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Seniors invited to enjoy Another Helping

All seniors age 60 and older are invited to Community Hall for "Another Helping" at noon this Wednesday, September 22nd.

This first "Helping" includes lunch cooked by Sharon Cambridge and Ethel McDorman and a presentation by the Rev. Richard Whetsell, missionary from the Alaska Missionary Conference. Rev. Whetsell will share an interesting look at the challenges and joys of mission and ministry in Alaska.

Those who attend will also be asked to share ideas for future speakers and topics of interest. Those topics may include travel, the arts, health and wellness issues, legal advice, book reviews, cooking, etc.

The light lunch will be offered for just \$5.00, or you can "brown bag" it and bring your own. This event is especially designed for our senior members, whose input will help make it successful and helpful in the future.

Mark your calendar: Downtown for Good is October 30

This year's Downtown for Good mission day will take place on Saturday, October 30! Workers will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. to learn their assignments, then teams will work until noon.

The format will be the same as last year,

with projects for all ages - preschoolers through senior adults. The work day has been shortened to end at noon, but work teams who wish to do so are welcome to eat lunch together.

Watch *The Word* for more details soon!

Educators to be dedicated Sunday

This Sunday, September 19, will be another important day at Boston Avenue Church. All Sunday School teachers and leaders - for children, youth or adults - are invited to come forward and be dedicated during either morning worship service.

All who plan to serve as Sunday School or Faith Academy teachers, along with all adult class officers, are invited to participate in the liturgy this Sunday morning.

Founder of Military Academy of Afghanistan to speak Tuesday at B.A.

All are invited to Community Hall this 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.

Given the mission to build a university in Kabul, Afghanistan, with no money and no budget, Col. James Wilhite began a task that would change the shape of higher education for many years to come. He was assigned to start a four-year military academy modeled after West Point for the Afghan National Army. There have been two graduating classes since then, and now women also are included.

Mr. Wilhite recounts his amazing story, from the shock of an
(See "*James Wilhite*" on page 4A)



Col. James Wilhite

SCE enrollment underway

Enrollment is now underway for the Fall 2010 School of Continuing Education. The school begins October 6, and brochures are available at the information desk.

This year's school will meet on Wednesdays only for five weeks. Enrollment begins Sunday in Bishops' Hall.

Nineteen classes are being offered this year, and a full list of classes appears on page 4A or our website, www.bostonavenue.org. A registration fee of \$12 covers as many classes as the schedule permits.

Forum Luncheons feature a number of outstanding speakers this year. Cost is \$7 per meal and reservations are due a week in advance.

Luncheon speakers include Major Dan Rooney, meteorologist James Aydelott, Tulsa Drillers Asst General Manager Jason George, Carol Lewandowski with Linneaus Gardens, and Dr. Mouzon Biggs.

A snack supper is also available on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:30, with no reservations needed.

(See "*SCE Class Schedule*" on page 4A)



From the Pastor's Study

Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Next Sunday's lection includes this sad sentence from Mark's Gospel: "They did not understand ... and were afraid to ask him."

Instead of asking for more clarification, the disciples quarreled quietly among themselves about who would be greatest in the coming kingdom of God. When Jesus asked what they were quarreling about, they were silent. They knew their quarrels were not going to please Jesus.

Silence can be a good thing in many situations, but it was not a good thing in either of these conversations in Mark. Their first silence robbed them of a chance to understand better what God was sending Jesus to do in Jerusalem. Their second silence robbed them of a chance to confess, receive forgiveness, and be turned in a different, proper direction.

So Jesus sat down, assuming the posture of a First Century teacher, and tried once more to teach them what they, and we, would need to know.

The sermon I am writing this week will be called "ASK, ASK, ASK - UNTIL YOU UNDERSTAND!"

Dr. Panciera to present recital

Boston Avenue organist Dr. Susan Panciera will present the "Tuesdays at Trinity" recital this Tuesday, September 21, at noon at Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 South Cincinnati. The 30-minute recital is free and open to all.

"I'm really looking forward to it, and I think it will be lots of fun," she says. "I like to do unique new things, and this recital will include some beautiful things and some fun things."

"Some of the pieces are things you won't hear in church, and probably include sounds you don't expect to hear from an organ."

Her program includes jazz music, "Go Do Mo" (short for "Go Down, Moses"), and "Let's Get Rhythm."

All are invited to come and enjoy!



Dr. Susan Panciera

SCE Class Schedule:

All classes will start on Wednesdays at the following times:

- 9:30 a.m. - American History, Personal Defense, Genealogy Basics, Easy Eats, Holiday Decorations, Painting Scenes, Antiques and Collectibles
- 10:45 - Book of Moses, Travel with a Camera, Genealogy Five Talks, American Airmen in Europe in WWII.
- 1:15 p.m. - Books in the Afternoon, Handel's *Messiah*, Israel and Palestine, Mah Jongg, Holiday Decorations
- 2:30 - A New Day for You
- 3:15 - Bridge
- 5:30 - Sacred Circle
- 6:30 - Cowboys and Indians, Nutrition Matters

Third Graders receive Bibles Sunday

Third graders each received a new Bible Sunday. This Friday, September 17, they will enjoy an all-night Bible lock-in to learn more about their new Bibles. Those who received Bibles are (kneeling, l to r) Jack Conway, John Holder, Emma French, Shea Goodson, Abby McDonald, Jay Cothran, (standing) William Smiley, Jack Barron, John Speicher, Jack Haines, Rebecca Dennison, Reis Vernon, Annabel Hubner, and Kyle Fitzhugh. Not pictured are Luke Lawson and Thomas Rex.



Eighteen classes earn recognition

Eighteen classes earned attendance recognition on the final Sunday of this year's campaign. Those whose attendance surpassed their average Sunday during last year's campaign include Nursery 1, First Grade, Ninth Grade, Tenth Grade, Eleventh Grade, Cornerstone, Heritage, Homebuilders and New Covenant.

Classes whose attendance beat their best Sunday last year are Second Grade and Horizons. Superachievers who beat that best Sunday by 110% are Infants/Toddlers, Nursery 2, Preschool 1, First Grade, Fifth Grade, Sixth Grade and College & Career.

Grand prize winners in the children/youth division were infants and Sixth Grade/Confirmation. Adult winners were College & Career and Horizons.

James Wilhite ...

(continued)

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 to all.

B.A. family update

Altar Flowers

Tom and Mark Crewson in loving memory of **Ella Wyatt Crewson**, whose birthday was September 24th.

Jean James in loving memory of her husband, **Allen James**, whose birthday was September 21st.

In loving memory of **Richard Latty**, beloved son and brother, whose birthday was September 25th, by Maxine and Garry.

Deaths

Robert G. Thompson died September 3, 2010. Services were held at Boston Avenue with Dr. Tankersley officiating. Survivors include his wife, Erika Thompson, of Sand Springs.

Mary Martin died September 4, 2010. Services were held September 1. Survivors include daughter, Kate Brown-Matousek of Centennial, Colorado; stepson, Rich and Joan Martin; stepdaughters, Janice Hickey, Julie and Pat Perrine; nine grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Desiree McKenzie died September 13. Services were held at Boston Avenue with Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating. Survivors include her son, Dale and Patricia McKenzie, Jr.; daughter, Michelle and Aaron Stensile; and four grandchildren..

Hospitalized Last Week

St. John - Jason Briggs, Ron Gray, Randy Owen

St. Francis - Steve Eaton, Peyton Franke, Liam Franke, Milton Marks.

Baptisms



Miller William Dick, son of Colby and Meg Dick, was baptized September 5 with Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., officiating. He was born August 7, 2010.



William Parker Day, son of Lance and Summer Day, was baptized September 5 with Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr. officiating. He was born August 10, 2010. Proud relatives include his grandparents, Dean and Nancy Day.

UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

Faith Circle will meet Wednesday, September 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Doris Fenn will share UMW Reading Program children's books. The circle will vote on mission projects and decide on dates for this year's UMW Mission Studies, "For the Love of God: John's Letters," "Joy to the World: Mission and Evangelism"; and "Sudan, Part II."

Gifts and Memorials

GENERAL ENDOWMENT In memory of Jacob Lowen

By: New Covenant Class
In memory of Paul Fitzgerald
 By: Jack Peterson
 By: Homebuilders Class
 By: Sue and Otto Boothe
 By: AEI Engineering

To honor Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., on his 30th Anniversary

By: Peggye Enlow
**MISSION ENDOWMENT
 In memory of Burt Tyler**

By: Glenna and Alan Anderson
In memory of Homer Plowman, brother of Howard Plowman

By: Wesley Fellowship Class
In memory of Esther Morrow
 By: Peggye Enlow

In memory of Vi Brotherton

By: Peggye Enlow
**GOOD SAMARITAN
 FUND**

In memory of Jacob Lowen
 By: Shirley and Fay Larson
ALLISON BIGGS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To honor Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., on his 30th Anniversary
 By: Jean and Jim Denton
CHOIR FUND

In memory of Fred Sanders, brother of Ann Gibbs
 By: Joanna and Earl Tuers

Lectionary Readings

September 17, 2010

Psalm 1
 Proverbs 31:10-31
 Mark 9:30-37
 James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

Youth News! . . .

Senior High news

Thank you, Thank you, THANK YOU!! - to everyone who makes Christian education and youth ministry happen at Boston Avenue. Everyone who helps with our youth in any capacity plays a role in the faith development of our kids.

Our kids are surrounded by adults who care about them in so many ways...YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Thank you. I know you take your role as teacher and leader seriously and hope you will be there Sunday morning for our special teacher dedication.

Our planning team worked hard on Sunday afternoon! Together we planned for the fall and spring! You are going to be SO EXCITED when you see the finalized calendar!! We are a lean mean serving machine (that has lots of fun in the process!).

If you have not signed up for the **Heifer International Global Village** experience, there are a few spots left! - October 16th-17th in Perryville, Arkansas. - Go online and check it out!

Thankful for our teachers and leaders! - Audra

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade

We had a fabulous time at our Confirmation Retreat! John Wesley did stop by to enlighten us on his story, and wow, he's old - but he still has lots of interesting stories to share.

Confirmands had their pictures made on Sunday for the church paper. If you missed it Sunday, be ready this Sunday.

This Sunday, the 19th, is **Teacher Dedication Day**. All of the mid-high adult team is asked to be in one of our worship services. Everyone who helps in any way with our ministry is considered a teacher. We are thankful and dependent upon your piece of the ministry. Our youth are blessed and will grow in their faith surrounded by a faithful team of adults.

Mid-high girls are invited to **Spa Night** at the Aycocks this Sunday.. Invitations were sent to your homes. Take time to get together with your friends from church.

All mid-high youth mark your calendar and turn in your registration forms for **Laser Quest** on Sunday, September 26, from noon to 2:20. Space is limited, so don't be left out! Reserve your spot today.

Have a good week and remember to keep the faith at school as well as at church..

Look forward to seeing you very soon. - Debbie

Recycling does a lot of good!

By Rev. Paul Staat

Recycling continues to benefit our mission efforts and outreach. From January to July we have collected 154 pounds of aluminum cans, earning \$84.52 to help those in need with a bus token or gasoline. (No money is given.)

Our paper recycling has brought in forty tons for \$661, saving 131.16 cubic yards of landfill space. Paper recycling proceeds help pay workers for our Child SHARE foster parent support group.

Remember to bring your paper (newspaper, office paper, mail, magazines - no phone books, please) to the Abitibi dumpsters in the west parking lot. Every little bit helps! Keep up the good work, and let's recycle more!



Thanks to Ken Southard and Jim Lee, who take care of paper and can recycling at the church.

Financial Peace class enrolling

Want to learn more about managing personal finances in a very enjoyable way? The opportunity has arrived!

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University classes will be offered again at B.A. starting this Tuesday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m. in Room J229. Financial Peace University (FPU) is a life-changing program that teaches participants to achieve their financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving to help worthwhile causes. More than a million families have attended FPU to be challenged and motivated to make a plan for their money and change their family stress levels.

Statistics indicate that the number one reason for stress in marriages is the management of family finances. This class helps both individuals and couples better understand the importance of avoiding debt, building wealth, finding bargains, saving for the future, and giving to help others. The first class is offered free of charge.

Cost of the 13-week class is \$100 per couple, with payment options available. The fee covers Dave Ramsey's book, a workbook, audio cd's of each class, and necessary supplies.

The class will be facilitated by New Frontiers Class members Eric and Megan Linn, who have taken the class on their own and been helped by it. Class members meet each week to watch a video lesson and participate in discussion groups. Ramsey's presentation style is humorous and easy to understand.

Sign up Sunday in Bishops' Hall or contact Bill Crowell at 699-0127 or billcrowell@bostonavenue.org to sign up for the class, or visit www.daveramsey.com for more information.



Eric and Megan Linn will lead the class.

Sunday Worship

September 19, 2010
 The Fourth Sunday in Kingdomtide

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

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

Sermon: "ASK, ASK, ASK - UNTIL YOU UNDERSTAND!"

Mark 9:30-37

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Music:

Prelude: Sonata V, Op. 65, Andante Felix Mendelssohn
 Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist

Anthem: Open our Eyes Will MacFarlane
 Sabrina Bland, soloist (8:30)

Let This Mind Be In You Austin Lovelace
 Chancel Choir, Janet Purinton, soloist (11:00)

Offertory: Voluntary V, Allegro George Frideric Handel
 Anthem: Welcome Mark Miller

The Chapel Choir & soloists (8:30)
 Praise the Lord George Frideric Handel
 The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Postlude: Sonata V, Allegro maestoso..... Felix Mendelssohn

Hymns: 578 God of Love and God of Power
 433 All Who Love and Serve Your City
 670 Go Forth for God

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

Class News . . .

College and Career

Our lesson this Sunday will be on environmental issues and the Sabbath.

Last week we had a good discussion on homelessness and hunger in our city.

Cornerstone

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

Avis returned to be with us again. Welcome.

Disciples

Please join us Sunday to continue our enlightening and lively discussion of "Christianity and World Religions."

Last week we began our new series on world religions with another strong and candid discussion. We are always thankful for our open minded and caring discussions.

Heritage

Thanks to Blake Keeley for the discussion on Habitat for Humanity. Our teacher next week will be Sue Venable.

Happy birthday to Jo Ann Bingham, Curtis Parks, Bill Rischard and Sara Duncan. Class visitors were Blake and Ruth Keeley and Lisa Critz.

Everyone enjoyed the class party Saturday at the Bertrem home on Lake Fort Gibson.

Thanks to Judy Haug for our refreshments. The Bethells will bring them next week.

Homebuilders

Our class will prepare the meal for the Day Center for the Homeless on September 22.

This week Rev. Herndon will continue his series with "God Will Provide."

Ruth Weston and Elizabeth Bartlett gave to missions because their pictures were in the church newspaper.

Keep Ann Gibbs in your prayers due to her brother's death.

We appreciated our interesting lesson from Rev. Charles Herndon on "We Have a Lifelong Mission."

Adaline Garlington and Charles Herndon led the singing. Ron Setser presided. The Bartletts furnished our treats, and the Lawsons provided the coffee. We had

27 present.

Horizons

Live Event Trivia will be at the Elliotts' on Saturday, September 25. Smore Fest will be at the Stovall's on Saturday, October 16. We will serve at the Day Center for the Homeless on Friday, October 8.

Help us welcome Brenda Reed back for more on "Eight Life Enriching Practices."

Chris will bring treats.

We welcomed Brian who is a friend of Nancy Graham.

Happy birthday to Mark Pinkstaff and Ross Aycock.

Welcome to new members Christine and Derek Cowan.

Maranatha

Remember our Amish Dinner on October 2nd. If you haven't signed up and want to go, please call Pam Sherman. We also have a mission opportunity at Redemption Church on September 26th.

David Carpenter will be talking about Revelation this Sunday as he continues his lessons on the New Testament. See the weekly email for your reading assignment.

New Covenant

Paul Staat invited the class to Second Helping which starts on September 22.

Thanks to Howard Plowman for our lesson last week. He will be with us for the month of September.

Dorothy Murray, Zeke Hanson, and Jean Estep are celebrating birthdays.

Keep Jean Estep and family in your prayers.

Thanks to Joyce Byrne for the prayer and for leading the music, Carol Bean for playing the piano, and Katie Hillman for the refreshments. Barbara Bond read a class letter to a girl in the Happy Children's Home in China.

New Frontiers

On October 31 we will have election of class officers.

This Sunday we will have a lesson on Islam from Adam Hamilton's book on World Religions.

We welcomed visitor Chuck Tegeler.

Last Sunday we learned about Judaism from Adam

Hamilton's book.

Pilgrimage

Congratulations to Darren White in his upcoming graduation. Our class is blessed to be able to provide part of the meal for his celebration.

Thanks to Rev. Don Forsman for sharing his life's journey with us. We look forward to his return this Sunday.

We welcomed Darlyn's granddaughter, Shila, from Stillwater.

Please pray for Lynn's aunt, Francis.

Our plans for dinner at Ted's at the end of September are in the works. We are working on the exact date.

Roundtable

Start planning for the Redemption Dinner and "H.U.G.S." on October 24. Baskets will be in our classroom.

Darlene Tegeler presented a lesson taken from the book *Sinning Like a Christian*. She will return for the second lesson this Sunday.

We had a belated birthday celebration for Royse Parr.

Remember our class will be celebrating its Golden Anniversary on November 12, 13, and 14.

Seek and Discover

Rick Kelly will continue with another film discussion this Sunday.

Last week Rick led us in a wonderful lesson about how to follow Jesus from the Nooma film series.

Wesley Fellowship

Our Ice Cream Social is this Sunday, September 19, 6:00 p.m. at Pearl Rhoads' home.

We welcomed Erika Thompson as a new class member.

Jean Gomez and Clyde Scott area celebrating birthdays. Keep Susie Treadwell in your prayers.

Thanks to Mary Ann Emmons for teaching our class last week.

Have a prayer request?

Call our prayer line at
699-0158

Maranatha celebrates 30 years

Maranatha Sunday School Class members recently gathered to



celebrate the class's 30th Anniversary. Pam Low, left, is a charter member with her husband, Karey, and has served as class historian since its beginning. She led a review of highlights and special events.

The class has had 605 different members, and current membership is 187. They helped establish the Mission Endowment Fund and have donated over \$251,000 to charity.

Congratulations, Maranatha!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday - September 19, 2010	5:00 p.m. Snack Supper
8:30 a.m. Worship Service	5:00 Jubilation Ringers
9:30 Communion Service	5:45 Capriccio Ringers
9:40 Faith Academy and Sunday School	5:50 Festival Ringers
10:40 Children's Worship	6:00 Chapel Choir
11:00 Worship Service	6:00 LIFE Group for kids
12:10 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing	6:00 UMW Faith Circle
12:30 BAY Troupe rehearsal	6:30 Yoga class
Monday - September 20	7:00 Middle School DTBA
9:00 a.m. Weekday School	7:00 Senior High DTBA
5:30 p.m. The Incredible Years	7:00 Carillon Ringers
6:00 Men's basketball practice	7:00 Chorister Ringers
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 20	7:30 Chancel Choir
6:45 Child SHARE Support Grp.	Thursday - September 23
Tuesday - September 21	9:00 a.m. Weekday School
9:00 a.m. Weekday School	10:00 Program Staff
12:15 p.m. Weight loss group	6:00 p.m. PCCT Parent Class
7:00 Postpartum Support Group	Friday - September 24
Wednesday - September 22	9:00 a.m. Weekday School
9:00 a.m. Weekday School	5:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous
2:00 p.m. Timothy & Titus study	6:30 Respite Care
	Saturday - September 25
	9:00 a.m. BAY Troupe Rehearsal

Sunday School at a glance...

Adult Classes for Sunday, September 19, 2010

Visitors are welcome in all classes.

Dr. Biggs' Class - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages
College & Career - Rob Morgan, "Environment & Sabbath"
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 - Darlene Tegeler, "Sinning Like a Christian"
Seek & Discover - Rick Kelly, "World Religions"
Wesley Fellowship - Rev. Harold Reynolds