



# THE WORD

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## Internationally renowned organist David Briggs to present 2011 Fred Elder Recital

Music lovers are in for a real treat next Sunday at 6:00! The 2011 Fred Elder Series is excited to have internationally renowned organist David Briggs as this year's recitalist! He is known for his ability to excite and engage audiences of all ages.

"I first heard David at the Southern Cathedrals Festival, which is presented by Salisbury, Winchester and Chichester Cathedrals," said Fred Elder, in whose honor the series was established. "He was amazing! Everyone was talking about him.

"He made the music so exciting. He's one of those rare, naturally-gifted artists."

With an extensive repertoire spanning five centuries, Mr. Briggs is increasingly known for his brilliant organ transcriptions of music written for full orchestras. Fascinated by the art of Improvisation as a child, he also frequently performs improvisations to silent films ranging from *Phantom of the Opera* to a variety of Charlie Chaplin movies.

At age 17, Mr. Briggs earned his Fellow of the Royal College of Organists diploma, winning all the prizes and the Silver Medal of the Worshipful Company of Musicians. From 1981-84 he was Organ Scholar at King's College, Cambridge University. He is the first British winner of the Tournemire Prize at the St Albans Inter-



national Improvisation Competition, and also won the first prize in the International Improvisation Competition at Paisley.

He is Organist Emeritus at Gloucester Cathedral.

Mr. Briggs' schedule includes more than 60 concerts a year, spanning several continents. Deeply committed to making organ music vibrant for future generations, he enjoys giving pre-concert lectures designed to make organ music more accessible

to all audiences. In addition, he teaches at Oxford and Cambridge, frequently serves on international organ competition juries, and gives master classes at colleges and conservatories across the U.S. and Europe.

He is also a prolific composer whose works range from full scale oratorios to instrumental solos. He has recorded a DVD and 30 CDs; many include his own compositions and transcriptions. For (See "Elder Recital" on page 4A)

## Dialogue begins Sunday at B.A.

The first session of this year's Interfaith Dialogue will begin this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in Jubilee Hall. The session will be moderated by Dr. Bill Crowell and will end long before the Super Bowl begins.

"Medical Dilemmas of Living and Dying in America" is the title of this year's three-part series, which is sponsored by OCCJ. All sessions are free and open to the public.

"Living vs. Dying: The Costs," is the topic Sunday with Dr. Jeff Alderman and Dr. Kevin Donovan from the OU School of Community Medicine. Most health-care dollars go to patients in their last six months of life. Many want to die at home, but typically do not. The technology that sustains us at the end presents enormous ethical challenges. Are there more cost-effective, less controversial interventions?

Session 2, "Who Cares & How," begins at 2:00 p.m. February 13 at Peace Academy, 4620 S. Irvington – What happens when people stop seeing disease as a battleground? Is palliative care an acceptable response to terminal illness?

Session 3, "Meaning in the Shadows," meets Feb. 20 at Congregation B'nai Emunah, 17<sup>th</sup> and Peoria – Is death the end? How can we leave a legacy? Can death be part of a beautiful and fulfilling life?

For information visit [www.occjok.org](http://www.occjok.org) or call 918-583-1361.

## Dr. Robert E. Long will present the 2011 Barton Clinton Gordey Series

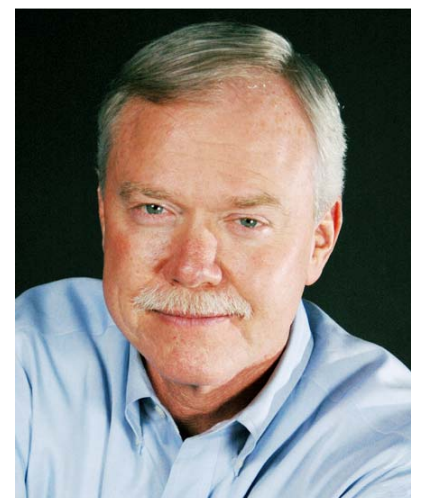
The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Long is coming to Boston Avenue to present this year's Barton Clinton Gordey Series. You won't want to miss him!

Dr. Long is in his twentieth year as pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. St. Luke's Church is 121 years old with a membership of over 6,000. His popular Something to Think About radio series can be heard each weekday on Magic 104.1 FM and WWLS SportsTalk Radio.

In 1979, Dr. Long was appointed to start a new church in southwest Houston called Mission Bend. He began with two members – his wife and himself. Eight and a half years later, Mission Bend had 1,700 members with an average Sunday attendance of 760.

He then was appointed to Bear Creek UMC in Houston. During his three years there the church received more than 1,500 new mem-

(See "Dr. Long" on page 4A)



**Dr. Robert E. Long**



## From the Pastor's Study

*Mouzon Biggs, Jr.*

Dr. Walter Brueggemann, our Barton Clinton Gordey presenter next year, has written that King Uzziah died in 742 B.C.E. We know that Tiglath-Pileser III had come to the throne in Assyria three years before, in 745 B.C.E. He had already begun to add new territories to those he inherited. Twenty years after King Uzziah's death, the Assyrians would obliterate the ten northern tribes of Israel, erasing them from history.

When his king died, Uzziah went to the Temple in Jerusalem. His experience there is recorded in this week's lection.

In 1963 our country was engaged in a long, dangerous "Cold War" with the Soviet Union. On November 22 of that year our President was assassinated in the streets of Dallas.

In the next few days millions of Americans went to their churches, temples, synagogues, and mosques. Did you have an experience anything like the one Isaiah experienced?

Dr. Brueggemann continues, "This text is commonly taken as an outline of right worship. It has four movements."

The sermon I am writing will be "NOVEMBER 22, 1963 - REMEMBER WHERE YOU WERE?"

## Meet our newest members



**Gordon, Donna, Jack and Kate Bode** joined Sunday. Gordon is a self-employed broker and Donna works for Bank of Oklahoma. Jack is a student at Jenks High School and Kate attends Jenks Intermediate School.



**Megan Bryant and Alex Roby** joined last Sunday. They are engaged to be married. Megan is completing a degree in dietetics at Oklahoma State University and Alex is a senior in the OSU Medical School.



**Kiran Pace** joined recently. She is participating in the nursing program at Tulsa Community College and is also a part-time instructor at T.C.C.

## B.A. update

### Altar Flowers

Mick and Susan Champion and family in memory of their parents, **Ward and Adele Champion** and **Jane Cansler**; their grandmothers, **Dorothy Champion** and **Mildred Witherspoon**; and **Aunt Ruth H. Parmenter**.

In loving memory of **Elizabeth Cox**, whose birthday was February 1st, by her family.

In loving memory of **Julie Anne Hackenberger**, daughter of David and Carolyn Shorten.

In loving memory of **Bob Purinton**, whose birthday was February 3rd, by Janet Purinton and Beth and Scott Hall.

### Deaths

**Lloyd Willis** died January 22, 2011. Services will be held at a later date. Survivors include his daughter, Cathy and Alan Perlingiere of Tulsa.

**Agnes Janco** died January 26, 2011. Services will be held February 5 at 11:00 a.m. at Boston Avenue with Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating. Survivors include her son, Joel Janco, daughter-in-law, Shirley and Charlie Hawkins; and grandsons, Andrew, Steve and Jay Janco and Ross Hawkins.

### Hospitalized Last Week

**St. John** - Virginia Buoen, Jennifer Smiley, Tammy Solis

**St. Francis** - Betty Floyd, Deidra Wakeley, Melba Weaver, LaSandra Williams

**Hillcrest** - Cori Burchart, Pauline Jones

**SouthCrest** - Hazel Ortloff

## Dr. Long ... (continued)

bers and became the fifth fastest-growing United Methodist congregation in America.

Dr. Long has chaired the Russia Initiative of the Oklahoma Conference and helped found Ulyanovsk UMC. He is a private pilot and has built, flown and crashed his own airplane.

The series begins Sunday February 20, then continues Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow each evening presentation, and child care is available.

## Emmaus Applications Due

All who want to participate in the next Walk to Emmaus this spring need to submit completed applications as soon as possible. It takes about a month to fully prepare for all of the "pilgrims" and sponsors for each walk.

The number of individuals accepted for each Walk is limited, so don't be left out. If you are an Emmaus alumni and do not wish to be a sponsor, but would like to work behind the scenes with the support team, a form is now available so you can choose the job you would like to help with. Those should also be submitted as soon as possible.

Applications are available in Bishops' Hall. If you are not able to get one there but would like to be a part of this next walk, go to [www.greencountryemmaus.com](http://www.greencountryemmaus.com), download an application, then send it in to me at the church. The next two Walks are on March 24-27 for the men and April 7-10 for the women.

Hope to see you there. This is a life changing experience.

## Fred Elder Recital ... (continued)

more information, please visit his website, [www.david-briggs.org](http://www.david-briggs.org).

*Reviewers have said:*

"I have never heard a more thrilling performance and you may quote me to the ends of the earth (and beyond)." - Carlo Curley, International Organ Celebrity

"The playing is unquestionably marvellous: stupendous technical brilliance, musical imagination of the first order and breathless inspiration." - *The Organists' Review*, UK

"He is a consummate artist. His use of the .. organ displayed every possible combination of sound that one could imagine, and his improvisation left the audience in total amazement. He is clearly the equal of any organist in the world today." - James R. Metzler, Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Arkansas, USA

"The cathedral was abuzz with his virtuosity and invention!..." - John Scott, former Organist of St Paul's Cathedral, London, now Director Of Music, St Thomas Church, New York City

"His improvisations were incredible. 'King of Kings' will always remain a life-changing evening for me. - Dr Janette Fishell, Professor of Organ, East Carolina University, USA

"Few would have expected an hour of such stunning virtuosity, technical competence and musical excellence, the like of which has been heard only on a handful of occasions at this venue over the last decade" - (Sydney Organ Journal, Australia)



## Board approves tower waterproofing

The Administrative Board approved funding to tuck point and waterproof the tower this summer. The main building was waterproofed last year (above) so does not need to be redone. Funding was also approved for a new hot water heater and garbage disposal in the parlor kitchen.

# UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

**Circle W** will meet for supper on Tuesday, February 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the little dining room. They will study *For the Love of God: Letters of John*, the 2011 Spiritual Growth study, and make their 2011 pledges.

**Circle PM** will begin with refreshments Wednesday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Hostess Patricia Copenhagen will give the devotional. Marthanelle Jones will do a Reading Program book review.

**These circles will meet Thursday, February 10:**

**Circle B** will meet for refreshments at 10:00 a.m. in the Oxford Room. Ruth Ann Thompson will give the program about Asia Minor.

**Circle E** will meet in the church parlor at 10:00 a.m. for refreshments, and Carol Bean will bring the first of a series from *For the Love of God: Letters of John*.

**Circle H** will meet at the home of Louise Reid, 4322 E. 32nd St., with co-hostesses Beth Von Drehle and Eloise Rogers. Rev. David Wiggs will bring the program, "The World Outreach of the United Methodist Church."

**Joy Circle** will meet Monday, February 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Dolores Ritter will bring the UMW study, "The Beauty and Courage of Sudan."

**Circle of Grace** will meet Monday, February 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the Asbury Room. They will have their pledge service and welcome new members. Child care will be provided: For more information, contact Jill Nerio at jillnerio@hotmail.com.

**Have a prayer request?**

Call our prayer line at 699-0158

## Lectionary Readings February 6, 2011

Psalm 71:1-6  
 Jeremiah 1:4-10  
 Luke 4:21-30  
 I Corinthians 13:1-13

# Youth News! . . .

## Senior High news

Shalom! The cookies and hot chocolate, festive decorations, upbeat and thoughtful music, honest and challenging speakers- What a full-body worship experience!

Thank you to everyone - youth, musicians, servers, greeters, bakers, decorators, speakers, organizer, clean up crew and congregation for Sunday's Youth Vesper Service. Thanks to our youth, I have a more complete understanding of God's Shalom and want to share that relationship with others (well...at least MOST people!).

I am always moved when I am able to take a step back and allow our young people to truly lead. - God speaks and I am humbled.

With the expectation of snow this week, we are still hard at work organizing the 30-hour famine retreat this Friday, February 4, through Saturday, February 5. We have a place for you, but we MUST know that you are coming and have a registration form for you by WEDNESDAY, Feb 2 in order for you to be able to participate. Print one online and fax it back or drop it at the church on Wednesday.

Shalom and Shalom! - Audra

## 6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Thanks to all of our incredible mid-high and senior high youth who participated in our youth vespers Sunday evening. Your hospitality, music, and messages will remain in my heart as a reminder of the true meaning of shalom. Many adults lent a helping hand behind the scenes and for you, we are thankful.

As I write this article we are under a winter storm warning and it sounds like snow is on the way. Remember, if Tulsa Public Schools are closed, our youth programs are cancelled too. If you are in doubt about anything we have scheduled for mid-high, please check your email, as we will send out updates, or call my office and I will leave a message as to the status of an event.

**Wednesday** evening is our second in a series of talks by Operation Aware...

**Friday night** is our *Girls Only* dinner at my house. All 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls are invited. I will be cooking for you and looking forward to our time together....

**Saturday** our *basketball teams* will be playing at First UMC. Come cheer....

**Sunday** morning is *Friend in Faith* day for the Confirmation Class. You will meet with your mentor in Jubilee Hall during Sunday School. Our **7th and 8th** graders will begin a series on Christian ethics.

Have some winter fun, my friends, but stay safe and warm. Shalom, Debbie

# Gifts and Memorials

## GENERAL ENDOWMENT

**In memory of Frank Cox**

By: Robert and Mary Skonezny

By: Richard and Marjorie Neal

**In memory of Virginia Bingham**

By: Kirk and Dana

Boersma

**In memory of Robert Ritter**

By: Benny and Judy

Barridge

By: Homebuilders Class

By: Richard and Ann Gibbs

## MUSIC FUND

**In memory of Robert Ritter**

By: Jerry and Linda Hull

**In memory of Bettye**

McCarley

By: Glenn and Judith Elliott

**In memory of Rev. Richard Gibbens**

By: Rev. Wayne and

Katherine Parker

## PROJECT

## TRANSFORMATION

**In memory of Robert Ritter**

By: Jeanne Brosius-Smith and Cecil Smith

# Scenes from Sunday's Youth Vesper Service



# Sunday Worship

February 6, 2011

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

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

Sermon: "NOVEMBER 23, 1963-REMEMBER WHERE YOU WERE?"

Isaiah 6:1-8

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

## Music:

Prelude: To God Alone on High Be Glory ..... J. S. Bach

Anthem: Here I Am, Lord ..... D. Schutte; arr. Ovid Young

The Chapel Choir (8:30)

God Bless Families ..... Natalie Sleeth

The Academy Choraliars (11:00)

Offertory: I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing ..... Stephenson

The Jubilation Ringers

Anthem: I Shall Not Be Moved ..... arr. Alice Parker

The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Anthem of Dedication ..... Warren Martin

The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Postlude: Fancy for the Trumpet Stop ..... Jack Goode

Hymns: 126 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

121 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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

# Class News . . .

## Cornerstone

We will have a Super Bowl party at Ross at Kasi's this Sunday, February 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Brian Green-Young will be our teacher in February.

Happy birthday to Michelle Gaddis.

## Heritage

Our class will have a movie party on Friday, February 11. We will serve at the Day Center for the Homeless on March 11.

Dwight Thomas will be our teacher this week.

The Willises are celebrating an anniversary.

Thanks to Rev. Ken Tobler for his interesting lesson on Jonah. He talked about tolerance and obedience to God's will.

Our refreshments were provided by Evelyn McPherson last Sunday. This week the Emmons will bring them.

## Homebuilders

Rev. Ken Tobler will teach this week on "The Fascinating History of Philippians."

Carl Cartwright gave to missions for his birthday.

Keep Lloyd and Kathryn Parker in your prayers.

We appreciated the interesting series of lessons by Ruth Weston in January. She concluded it with "Methodists: The People of the Extreme Center."

Thanks to Don Rubottom for the coffee and Wanda Franks for the treats. We had 35 present.

## Horizons

We will have a Valentine social next Saturday, February 12, at the Young's. See your e-vite for more information.

We will have another Love Languages lesson by Shane this week. We thank him for teaching us last Sunday. Don't forget your homework. The Fernandezes will bring our treats.

Happy birthday to Alan and Dylan Stovall.

Thank you to the Thompsons for our treats.

## Maranatha

The Chili Supper is coming up on February 21.

This week Barbara Loyd

will teach us about "The Spiritual Aspects of Color."

Welcome to Suzanne Hood, who visited Sunday from Texas.

Happy birthday to Paul Giessen, Dave Been, Art Campbell, and Sherry Stinson.

Thanks to everyone who brought food for our brunch last Sunday.

## New Covenant

We will have a sing-a-long at the Lees' on February 13.

We will also attend the Chili Supper on February 21 together.

Jacques Cunningham will continue his lesson series on prayer this Sunday.

Jean Estep's great-granddaughter Hannah visited our class last week. Welcome.

Keep Ray Masters in your prayers.

Myra Critz and Gerry Arnold have prepared our class booklets. They will be ready this week.

Thanks to Carol Bean for the opening prayer, Joyce Byrne and Dorothy Nix for the music, and Les Brown for our treats.

## New Frontiers

The Linns will host an adult social on February 6. February 12 will be the men's fishing trip. More information will come from the Stricklands and Dills. On February 26 we will have dinner together at the Barrows'.

Carrie Dill is celebrating a birthday.

Keep Ashliann Payton's family in your prayers.

Thanks to the senior high youth for sharing their experience on their recent mission trip to Rio Bravo, Mexico. We thank them for their presence.

## Pilgrimage

We will be serving dinner at the Day Center for the Homeless on Friday, February 11. Be sure to sign up to bring food and to help serve. Our February outing will be dinner out after we serve.

Our speaker this Sunday will be Sheila Parr. You won't want to miss her lesson.

Thanks to Rick Brinkley for sharing his faith journey

and encouraging us to stand in the gaps when God gives us the opportunity.

We welcomed Reno and Mike Barsi and look forward to their joining us again.

Keep Deidra and Marilyn in your prayers.

## Roundtable

The staff luncheon is on February 24.

Rev. Brantley Tillery, minister at Redemption Church, will be our teacher this week.

We welcomed visitors Anne Payne and Pamela Pasley.

Dorothy Darland, Norman Dietert, and Jeanne Brosius-Smith are celebrating birthdays.

Our lesson last week was on "All you wanted to know about UMW."

A German pre-Lenten celebration is coming in March.

## Seek and Discover

Change the date. We will serve the evening meal at the Day Center for the Homeless on Friday, June 10, instead of in July. We want to go to the Drillers baseball game in May. It includes a hotdog luncheon.

We learned so much from Rev. Art McGrew - almost the entire history of our faith in 20 minutes. How can we change the world for tomorrow?

## Wesley Fellowship

Mary Helen made the following announcements: Joel Panciera wants devotionals for the Lenten Devotional booklet; sign up for cooking classes or a trip to Driller Park. We had a "thank you" letter from Restore Hope. Rollie and Carolyn led us in two hymns.

Virginia Sload and Loren Stout celebrated birthdays. Carol Johnston gave the devotional and prayer.

Dr. Bill Tankersley continued his lesson on the early formation of the church. We look forward to hearing Dr. Howard Plowman's lessons in the month of February.

There were 64 who braved the cold wind. Hope to see everyone Sunday! Blessings.

**For the latest church news,** follow us on Facebook or visit [http://](http://bostonavenue.okl.umportal.org)

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## Great Decisions begins Feb. 9

Our church will host a Great Decisions discussion group on Wednesdays, February 9 - March 30, 1:30-3:30 in room J222. Don Rubottom will serve as discussion leader.

The topics chosen for discussion include "Rebuilding Haiti," "National Security," "Horn of Africa," "Financial Crisis," "Germany ascendant," "Nonproliferation," "Crisis in the Caucasus," and "Global governance."

Study guides are available for \$15 at the information desk. Call Stan Teter, 307-8424 or Don Rubottom, 296-5561 to join.



## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday - February 6, 2011

8:30 a.m. Worship service  
9:30 Communion service  
9:40 Sunday School & Faith Academy  
10:40 Children's worship  
11:00 Worship service  
12:00 noon Mid-High Mosaic  
12:10 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing  
2:00 Christian Believer  
2:00 Interfaith Dialogue  
3:00 God & Country study for children

### Monday - February 7

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
9:30 History & Archives  
6:00 Men's basketball practice  
6:30 Jesus in the Gospels  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 20

### Tuesday - February 8

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
9:00 Overview of the Bible  
5:30 p.m. Sr. High basketball  
6:00 UMW Circle W

### Wednesday - February 9

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
1:30 p.m. Great Decisions class  
2:00 Pastoral Epistles Class  
5:00 Snack Supper  
5:00 Jubilation Ringers

5:00 Capriccio Ringers  
5:30 New Frontiers Class study  
5:30 Planning for Parents class  
5:50 Festival Ringers  
6:00 Chapel Choir  
6:00 LIFE Group for children  
6:30 Yoga class  
7:00 UMW PM Circle  
7:00 DTBA  
7:00 Carillon Ringers  
7:00 Chorister Ringers  
7:30 Chancel Choir

### Thursday - February 10

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
UMW Groups - See "UMW News" for details  
3:00 P.M. Church Women United  
5:30 Celebration Ringers  
5:30 Senior High boys basketball  
5:45 Work Area on Missions  
6:00 PCCT Parenting Classes  
6:30 Weekday Staff Meeting  
**Friday - February 11**  
9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
5:30 p.m. Heritage Class party  
5:30 Gamblers Anonymous  
6:30 Respite Care  
7:30 Mid-High Karaoke Party  
**Saturday - February 12**  
12:00 noon Mid Hi boys' basketball practice

## Sunday School at a glance...

*Adult Classes for Sunday, February 6, 2011*  
*Visitors are welcome in all classes.*

**Dr. Biggs' Class** - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages  
**College & Career** - to be announced  
**Cornerstone** - Brian Green-Young  
**Disciples** - to be announced  
**Heritage** - Dwight Thomas  
**Homebuilders** - Rev. Ken Tobler, "History of Philippi"  
**Horizons** - Shane Fernandez, "Love Languages"  
**Maranatha** - Barbara Loyd, "Spiritual Aspects of Color"  
**New Covenant** - Jacques Cunningham, "Prayer"  
**New Frontiers** - Angela Hooper, "Three Simple Rules"  
**Pilgrimage** - Sheila Parr  
**Roundtable** - Rev. Brantley Tillery, Redemption Ministries  
**Seek & Discover** - Rev. EvaMarie Campbell  
**Wesley Fellowship** - Dr. Howard Plowman