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**Pastor's Study
4A**



**New groups
forming 4A**



**Valentine
treat 5A**

Dr. Robert Long to present Barton Clinton Gordey Series beginning this Sunday

Worshippers are in for a treat this Sunday as the Barton Clinton Gordey Series begins! This year's presenter is the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Long, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City.

St. Luke's has become a strong, vibrant congregation in the twenty year that Dr. Long has pastored there. So many are drawn by his preaching, and his popular "Something to Think About" radio series can be heard each weekday on Magic 104.1 FM and WWLS SportsTalk Radio.

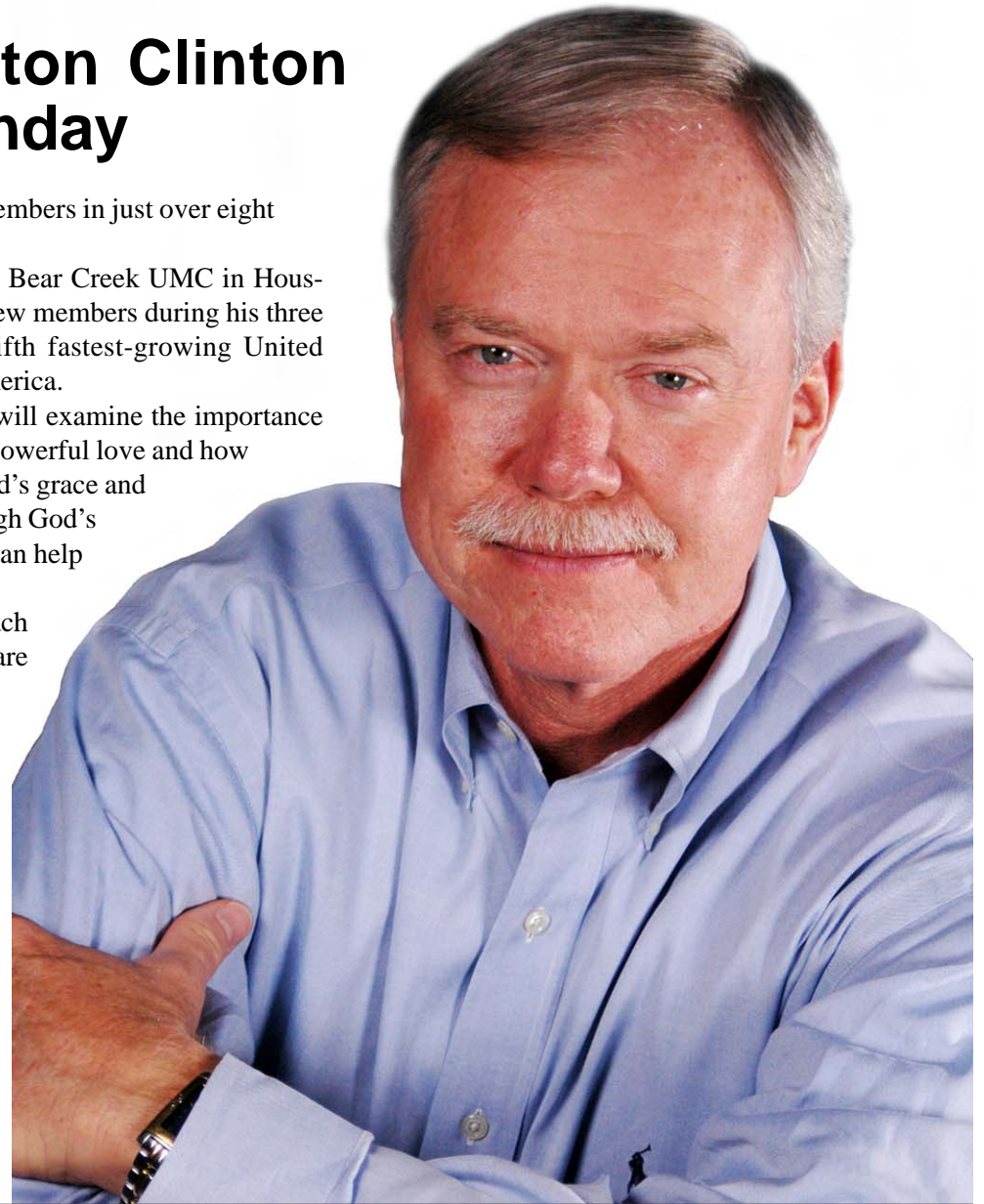
After he earned a Master of Divinity degree at Perkins School of Theology, Dr. Long was appointed to start a new church in southwest Houston that came to be known as Mission Bend UMC. Its

membership reached 1,700 members in just over eight years.

He was then appointed to Bear Creek UMC in Houston and received over 1,500 new members during his three years there. It became the fifth fastest-growing United Methodist congregation in America.

Dr. Long's presentations will examine the importance of kindness to others, Ruth's powerful love and how it can bring hope into life, God's grace and how we overcome guilt through God's forgiveness, and how Christ can help us live life to the fullest.

A reception will follow each evening presentation. Child care is available for all sessions.



Dr. Long's presentations:

Sunday, February 20, 2011 - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

"START BY LOVING YOUR SISTER"

John 4:19-21

Sunday - 7:00 p.m. - "MAY YOUR LIFE BE SWEET"

Ruth 1:15-18

Monday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. - "PICKING COTTON"

Matthew 27:15-26

Tuesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m. - "IF YOU GET THE CHANCE - GO"

Mark 1:16-20

Chili, spaghetti dinners set before the presentations

The Maranatha Class and our youth are ready to dish up steaming bowls of "the greatest chili on earth!" with pie and all the trimmings (or stew for those who prefer it) on Monday, February 21st, before Dr. Long's presentation.



Suzy and Denny Meredith-Orr and Tracy and Susan Robinett have your dinner tickets.

On Tuesday the Horizons Class and our youth will serve delicious spaghetti and garlic bread with desserts.

Tickets to both dinners are available Sunday morning or at the door. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, with a \$14 maximum per family.

Both dinners will be served in Community Hall from 5:00-6:45. The Administrative Board will be able to eat before they meet Tuesday at 5:30 in the Asbury Room.

Lights On for Cookson continues

Lights On for Cookson will continue throughout the month of February. Envelopes are available at the church, and donations will be used to help pay ongoing expenses at the Cookson Hills Mission.

Lights On began after the Rev. Meri Whitaker, Cookson's director, pointed out that often the mission's most pressing need is for help in paying utility bills. Those bills will be even higher than usual this winter, due to the record-setting frigid temperatures and snow.

Pick up an envelope this Sunday or next at the information desk and kiosks around the church. Please put your donation in the envelope, then place it in the offering plate, mail it, or bring it to the church.

The Cookson Hill Center helps northeast Oklahoma's poorest families by providing meals and programs for children and seniors, and life skill classes and cottage industries for adults. Food and clothing is

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From the Pastor's Study

Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Bishop Paul Martin appointed me Sunday night preacher at Houston's First United Methodist Church, our denomination's largest at that time, when I was twenty-six years old. I soon met two seventh graders, Marsha Kelly and Bob Long. For the next seven years they sat right in front of me every Sunday night as I preached. In January, 1974, I performed their wedding.

Bob was a theology student by that time and has served with distinction in every appointment he has served. When he was graduated from Perkins School of Theology at S.M.U. in Dallas, he was sent to Houston to build a new church, Mission Bend United Methodist. After great success there, he was sent to another of Houston's fastest-growing churches, Bear Creek.

Twenty years ago Bishop Dan Solomon asked Bob to become pastor of St. Luke's UMC in Oklahoma City. That church's last twenty years have been absolutely amazing - twenty years of growth, outreach and community involvement.

Dr. Long is winsome, enthusiastic and engaging. He is a wonderful storyteller and informed theologian. You will love Bob and Marsha like Gayle and I do.

Don't miss a single presentation. They will be here *this* Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

B.A. family update

Altar Flowers

Happy 74th Wedding Anniversary on February 25th to wonderful parents, **Dorothy and E. L. Thomas**, from their family.

Deaths

C. M. Lawrence died February 9, 2011. Services were held February 14 at Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel. Survivors include his children, Lela and Kevin Fite of Tulsa, Patty and Larry Mullins of Moore, Oklahoma, Mike and Betty Lawrence of Atlanta, Georgia; six grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; sister, Maxine Powell of Tulsa; and brother, Jim Lawrence of Plano, Texas.

Larry Houchin died February 10, 2011. Services are pending with Fitzgerald's Ivy Funeral Home.

Jim Pendergast died February 12, 2011. Services will be held Saturday, February 19 at 9:00 a.m. at Fitzgerald's Funeral Home Ivy Chapel with

Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating. Survivors include daughters, Barbara and Ed Farrell and Janice and Andrew Horowitz, both of Tulsa; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and sister, Margaret Smith.

Services for **Lydia Goodner** were held at Memorial Park Cemetery Chapel on February 12, 2011 with Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating. Survivors include nephews, Kenneth and Jim Goodner.

Robert Dolan died January 23, 2011. Services will be held February 26 in Phoenix, Arizona. Survivors include son, Paul and Rachel Dolan, and grandchildren, J. P., Elizabeth, and Erin Dolan.

Hospitalized Last Week

St. John - Ray Masters

St. Francis - Kyle

Dameron, Louise Jennings, Lloyd Parker, Aileen Winters, Janice Witte

Hillcrest - Pauline Jones

Oklahoma Surgical

Hospital - Lynn Goodwin

Triologue concludes Sunday

All are invited to conclude the discussion entitled "Medical Dilemmas of Living and Dying in America" at the 2011 Interfaith Triologue Series. Sponsored by OCCJ, the series will host its final session this Sunday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. at Congregation B'nai Emunah, Peoria at Seventeenth.

Bill Crowell will moderate again, and as usual, the program is free and open to the public.

This session, "**Meaning in the Shadows**," will look more closely at how the different faith groups look at death. Every tradition defines the meaning of life, but also must deal with the meaning of death. Is death the end, or is there more to be encountered at the moment of death? How can we leave a legacy to benefit the general good? Can death be part of a beautiful and fulfilling life?

Speakers will include the Rev. Irv Cutter from St. John's Episcopal Church, Nuredin Giayash from the Muslim Peace Academy, and Father Jack Gleason from Church of the Madalene.

For more information about the series, visit www.occjok.org or call 918-583-1361. All are welcome.

Emmaus forms due February 28

Applications for the next Walk to Emmaus should be completed and turned in by February 28. The number of participants for each Walk is limited.

Emmaus alumni who want to work behind the scenes are now asked to complete a form that allows you to choose the job you want to help with.

Applications are available in Bishops' Hall. If you cannot get one there but want to participate in the next walk, go to www.greencountryemmaus.com to download an application, then send it in to Paul Staat at the church.

The next Walks will be held March 24-27 for the men and April 7-10 for the women.

Cookson (continued)

also available for those who need it.

Food is provided to students during the week, then they each receive a snack pack to take home on Fridays. Often these snacks are the only food they have to eat throughout the weekend. Many go to bed hungry on a regular basis, and the number of children dependent upon this help continues to grow.

The annual Lights On for Cookson effort is being sponsored by our Work Area on Missions and Pilgrimage Class. Our church has been in a covenant relationship with Rev. Whitaker, director of the mission, for several years to support her ministry at Cookson. Cookson is an official mission of our United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.



New groups formed for girls and boys

By the Rev. EvaMarie Campbell

Our 4th and 5th grade boys and girls have begun their special small groups for study, mission and sports.

Our girls participate in Hope Circle, which is a United Methodist Women's Reading group. They read the wonderful children's books that are part of the UMW Reading Program.

After they have studied the books they then do a corresponding project. This Sunday they made Valentine cards for persons they felt needed an extra "boost" of love. The leader for the Hope Circle is Marge Herndon.

Our 4th and 5th grade boys participate in our first-ever, "God's Lightning Bolts" group. Tag Gross, the leader, helps them experience various sports activities and then Ryan Sheehan leads a Bible study with an "Olympic" theme.

Both groups will have a mission project with their parents in May.



Attention, graduating high school seniors!

May 22nd is Senior Recognition Sunday! We want to be sure that all graduating high school seniors are honored.

If you have not already received a senior information packet, please be sure to contact Audra Fogle - 699-0130 or audrafogle@bostonavenue.org - or Debbie Aycock - 699-0131 or debbieaycock@bostonavenue.org this week.

Scholarship applications are also available and are due soon.

UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

Faith Circle will meet Wednesday, February 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Dolores Ritter will lead the UMW study, "The Beauty and Courage of Sudan."

All are welcome.

Gifts and Memorials

GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Bettye McCarley

By: Carmen and Don Marple

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Bettye McCarley

By: Faye Dean and LeRoy Bath

ROLLIE AND SAMMIE RHODES CHILDREN'S ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Sammie Rhodes

By: Marilyn and Bob Newkirk

Have a prayer request?

Call our prayer line at 699-0158

Lectionary Readings

February 20, 2011

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Luke 6:27-38
I John 4:19-21

Youth News! . . .

Senior High news

And in true Oklahoma style- we've gone from 27 below to 60 in less than a week! It was great to see you at church on Sunday. We are back in full swing at the church! Thank you Heritage Class, for allowing us to come and share about Rio Bravo this past week. Next week, we get to tell Maranatha all about our awesome mission experience!!

Upcoming stuff:

- **Barton Clinton Gordey** - February 20, 21, 22. Come help with the Chili Supper on Monday and Spaghetti Supper on Tuesday. Be here at 5:00 p.m. to help with serving and cleanup. Stay for the lectures and sit with the senior high.

- **DTBA on Wednesday, February 23 - STUDY NIGHT!** 7:00-8:00 Bring your books and break open the homework. We'll have experts here to help you too. Meet in 420. (Or, If you are making straight A's and don't need to study, we will have basketball game going in Jubilee Hall.

- **Sunday, February 27th- Serving the evening meal at Redemption Church.** We need all hands on deck to help prepare and serve the evening meal. Save the date on your calendar. Watch Facebook and texts for exact dishes needed and times.

- **March 4-5- Rescheduled Famine Retreat.** Sign up now. We need to know you are coming! 7:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Cost is \$20. Bringing friends is encouraged.

- **Want to receive the Lenten daily text devotional?** It will arrive on your phone BEFORE school each morning for the forty days of Lent. If so, we need to know your name and cell phone carrier. Let us know by text, email or Facebook and we will add you to the list.

God bless you on this beautiful sunny day! - Audra

Mid High

The sun is shining, the snow is melting, and all is well in our little corner of the world! Everyone I talked with Sunday was eager to get back to school and a more normal schedule.

We are back on track at Boston Avenue with our Wednesday program, so I hope to see everyone this week at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor. I am looking forward to preparing dinner for the mid-high girls - *What happens at Debbie's stays at Debbie's* - on Friday evening.

Saturday our basketball teams will play at First UMC and Sunday morning the Confirmation Class will welcome Paul Staat as their guest.

Our Mid-high Mosaics group continues to rehearse after church on Sundays. All youth are invited to help with the Monday and Tuesday evening dinners for the Barton Clinton Gordey Series, and as you can see, we have plenty to keep us busy and helpful too.

We need cans of soup for our February outreach project. The collection basket is on the third floor.

Mark your calendars for our Mid-high Lockout on Friday, March 25th. Have a great week and tell someone you love them this Valentine's week!

Sharing the love of God, Debbie

Youth collecting printer cartridges

Our youth are still collecting used printer cartridges. The cartridges are then sold to recyclers instead of being thrown away.

So far they have earned about \$2,000. The money supports youth activities and mission projects, and their efforts help protect our environment and save landfill space.

Do you have cartridges to donate? If so, please bring them to the information desk. Thanks!



Sharing the love

Church members of all ages enjoyed the Valentine goodies provided by our Wesley Fellowship Class last Sunday. The youth assisted in hosting the party, and a great time was had by all.

Christian tour opportunities set

Join Dr. Warren and Lynette Bennett Danskin to discuss two upcoming cruises with United Methodist bishops. They will meet at noon Sunday, February 27, in the Little Dining Room.

The first trip begins May 20. From Seattle they will cruise to Alaska's Sawyer Glacier, the Inside Passage, Tongass National Forest; the capital, Juneau; Skagway; and Tracy Arm Fjord via Royal Caribbean. Bishop Robert Fannin is the guest speaker.

The second tour begins October 16. Tour the Western Mediterranean with Bishop Will Willimon, former Clinton-Barton-Gordey speaker. Travel on Costa Cruise Lines to Malaga and Granada in Spain, Casablanca, Morocco, Monte Carlo, Monaco, Cadiz, Valencia, and Barcelona, Spain and Lisbon, Portugal.

All are welcome to attend the informational meeting.

Sunday Worship

February 20, 2011

The Seventh 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: "START BY LOVING YOUR SISTER"

I John 4:19-21

The Rev. Dr. Bob Long

Music:

Prelude: Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service....arr. J. Linger
Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist

Anthem: Without Seeing You David Haas
The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Mendelssohn's Prayer for Peace..... arr. K. Aamot
Academy Choristers & Chancel Women (11:00)

Offertory: I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing.... V. Stephenson
The Jubilation Ringers

Anthem: Love Comes from God Allen Pote
The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Once to Every Man and Nation David Stanley York
The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Postlude: A Millennial Trumpet..... Franklin Ashdown

Hymns: 581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
408 The Gift of Love
430 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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

7:00 p.m. Barton Clinton Gordey Series presents Dr. Bob Long

Class News . . .

Cornerstone

We will serve dinner at the Day Center for the Homeless on Friday, May 13.

Brian Green-Young will continue his series this week.

Heritage

Because of the weather our movie night has been rescheduled to this Friday, February 18, at 6:00 in the Holy Grill. Hope you can come.

David Carpenter will be our teacher this Sunday.

Coe Ann Patton is celebrating a birthday.

The senior high youth presented a most interesting presentation about their recent mission trip.

Thanks to the Waychoffs for the wonderful refreshments. This week Cre Lewis will bring our treats.

Homebuilders

This Sunday Rev. Ken Tobler will continue his series on Paul's *Letter to the Philippians*.

Ken Southard gave to missions for Betty's birthday, and Bryan Wilson and Ellis Garlington gave for their birthdays.

Continue to keep Lloyd and Kathryn Parker and Sue and Bob Bowker in your prayers.

Ken Tobler gave an interesting lesson last week on the history of Philippi.

Adaline Garlington and Joanna Tuers led the singing. Ralph Morgan provided the coffee, and Adaline Garlington brought the treats.

We had 29 present.

Horizons

This Sunday we will meet in our classroom for announcements first and then join Dr. Biggs' class in the sanctuary to hear Dr. Long.

Happy birthday to Danielle McPherson, Michelle Fero, Paula Gradney, Alexandra O'Neal, Ted Dennison, and Jessica Cross.

Thanks to Shane Fernandez for his lesson on "Love Languages." It was good to see Michelle Fero.

Thanks to the Kellys for the treats.

Maranatha

Don't forget to sign up to

help with the Chili Supper.

Lists of groups for Dinners for 8 are available on the board in our classroom. Lights on for Cookson continues through the end of February.

Elaine Wilson, the Shermans' granddaughter, visited our class Sunday.

This Sunday our Boston Avenue youth will give a report on their mission trip.

Happy birthday to Keith Madden, Sam Smith, and Dean Todd. Happy anniversary to Randy and Mary Elliott and Rob and Suzy Morgan.

Thanks to Mike Chaffin, our Tulsa District Superintendent, for his lesson last Sunday.

Thanks also to Ginny LeDoux for the prayer and Mark and Susie Butterworth and Sam and Sarah Smith for the refreshments. Tallents and Brownlee-Campbells will bring them this week.

New Covenant

Our sing-along at Bob and Maxine Lees' is postponed until Sunday, February 20, at 2:00 p.m.

Thanks to Art McGrew for an interesting lesson on generous justice. He will continue to teach this Sunday.

Keep Ray Masters and Dale Woods in your prayers.

New Frontiers

The Barrons will be hosting a romantic dinner party at their home on February 26, time TBD.

Angie Hooper will continue to teach on the "Three Social Principles."

Thank you, Angie, for leading our discussion on "Doing Good."

Pilgrimage

Thanks to all who cooked and served at the Day Center and to Judy Mott for organizing it for us.

Our speaker Sunday will be Jacques Cunningham. His topic will be "United Methodist Communion."

We welcomed Reno and Mike Barsi to class and hope to see them again.

Marilyn and Deidra continue to heal.

Many thanks to Sheila Parr for her lesson on gems of the

Bible.

Remember to support Lights on for Cookson with your donations.

Roundtable

Our luncheon for the staff is next Thursday, February 24.

Marita Morgan returns for the second installment of her series this Sunday. Last week she presented a lesson based on the book, *10 Gospel Promises for Later Life*.

We celebrated Brice Venable's birthday Sunday.

Join us for the German Fasching party March 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Maranatha classroom.

Seek and Discover

This Sunday Jennifer Smith will lead a discussion on the Gnostic gospels.

Happy birthday to Dick Martin.

Last Sunday the Rev. EvaMarie Campbell shared information on the Creativity Conference she attended last month. We prayed in color and were creative in many ways that will enhance life.

Thanks, EvaMarie.

Wesley Fellowship

Fifty-five of us were happy to be together again on a lovely sunny morning. We sang with Harold and Phillele and had a devotional and prayer by Wyatt Morgan.

Paul Reagan reminded everyone of the Valentine party in the parlor immediately after the 11:00 service, and to sign up for "March get togethers."

Mary Ward reported that Orlene Blake is back at Parks Edge and that Dan Rogers is in Saint Frances. We learned that longtime class member Dorothy Simpson has died in Texas, but no information was available regarding her services. Please keep all of these in your prayers.

Doris Combs and Wyatt Morgan celebrated birthdays. Howard Plowman had a wonderful lesson titled, "Our Favorite Bible Verses." He will continue these lessons through the month of February.

We look forward to seeing you this Sunday.

Blessings!

Sound and Spirit is February 19

Sound and Spirit of Tulsa, an interfaith gathering of gifted performers celebrating diversity in our city, will be held Saturday, February 19, at 8:00 p.m. at Congregation B'nai Emunah, Seventeenth and Peoria.

Tickets are \$10 each for regular seats, \$36 for orchestra seating, and \$5 for students. Free valet parking. Call 583-7121.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday - February 20, 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
3:00 God & Country study for children
7:00 Barton Clinton Gordey

Monday - February 21

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
12:00 noon Staff luncheon
5:00 p.m. Chili Supper
6:00 Men's basketball practice
6:30 Jesus in the Gospels
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 20
6:45 Child SHARE Support
7:00 Barton Clinton Gordey

Tuesday - February 22

9:00 Weekday School
9:00 Overview of the Bible
11:00 Building Committee
12:00 noon Disciple Luncheon
5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Supper
5:00 Finance Committee
5:30 Administrative Board
5:30 p.m. Sr. High basketball
7:00 Barton Clinton Gordey

Wednesday - February 23

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
1:30 p.m. Great Decisions class
2:00 Pastoral Epistles Class
3:00 Christian/Jewish Dialogue
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 UMW Faith Circle
6:00 LIFE Group for children
6:30 Yoga class
7:00 DTBA
7:00 Carillon Ringers
7:00 Chorister Ringers
7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday - February 24

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
10:00 Program Staff Meeting
12:00 noon All staff luncheon
hosted by Roundtable Class

5:30 p.m. Celebration Ringers
5:30 Senior High boys basketball
6:00 PCCT Parenting Classes

Friday - February 25

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
5:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous
6:30 Respite Care

Saturday - February 26

12:00 noon Mid Hi boys' basketball practice

Sunday School at a glance...

Adult Classes for Sunday, February 20, 2011

Visitors are welcome in all classes.

Dr. Biggs' Class - Dr. Bob Long will teach

College & Career - to be announced

Cornerstone - Brian Green-Young

Disciples - to be announced

Heritage - David Carpenter, *Revelation*

Homebuilders - Rev. Ken Tobler, "Holy Life"

Horizons - Dr. Bob Long (with Dr. Biggs' class)

Maranatha - Senior High Mexico Mission Team

New Covenant - Rev. Art McGrew

New Frontiers - Angela Hooper, "Three Simple Rules"

Pilgrimage - Jacques Cunningham, "Methodist Communion"

Roundtable - Marita Morgan, "Ten Gospel Promises"

Seek & Discover - Jennifer Smith, "Gnostic Gospels"

Wesley Fellowship - Dr. Howard Plowman, "Favorite Scriptures"