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**Pastor's Study
4A**



**SCE
4A**



**Sunday
School 8A**



Third graders to receive Bibles Sunday

Each Boston Avenue third grader will each receive a Bible engraved with his or her name during the 11:00 worship service this Sunday, September 12. The Bibles include age-appropriate study guides to increase their understanding and learning.

After the service the children will go to the parlor so that church members can stop by and congratulate them. Next Friday, September 17, the children will participate in an all-night "Bible Lock-in" at the church to learn more about their new Bibles.

Seniors invited to enjoy Another Helping

All seniors age 65 and older are invited to Community Hall for "Another Helping" at noon on Wednesday, September 22nd.

Scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month (except during SCE), Another Helping offers lunch and a speaker covering topics of interest - travel, the arts, health and wellness issues, legal advice, etc.

Participants at the first "helping" on September 22nd will help choose future programs and presenters. The Rev. Richard Whetsell from the Alaska Missionary Conference will also share an interesting look at the challenges and joys of mission and ministry in Alaska at the first meeting.

(See "Helping" on page 4A)

Update on the National Military Academy of Afghanistan: What's in store for the future

All are invited to Community Hall on Tuesday, September 21 at 2:00 p.m. to enjoy dessert and a talk by former SCE Forum Luncheon speaker Jim Wilhite, who will share an update on his special work in Afghanistan.

After the presentation he will sell and autograph copies his new book, *We Answered the Call*, which shares a story of successes and hope through Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mr. Wilhite recounts his amazing story, from the shock of an unexpected deployment to the tribulations of life in a war zone. Despite the chaos, he and his dedicated team of Afghan, American, and NATO colleagues used their diversity, savvy, and drive to overcome all obstacles and build a symbol of hope for the people of Afghanistan.

The event is free and open to everyone.

UMW Tea is Thursday

By Dolores Ritter, Boston Avenue UMW President

It is time to get back into the swing of fall activities, and United Methodist Women (UMW) is no exception. The annual Fall Membership and Mission Tea will be held this Thursday, September 16th, at the home of Dr. Spencer and Mary Wheeler Brown, 1327 East 26th Street from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All are welcome.

"Let's Get Together for Missions" is this year's theme. Come to see friends from other circles and to meet new friends. Come enjoy refreshments and have a good time. Most of all, come to support mission for women, children and youth.

You can drive yourself or ride the church bus from the south parking lot near the kitchen. It leaves the church at 11:00, 11:45, or 12:30. If you need child care, please call 699-0121 by September 10. Come support UMW missions and have a great time!





From the Pastor's Study

Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Mark's Gospel has sixteen chapters, and scholars are convinced that he divided his work into two equal parts - Jesus' ministry *before* a trip to Caesarea Philippi and Jesus' ministry *after* that trip.

The Sea of Galilee is actually a freshwater lake. The Jordan River flows into the lake at its northernmost part and flows out of the lake at its southernmost part to meander south to the Dead Sea.

The Jordan River is formed by clear springs of water that pour out of the earth twenty-five miles north of the lake. Beautiful fig trees grow on the banks of those springs, and large trout swim in them.

The Greeks offered sacrifices to their god Pan on the banks and in a cave adjoining those springs. Jesus led his disciples there for a retreat from the crowds around the Sea of Galilee. He asked them, "Who do the people say I am?" After several answers were given, Jesus asked them, "Who do you say that I am?"

Simon's answer marks the midpoint of Mark's Gospel. I am calling the sermon I am writing this week, "A LONG WALK TO A BEAUTIFUL SPRING!"

B.A. family update

Altar Flowers

In loving memory of **Nolan Leslie Gross** on his birthday, September 15, by his family: wife, Ginger Gross; son, Nolan L. "Tag" Gross; daughter-in-law, Cassie Gross; daughter, Leslie Hicks; son-in-law, Robbie Hicks; and grandchildren, Cooper Gross, Hagan Gross, Maggie Hicks, Boone Hicks and Kate Hicks.

Caroline M. Scofield in memory of her mother and father, **Mr. and Mrs. John W. Merritt**.

Jim and Patsy Witt in loving memory of **Louise Voigt**, whose birthday was September 14th.

In loving memory of **Charles O. (Oke) Meyers, Sr.**, whose birthday was September 15th, by Charles Meyers, Jr.

In honor of **Kathryn Burnett**, whose birthday is September 13, by her parents, Carol and Bill Burnett.

Deaths

Una Barr died September 3, 2010. Services are pending. Survivors include her son, Robert Barr, Jr.; daughter, Laurie and Jerry Croft; and

granddaughters, Jennifer and Anne Marie Croft.

Paul Fitzgerald died September 3, 2010. Services are being held September 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary with Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating. Survivors include his wife, Jan, and five children.

Births

William Parker Day was born August 10, 2010 to Lance and Summer Day. Proud grandparents are Dean and Nancy Day.

Peyton Morris Franke and **Liam Christopher Franke** were born August 25, 2010 at St. Francis Hospital to Jarrid and Alana Franke.

Hospitalized Last Week

St. John - Doris Combs, Ron Gray, Randy Owen

St. Francis - Jean Dittrich, Peyton Franke, Liam Franke,

NOTE: Baptisms from last Sunday will appear in next week's issue of *The Word*.

Have a prayer request?

Call our prayer line at
699-0158

Classes earn attendance honors

Seven classes earned recognition in spite of the Labor Day weekend last Sunday.

Those whose attendance surpassed their average Sunday during last year's campaign include Nursery 1 and Sixth Grade.

Classes whose attendance beat their best Sunday last year are Nursery 2, Homebuilders, and New Covenant.

Superachievers who surpassed 110% of last year's best Sunday are Infants/Toddlers and College & Career.

This Sunday is the final Sunday in this year's campaign.

Thank you!

Dear friends,

I really don't know what we would do without you!!! You have been so faithful in your giving to the Cookson utilities. Thank you so much for taking so much pressure off me and the staff. We really count on you every year to help us continue our ministry.

We are on the move again, preparing to start two new cottage industries very soon. We are moving and renovating several areas to accommodate them.

The front room in the main building, which has always been used for meetings, will become our craft store. All of the crafts, mats and embroidery shop items will be displayed there. The old craft room will be used for one of the cottage industries. We have storage units and a weight room behind the gym so that the equipment can be better cared for and easier to use. By fall, we will have a whole new look.

I hope that you will consider visiting us sometime in the near future. Thank you again for your gifts. We are so grateful!

Yours in Christ
Rev. Meri Whitaker
Cookson Hills Mission

Helping ...

(continued from page 1A)

A light lunch will be offered for \$5.00, or you can "brown bag" it. This event is especially designed for our senior members. We need your input in order to make it successful.

SCE brochures now available

The Fall 2010 School of Continuing Education begins October 6 and brochures detailing all the classes are now available at the information desk. This year's school will meet on Wednesdays only for five weeks.

Nineteen classes are being offered this year, beginning as early as 9:30 a.m. or as late as 6:30 p.m. Topics range from nutrition and cooking to cowboys and Indians.

A registration fee of \$12 allows participants to take as many classes as can be fit into the schedule.

Forum Luncheons will also be held again this year, and are only available by reservations a week ahead of time. Cost is \$7 per meal.

Luncheon speakers will include Major Dan Rooney, Fox 23 meteorologist James Aydelott, Tulsa Drillers Assistant General Manager Jason George, Carol Lewandowski from Tulsa's Linneaus Gardens, and Dr. Mouzon Biggs.

A snack supper is also available, with no reservations required.



Volunteers will be waiting in Bishops' Hall Sunday morning to answer questions and take registrations for the School of Continuing Ed.

Project Transformation report:

By Jeanne Brosius-Smith

Thanks to over 100 Boston Avenuers who volunteered 624 hours to Project Transformation this summer at Grace United Methodist Church in west Tulsa.

Volunteers represented the Work Area on Missions, United Methodist Women, Young Adults, Wesley, Pilgrimage, Homebuilders, Roundtable, New Frontiers and Senior High Sunday School classes. They assisted with reading, computers, arts and crafts and recreation, as well as furnishing lunches for college interns and church workers and some evening meals for the interns.

Through the contributions to our Project Transformation Fund, we were able to take the children on field trips to the Tulsa Zoo, the Air and Space Museum, and the Kaleidoscope Children's Museum. We also provided needed items for the camps program.

Morgan Johnson, a college student from B.A., was an intern in the Southern Hills UMC Program. Daniel Reck, who served two years as an intern, was house Chaplain for all 18 interns housed on the TU Campus and Darryl Kilman, a B.A. high school student, assisted with the program at Grace UMC.

Incredible Years starts Monday

The Incredible Years, an effective, popular parenting course being offered by our Weekday School on Monday evenings from 5:30-8:00 begins this Monday, September 13. The course is designed for parents and caregivers of children ages two to eight.

Taught by Tulsa Health Department Child Guidance Specialists, the Incredible Years includes techniques to reduce stress and increase confidence in parents and to increase children's social and conflict management skills, academic engagement, school readiness and cooperation.

Call Patty Banes, 699-0112, if you would like to attend. The cost, \$25 per caregiver or \$50 per couple, includes a handbook, child care, and dinner for parents and children in child care.

Meet our newest members



Dr. Jenny L. Boyer joined August 22. She and her husband, Dr. Harold Ginzburg, are both psychiatrists.



Michael Lane joined Sunday by baptism and profession of faith. He is project manager for Barron and McClary general contractors.

UMW News

Joy Circle will meet Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the Aldersgate Room for a scrapbooking party, refreshments and a review of a UMW magazine article. Bring pictures from the summer.

Circle W will attend the District Annual Meeting instead of their September 14 meeting.

The **Tulsa District UMW Annual Meeting** begins Monday at 5:00 p.m. at Memorial Drive UMC with overviews of the 2010-2011 studies: "For the Love of God: John's Letters," "Sudan," and "Joy to the World: Mission and Evangelism." Dinner will be followed by the Memorial Service and installation of officers.

Lectionary Readings

September 12, 2010

Psalm 19
Proverbs 1:20-33
Mark 8:27-30
James 3:1-12

Youth News! . . .

Senior High news

Fall is in full swing! We've got tons of opportunities for you to be a VERB, so jump in, take part! Here's what's on the horizon:

Saturday, September 11th - District Youth Event at Lake Fort Gibson 12:30-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 12th - Planning meeting and dinner from 3:30-6:30. Here's your chance to get involved and help plan what we do for the rest of the year!

Wednesday, September 15th - Dr. Biggs joins us for DTBA. This is your chance to talk to him, ask questions, and gain insight from our senior pastor! Don't miss it!

Small groups and Manly Men Meetings are coming up later in the month, as are many other FUN and faith building events!

Joyfully, Audra

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade

It is *Confirmation Retreat Week* and that means lots of fun for all of us heading to Camp Egan this weekend! We will be leaving the church at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and returning Saturday evening. While at Egan we will be learning a lot about John Wesley, and who knows? He might even stop by for a visit. That would be fantastic because I have a few things I would like to ask him.

On Sunday the 12th, Shari Goodwin will begin taking the confirmands' individual pictures to be used for our newspaper.. Smile!

A new Sunday morning curriculum for 7th and 8th grade begins this week, *Burst The Green Church*. This six-session study begins with the topic "Reclaim." Hear the story of creation from the Bible and find out about your carbon footprint. Come gain a greater appreciation of what it means to be a steward of God's creation!

Wednesday evening youth group is the place to be ... 7:00 to 8:00... give us a try!

See you in church, Debbie

Sunday School, DTBA build faith, friendship

Middle school and high school youth programs are stronger than ever at B.A.!



Youth enjoy donuts and fellowship at the beginning of Sunday School each week. (Photo by Jeff Sexton)

Wednesday evening DTBA (Downtown Boston Avenue) groups are great fun and build closer friendships as the students live out their faith.

Sixth graders learn about our beliefs an our church during Confirmation Class, which is led by Debbie Peterson and Rev. Guy Langston. Confirmands will enjoy a retreat to Camp Egan this weekend.

Bible studies begin this week

Disciple Bible Study and Invitation classes begin the week of September 13, unless otherwise stated, and enrollment continues Sunday in Bishops' Hall. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions, and all are invited to participate in the class of their choice.

Full Disciple Bible Study courses (30-32 weeks):

Disciple I - Sundays, 6:15 p.m. - taught by DeAnn McArtor

Jesus in the Gospels - taught by Sue Venable on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 20th

Christian Believer - Sundays at 1:30 p.m. - taught by Carol Grim and Judy Rowell

Overview of the Bible (James Efird Series) - taught by John Crowell on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Short courses (8-10 weeks)

Timothy & Titus - Dr. Don Forsman, Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m.

Invitation to Romans - Dr. David Robbins, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Invitation to New Testament, led by Marian Sexton on Tuesday evenings, 6:00-7:30, beginning October 19th

Invitation to Genesis - Rob Morgan - Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Invitation to John - led by Sheila Van Hersh on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. - *begins Feb 28th, 2011*

COC barbecue helps area children

By Janet McCutchen Graham

A barbecue and a dessert cook-off will be highlights of the Circle of Care Friendraiser Festival, "Celebrating God's Children," next Saturday, Sept. 18, 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Faith UMC.

The event will increase awareness of the Circle of Care facilities and Tulsa District Superintendent Rev. Mike Chaffin will be Master of Ceremonies. The festival will also include a silent auction, fun concessions for all ages, and a drawing for a quilt.

Tickets will be available Sunday in Bishops' Hall. Cost is \$7 for a barbecue plate or \$2 for a child's hotdog plate.

Sunday Worship

September 12, 2010
The Third Sunday in Kingdomtide

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

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

Sermon: "ALONG WALK TO A BEAUTIFUL SPRING!"

Mark 8:27-30

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Music:

Prelude: Jesus Shall Reign Peter Pindar Stearns
 Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist

Anthem: Grace Alone S. W. Brown and Jeff Nelson
 The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Alleluia Ralph Manuel
 The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

Offertory: Meditation on "Rejoice, the Lord Is King G. Martin

Anthem: Here I Am, Lord..... Schutte; arr. Ovid Young
 The Chapel Choir (8:30)

I Believe This Is Jesus arr. Undine Smith Moore
 The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Postlude: Fanfare Alan Ridout

Hymns: 157 Jesus Shall Reign

715 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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

Class News . . .

College and Career

We're going to Dave and Buster's this Sunday, September 12, after the 1:00 service. Come join us!

We're also going on a mission trip to Rio Bravo the first week of January. Hope you can come.

Rob Morgan will teach again this week on "The Green Church."

It was great to have some of our "away" members home with us and to welcome some new "home" members as well.

Cornerstone

Dr. Bill Crowell will continue teaching from *A People's History of Christianity* this Sunday.

Congratulations to Colby and Meg Dick on the baptism of their son, Miller.

Be sure to be here Sunday as B.A. concludes its Sunday School attendance campaign.

Disciples

Join us as we begin a new video series on world religions by Adam Hamilton.

It was great to recognize last Sunday for our attendance. Please join us for more enlightening discussions.

Thanks to Dave for the bagels last week. Next Sunday the Sanders will bring treats. Hope to see everyone back!

Homebuilders

We will be serving at the Day Center for the Homeless on September 22nd.

This Sunday Rev. Charles Herndon will continue our series with his lesson, "We Have a Lifelong Mission."

The Rubottoms gave to missions for their grandson's wedding and for the birth of their fourth great granddaughter.

Our prayers are with Jan and the Fitzgerald family after Paul's death. Keep Liz Smith in our prayers also.

Thanks to Adaline Garlington and Richard Gibbs for our singing, to the Bartletts for our treats and to the Lawsons for our coffee. We had 35 present.

Horizons

Mark your calendar for a night of trivia on September 25!

Details to follow.

Brenda Reed will return Sunday to continue "Eight Life-Enriching Practices for Methodists." Thanks, Brenda, and thanks to the Porters for treats last week.

Welcome to our visitor, Derek Cowan. Happy birthday to Jenna Davis, Rachel Dolan, Megan Roberts and John Porter.

We missed many of you. Hope to see you Sunday!

Maranatha

Our Amish Dinner is October 2nd. Call Pam Sherman to sign up. We also have a mission opportunity at Redemption Church on September 26th.

Welcome to new members Will Johnson and Johnny Romo, and to our visitors, Dave & Melody Sheppard, Alexis Brownlee, and Caitlin McDaniel.

David Carpenter will continue his Bible study during September. Thanks, David.

Happy birthday to Bob Russell, Kraemer Luks, Beth Green, Pam Sherman, and Michelle Place. Happy anniversaries to Barbara & Paul Loyd, Susan & Thad Leonard, and Susan & David Rose.

Thanks to Susan Morgan and the Wansleys for our treats. Next week Janet Purinton and the Greens will bring them.

New Covenant

This Sunday Dr. Howard Plowman will teach us and then we will have a sing-along at 2:00 p.m. at Maxine and Bob Lees' home.

Happy birthday to Sue Brothers. Please keep Desiree McKenzie and Joan DeVilbiss in your prayers.

Thanks to Ruth Boone and Joyce Byrne for our music and to Barbara Bond for our prayer and treats.

New Frontiers

We will have a family social at the zoo on September 25 at 1:00 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. to Gretchen Barnhart.

We will also begin a special Wednesday night study session on September 15 at 6:00 p.m. in our classroom.

Thanks to Rev. Mary Ann Emmons for teaching us.

Thanks to the Mortons and Penny Sheehan for our breakfast treats.

Pilgrimage

Dr. Don Forsman will teach us this Sunday. Thanks to all who brought wonderful food last week.

Welcome to visitors Mark and Betty Alspaugh from Hot Springs. Please come again!

Keep Jenyne Purdy's mom in your prayers. Ron Marsh is improving.

Roundtable

Our class's Golden Anniversary is November 12-14 and our Christmas party is December 19.

Dr. David Robbins will continue his series on the Synoptic Gospels this Sunday. Thanks, David.

Happy birthday to Marian Clark and Royse Parr.

Thanks to the Cherblancs for our treats. The Vroomans will bring them this Sunday.

Seek and Discover

Rick Kelly will teach us Sunday on the origins of religion and other faiths. Thanks to Dr. Smith for teaching us last week on the Council of Nicea.

We donated to Restore Hope Ministries this week.

Wesley Fellowship

Welcome to our new member, Virginia Thomas, and to our visitor, Johnnie Romo, and teacher, Jeannine Bezotte.

Happy birthday to Doyle Evans.

Please keep LeRoy Bath, Jack Wynn, Ray McLain, Lois Payne, and Richard Neal in your prayers.

Join us Sunday for wonderful fellowship and learning. Shalom.

Gifts and Memorials

MISSION ENDOWMENT

In memory of Burt Tyler

By: Bill and Valerie Cantrell

By: Bob and Judy Burton

By: Tom and Jane Hoover

Attendance campaign concludes Sun-



Sunday School is a great place to enjoy fellowship and deepen your faith. All welcome visitors. This is the final Sunday in the 2010 attendance campaign.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday - September 12, 2010	5:00 Jubilation Ringers
8:30 a.m. Worship Service	5:45 Capriccio Ringers
9:30 Communion Service	5:50 Festival Ringers
9:40 Faith Academy and Sunday School	6:00 Chapel Choir
10:40 Children's Worship	6:00 LIFE Group for kids
11:00 Worship Service	6:30 Yoga class
12:10 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing	7:00 Middle School DTBA
12:30 BAY Troupe rehearsal	7:00 Senior High DTBA
Monday - September 13	7:00 Carillon Ringers
9:00 a.m. Weekday School	7:00 Chorister Ringers
9:30 UMW Joy Circle	7:30 Chancel Choir
5:30 p.m. The Incredible Years	Thursday - September 16
6:00 Men's basketball practice	9:00 a.m. Weekday School
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 20	9:30 Program Staff
Tuesday - September 14	10:00 UMW Mission Tea
9:00 a.m. Weekday School	4:00 p.m. Lay Leaders Cmte.
12:15 p.m. Weight loss group	5:45 Work Area on Missions
6:00 UMW Circle W	6:00 p.m. PCCT Parent Class
Wednesday - September 15	Friday - September 17
9:00 a.m. Weekday School	9:00 a.m. Weekday School
2:00 p.m. Timothy & Titus study	5:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous
5:00 p.m. Snack Supper	7:00 Third Grade Bible Lock-in
	Saturday - September 18
	9:00 a.m. BAY Troupe Rehearsal

Sunday School at a glance...

Adult Classes for Sunday, September 12, 2010

Visitors are welcome in all classes.

Dr. Biggs' Class - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages
College & Career - Rob Morgan, "The Green Church"
Cornerstone - Dr. Bill Crowell, "History of Christianity"
Disciples - World religions
Heritage - Dr. Joel Panciera, "Christian Worship"
Homebuilders - Rev. Charles Herndon, "Gospel Promises"
Horizons - Brenda Reed, "Eight Life-Enriching Practices"
Maranatha - David Carpenter, "Invitation to New Testament"
New Covenant - Dr. Howard Plowman
New Frontiers - to be announced
Pilgrimage - Dr. Don Forsman
Roundtable - Dr. David Robbins
Seek & Discover - Rick Kelly, "World Religions"
Wesley Fellowship - Rev. Mary Ann Emmons