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Home concert is June 13

Chapel Choir leaves Saturday for NYC, Boston

Fifty-nine youth and twenty-one adults are preparing to leave on a tour of a lifetime to New York City and Boston early this Saturday morning! They wish to thank all B.A. members and groups who supported their tour.

They will travel all this week, then return to Tulsa Friday evening and sing their home concert next Sunday, June 13, at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

They will arrive in New York at 5:00 p.m Saturday, then sing for Sunday worship at Christ UMC on Park Avenue in Manhattan before sight-seeing the rest of the day.

"Because the group is so large and we'll be traveling by subway, we will divide into "clans" of 5-7 youth with two adults," explained Dr. Joel Panciera, Chapel Choir director. "We usually mix up each clan, but have decided to keep friends together for this trip."

Part of the choir will tour Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, and Times Square on Sunday, then see Top of the Rock and St. Patrick's Cathedral and attend *Phantom of the Opera* on Broadway on Monday evening. The rest will attend *The Lion King* or *Memphis* on Sunday, then tour on Monday with a twilight cruise. The group will stay at a hotel in Times Square.

All will enjoy a "hop on, hop off" tour to Greenwich Village, Little Italy, Chinatown, SoHo, Tribeca, Macy's Herald Square, Ground Zero, Wall Street Financial District, Rockefeller Center, and the United Nations and will eat at Ellen's Stardust Diner, which features singing waiters.

Tuesday includes an optional



The Chapel Choir

stop at the Today Show, then a visit to Radio City Music Hall or the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art before they travel on to Bristol, Connecticut, to sing at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Wednesday will be spent in Boston, with time at Faneuil Hall Market area, a guided tour of the Freedom Trail, and possibly a visit to Harvard University.

Thursday the choir will travel to East Hampton and spend time on the beach. That evening they will sing at the Jewish Center of the Hamptons, Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman's congregation. Rabbi Zimmerman was this year's Barton Clinton Gordey presenter.

They will travel home Friday afternoon.

and sing at the 11:00 service on Sunday morning, June 13, before the home concert at 6:00.

"Since NYC is called 'the crossroads of the world,' our tour theme this year is 'Crossroads,'" says Dr. Panciera. "We will learn more about historic people who either grew up or had "crossroads" moments in New York City or Boston that benefitted our country. Some of those will include George Washington, Jonas Salk, Lou Gehrig, Teddy Roosevelt, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Ella Fitzgerald.

"Each of them had crossroads moments and made wise decisions. We'll look at what we can learn from those people and their decisions.

What can they teach us about good leadership?" Dr. Susan Panciera will accompany the choir.

(See "Chapel Choir," page 8A)

Children, youth to be promoted Sunday

Kindergarteners through high school seniors will be promoted this Sunday in Sunday School! Pre-school children will promote in August, but all others should report to their new grade level this Sunday.

The promotion of school-age children and youth allows incoming middle school and high school students to become comfortable in their new groups before school begins. Youth participate in conference camps at their new level.

July hymn ballot begins June 13

It's time again to vote on the hymns you want to sing during July Revival! A new ballot has been created this year. Hymns that consistently received the fewest votes on past ballots have been removed and new hymns have been added.

The vote will be taken June 13 and 20. Those who are present both Sundays will be allowed to vote twice for their favorites.



Congrats, Rev. Staat!

B.A. minister Paul Staat was commissioned as a deacon during (See "Commissioned," page 8A)



From the Pastor's Study

Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Bishop Robert E. Hayes, Jr., gave our Oklahoma Annual Conference great leadership again this week. Fifteen hundred delegates from all corners of our state have gone home to "Make Disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World."

Thank you for being good hosts, tireless volunteers, helpful guides, providers of foods, and leaders in worship. We all celebrated Paul Staat's master's degree in ministry and his commissioning last Monday night. Our Chancel Choir was at its best Tuesday night, providing a proper setting for Bishop Hayes's sermon to the ordinands and all the rest of us. It was a great four days!

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We are now ready for the third Sunday in Pentecost, that infamous passage in Mark's Gospel where Jesus talks about an "unpardonable sin." My sermon will be called, "STILL WORRYING ABOUT THE UNPARDONABLE SIN?"

Come and help us get summer Sundays off to a great start.

Congrats to our college graduates!

Paula Gradney - B.S. in Human Development/Human Services & Management, summa cum laude, University of Phoenix

Melissa Young - B.S. in Nutrition Science/Pre-Med, Syracuse University

Brian Young - M.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Texas A&M University

Paul Staat - M.A. in Ministry and Culture, Phillips Theological Seminary

Valerie Carpenter - B.S. in Nutritional Sciences - Dietetics, Oklahoma State University

Amanda Roth - B.S. in Elementary Education, Oklahoma State University

Creighton Thomas - PhD in Physics, Syracuse University

Loan Vo - PhD in Material Science Engineering, Cornell University

Daniel Reck - B.A. in Mathematics and B.A. in Economics (summa cum laude), University of Oklahoma

Nicole Nellis - B.S. in Multidisciplinary Studies-Health Sciences, University of Oklahoma.

DiAnne Cunningham - Ed.D. in Occupational and Adult Education (Human Resources and Adult Education), Oklahoma State University

Eric Ellsworth - Master of Business Administration, University of Oklahoma

Weekly Calendar

Sunday - June 6, 2010

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 Communion Service
9:40 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:10 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing
6:00 p.m. Vesper Communion

Monday - June 7

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
10:00 History and Archives
6:00 p.m. Men's basketball
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 20

Tuesday - June 8

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
9:00 Lectionary Class

12:15 p.m. Weight Watchers
6:00 UMW Circle W

Wednesday - June 9

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
6:15 p.m. UMW Circle of Grace
6:30 UWM PM Circle

Thursday - June 10

UMW Circles
9:00 a.m. Weekday School
10:00 Program Staff

Friday - June 11

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

Saturday - June 12

10:00 a.m. Joy Camp Leaders

B.A. update

Altar Flowers

In loving memory of **Johnny Mudd**, whose birthday was June 6th from Jinny, daughter, Linda Berney, and son, Chris Mudd.

In loving memory of **Steve Allred**, whose birthday was June 10th by Marolyn Allred and children, Kim and Randall Jaquez, Kyle and Stacey Allred, Kevin and Hayley Allred, Kerri and Buck Snyder, and Billy Pratt.

In memory of **Carey G. Pope**, whose birthday is June 10th, by his daughter, Marolyn Allred, and family.

In loving memory of our parents, **Mr. and Mr. Carl Denton** and **Mr. and Mrs. Harlin Cooke**, from Jean and Jim Denton.

In loving memory of **James E. Holder** and parents, **Mr. & Mrs. Harry Shipley**, by Mrs. James E. Holder and family.

In loving memory of **Mae Christensen**, whose birthday was June 10th, by her family, Gayle and Stan Teter.

Deaths

Elizabeth Kleiner died May 24, 2010. Services were held May 26 at the Black Rock Congregational Church in Fairfield, Connecticut. Survivors include her daughter, Gabriele Blankenship of Tulsa.

Ben Hevel died May 27, 2010. Services are being held on Friday, June 4, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. in Rose Chapel. Survivors include his sons, Mark and Michael Hevel, and daughter, Nancy Hevel.

Garland Horn died May 27, 2010. Services were held June 1 at All Souls Unitarian Church. Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Jackie Neel.

Weddings

Harley Thomas and **Debra Plumlee** were married on May 15 at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church with Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating.

Hospitalized Last Week

St. John - Jim Kincaid, Ray Masters, Randy Owen
St. Francis - Louise McGill, Robert Parnell

Hillcrest - Bob Ronne



Meet our 2010 Venture Leadership Team

Four college students were introduced this past Sunday as our 2010 Venture Leadership Team. They will be working in various camps and activities for children and youth throughout the summer. This year's team members include (l to r) Ben Pascoe, a senior religious studies major at Beloit College; Andrea Jordan, who just earned a zoology degree at the University of Oklahoma; Megan Campbell, a senior studio art major at OU; and Valerie Carpenter, who recently received her degree in nutritional science at Oklahoma State University.

The Venture Leadership program began in 1974 at B.A. and has trained 144 interns since then. Nineteen of those have gone on to enter ordained ministry, and four former VLT's now serve on our church staff. They include the Revs. EvaMarie Campbell and Mary Ann Emmons, Paula Gradney, and Ann White.

Additional former VLT's now in ordained ministry include the Revs. Amy Venable, Sam Powers, Karen Farish, Jessica Farish Moffat Seay, Todd Spencer, Ashley Green-Young, Keith Morgan, Anne Walker, Kristi Swink, and Elizabeth Tay.

B.A. members who were VLT's include Lynnell Rochester, Diana Hardin McGinnis, Ruth Wilson Giessen, Kelly Gilbert, Bret Unterschuetz, Tandy Hollingsworth, and Megan Williams Linn.

Thanks, B.A. stockholders - youth stocks now over the top!

By Beth Green

The Boston Avenue Youth department is celebrating yet another successful stock sale! This year's event set the highest goal yet to fund the mission plans for both our mid-high and senior-high youth. The total stock amount, \$20,340, exceeded the target goal and will help finance mission activities of our youth department this year. The Maranatha and Dr. Biggs's Sunday School classes have earned free doughnut parties as they represent the highest participation classes.

The youth wish to thank each and every participant who contributed to making this annual event a success.

Director of Senior High Ministries, Audra Fogle, said "To see our congregation make our youth a priority in this uncertain time shows how certain they are about the importance of youth ministry at Boston Avenue."

Debbie Peterson, Director of Middle School Ministries, added, "Not only was it an affirmation of our youth, but also an affirmation of Audra and me that the congregation trusts us to use the money in the best possible way."

The youth department plans to report to the congregation on the many mission activities that they undertake throughout the year.





Habitat project almost complete

Our church's joint Habitat for Humanity project with Temple Israel and the Islamic Society is nearing completion. Volunteers from the three groups have worked together to help deserving families. B.A. member John Young was the project coordinator, and various adult classes helped with food and other volunteer needs. Though the project is in final stages, volunteers are still needed to bring it to completion. Contact Rev. Paul Staat, 699-0133, to volunteer.

Mission Vesper Service is Sunday

Our monthly Vesper Communion Service this Sunday at 6:00 p.m. will focus on mission outreach, and the Rev. Paul Staat will preach. His sermon is titled, "CALLED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE." Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., will be the chief celebrant.

Chapel Choir (continued)

Choir members touring include David Reck, Woody Daniel, Adam Fogle, Luke Bland, Zack King, Rhett Blankenship, Sam Embry, Bobby Tankersley, Ben Hardin, Bobby Davis, Hannah Bland, Sabrina Bland, Brittany Hays, Courtney Elmore, Dylan Hatley, David Tedder, Matt Klein, Jacob Brockunier, Taylor Fogle, Taylor Davis, Lindsley Aycock, Claire Milburn, Larkin McCann, Luke Panciera, Scott Solomon, Jack Ramsey, Aidan Parks, Josh Rice, Paul Dennison, Jason Earley, Nick Klein, Allison Hardin, Caroline Holmes, Erin Green, Ali Wonderly, Allie Ramsey, Kelsey Luks, Courtney Holmes, Mandy Chastang, Katie Wonderly, Betsy Hays, Caitrin Sneed, Rachel Tallent, Marisa Morgan, Madeline McMahon, Erika Loney, Kendal Painter, Emily Wallace, Molleigh McCann, Danielle McPherson, Lauren Aycock, Lindsley Aycock, Madison Gradney, April McClanahan, Anne Panciera, Maggie Duncan, Darryl Kilman, Meg Robinett and Katherine Lawrence.

Chaperones in addition to Joel and Susan Panciera are Laura Daniel, Andrea Davis, Bill and Karen Tankersley, JoAnne Stafford, Diana Bland, Christi Luks, Mike Fischer, Debbie Aycock, Frieda Reck, Sharon Earley, Suzy Morgan, Jacque Gallegos, Joan Hatley, Rhonda Wallace, Paula Gradney, and Julee Embry.

Dave Ramsey's financial class for college age begins June 13

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

The class continues into July, led by Eric and Megan Linn and Bryan and Kristin Harrington. Weekly topics include saving, budgeting, debt, and career and college planning.

For information, email billcrowell@bostonavenue.org or contact Bill, 699-0129; or Audra Fogle, audrafogle@bostonavenue.org.

UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

Circle W will have a family picnic in June, They will call members for picnic details.

Circle of Grace will meet Wednesday, June 9, at 6:15 in the Asbury Room for the mission study, "Joy to the World."

Circle PM will also gather June 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room for a salad supper. Judie Cherblanc will give the devotion and provide dessert. Carol Bean will lead the Spiritual Growth Study, "Food and Faith."

Circle Alpha G will hold a friendship brunch meeting Thursday, June 10, at 10:30 a.m. in the home of Elise Woolsey, 3144 S. Zunis Pl. Catherine Kingsley will give the devotion.

Circle B will have a 21st Anniversary potluck luncheon on Thursday, June 10, at 11:00 a.m. in the Oxford Room.

Commissioned ...

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the Monday evening worship service of Annual Conference on Monday. Paul serves as our of our ministers to adults with special responsibilities in missions and discipleship. He recently earned his Master of Ministry at Phillips Theological Seminary.

Gifts and Memorials

GENERAL ENDOWMENT
In memory of **Lucy Crowell, sister of John Crowell**

By: Martha Jo Bradley

BOYS HOME

In memory of **Margaret Conner**

By: Betty and Vic Goodknight

Have a prayer request?

Call our prayer line at 699-0158

Lectionary Readings

June 6, 2010

Psalm 138

Genesis 9:8-17

Mark 3:20-35

II Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

Youth News!! . . .

Senior High news

READY...SET...GO!!! And we are off and running for the summer! Youth have been hard at work this week at Conference Cafe...then they pack their bags, board the plane and are OFF to New York City for Choir Tour! Others travel to OKC for a week of MISSION!

Take a deep breath...sing for the home concert and put away the tools, then repack for Tulsa District Camp at Camp Egan! There is still time to sign up for Camp! Scholarships are available. Looking forward to spending a FAITH-filled week with you!

Don't miss promotion Sunday this week, June 6! We are so excited to welcome the NEW FRESHMEN to the fourth floor!

If you have gotten out of the habit of coming to church... summer is a great time to reconnect! **YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

It's going to be an AWESOME summer! - Audra

6th, 7th and 8th Grade

School is out and we all shout, "Come to Promotion Day at B.A. this Sunday, June 6th!" What does that mean for you????

Our new **sixth graders** move to the youth department. Meet in Jubilee Hall and get acquainted in our youth lounge - donuts provided! Dress casually and be prepared to have some fun....

New **7th and 8th graders** will join the confirmands to welcome them to the youth department. Meet on the mid-high floor first before going to Jubilee Hall. We say "so long, farewell" to the new ninth graders as they climb the stairs to the fourth floor.. Come back and visit real soon!!!! We will miss you.

We will also say a prayer for safe travels for our Chapel Choir as they travel to New York.

Don't Forget..... Time to get those **camp registrations** turned in! Dance and Art Camp, The Great Unknown and Tulsa District Junior High Camp are right around the corner. Be part of the summer adventures; register today! (Scholarships available)

Looking forward to summer adventures! - Debbie

Sunday Worship

June 6, 2010

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

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

Sermon: "STILL WORRYING ABOUT THE UNPARDONABLE SIN?"

Mark 3:20-35

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Music:

Prelude: Solemn Selected Music

Mike McCrary, Guest Organist

Anthem: Pie Jesu.....Andrew Lloyd Webber
Wendy Haynes and Jane Smith, soloists

(8:30 & 11:00)

Offertory: Music selection by Mike McCrary

Anthem: Many Gifts, One Spirit.....Alan Pote
The Chancel Ensemble (8:30)

The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Hymns: 160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

358

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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

6:00 p.m. Vesper Communion Service