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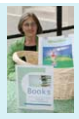
Mission Fair 8A

Lights On for Cookson now underway

Lights On for Cookson began Sunday and will continue through May 30. The annual effort helps the Cookson Hills Center, and the money raised with be presented at the 2010 Oklahoma Annual Conference as part of Bishop Hayes's 2010 Initiative.

Cookson worker Donna Carroll says things at the mission are hopping. "We have 1400 chickens coming Wednesday, so it should be wild," she laughs. "Each family that applied will receive a dozen chickens. We'll pick them up at 6:30 a.m., and we hope to distribute them by noon."

The mission has also handed out seeds for gardens to help families minimize grocery costs. Tulsa United Methodists headed a group that prepared over 200 bags of seeds for distribution.

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Graduates to be honored Sunday

This Sunday is Senior Recognition Sunday! Both graduating high school seniors and those who have earned college degrees this year (in May or December) will be recognized in worship.

High school graduates and their families will be honored at a brunch at 9:40, then the new graduates will pose for a picture together in Bishops' Hall at 10:35. They and their families will then sit together and be recognized in the 11:00 worship service.

Those receiving college degrees will also be recognized at both services, and information about all graduates will be featured in *The Word* as it becomes known. Any Boston Avenue member who received a college degree this semester or last December is invited to contact Shari Goodwin at 699-0132 or sharigoodwin@bostonavenue.org by Monday, May 24, and give her your name, college attended, and degree earned. We want to celebrate our church members' accomplishments.

Fifth Grade Blessing is Sunday

All fifth graders and their parents are invited to room E204 this Sunday at 10 a.m. for the Fifth Grade Blessing Service. This is their last Sunday as fifth graders before they are promoted to begin their exciting Sixth Grade Confirmation year next week.

Bishop Hayes to preach at B.A. next Sunday, May 30

Boston Avenue worshipers are in for a real treat next Sunday, May 30! Bishop Robert Hayes will preach at both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. Those who have heard him know what an outstanding speaker and scholar he is.

Bishop Robert E. Hayes, Jr.

Bishop Hayes will be in Tulsa for the 2010 Oklahoma Annual Conference, which will begin here at Boston Avenue that Sunday evening and continue through June 2. He presides over both the Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conferences, which total almost 600 churches.

A third generation United Methodist preacher, Bishop Hayes and his father and grandfather have served Methodist congregations for over 100 years. He was a Crusade Scholar of the UMC from 1970-1972 and a United Methodist Fellow to Europe, Asia, and Russia in 1967. Be sure to come hear him!

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From the Pastor's Study

Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Our Bishop Robert E. Hayes, Jr., will be our preacher at 8:30 and 11:00 on Sunday, May 30, before he convenes the Oklahoma Annual Conference in our church later that same evening.

Bishop Hayes presides over almost 300,000 United Methodists in Oklahoma. He is our chief administrator over all the churches in the Oklahoma Conference and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. He is also our pastor and spiritual leader.

Our Tulsa District Superintendent, the Rev. Michael Chaffin, and I will be liturgists in the service, but our Bishop Hayes will be our preacher - and we can hardly wait to hear another great sermon to lift our hearts and challenge us to greater service.

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Jesus said that the Father would send the paraklete to remind us of all that Jesus Christ himself had done and said, and to empower us to be witnesses in all the earth. "Paraklete" is translated quite differently by scholars. My sermon this week will be, "COMFORTER? COUNSELOR? ADVOCATE? - SEND HIM!"

B.A. family update

Baptisms

Meryl Scout Stauffer, daughter of Whittney and Joey Stauffer, was baptized Sunday, May 16, with Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr. officiating. She was born October 15, 2009.

Altar Flowers

In celebration of her parents, **Jeannine and Armon Bost,** whose birthdays were in May, by Beverly and Tom Golden.

In honor of **Tom Golden's** birthday on May 24th, by Beverly, Dathel Grosshart, and Laura and Kyle Shannon.

In loving memory of **Vera Darrough Monnet**, whose birthday was May 25th, by her family.

In loving memory of **Dick Barber**, whose birthday was May 19, from the Barber family.

Deaths

Libby Hallman died May 8, 2010. Graveside services will be held Friday, May 21st, at Memorial Park Cemetery with Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating. Survivors include sons David Hallman of Glenpool and Bryan and Britney Hallman of Topeka, Kansas; and grandson, Matthew Hallman.

Margaret Jean Conner died May 10, 2010. Services will be held Saturday, June 5 at 11:00 a.m. at Boston Avenue Church with Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., officiating. Survivors include daughter, Janet and David Brubaker of Owasso and granddaughter, Julia Brubaker.

Lucy Crowell died May 8, 2010. Services were held May 10 at the First United Methodist Church in Asheboro, North Carolina. Survivors include her brother, John and Jean Crowell of Tulsa; sisters, Catherine Hester of Tulsa and Anna Alexander of Greensboro, North Carolina; and nephew, Rev. Dr. Bill Crowell of Tulsa.

Hospitalized Last Week

St. John - Randy Owen

St. Francis - Margaret Davis, Patrick Dolina, Ben Hevel, Margaret Barton

Hillcrest - Judie Cherblanc

Administrative Board meets Tuesday

The May meeting of the Administrative Board will be held this Tuesday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m. in Community Hall. The dinner meeting is open to all.

Those who wish to attend should call the church office, 583-5181, by noon on Monday to make meal reservations. Cost is $6.00 per person.

Group to attend Drillers ball game

A group from Boston Avenue will attend the Tulsa Drillers game in the new OneOk Field this Sunday immediately following the 11:00 service. Group members will enjoy box lunches in one of the party areas at the park before the game.

For more information, contact Dr. Bill Crowell, 699-0129 or billcrowell@bostonavenue.org.

Cookson ....

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"Day Care is also growing like crazy," says Carroll. "Now that schools are ending for the summer, we have two groups going, and we give them all snack packs on Fridays to be sure they have something to eat over the weekends."

The Senior Program is also strong. Senior citizens are fed a nutritious lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays, and there are activities for them as well.

"They usually play bingo one day and have crafts another, and there are outings, too," Carroll says. "They recently toured the azaleas in Muskogee, and tomorrow we're taking 20 ladies to a Tulsa beauty school to have their hair and nails done."

Envelopes for donations are available at the church. Lights On for Cookson began after Cookson director Rev. Meridith Whitaker, our covenant missionary, said that one of the mission's greatest needs is help in paying ongoing utility bills.

Thanks, musicians!

Thanks to all of our musicians who added so much to worship this year! Children's Faith Academy choirs and our youth Chapel Choir are pictured below. Names of choir members were listed in the bulletin Sunday and are available on our website at www.bostonavenue.org.

Academy Cherubs and Choraliers

Academy Choristers

Chapel Choir

UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

Faith Circle will meet Wednesday, May 26, at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Pat Fulford will discuss the Reading Program book *The Fifty First Minority,* by Liz Wiehl. Women represent 51 % of the U.S. population but still fall far behind men in same job/ same training/same seniority or income. The book discusses laws that protect women and tools that will make change happen. One of the nation's top prosecutors who's never lost a case as a trial lawyer, the author is a commentator for Fox News and also wrote *Winning Every Time.*

The next UMW Unit meeting will be June 24.

Gifts and Memorials

GENERAL ENDOWMENT
In memory of Margaret Conner
By: Wade and Emma Bedwell

MISSION ENDOWMENT
In memory of Lucy Crowell, sister of John Crowell
By: Wesley Fellowship Class

MUSIC FUND
In memory of Josephine Magby
By: Rev. Wayne and Katherine Parker

In memory of Dr. Duane Brothers
By: Rev. Wayne and Katherine Parker

BOYS RANCH
In memory of Margaret Conner
By: Michael and Mary McGraw

Have a prayer request?
Call our prayer line at 699-0158

Lectionary Readings

May 23, 2010

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Ezekiel 37:1-14
John 15:26-27, 16:4-15
Acts 2:1-21

Ramsey financial class for young adults begins June 13

Dave Ramsey's financial class specifically for college-age young adults, **Foundations for Life and Money**, will be offered at B.A. beginning Sunday, June 13, at 9:40 a.m. The cost is just $25 per person, as the church will fund the remainder.

The class, which meets into July, will be led by Eric and Megan Linn and Bryan and Kristin Harrington. Weekly topics are:
1. Saving - Students will learn the three basic reasons for saving: emergency fund, purchases, and building wealth
2. Budgeting - In-depth look at checkbook balancing and step-by-step method for creating and living on a written budget
3. Debt - Discussion of debt myths, credit cards, co-signing a loan, rent-to-own, automobile leasing, and aggressive marketing of debt, especially to young people
4. Career and College Planning - Discussion of career choices which fit personality styles and occupational desires; how to create resumes and cover letters

For more information, contact Audra Fogle at 699-0130 or audrafogle@bostonavenue.org or Bill Crowell at 699-0129 or billcrowell@bostonavenue.org.

Youth News!! . . .

Senior High news

Finals, Finals and more Finals! Light at the end of the school tunnel...can you see it! And for those who are walking IN THE LIGHT.....CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!! We look forward to celebrating with you this Sunday!

Upcoming stuff you need to know:

1. Conference Cafe - Sign up NOW. Work schedules are being made. This is a fantastic opportunity to serve our church and build up your LIT account!

2. Camps....District Camp, CYME, GREAT UNKNOWN, GLOBAL VILLAGE, ANYTOWN...and MORE! Camps will begin to fill up and many require reference letters for acceptance in advance.

3. Bishop Hayes will be speaking to the youth on Sunday, May 30. It was pretty AWESOME to have the Bishop call me at home to let me know how EXCITED he is to be able to speak to our youth....you don't get THAT every day! Please make every effort to be here to soak up what words of wisdom he has to share with us!!

Moving towards the LIGHT! Audra

6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Another busy week has arrived for me and, I am sure, for you too. The confirmation class will visit with Paul Staat this Sunday. Paul always has something fun to talk about, so be on the third floor Sunday morning. Sunday is the last time you will be meeting as the Confirmation Class; next week all youth meet together for a visit from our Bishop Hayes during Sunday School, then the following week is promotion...

Seventh and Eighth graders will meet in 320. We will send our eighth graders off with a small gift and a morning of fun and games and special treats.

At noon, everyone who is signed up to help at Conference Café, youth or adult, is asked to come to the third floor for a short informational meeting. Schedules will be given out and details discussed.

Don't let end of school busy-ness keep you away from church! Come and enjoy your friends and continue to build on your faith. No diplomas are given for faith development but better rewards are in store for you!

Faithfully yours, Debbie

Meet our newest members

Herchel and Carolyn Avra joined Sunday. Both are retired teachers.

Everett Sampson, Jr. joined Sunday. He is a retired engineer from McDonnell-Douglas.

Youth Stock sale reaches 97.8%

Thanks, B.A.! Our annual Youth Stock sale has reached 97.8% of its goal, thanks to your generosity! All investments go to our youth and their mission projects. The money will enable more youth to attend events, and more people in and around Tulsa to be helped.

If you'd like to help them go over the top, any extra change is appreciated.

Annual Conference just a week away

Preparations for Annual Conference have been hindered by weather, but they continue to move forward. Debbie Peterson, our youth and their parents are purchasing food and preparing to host the Conference Café in Community Hall. Shirley and Fay Larsen are lining up volunteer greeters and registrars. Community Hall has been painted and work is continuing on the underdrive ceiling. Flooring and play equipment are being installed in the playground.

Sunday Worship

May 23, 2010
The Day of Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Communion Service
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
Sermon: "COMFORTER? COUNSELOR? ADVOCATE? - SEND HIM!"
John 15:26-27, 16:4-15
Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Music:

Prelude: Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire.....Andrew Carter
Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist
Recognition of 2010 High School & College Graduates
Offertory: Come Down, O Love Divine.....arr. Kristina Langlois
Anthem: The Majesty and Glory of Your Name.....Tom Fettke
The Chapel Choir (8:30)
The Dream Isaiah Saw.....Glen Rudolph
The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Communion Music: So Art Thou, Lord, to Me.....K. Lee Scott
The Chapel Choir (8:30)
Spirit of God.....Steve Garnaas-Holmes
The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Postlude: Toccata on The Church's One Foundation..... R. Hobby

Hymns: 539 O Spirit of the Living God
545 The Church's One Foundation

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

Class News . . .

Cornerstone

Don't forget about our mission to serve dinner at the Day Center for the Homeless on Wednesday, May 26. We will go to McNeillie's afterwards.

Dr. Tankersley will continue teaching on Jesus in the context of the Roman Empire.

Caleb Barrows is celebrating a birthday, and Andrew and Kerri Crabtree are celebrating an anniversary.

Disciples

Helen will lead our lesson this Sunday on Pentecostals.

Thanks to Olin for leading our discussion on Baptists.

Thanks to the Linskys for our treats. This week the Harrises will bring them.

Ephphatha

Mike Limas will teach this week on "At Home in the Community."

Carol Bean taught another wonderful lesson. Thank you.

Heritage

Howard Plowman continued his series, "Growing up in the Faith, Not Growing Old." He will conclude his lessons next week discussing author John Mark.

Trudy Plowman was our guest. Welcome.

We held a Coney Run party last week. Refreshments were served at the Waychoff's home.

Happy birthday to Richard Small and Darrel May. The Coopers have an anniversary.

Thank the Harringtons for providing refreshments. Sunday Marilyn Hartman will bring them.

Homebuilders

The class will have a picnic at the Rubottom's early in June. More information later.

Please bring old eye glasses and empty prescription bottles with the labels removed.

Mary Byrd's friend, Van Schmitz, visited again.

Dr. Guy Logsdon continued his series on "The Rise of Christianity in Oklahoma."

Adaline Garlington and Marita Morgan led music, Parkers made coffee. Ken Southard brought bread. We had 30 present.

Horizons

Please sign up to help bake for the Conference Café. They need pies, cookies, brownies, etc. Contact Debbie Peterson if you can help or fill out a form located in the back of our classroom.

Contact Paula to go to the Drillers game this Sunday.

This week we will continue with our class-led study on "Three Simple Rules."

Happy birthday to Grant Cousins, Wendy Haines, and Lauren Bingham.

Thank you, Paula, for a great lesson on doing good. Thanks to the Raleys for our treats. The Elliotts will bring them this week.

Maranatha

Rev. Susanna Southard will teach us again Sunday. Don't miss it. She has an excellent lesson last week!

Larry and Sue Winter and Betty Winter visited our class last Sunday.

Happy birthday to Angie Dale, Mary Elliot, Bill Gertson, and Jerry Walker. Debbie and Scott Morgan and Kendall and David Carpenter are celebrating anniversaries.

Thanks to Mark and Beverly North, and Skip and Paula Scott for the refreshments.

New Covenant

Our class will go to Monte Cassino on May 24 to enjoy Don Ryan.

Rob Reck will teach Sunday. Joe and Wilma shared good news, and Bob Lees received a 50-year Masonic award.

Dorothy Nix, Carolyn Morrison, and Seth Landrum are celebrating birthdays. Jerry and Almeda celebrate a 65th anniversary and Jerry's birthday.

Keep Betty Brown and Ron Gray in your prayers.

David Carpenter, Margaret's son, taught class last week. Thank you, David.

Thanks to Mary Ann Bosley and Margie Pence for refreshments, Dorothy Nix and Barbara Bond for music, and Gerry Arnold for the prayer.

New Frontiers

Rob Reck will be with us this Sunday.

Jamie and Carson Strickland are celebrating birthdays.

Thanks to EvaMarie Campbell for her lesson on the Five Love Languages.

Pilgrimage

We have an opportunity to support Lights On For Cookson and the Youth Café. Be sure to pick up the information sheets and envelopes in class.

Mark your calendar for June 4 if you want to attend a Drillers game with the class.

Keep Bill Detamore's family in your prayers. His sister passed away. Continue to keep Deidra in your prayers.

Thanks to Keith McArtor for his third lesson from *Genesis* about the goodness of God. We look forward to his return this Sunday.

Roundtable

On May 23 we will go to the Coleman Theater at 2:30 p.m.

Roger Hilfiger will continue his series on the history of the Bible. Cyndy Sexson will bring refreshments.

We welcomed visitors Susan Anderson and Sally Hilfiger.

Joanne Colbert is celebrating a birthday.

Seek and Discover

Let's help Cookson Hills have a little light. Drop a donation in the yellow box in Bishops' Hall.

Julie Sluss continued her lessons from *Have A Little Faith*, by Mitch Albom. She will be back this Sunday, comparing a wedding in Peru to Christmas traditions.

There were many joys and concerns: Special Olympics, death of friends, health, graduations, and birthdays. Thank God we care for each other!

Wesley Fellowship

Carolyn and Harold led us in singing our old favorites. Carol Johnston shared thoughts she has savored during her life.

Bill Crowell continued his fine lessons. Thank you, Bill. We look forward to the next one.

Carol Johnston is celebrating a birthday.

Keep Esther Morrow, Martha Jo Bradley, Ben Hevel, Bud Langdon, and Ginny Sload in your prayers. They will appreciate notes and cards.

We had 57 present. Join us this week. Shalom.

Young Adults

We will have a social at Jason's house on May 22.

We will continue our lessons on "Christianity's Family Tree" this Sunday.

Mission Fair adds enjoyment, empathy

Scenes at left from last Sunday's mission fair show some of the outstanding exhibits.

This year's fair, which was hosted by our Work Area on Missions, was a great opportunity to learn more about the many outreach programs in which our church is involved.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday - May 23, 2010
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 Communion Service
9:40 Senior Celebration
9:40 Faith Academy
9:40 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:10 p.m. Service of Healing

Monday - May 24
6:00 p.m. Men's basketball
6:00 Court of Honor Ceremony
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 20
6:30 Disciple I

Tuesday - May 25
9:00 a.m. Lectionary Class
11:00 Building Committee
12:15 p.m. Weight Watchers
5:30 Finance Committee
6:30 Administrative Board

Wednesday - May 26
6:00 p.m. UMW Faith Circle
6:30 Yoga class
6:30 Chapel Choir
7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday - May 27
10:00 a.m. Program Staff

Friday - May 28
5:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous
6:30 Respite Care

Sunday School at a glance...

Adult Classes for Sunday, February 28, 2010
Visitors are welcome in all classes.

Dr. Biggs' Class - Greatest Bible stories and passages
Cornerstone - Dr. Bill Tankersley, "Christ and the Romans"
Disciples - Helen on "Pentecostals"
Ephphatha - Mike Limas, "At Home in the Community"
Heritage - Dr. Howard Plowman, "Growing Up in Faith"
Homebuilders - Elizabeth Smith, "B.A. history"
Horizons - "Three Simple Rules"
Maranatha - Susanna Southard, Phillips Seminary
New Covenant - Rob Reck
New Frontiers - Rob Reck
Pilgrimage - Keith McArtor, "*Genesis*"
Roundtable - Roger Hilfiger, "History of the Bible"
Seek & Discover - Julie Sluss, "Have a Little Faith"
Wesley Fellowship - Dr. Bill Crowell
Young Adults - "Christianity's Family Tree"