in loving memory of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stephens and Dr. Gib Haslam.

In honor of Kerry and Jamie, by Gloria and Les Hauger.

In memory of Ed Franks, by the Bruce and Michelle Horgen family and Wanda Franks.

In memory of Orlin Horgen, by Bruce and Michelle Horgen and family.

Gwen Humphrey in memory of Hazel Humphrey and Paul Humphrey.

Nick and Jeannine Hunter and family in memory of his parents, Jane Staples Hunter and Scott Hunter and her father, Joe Bob Gale, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Imon McCain.

Nick and Jeannine Hunter in honor of their grandchildren.

John M. Imel and family in loving memory of Patricia Carney Imel, our wife and mother, and in memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Andre B. Carney.

Jean James in memory of Allen James, Jr.

Jean James in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pray.

Jean James in memory of her niece, Dianne Baugh Fisher.

Sally Jeffrey in memory of Wilfred Jeffrey.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Johnson, Jr., in memory of his parents, Frances and Bryan Johnson, and his sister, Joanne Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Johnson, Jr., in memory of her father, Connie M. Francis, and her mother and stepfather, Raymond and Edna Gilbreath.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Johnson, Jr., in honor of our grandchildren, Allison, Paul, John, Sarah, Abigail and Katherine.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Johnson in memory of Charles and Ida Foster and Thomas R. Jones, Jr.

Carol Johnston in memory of O. B. Johnston.

Jack D. Jones and Alexa Pryce in memory of Dorian L. Pryce.

The Phil and Marilyn Keeter family in memory of Virginia B. and James J. Keeter.

The Phil and Marilyn Keeter family in honor of Kimberly

DeMarco and Austin.

Phil and Marilyn Keeter in honor of Kelly, John, Amanda and Zachary Roth.

Phil and Marilyn Keeter in honor of Scott, Cheri and Morgan Keeter.

The Phil and Marilyn Keeter family in memory of Margaret and Robert Carter.

The Phil and Marilyn Keeter family in memory of his brother, Jack P. Keeter.

Randy and Amy Keeton in honor of Sean, Katie, Samantha and Jamie Keeton, Tom Keeton, Chris Keeton, Cassie Keeton and Piper Lukert.

Randy and Amy Keeton in memory of Tristan Lukert.

Max Herrera and Randy and Amy Keeton in memory of Nancy Herrera.

Ilene Kennon and family in memory of Lee Kennon and Davie and Don Parisho.

Donald A. Kihle and family in memory of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kihle.

Don and Judy Kihle in honor of their children and grandson.

Judy Kihle in honor of my husband, Don.

The Jim Kincaid family in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Kincaid.

The Jim Kincaid family in memory of Lena M. Burke.

The Jim Kincaid family in honor of Aloah Kincaid.

Jim and Aloah Kincaid in honor of their grandchildren.

In memory of Earl Duncan, whose birthday was December 24th, from James and Jean Knighten.

Carolyn Krueger in loving memory of her parents, Wylma and Harry Krueger.

In loving memory of Jim Lambert, by Linda Lambert.

In loving memory of Richard Latty, our beloved son and brother, by Maxine Latty Lees and Garry.

Jan Lenox in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lenox.

Roy James Lewis in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis and Thomas D. Lewis.

Chris and Becky Lincoln in memory of our fathers, Dewey Smith and Philip Lincoln.

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# B.A. family update Youth News!! . . .

## Deaths

**Katie McCracken** died November 16, 2009. Services were held November 21, 2009, at Sunny Lane Cemetery in Oklahoma City. Survivors include her sister-in-law, Laurene Needham, of Tulsa.

**Louise Buntin** died November 17, 2009. Services were held November 23 at Memorial Park Chapel. Survivors include her husband Lee, of Sand Springs, and daughter, Teresa Moydell.

## Marriages

**James Price** and **Constance Dean** were married on November 13, 2009, at Boston Avenue by the Rev. EvaMarie Campbell.

## Hospitalized Last Week

**St. John** - Dale McKenzie, Fran Wozencraft

**St. Francis** - Pat Childers, Abbie Lyons, Melba Weaver, Michael Wheeler

**OSU Med Ctr** - Tim Smiley

# Gifts and Memorials

## GENERAL ENDOWMENT In memory of Lois Adams

By: Gwen Coulter

## MISSION ENDOWMENT In memory of Lois Adams

By: Steven and Marilyn Been

By: Robert and Dolores Ritter

## MUSIC FUND

## In memory of Ruby Braxton Evans

By: James Houpe

# Christmas offering ... (continued)

### For older adults:

**Methodist Manor** cares for residents. Some need financial help.

Our **United Methodist nursing homes** also provide quality care for both those who can pay and those who cannot

**Meals on Wheels** provides nourishing food and human contact

### For all ages:

**Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry** promotes interfaith understanding.

**Cookson Hills Center** cares for families living in poverty.

**Prison Ministry** helps ex-offenders start a new life.

**Chemical Dependency Programs** help

## Senior High news

Way to GO Bay Troupe!! We were all rooting for you this weekend as you performed BARNUM! Two sold out shows...WOW! It takes a village to put together a show of this magnitude, and special thanks to everyone who has given so many hours to put together such a fantastic performance!

DTBA....is....**BACK!!** Join us on December 2 for our annual Child SHARE Christmas shopping night from 7:00-8:30 (note time extension)! Meet in Jubilee Hall at 7:00 and we will travel to Target to SHOP! Bring \$\$ to share if you are able. It's a wild and crazy night that is so much fun AND amazingly rewarding as we share what we have with someone else!! I hope you will mark your calendars, save your money and make an extra effort to join us this week!

As we celebrate Thanksgiving- take a few quiet moments to thank God for all the blessings (large and small) in your lives. Make an effort to **show** your families and friends how much you love them. It can be really fun to share the generous love of God with people in unexpected ways!

Counting YOU among my many blessings! - Audra

## 7th and 8th Grade

When I think of all of the many blessings that are in my life, I count each of you!! I am so very fortunate to be part of our church family and am looking forward to getting back to our Wednesday evening youth group so we can catch up.

This Wednesday evening, December 2, is our annual shopping trip to Target to purchase gifts for Child SHARE children. Bring some money to donate towards the gifts, if you can, and meet in Jubilee Hall at 7:00. We will return to church no later than 8:30 p.m.

Want to help with a Day Center Meal on Sunday evening, Nov. 29th? We can use you. Let me know with a phone call or e-mail.

## Confirmation Youth

What a great class!!! Thank you for helping with our outreach project of purchasing gifts for children. Your thoughtfulness will be a blessing to children around the state.

If you have not been part of our Wednesday evening youth, come this week. We will be filling bags of candy for Neighbor for Neighbor's children's Christmas parties. Meet Diana Bland on the third floor from 7-8:00 p.m. and candy samples will be available.

This Sunday, November 29th is our evening to provide a meal at the Day Center for the Homeless. I hope you have already signed up with Jo Ann Stafford to help, but if not, it is never too late to help others. Thanksgiving weekend is a great time to provide a meal for those without a family or home. You can be a blessing to someone else, and I look forward to seeing you with helping hands and hearts.

Giving thanks for each of you! - Debbie

people break drug and alcohol addictions

**United Methodist Committee on Relief** provides aid after disasters.

**Oklahoma VIM Director** helps arrange volunteer-in-mission trips to help others

**Urban Ministries and Neighborhood Services Organization** helps needy families

### For the church:

**Congregational Development** helps to start new Oklahoma U.M. churches

**Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference** supports Native American congregations

**Rio Grande Conference** aids struggling churches along the Mexico border

**Mt. Sequoyah Assembly Grounds** provides retreat facilities for the jurisdiction



# Thanks, Barnum cast and crew!

What a great show! The many hours of hard work by this year's **Barnum** cast and crew resulted in a wonderful performance. The show was a treat for all who attended!

Congratulations to cast members Scott Solomon, Rachel Tallent, Kelsey Luks, Johnna Colbry, Allison Hardin, Madeline McMahon, Larkin and Molleigh McCann, Erika Loney, Jacob Brockunier, Katie and Ali Wonderly, Joseph and Woody Daniel, Luke Panciera, Caitrin Sneed, David Tedder, Marisa Morgan, Katie Brownlee, Hannah and Luke Bland, Maggie Duncan, Taylor and Adam Fogle, Samantha Rogers, Kendal Painter, Rhett Blankenship, Lindsley and Lauren Aycock, Sarah Kelly, Emily Wallace, Madison Gradney, manissa Nichols, Danielle McPherson, Darryl Kilman, Bobby Tankersley, Jacob Brockunier, Paige Linn, Joey Geresi, Nicholas Klein, Dylan Hatley, Betsy Hays, Claire Milburn, and David Reck.

More photos and crew members' names will appear next week.

# UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

The **Executive Committee** will meet Thursday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Oxford Room.

The **Unit Meeting** will be a catered luncheon that same day at 11:00 a.m. in the little dining room. Dr. Gwen Humphrey will present a beautiful Christmas program followed by the 2010 Unit officers' installation service. There will also be a memorial service for members who died during the past year.

# Sunday Worship

November 29, 2009

The First Sunday in Advent

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:30 a.m. Advent Candle Lighting

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

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

Sermon: "IS 'LITTLE APOCALYPSE' AND OXYMORON?!"

Mark 13:24-37

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

### Music:

Prelude: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.....arr Sandra Eithun  
The Festival Ringers

Anthem: Keep Your Lamps.....arr. André Thomas  
The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Wake, Awake.....John Horman  
The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Offertory: Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming.....arr. J. Raney  
The Festival Ringer

Postlude: Toccata on *Veni, Emmanuel*.....Andrew Carter

Hymns: 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

719 My Lord, What a Morning

202 People Look East

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

6:00 p.m. Advent Vesper Communion Service

## Advent poinsettias.....(continued)

Chris and Becky Lincoln in honor of our mothers, Doris Smith and Gail Lincoln.

Chris and Becky Lincoln in honor of our children, Emily and Justin Crooks, Nicholas and Meagan Staat and Todd Lincoln.

Chris and Becky Lincoln in honor of our grandchildren, Lincoln Avery Crooks and Lauren Olivia Crooks.

Becky Lincoln in honor of her husband, Chris Lincoln.

Dr. and Mrs. Bill Loughridge in memory of his parents, Elizabeth and Floyd Loughridge, and his sister, Floydena Cobb.

Dr. and Mrs. Bill Loughridge in memory of her parents, Faye and Jim Harrell.

Dr. and Mrs. Bill Loughridge in honor of our children and their families.

Nick and Conny Lucas and children in honor of Mary Frances Burns and in loving memory of Calvin Burns and Harry and Mildred Lucas.

Nick and Conny Lucas in loving memory of our grandparents.

Nick and Conny Lucas in loving memory of our brothers, Scott Burns and Pat Lucas.

Robert and Betty Lundgren and family in memory of Betty's mother, Helen Broom.

Robert and Betty Lundgren and family in memory of his parents, Ed and Annie Lundgren.

Susie Martin in loving memory of Homer Martin.

Ray Masters in loving memory of Jean Masters.

Ray Masters in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Guy M. Masters and Brian Ashbaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sherry.

Bob and Louise McGill in memory of her parents, Dr. C. Delmar and Naomi Thomas, and his parents, M. P. and Edna McGill.

Carol, Mike, Charlie, Andrew and Madeline McMahan in memory of Charles E. Niederer.

Carol, Mike, Charlie, Andrew and Madeline McMahan in memory of June and William McMahan.

In memory of Thomas L. McPherson, Sr., from Evelyn McPherson, the Mary and John Campbell family, and the Tom and Sherry McPherson family.

In memory of Frederick Arthur Post, by Herman and Lee

Meyer.

In memory of Helen Dickerman Post, by Herman and Lee Meyer.

In memory of Herman Meyer, by Herman and Lee Meyer.

In memory of Willie Alice Moore Meyer, by Herman and Lee Meyer.

In memory of Alice Meyer Bohle, by Herman and Lee Meyer.

John Meyer in memory of Leo and Jennie Marie Lutz and C. J. Minnis.

John Meyer in memory of Helen and John Jason Meyer and Winifred and Frank Pinet.

John Meyer honor of Patricia Lutz.

John Meyer in memory of Margaret J. Meyer.

Brenda Miller and Mark Lee in memory of Erma and Carl Lee.

Brenda Miller and Mark Lee in memory of Lucille and John Wallerowitz.

Brenda Miller and Mark Lee in memory of Mr. Durward Hancock.

Brenda Miller and Mark Lee in memory of Mrs. Margaret Lorene Anderson.

Brenda Miller and Mark Lee in memory of Iris Vandergriff.

In memory of husband and father, Keith Miller, from his loving family.

Gwen Mitchell in memory of Ray Mitchell.

Carolyn Morrison in memory of Dr. Lee Ray Morrison.

Darole and Judy Mott in memory of her brother, J. Bruce Harvey.

Darole and Judy Mott in honor of their children, Alex, Nick, and Stephanie.

Jinny Mudd in loving memory of her husband, Johnny, and her father, James B. White, whose birthday was December 25th.

Sue Neil, Holly and MaryBeth in honor of Claire, Grace and Audrey.

Irene Nelson in memory of her husband, Jesse G. Nelson, Jr.

In memory of Earl L. Parker, Jr., by Barbara Parker.

In memory of our parents, from Kathryn and Lloyd A. Parker, Sr.

In honor of our family, from Kathryn and Lloyd A. Parker, Sr.

Page Parker in memory of her husband, Milton H. Parker.

Page Parker in honor of her children and grandchildren.

Rev. Wayne and Katherine Parker in honor of their 25th anniversary.

Lois Payne and family in loving memory of Paul B. Payne.

In loving memory of Edwin Pence, by his family.

In memory of Leonard Perkins, by his wife, children and grandchildren.

Clara Perkins in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Boevers, her brothers, Bill and Jack Boevers, her grandson, Ethan Perkins, and her nephew, Greg Hicks.

Clara Perkins in honor of George, Leslie, Ian, Logan, Michael, Deborah and Tyler Perkins.

In loving memory of Ralph W. Phillips, by his daughter, Ann Phillips.

In loving memory of Ralph W. Phillips, by his grandson, Drew Phillips.

David and Melissa Pillars in loving memory of her father, Harry H. Jones.

David and Melissa Pillars in loving memory of his mother, Shirley Pillars.

Debbie Pinkerton in honor of her grandchildren, Dustin and Brittany Sewell and Jack, Sam and Anna Pinkerton.

Debbie Pinkerton in memory of her parents, Bert and Sparky Williams and Jean and Carl Pinkerton.

The Rainey family in memory of George H. Rainey.

In loving memory of Lowell Rainwater, by his family.

Kevin Raley in honor of Holly, McKenna and Leah.

Mrs. William J. Rea and James Griffin Rea in memory of her parents and his grandparents, Stephen and Virginia Holloway.

Rob, Frieda, Daniel and David Reck in memory of Frieda B. and Seth Gettys, Jr.

Brenda Reed in memory of Robert Reed.

Brenda Reed in memory of her parents, Geneva and Harley Whitmore.

Louise Reid and Linda Reid in loving memory of their husband and father, John Reid.

Louise Reid and Linda Reid

in memory of John's parents and Linda's grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. Finley Reid.

Louise Reid and Linda Reid in memory of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Baker.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Rhodes, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mason, by Dr. Rollie and Sammie Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ritter in memory of our parents, Eva and Robert E. Ritter and Melvin and Evelyn Jarnagin.

Glenna and Dee Roberts in loving memory of her parents, Glenn and Vida Miksch.

Lynnell, Bill and James Rochester and their families in loving memory of their parents, Bill and Sarah Rochester.

Lynnell, Bill and James Rochester and their families in memory of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Rochester and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones, and their uncle, George Jones.

The Don Rubottom family in memory of their parents, Sam and Olive Stockton and George and Nellie Rubottom.

Bill and Shirley Schillinger in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Liptack.

Bill and Shirley Schillinger in memory of Willy A. Schillinger and Louis Dattle.

Bill and Shirley Schillinger in honor of Norma Dattle and Cathy and Christy Schillinger.

Bill and Shirley Schillinger in honor of Rusty, Dina, Alec and Eric Schillinger.

Doris Schmidt in loving memory of Sharon Corbitt.

Landon, Trenton and Steven Schnitzer in honor of Dr. and Mrs. A. Merrill Schnitzer and in memory of Linda Kay Schnitzer.

Charles and Sharon Scott in memory of his parents, Charles and Rita Scott.

Charles and Sharon Scott in memory of her mother and father, Ann and Ed Haworth.

In loving memory of Sue Searcy, by her family.

Richard and Sherri Segnar in loving memory of our parents, J. B. and Margie Pierce and Harry and Thelma Segnar.

Richard and Sherri Segnar in honor of our grandchildren, Zack and Kati Rice, Michael and Jacob Segnar, and Kelli Klepcyk.

Jeff and Angela Sexton in honor of her parents, Rex and Allene Donley.

Jeff and Angela Sexton in honor of his mother, Marian Sexton.

Jeff and Angela Sexton in honor of Martha Eskridge and in loving memory of Hillis Eskridge.

Jeff and Angela Sexton in honor of Alexander Sexton.

Rita Singer in memory of my grandmother, Maudie Hobbs.

Rita Singer in honor of my children, Alexa and Austen Laur.

Rita Singer in honor of my granddaughter, Charlotte Jade Laur.

Bob Skalla and family in memory of Carol Skalla.

Bob Skalla and family in memory of his brother, Murl Skalla.

Joyce Newell Skalla in honor of her children and grandchildren.

Joyce Newell Skalla in memory of her mother, father, stepfather and brother.

Sandy Bewley Skinner in loving memory of her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. John Daniel Bewley.

Sandy Bewley Skinner in honor of my loved ones, Joseph and Judy Bewley Jabbour and family.

Darlyn Slater in loving memory of Leslie Slater.

Cecil and Jeanne Brosius-Smith in memory of her parents, Lillian and Harold Brosius and his parents, Fern and Leighton Smith.

Cecil and Jeanne Brosius-Smith in memory of our brothers, Gerald Smith, Jimmy Brosius, Jack Brosius, Richard Brosius, and our daughter-in-law, Debbie Smith.

Cecil and Jeanne Brosius-Smith in honor of our children and grandchildren.

In honor of Pearl and Louise from Gary and Patti Smith.

Erma Spann and family in loving memory of Dr. Logan Spann.

Erma Spann and family in loving memory of Ruth, Rubert, and Craig Spann.

Brenda, Laurie, and Marilyn Spencer in loving memory of Brett A. Spencer.

In honor of Marilyn Spencer and in memory of Gordon Spencer, by their children.

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## Advent poinsettias.....(continued)

In memory of Garrett Staat, Jr., from Paul and Mary Staat.

In memory of Garrett Staat, Jr., from his grandchildren, Katherine Staat, Nicholas Staat and Emily Crooks.

Betty Lee Stalder in memory of her husband, Robert W. Stalder.

Tammy, Lee, Jennifer and Marc Solis in memory of Robert Stalder, their father and grandfather.

Margaret Stalnaker, Whitley Cox, Jr., and family in memory of their parents, Whitley and Mary Jane Cox.

Margaret Stalnaker and family in loving memory of Woodrow M. Stalnaker, Jr.

Virginia Steele and family in memory of Byron Steele, Jr., M.D.

Virginia Steele and family in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Byron Steele and Mr. and Mrs. George Timm.

Kathy Swift in loving memory of her husband, Jim Swift.

Lisa, Denzil, Rachel and Lauren Tallent in loving memory of Jim and Billie Sheets.

Lauren and Rachel Tallent in memory of our Uncle Greg.

Dwight and Judy Thomas in honor of Loan Vo and Creighton Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Thomas in honor of Nanci, Jim and Bill Calderwood.

In memory of Gretchen Thomas, by her loving family.

In memory of Claude L. Jones and Eleanor B. Jones by Judy, Dave and Jordan Thompson.

Suzanne W. Tips in loving memory of her father and mother, Haven L. Williams and Verona Williams Stolz, and her brother, Jack H. Williams.

Sunny Transue in memory of her son, John Sage Odom.

Susie Treadwell in loving memory of her husband Jim, and her son, Jim Treadwell, Jr.

Earl and Joanna Tuers, children and grandchildren in memory of Jim Duck.

Earl and Joanna Tuers and Scott Griffin in memory of Sylvia Tuers.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Doug and Evelyn Beard and Gordon and Pat Tyler, and in honor of our children and grandchildren, Laurie, Jamie, Tyler and Ashley Wilson and Christie and Ian Forbes, by Burt and Sybil Tyler.

In memory of Ruby Blount Davie and William Shields Davie, by Hays and Sheila VanHersh.

In memory of William VanHersh, by Hays and Sheila VanHersh.

Stuart and Jean Wamsley in loving memory of Jody Olewine.

Glenn and Cynthia Ward in loving memory of our fathers, Jess Ward and Billy D. Michael.

Mary Ward in memory of Charles Ward.

Gladys Whetstine in memory of her husband, Harry.

Dr. and Mrs. Greg Williams in memory of our loved ones, Joe Coppinger, L. L. Smith, Beth Jacobs, Jackie Smith, Joe Lowery and Dr. Pat Williams.

Margaret Muir-Willis in loving memory of Parke D. Muir

Margaret Muir-Willis in loving memory of Howard A. Willis.

Bob, Natalie, Pete and Jayme Willis in memory of Amber Donn Lightwine.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Witt in memory of Louise and Warren Voigt.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Witt in memory of W. G. and Annis Witt.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Witt in honor of our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Dale and Vivian Wood in honor of our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Don, Tammy, Shelby and Ryan Wood in honor of Dale and Vivian Wood.

Don, Tammy, Shelby and Ryan Wood in memory of Tammy's parents, Lois and Merle Youngland.

In honor of Lucille Wooden, age 104, by Rev. Richard and Peggy Ziglar.

Don and Elise Woolsey in honor of our daughter, Katie Roberts, and our grandchildren, Kyle and Megan.

## Charter for Compassion extends as outreach to needy

Organizers of the recent Charter for Compassion meeting are now collecting gloves for needy Tulsans as an outreach of compassion. They will be collecting them the next few weeks, and there is a box in Bishops' Hall for any donations. They would appreciate any help with the collection.

## Class News

### Heritage

Remember our outreach projects for Methodist Manor, Blue Star Moms, Holy Joe's, and our adopted family for Christmas.

Our December social is Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Perlingieres' and the Hopkins'.

### Homebuilders

Our Christmas party will be December 4 on the fourth floor in the Senior High department.

### Horizons

Our Respite Christmas party is Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Maranatha

Our Christmas party is December 11.

### New Covenant

Our Christmas party is December 20, 1:30-3:00 at Lewis and Ruth Ann Thompson's home.

### New Frontiers

Our Christmas party at the Harringtons' is December 12 at 6:00 p.m..

### Pilgrimage

Children's Home donations should be brought unwrapped and those for Mohawk Manor should be wrapped. Both can be brought to class.

### Roundtable

On December 10 we will go Christmas caroling from 4-9:00 at University Village and then go out to eat. Our Christmas party is December 13.

### Wesley Fellowship

Mark your calendars for December 6 at the Tulsa Country Club. We will celebrate and recall other Christmas gatherings as Mary Helen Stanley reviews the book *Finding Noel*.

### Young Adults

Our Christmas party will be December 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Jason Money's home.

## Advent preparations underway

Choirs and instrumental ensembles are rehearsing, the live nativity tableau is taking shape, and staff members and volunteers are all bustling around getting ready for the many special activities and worship services. Advent is almost underway!

At right, Carolyn Morrison has already prepared over 3,000 candles and arranged them in baskets for the Christmas Eve candlelight services. She volunteers for this task every year.



Carolyn Morrison

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday - November 29

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
8:30 Cantabile Rehearsal  
9:30 Communion Service  
9:30 Advent Candle lighting  
9:40 Faith Academy  
9:40 Sunday School  
10:40 Children's Worship  
11:00 Worship Service  
12 noon Confirmation Luncheon  
12 noon Blood drive  
12:10 p.m. Communion  
4:30 p.m. Camerata rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Advent Vespers  
7:00 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels

### Monday - November 30

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
5:30 p.m. Parenting class  
6:00 Men's basketball  
6:30 Disciple I  
6:30 Disciple IV  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 20  
**Tuesday - December 1**  
9:00 Weekday School  
9:00 Lectionary Class  
5:45 p.m. Camerata rehearsal  
7:00 Square Dance class

### Wednesday - December 2

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
5:00 p.m. Snack Supper  
5:00 Capriccio Ringers  
5:00 Chorister Ringers  
5:45 Carillon Ringers  
5:45 Jubilation Ringers  
6:00 Chapel Choir  
6:30 Festival Ringers  
6:30 LIFE Group for Kids  
7:00 DTBA - Senior High  
7:00 DTBA - Middle School  
7:30 Chancel Choir

### Thursday - December 3

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
9:30 UMW Executive Meeting  
11:00 UMW Unit Meeting  
11:00 Program Staff  
5:30 p.m. Celebration Ringers  
6:00 PCCT Parenting Classes

### Friday - December 4

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
10:00 Quilting for Others  
5:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous  
6:30 p.m. Respite Care  
**Saturday - December 5**  
10 a.m. Camerata rehearsal

## Sunday School lessons this week at a glance...

### Adult Classes for Sunday, November 29, 2009 Visitors are welcome in all classes.

**Dr. Biggs' Class** - "The Greatest Stories in the Bible"  
**Homebuilders** - Marita Morgan and senior high youth  
**Horizons** - Dale Mills, "Christianity"  
**Maranatha** - Advent series taught by class members  
**New Covenant** - Dr. David Robbins, *I Corinthians*  
**Pilgrimage** - Jacques and Cindy Cunningham, "Bahama mission"  
**Seek & Discover** - Terri Brannin, "Missions"  
**Wesley Fellowship** - Dr. Don Forsman  
**Young Adults** - Dr. Bill Crowell

## Lectionary Readings

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*Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19*  
*Joshua 3:7-17*  
*Mark 13:24-37*  
*I Corinthians 1:3-9*