

# THE WORD

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**Pastor's Study  
4A**



**Downtown for  
Good 5A**



**Faith Academy  
8A**



## World War II veterans share stories in SCE

The Fall 2010 School of Continuing Education begins October 6 with a wealth of interesting classes! Brochures are available at the information desk and a full class schedule can be found on page 4A of this issue.

Above, Dr. Don Forsman, Dan Rogers and Frank Hammerschmidt are three of six World War II veterans who will be sharing stories of their experiences in Europe during the war. As pilots, gunners, crew members and support personnel, they knew firsthand the terrors and triumphs in the air of Germany during that great conflict. Firsthand stories are vanishing daily, and these will be well told!

This year's school will meet on Wednesdays only for five weeks. Enrollment is now underway Sunday mornings in Bishops' Hall, registrations and fees can be mailed in.

Nineteen excellent classes are being offered

this year, and a full list of classes also appears on our website, [www.bostonavenue.org](http://www.bostonavenue.org). A registration fee of \$12 covers as many classes as participants can fit into their schedules, and child care is available for \$10 per child through September 30.

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. The food is ala carte, and prices are very reasonable.

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

## Musicians to be dedicated Sunday

This Sunday is Music Dedication Sunday! Both services will include special music and the dedication of our musicians, both singers and instrumentalists, for the coming year.

The Festival Ringers will ring at both services. The Chapel Choir will sing at 8:30, as usual. The Academy Cherubs, Choraliers, and Choristers will join the Chancel Choir to sing at the 11:00 service.

Pictures will be taken of the Chapel Choir at 9:30, then all children's choirs will have pictures made after they sing in the 11:00 service.

## Administrative Board meets Tuesday

All church members are invited to the September meeting of the Administrative Board this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Community Hall. The meeting begins with dinner at 6:30, followed by the business and staff reports.

Meal reservations are due Monday and can be made by calling the church office, 583-5181. Cost of each meal is \$6.00.

## Boy Scout popcorn sale begins Sunday

Our Boy Scout Troop 20 members will be taking orders for popcorn this Sunday morning and next in Bishops' Hall. Payment is due when the order is placed, if possible, and checks should be made to "Troop 20-BSA." Orders will be available at church in November.

*New this year*, tins of popcorn have been replaced with resealable bags, resulting in more popcorn for the money. The bags are also easier to carry. Ready-to-eat popcorn is now prepared using canola oil so that the popcorn is healthier than in the past. Uncooked kernels are also available for people to prepare themselves.

In addition to regular and light popcorn, chocolate caramel crunch is back by popular demand, as are microwave packs.

This popcorn sale is Troop 20's major annual fundraiser. Our church has sponsored Troop 20 for over 87 years. Proceeds help purchase equipment and provide camp scholarships. They appreciate your help.





## From the Pastor's Study

*Mouzon Biggs, Jr.*

The Synoptic Gospels (those that "look alike" - *Matthew, Mark and Luke*) tell us several times how special Peter, James and John were to Jesus. He took those three into the bedroom of a dead child to be a part of her resuscitation. He took the same three to the Mount of Transfiguration. On the last night before his death, Jesus took the same three a little farther into the olive grove to pray for him shortly before his arrest in Jerusalem.

In this Sunday's lection, one of those favored three, John, rushes up to Jesus and proudly announces that he has seen someone healing in Jesus' name and he promptly told the healer to stop. The disciples are clearly concerned about who's "outside" and who's "inside."

Jesus deals with that by encouraging anyone who is doing what he was doing (healing), "If they are not against us, they are for us."

He then teaches his disciples the consequences of putting others "outside" or allowing temptations to put themselves "outside."

I am calling the sermon, "NOT SURE WHO'S THE BIGGER ENEMY?"

## Nicaragua VIM team prepares for trip

Our Nicaragua volunteer-in-mission team is making final preparations for their departure on Saturday, October 16.

The team will travel to the village of Masaya on Saturday and will stay at Hotel Ivania's there. They will worship at the local United Methodist church on Sunday morning and spend the afternoon gathering supplies and coordinating plans for the week.

The team will do construction work at the church and host a Vacation Bible School for the children all day Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The construction will include putting a new facade on the front of the church and doing interior painting and refurbishing.

Work will conclude on Thursday morning, then the team will spend Friday in Managua before flying home on Saturday.

The team will be commissioned October 10 and will maintain a blog during their trip to update fellow church members at home.



Nicaragua VIM team members are meeting to prepare for their mission. Team members are (1st row, l to r) Linda Alegria, Mike Sheehan (team leader), Penny Sheehan, Erin Meehan, (2nd row) Rex Donley, Mark Collins, Judy Rowell, John Colbert, Mae Smiley, and Jackie Reichman. Not pictured are Kali Alger and Richard Gibbs (team treasurer).

## Meet our newest members

**Sarah Russell** joined Sunday by baptism and profession of faith. She is a junior at Jenks High School.

**Keith and Ruth Stumpff** joined Sunday. They own properties including Stanley's Funeral Home.

**Diane Thurman** joined Sunday. She is employed at Samson Resources.

## B.A. family update

### Altar Flowers

Peggy and Dale Cooper in loving memory of **Paul E. Cooper**, whose birthday was September 30th, and **Ralph R. Carver**, whose birthday was October 1st.

In loving memory of **William D. VonDrehle**, whose birthday was September 30th, by his family.

In memory of **Margaret Murray's** birthday on September 30th, by her husband, Dave; sons, Mike and Patrick; and daughter, Lucy Scheer.

In loving memory of **Chuck McBrayer**, whose birthday was September 27th, from Phillelle, Phil, Charles and Candy.

Marc and Linda Frazier and Jim and Pamela Sellen and their families in loving memory of their mother and grandmother, **Wilma Sellen**, whose birthday was September 16th.

**Deaths**

**Homer Plowman** died September 8, 2010. Services were held on September 11 in Grapevine, Texas. Survivors include his brother, Dr. Howard and Trudy Plowman; sons, Donald and Carol Plowman and Chuck and Sally Plowman; four grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

### Hospitalized Last Week

**St. John** - Carl Drew, Ron Gray, Randy Owen

**St. Francis** - Eloise Braswell, Peyton Franke, Liam Franke, E. L. Thomas, Don Wanasinghe, Aileen Winters

**OSU Medical Center** - Robert Ritter



Our SCE Committee works hard to prepare for this year's school.

## SCE Class Schedule

All classes will meet on Wednesdays:

**Turning Points in American History** (9:30-10:30) - Join Thomas Donahy and Bill Gaddis to discuss some of the most important events in our country's history.

**Personal Defense** (9:30-10:30) MSgt. Rodney Garner, USAF, will use lecture and hands-on exercises to teach self defense.

**Genealogy: Family History Basics** (9:30-10:30) Let expert Barbara Meehan help you get started or answer questions as you explore your own family history. Learn what's new in this field.

**Easy Eats** (9:30-11:45) TCC advisor Lucille Griffin leads fun-filled cooking classes; students get to "eat" the lesson each week! (additional \$50 fee required to cover supplies)

**Creating Holiday Decorations** (9:30-11:45 or 1:15-3:15) Carol Grim will help you create decorations for special holidays, plus a jean tote bag, table runners, wall hangings, and gift bags and boxes

**Painting Scenes with Watercolors, Oils or Acrylics** (9:30-11:45) - Join Bill Alsbrook to create two 9x12 pictures in your choice of oils or acrylics. (Supply list available at the information desk)

**Antiques and Collectibles** (9:30-11:45) Tour with Anita Dewhurst to learn about art pottery and examine antique collections.

**A Book of Moses 500 Year After Moses?** (10:45-11:45) Dr. Biggs will lead a look at *Deuteronomy's* message then and now.

**Travel with a Camera** (10:45-11:45) Louise Reid and friends will lead visits to Mediterranean ports, Spain, China, and Cuba, as well as a look at Angel Flights.

**Genealogy Five Talks** (10:45-11:45) - Special lectures by Barbara Meehan improve genealogy skills and increase understanding.

**American Airmen in Europe** (10:45-11:45) WWII airmen will share stories of their experiences in Europe during the war.

**Books in the Afternoon** (1:15-2:15) - Dr. Gwen Humphrey and friends will share some of their favorite "reads."

**Everything You Wanted to Know about Handel's Messiah** (1:15-2:15) - Dr. Joel Panciera will discuss this timeless masterpiece, it's history, and how performances have evolved over the years.

**The Israel-Palestinian Conflict** (1:15-3:15) Join Dr. Barbara Bond to explore the consequences of establishing the State of Israel.

**Mah Jongg** (1:15-3:15) - Join Joanne Colbert and Debbie Pinkerton to learn this exciting tile game dating back to Confucius.

**A New Day for You** (2:30-3:30) Mary Helen Stanley will offer help for all who are struggling with the death of a loved one.

**Bridge** (Interference and Obstruction OR How to Make Life Difficult for Your Opponent (3:15-5:15) - Jeanette Warren will help improve your bridge skills and learn to be difficult in the nicest way!

**Exploring the Sacred Circle** (5:30-7:30) - Rev. Anne Clement will explore culture, history and traditions relating to Native American spirituality.

**Cowboys and Indians In and Out of Hollywood** (6:30-7:30) - Dr. Guy Logsdon will use movie and television clips to compare favorite American heroes with real working cowboys and Indians.

**Nutrition Matters** (6:30-7:30) Susan Leonard, RD, LD, will address the complex issues of nutrition and health; what different foods do "to" and "for" our body.

## UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

**PM Circle** will celebrate its 26th Anniversary in November. Their mission emphasis began with their activity in the Frances Willard Home for Girls Auxiliary: The Circle is active in hands-on missions, supports Conference UMW mission projects, and devotes two months to each UMW study.

## Gifts and Memorials

### GENERAL ENDOWMENT In memory of Jacob Lowen

By: Dale and Vivian Wood  
**In memory of Desiree McKenzie**

By: Dale and Vivian Wood  
**In memory of Paul Fitzgerald**

By: Harris County Flood Control District  
**In memory of Ray Poiriez**

By: Bob and Joyce Skalla  
**GOOD SAMARITAN FUND**

**In memory of Paul Fitzgerald**

By: Ethos Health Ambulatory Surgivision LLC  
**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**In memory of Desiree McKenzie**

By: Bob and Maxine Lees  
**PROJECT TRANSFORMATION**

**In memory of Paul Fitzgerald**

By: Gary and Patti Smith  
**HOMEBOUND FUND**

**In memory of SarahJean Dearth**

By: Gary and Patti Smith  
**MUSIC FUND**

**In honor of Mary Ward's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on September 30<sup>th</sup>**

By: Anne Chamlee and Phyllis Brown

**ALLISON BIGGS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**To honor Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., on his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

By: Dr. and Mrs. Glen Berkenbile

## Youth News! . . .

### Senior High news

Manly men and not so girly-girls! This week we will be meeting with our small groups.

Girls, you should receive a personal invitation in the mail. Guys- you are going to a friendly paintball game. Look for more information on your cell phones and Facebook!

Adults- we will be holding our first Senior High Advisory Council meeting this week. We will be signing up volunteers for the year - be watching your emails too. I KNOW you just CAN'T WAIT to sign up to help!! We can't be in ministry without you AND it's a great way for you to get to know other great members of our church!

**DTBA** will be hosting a **STUDY NIGHT** this week, complete with homework experts and brain food and lots of encouragement! If your homework isn't an issue for you, come and play study break games and have a chance to talk about your week.

Next week we will be spending a night filled with Praise and Worship! I hope you will give **DTBA** a try. It's a great **Faith Break** during the week!

May God Bless YOU this week! - Audra

### 6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Sunday the **Confirmation class** will be submitting their questions for Dr. Biggs to address during our special evening with him on October 3. **Questions and Answers with Dr. Biggs** is something we do each year for the Confirmands and their parents and it is always well received. Be thinking about what YOU would like for him to answer and put it down on your card Sunday.

Sunday is **Laser Quest Day** and I hope you have made your reservation. If not, please call me and let me know that you want to attend. We have limited space, but as of today there are still openings. We will leave the church at noon and head to Laser Quest where we will eat lunch and play two games. Make arrangements to be picked up at Laser Quest at 2:20.

Auditions for Mid-high **Glee** are only three weeks away! October 10th at noon is the day, so mark your calendar.

Lots of fun things are in store for the mid-high! Show up on Sundays and on Wednesdays for our midweek ministry and be part of all we have to offer.

In friendship, Debbie



### Bible locking makes learning fun

Above, Abby McDonald, Jack Haines, Thomas Rex and Shea Goodson make leather tooled bookmarks for the new Bibles they received in worship. The children had a great time learning more about their Bibles last Friday evening.



## Downtown for Good is October 30

Hundreds of church volunteers worked together last year to help others in our church's first Downtown for Good.

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.

Watch *The Word* for more details soon!

## Financial Peace class still open

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University began last Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Room J229 to teach participants to achieve financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving to help worthwhile causes. Facilitators are Eric and Megan Linn.

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.

Contact Bill Crowell at 699-0127 for more information.

## Sunday Worship

September 26, 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: "NOT SURE WHO'S THE BIGGER ENEMY?"**

Mark 9:38-50

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

### Music:

Prelude: Resonance and Reflection ..... Margaret Tucker  
The Festival Ringers

Introit: In Your Temple, Lord, Awaiting ..... Luigi Zaninelli  
Academy Cherubs and Choraliars (11:00)

Anthem: Come, Christians, Join to Sing ..... arr. Todd Wilson  
The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Song of Joyful Praise ..... Becki Slagle Mayo  
Choraliars, Choristers, Chancel Choir (11:00)

Offertory: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above .... arr. J. Michel  
Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist

Anthem: You Are the Light of the World ..... Stephen Schwartz  
The Chapel Choir & soloists (8:30)

God Gave Us Music ..... Dale Wood  
The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Postlude: Flourish and Chorale ..... Michael McCabe

Hymns: 68

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

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Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

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

## Lectionary Readings

September 26, 2010

Psalm 1

Proverbs 31:10-31

Mark 9:30-37

James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

# Class News . . .

## Cornerstone

Bill Crowell will conclude his lesson series on *A People's History of Christianity* this Sunday. Hope to see you there.

## Disciples

This Sunday we'll learn about what Buddhists believe from Adam Hamilton's series on world religions.

We hope that Jennifer recovers quickly.

Last week we had an insightful discussion on Hinduism and how it compares to Christianity.

Thanks to Jennifer for the treats. The Daniels will provide them this week.

## Heritage

Sheila Parr will teach us the next two Sundays. We thank Sue Venable for teaching last week. She told us about a book, *Our Lady of Guadalupe*, about a Mexican, Juan Diego's, visitation by the holy mother, Mary. It describes how he was able to convince the his bishop of this miracle.

Class visitors were Nancy and Bill Stetler.

Happy birthdays last week to Tom Gorzkiewicz, Charlie Rambo, Kathy Morris and Norma Small.

Thanks to the Bethells for our treats. The Harringtons will provide them this week.

## Homebuilders

Remember the birthday celebration for Bob Bowker on September 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Bradford Room of the assisted living at Forest Hills.

This week Rev. Herndon continues his series with "Death Is Not the End of Life" and "Christ Is With Us Always."

Ken Southard gave to missions for his picture in the church newspaper, and Richard Gibbs gave because he is rid of the braces.

We welcomed Norval Smith back after his long absence. Keep Dolores and Bob Ritter in your prayers.

Rev. Charles Herndon gave an interesting lesson on "God Will Provide."

The Bartletts brought the treats and the Lawsons provided coffee. We had 30 present.

## Horizons

This Saturday, September 25, is our Live Event Trivia Night at the Elliotts. Please see the e-vite. Our Day Center for the Homeless meal is October 6. Please plan on helping with our serving for this important cause.

This week Brenda will be back with us. Katie is signed up for treats.

We welcomed Jennifer Champion to our class.

Paul Dolan, Susie Porter, and Murphy Mills are celebrating birthdays. The Cousins are celebrating an anniversary.

Thanks to Brenda Reed for teaching last week and to Chris for our treats.

## Maranatha

Our Amish Dinner is October 2. Call Pam Sherman to go.

This Sunday David Carpenter will conclude his Bible study. Nancy Pittman, Associate Professor of the Practice of Ministry at Phillips Theological Seminary, will teach the next two weeks.

Welcome to Michael Lane, our visitor, and Dean O. and Terri Todd, new members.

Dana Solomon and Diane Woolsey are celebrating birthdays, and Denise and James Kilman are celebrating an anniversary.

Thanks to Paula Scott for the prayer and Brenda and David Worthington and Scott Morgan for our refreshments

## New Covenant

Dr. Howard Plowman will continue his series this week. We are enjoying his lessons so much, and we thank him.

Keep Carolyn Morrison in your prayers. Many attended Desiree McKenzie's memorial service. She and Dale were former class presidents.

Thanks to Joyce Byrne and Carol Bean for music, Stoner Arnold for the prayer, and June Cleverdon for treats.

## New Frontiers

Hope you're planning to join us at our social at the zoo this Saturday at 1:00!

This Sunday we will conclude our series from Adam Hamilton's book on World Religions with a lesson

on Christianity.

On October 31 we will have election of class officers. Where would you like to serve?

## Pilgrimage

Mark your calendar for October 4. We'll have dinner together at Ted's. Nancy will have more information later.

Our thanks to Dr. Don Forsman for his lesson on having doubts and using them to grow in our faith. He will be with us again this Sunday. His topic will be "Life Everlasting."

Congratulations to the Clantons on their sons' marriage.

## Roundtable

Baskets are in the classroom until October 24 to collect hats, caps, underwear, gloves, scarves, and socks for Redemption Church.

Darlene Tegeler returns Sunday for another lesson from the book *Sinning Like Christians*. Last week she brought a lesson on the sin of pride.

Happy birthday to Marlene Pinkstaff.

Put these dates on your calendar: November 12, 13, 14 for the Roundtable Golden Anniversary; December 17 for the Christmas party, and January 14 for the silent auction.

## Seek and Discover

Rick Kelly will teach from the Nooma series. We thank him for leading us last week.

Laura Bottoms is celebrating a birthday.

Be thinking about what class officer position you want to volunteer for in 2011.

## Wesley Fellowship

We gathered in worship as Harold and Twila led us. How we love to sing!

Mary Helen gave our invocation, and Harold brought a thoughtful lesson. Thanks to all who serve where needed.

Keep Carolyn Evans (Jess), Susie Treadwell, Ray McClain, Leroy Bath, Lois Payne, Aileen Winters, and others we may not know in your prayers.

We had 61 present. Join us this Sunday. Shalom.

**Have a prayer request?**

Call our prayer line at  
699-0158



## Students learn by doing

Above, Faith Academy students "dig for artifacts" as they learn about how the Bible came to be. In rotation classes the students are exploring the Bible through art, story telling, cooking and study games.

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday - September 26, 2010</b>	12:00 noon Health & Happiness
8:30 a.m. Worship Service	2:00 p.m. Timothy & Titus study
9:30 Communion Service	5:00 p.m. Snack Supper
9:40 Faith Academy and Sunday School	5:00 Jubilation Ringers
10:40 Children's Worship	5:45 Capriccio Ringers
11:00 Worship Service	5:50 Festival Ringers
12:10 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing	6:00 Chapel Choir
12:30 BAY Troupe rehearsal	6:00 LIFE Group for kids
<b>Monday - September 27</b>	6:30 Yoga class
9:00 a.m. Weekday School	7:00 DTBA
12:00 Pastor Parish Relations	7:00 Carillon Ringers
5:30 p.m. The Incredible Years	7:00 Chorister Ringers
6:00 Men's basketball practice	7:30 Chancel Choir
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 20	7:30 BAY Troupe Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday - September 28</b>	<b>Thursday - September 30</b>
9:00 a.m. Weekday School	9:00 a.m. Weekday School
11:00 Building Committee	10:00 Program Staff
12:15 p.m. Weight loss group	6:00 p.m. PCCT Parent Class
4:00 Budget Committee	<b>Friday - October 1</b>
5:30 Finance Committee	9:00 a.m. Weekday School
6:30 Administrative Board	10:00 Quilting for Others
<b>Wednesday - September 29</b>	5:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous
9:00 a.m. Weekday School	6:30 Respite Care
	<b>Saturday - October 2</b>
	9:00 a.m. BAY Troupe Rehearsal

## Sunday School at a glance...

*Adult Classes for Sunday, September 26, 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 - Buddhism  
**Heritage** - Sheila Parr  
**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** - World Religions - Christianity  
**Pilgrimage** - Dr. Don Forsman, "Life Everlasting"  
**Roundtable** - Darlene Tegeler, "Sinning Like a Christian"  
**Seek & Discover** - Rick Kelly, "World Religions"  
**Wesley Fellowship** - Rev. Harold Reynolds