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Downtown for Good!

To feel good for a day watch a good movie.

To feel good for a weekend take a short trip

To feel good for a lifetime

go out and do something to help someone else



Our youth know the great feeling the comes from helping others. They invite everyone to join them in mission projects at Downtown for Good on Saturday, October 24.

Boston Avenue is Downtown for Good - especially on October 24 and 25! Come join us to meet new friends, enjoy great fellowship, and experience the "natural high" that comes from helping others. There will be mission projects appropriate for all ages!

Downtown for Good means two things. First, Boston Avenue is downtown to stay. Our congregation has worshiped in the heart of Tulsa since 1893. We have no intention of leaving the downtown area.

Second, we are committed to being in ministry with those around us, to being recognized for good works and standing for good ideals in faith.

October 24 and 25 brings a great opportunity to reach out to the Tulsa community! Saturday will be spent doing mission projects appropriate for preschoolers to seniors. Everyone will meet at the church to be divided into teams and sent out. The day will conclude with a reception and brief mission reports late that afternoon. The fee of \$25 per person (\$100 max per family) covers T-shirts, supplies and food.

Sunday, October 25, a group picture will be taken on the north steps. A lunch and celebration in the park will follow the 11:00 service. That Sunday is also Pledge Sunday and all are invited to the celebration.

Be sure to sign up the next two Sundays - October 4 and 11 - to receive your T-shirt and be scheduled on a team! T-shirts will be available on October 11, and the registration form will include questions about your preferences regarding mission projects and teams.

Come help us be *Downtown for Good!*



From the Pastor's Study

Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Last week one of our country's leading economists said, "Greed almost brought America to its knees in 2008, and now greed will lead us on to new prosperity."

The Bible has much to say about greed, but it is often misquoted, as in, "Money is the root of all evil."

What *1 Timothy 6:10* really says is, "The *love* of money is a root of all kinds of evil." He continues, "In their eagerness to be rich, some have wandered away from the faith."

Instead of looking at possessions the way most heathen and pagans do, the author tells Christian who are living seventy years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, "As for you, shun all this ... Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called."

Later in the letter, the author adds another thought for his readers, "As for those who are rich, command them not to be haughty ... They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share."

I chose the title for next Sunday's sermon from the first sentence in this Sunday's lection, "WE BROUGHT NOTHING IN - WE'LL TAKE NOTHING OUT!"

Musicians to be dedicated Sunday

This Sunday is Choir Dedication Sunday at Boston Avenue. All choral and instrumental musicians will be dedicated in both worship services, and it's a great time to join any of these ensembles! Each group is now rehearsing music for the fall and all are welcome. No audition is necessary.

The Chapel Choir sings during the 8:30 service, then the Academy Choraliers and Choristers and Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00 Sunday.

Instrumentalists participating in the Boston Avenue Symphony Orchestra, the Brass Ensemble and all six handbell choirs will also be included in the litany.

(See "Music" on page 4A)

Popcorn sale concludes Sunday

Boy Scout Troop 20's popcorn sale concludes this Sunday morning. Orders are being taken in Bishops' Hall and payment is due when the order is placed. Checks should be made to "Troop 20-BSA."

Prices remain the same as last year. Orders will be available for pickup at the church in November.

Those who wish to support both Troop 20 and military men and women may

(See "Popcorn," page 4A)



“Faith Matters” at Phillips Seminary

Faith Matters, a free lecture series, will be held on Mondays, October 5-26, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Phillips Theological Seminary (PTS). The lectures are designed for church leaders and the general public and will be presented at the Tabbernee Conference Center directly south of the main building at 901 N Mingo Rd.

Registration is not required for the series, and all presentations are open to the public. For more information contact PTS at 610-8303.

On October 5 **Dr. Bernard Brandon Scott**, Darbeth Distinguished Professor of New Testament, will present “*In Song and Image: How Ancient Images Make Paul’s Hymn Come Alive!*”

Buried in the Apostle Paul’s



Dr. Bernard Brandon Scott

letter to the Philippians is an ancient Christian hymn, the earliest complete hymn in the New Testament. This hymn draws on images from the Roman imperial cult and offers a fascinating image of the battle between Rome and Christianity. Dr. Scott’s presentation will draw on images

from Roman art to illuminate the meaning of the hymn.

Subsequent lectures include:

October 12- “Neither Fat Persons nor Thin Ones”: Thinking Theologically About Diets, Shame, and Body Size,” Sarah Morice Brubaker, Lecturer in Theology, looks at the rhetoric surrounding the “obesity crisis.”

October 19 - “Christian Practice in a Religiously Plural World,” led by Don Pittman, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean, and the William Tabbernee Professor of the History of Religions.

October 26 -Christian Peace Education: Can Bible Study Change our Brains?” led by Dr. Sandra Costen Kunz Assistant Professor of Educational Ministries.

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.

To honor **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.

In honor of **Mary Ward**’s birthday on September 30th, from The Wesley Fellowship Class.

To honor **Mary Ward** on her 90th birthday with love and admiration from her family.

In honor of **Mary Ward** in celebration of the anniversary of her 90th birthday, from Bill and Karen Gaddis, Blaine and Michelle Gaddis, and Clayton and Blair Gaddis.

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.

In loving memory of **Miller Campbell Hamilton** from her family.

Births

Congratulations to Alan and Connie Jagolinzer on the birth of their son, **Ryan Charles**, on September 15 in Palo Alto, California. Proud relatives include Ryan’s sisters, Megan and Taylor, and his grandparents, Cecil and Jeanne Brosius Smith.

Congratulations to Becki and Matt Klepcyk on the birth of their daughter, **Kelli Pierce Klepcyk**, on September 2 in Dallas, Texas. Proud relatives include her grandparents, Richard and Sherri Segnar.

Hospitalized Last Week

St. John - Gerry Becker, Rhonda Rieff, Ruth Weston

St. Francis - Eloise Braswell, Abbie Lyons, June Metcalfe, Clara Perkins, Melba Weaver

Learn, grow at this year’s SCE

A smorgasbord of learning opportunities is just around the corner, and enrollment is now underway for the Fall 2009 School of Continuing Education!

Brochures with class offerings are available at the church. Classes will meet October 6 through November 4, unless otherwise indicated.

The brochures were not routinely mailed to church members this year, but they are available for all who want one. A schedule also appears at right.

The registration fee, which includes as many classes as can be fit into the schedule, is just \$10 through September 30, or \$12 after that date. Some courses may require supplies and/or books at an extra minimal charge.

Forum Luncheons will be held each Wednesday during the school, and meal reservations are due a week in advance. Call the church office, 583-5181.

Mayor Kathy Taylor will highlight recent accomplishments and discuss Tulsa’s future at the October 7 luncheon. Cost is \$6 per meal, and there is no charge for those who just want to hear the program without dining.

Child care is available on Tuesday evenings for \$10 per child for the entire session. Reservations must be made by September 30.

SCE Fall 2009 Class Schedule

Classes meet October 6 - November 4

TUESDAY EVENING CLASSES:

6:30-7:30 p.m. -

American Civil War -

Genealogy: Family History Basics

Adult Caregive Seminar

Oklahoma Pop: A Museum of Music and Popular Culture

Nutrition Matters

6:30-8:45 p.m.

Invitation to *Romans*

Invitation to *John*

Fly Fishing

Simply Christmas

Sacred Circle: The Medicine Wheel as a Way of Life

7:45-8:45 -

Five Genealogy Talks

Two Step, Swing, and Waltz

WEDNESDAY CLASSES:

9:30-10:30 -

Discussions on American History

Bach, Beethoven and Beyond

9:30-11:45

Intermediate Bridge

Quilting

Easy Eats

Painting Scenes with Oils or Acrylics

10:45-11:45

Book of Exodus

Travel with a Camera

1:15-2:15 p.m. -

Books in the Afternoon

1:15-3:15 p.m. -

The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Quilting

Bonus Class

Tour of Downtown Churches: November 5, 12, and 19

Music(continued)

Over 400 people of all ages are involved in the music ministry this year. Choral music for children meets on Sunday mornings as part of Faith Academy. Middle school and high school youth, grades 6-12, rehearse on Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. and adults practice on Wednesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. An adult women’s group, Cantabile, meets Sundays at 8:30 a.m. for two months each fall and spring.

Handbell choirs all rehearse on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and the brass ensemble and orchestra rehearse as needed.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information, contact Dr. Joel Panciera, 699-0118 or joelpanciera@bostonavenue.org, or Ann White, 699-0139 or annwhite@bostonavenue.org.

Popcorn (continued)

make a donation of \$25 or \$40 to provide popcorn to members of the Armed Forces.

All peanut products have been eliminated this year to avoid allergy problems. New items include chocolate-covered popcorn and pretzels.

In addition to regular and light popcorn, popular options are a 5-Way Chocolate Lover’s Tin; a 3-Way Tin with Chocolate, Caramel & Cheese; a 3-Way Tin with Cheddar & White Cheddar; Kettle Corn (microwave); Chocolaty Caramel Crunch; Caramel Corn Light; and microwave regular and light butter packs.

This popcorn sale is Troop 20’s only annual fundraiser. The troop, which has been sponsored by our church for 87 years, needs and appreciates the financial support. Proceeds help purchase camping equipment and provide scholarships for boys who need them.

Administrative Board meets this Tuesday

The September meeting of the Administrative Board will be held this Tuesday, September 29, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Please call the church office, 583-5181, by noon on Monday to make dinner reservations.

Meet our newest members

Glen and Shery Hipsher joined this week. Both are retired. Their daughter and son-in-law, Stacey and Decherd Thomas, are also B.A. members.

Laity Seminar is Oct. 10 in Tulsa

Saint Paul's School of Theology will host a free laity seminar at Asbury UMC, 6767 S. Mingo from 2:30-5:30 p.m. on October 10. Explore new ideas of "doing church" as Dr. Robert Martin presents "Engaging Your Community in Ministry"

Gifts and Memorials

GENERAL ENDOWMENT
In memory of Clay Pape

By: Dale and Vivian Wood

In memory of Gene Estep

By: Dale and Vivian Wood

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY
In memory of Clay Pape

By: Jean Estep

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Roger R. Scott

By: Mr. and Mrs. Jim DeWinter

Have a prayer request?

Call our prayer line at 699-0158

Lectionary Readings

September 27, 2009

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Luke 16:19-31
1 Timothy 6:6-19

Marriage retreat is Oct 9-11

Marriage for Good is just two weeks away. This retreat will be held October 9-11 at Camp Egan for couples wanting to renew their commitment to a growing, loving marriage.

The Holliman Lodge offers private bedrooms and baths.

Each couple will have time to reflect on themselves, their marriage and the sacred opportunity to practice God's presence. In addition to lots of fun and creative activities, there will be time for rest, recreation, and reconnection with the person you love the most!

The retreat begins Friday, October 9 at 8:30 p.m. This allows time for dinner beforehand and getting settled in your room. It will conclude by 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The cost for the weekend, \$225.00 per couple, includes two nights lodging, three meals on Saturday and two meals on Sunday. Linens are provided and dress is casual. Couples should bring toiletries, walking shoes and a camera as the scenery will be beautiful.

B.A. member Linda Alegria, an experienced licensed clinical social worker, will lead the retreat. Her private psychotherapy practice began more than twenty five years ago.

Call her at 970-6765 or email linda_alegria@yahoo.com by Sunday, October 4, to reserve your spot or for more information.

Youth News! . . .

Senior High

Our fearless youth sponsor, James Lunday, was married this past weekend! Audra and Jeff were there for the nuptials! If you would like to wish them well- sign the UMYF Benediction plaque this week while he and his new bride are honeymooning in Hawaii! You can "friend" him on Facebook and see the pics!

Holy WOW begins this week! Allow yourself to be STRETCHED! Give something new a try!! Report to the following areas at 7:00 or a few minutes before: Stagecraft- Community Hall, Volleyball-Jubilee, Methodist Comfort Food- third floor kitchen, Laura Dester Shelter- blue couches, Creative Arts-third floor art room, and Bay Troupe- Community Hall.

If you have questions or have not signed up yet-it's not too late! We want YOU! Contact the youth office and we can email you a brochure or sign you up over the phone.

Blessed to be among this community of faith! - Audra

7th and 8th Grade

Sunday was a day of fun! Our new youth leadership team led Sunday School and then our seventh and eighth grade girls small groups had spa night. Mud on the face, cucumbers on the eyes, and paraffin hand wraps made for a lovely evening (yummy snacks too).

Sunday morning we have a special guest. My sister Becky, from Indonesia, will share pictures and stories of life as a missionary in that part of the world. We will also register for October Sunday morning classes. Hope you will join us on the third floor!

HOLY WOW Wednesday options begin this week. There is fun for everyone so don't be left out - 7:00 on Wednesday evenings.

Confirmation Youth

Sunday mornings are rolling along in the Confirmation Suite. This week be sure to write your questions for Dr. Biggs to answer when we meet together for *Questions and Answers with Dr. Biggs* on October 4th. **CROP Walk** is also on October 4th, so mark your calendars today!!

Holy Wow begins this Wednesday. If you have not yet joined us on Wednesday evenings, now is a great time to give us a try. This midweek ministry will give you a boost of Christian energy. You can enroll in art, cooking, mission, Bible study, stagecraft or volleyball. Each four-week class session and lead by several of our adult volunteers. **I will be looking for YOU!!!!**

Enjoying the journey with our youth, Debbie

UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

The Executive Committee will meet Thursday, October 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the oxford Room.

All circles have sent NSO and Cookson Mission gift cards to the UMW unit treasurer. They will be taken to the Oklahoma Conference UMW Annual Meeting in Muskogee on October 2-3 and distributed evenly between the two mission facilities.



Confirmation Retreat benefits more than just learning

Confirmation students had a great time during their recent retreat at Camp Egan. They visited with United Methodist Church founder John Wesley himself and enjoyed a lot of good play and fellowship as both leaders and students became acquainted. Wesley shared his faith story and his dreams for the church.

Sunday Worship

September 27, 2009

The Seventh Sunday in Kingdomtide

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

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

Sermon: "WE BROUGHT NOTHING IN - WE'LL TAKE NOTHING OUT!"

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Music:

Prelude: Rondo FestivoCynthia Dobrinski
The Festival Ringers

Anthem: GloriaAntonio Vivaldi
The Chapel Choir (8:30)

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder.....arr. Joe Cox
The Academy Choraliers & Choristers (11:00)

Offertory: Rondo da chiesa.....Peter Hurford
Anthem: Joy in the Morning.....Natalie Sleeth
The Chapel Choir (8:30)

O Clap Your HandsJohn Rutter
The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Postlude: Festival Toccata.....Percy Fletcher

Hymns: 62 All Creatures of our God and King

592 When the Church of Jesus

581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

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

Class News . . .

Cornerstone

This Sunday Brenda Reed will continue her lessons on *Life from the Upside*. We enjoyed having her last week.

Disciples

This week we will have a video and discussion.

Happy birthday to JoAnne Stafford and Raymond Allred.

Last Sunday Ken Tobler taught on intercessory prayer. Thank you, Ken.

Thanks to Laura Daniel for the bagels. Jennifer Sneed will bring treats this week.

Ephphatha

Mike Limas will teach this week on "Nehemiah: A Motivator for the People."

Carol Bean taught another wonderful lesson last week.

Heritage

Next week Sheila Parr will finish her series on traveling the prayer paths of Jesus.

Happy birthday to Charlie Rambo, Kathy Morris and Mike Hopkins.

Thanks to the Gorzkiewiczzes for our refreshments. Dick Hairston will bring them Sunday.

We were glad to have Handy Waychoff, Phyllis Scroggs and Linda Jones back. Keep Sandra Snelling in your prayers.

Homebuilders

Our lunch at Methodist Manor is at 11:00 on September 24. Bring an apple for Burroughs.

Adaline Garlington accompanied our hymn.

This week Keith McArtor will continue his series.

Mission gifts: Wanda Rubottom; Bob Bowker for his birthday; and Ralph and Marita Morgan for their anniversary.

Last week our teacher was Keith McArtor.

Thanks to June and Oliver Lawson for the coffee and Patsy Brown for our goodies.

Horizons

Downtown for Good is October 24-25. The marriage retreat is October 9-11. Women's retreat is November 7.

EvaMarie will teach again. She always has great parenting tips. Katie will bring our treats.

Happy birthday to Susie Porter and Murphy Mills.

Thanks to the Porters for treats.

We have quite a few that are ill. Keep them in your prayers.

Maranatha

Downtown for Good is October 24. Our Christmas Party is December 11.

Howard Plowman will be our teacher this Sunday.

We welcomed visitors William Meyer, Ellen Walters, Tom and Dawna Menges, and Deb Nihiser.

Celebrating birthdays are Dana Solomon, Diane Woolsey, and Margaret Been. Celebrating an anniversary are James and Denise Kilman.

Joys: The sun was shining last Sunday, hooray. A week of good fellowship in the class with a good party.

Concerns: Sarah Maldonado has serious eye problems and her mother is ill; a brother's cancer surgery; Lynn's friend with liver cancer. Keep these in your prayers.

Thanks to the Kilmans and Worthingtons for our refreshments and Jim Embrey for the prayer.

New Covenant

Our 60th anniversary class celebration is October 9 at noon. The cost is \$10 per person. You may call Carmen Marple, 254-2376, for reservations.

Thanks to Art McGrew for a very interesting lesson.

Happy birthday to Shirley Larson.

Keep in your prayers all class members who are unable to attend church.

Thanks to Duane and Sue Brothers for our music, Ray Masters for the prayer, and Carolyn Krueger and Elaine Whitehouse for the treats.

New Frontiers

Meet this Saturday at the Lester's around 4:00 p.m. for our September Social. The Girls' Tour will be on October 2.

Dave Harland will be our teacher this Sunday.

Thanks, Dave for your lesson last week.

Pilgrimage

Our September potluck will be at Steve and Nancy Campbell's on the 27th at 6:00 p.m. Contact Kathy Marsh if you haven't signed up. Congratulations to the New Covenant Class

on their 60th anniversary.

We welcomed Ruby Forsman as our guest last Sunday.

Keep Deidra in your prayers this week. She has hurt her leg.

Thanks to Don Forsman for his lesson on who Jesus is. This Sunday he will teach on John 14:18-24.

The class has obtained a copy of *Younger Next Year*. Contact Carol Burnett if you would like to read it.

Roundtable

Those who signed up will be traveling to watch a silent movie at the Coleman Theater in Miami followed by a tour.

This week Angela Knight Hooper returns to continue her series on "Blessings."

We welcomed our new member, Cheryl Brown.

Seek and Discover

This Sunday Jim Sluss will teach on "Older and Wiser" from Exodus 18.

Happy birthday to Laura. Keep Lynnell and Sandra's niece in your prayers.

We appreciate Jim Sluss being with us again last Sunday. Colossians 2:1-10 was the scripture we studied which continued our topic "Older and Wiser."

Wesley Fellowship

We gathered to sing and worship as Carolyn and Harold led us. Dave Murray gave an inspiring devotional. We welcomed Rev. Charles Herndon who brought us another fine lesson on grace. Thank you.

Happy anniversary to the Dave Murrays and to Eloise and Dan Rogers, 66 years.

In your prayers please remember Betty Taylor, and Abbie Lyons. Former member Opal Lee Bement (Lunday) died this past week. Prayers are offered for her family and for our ill.

We welcomed Joyce Moore who joined our class. Plan to join us this week. You will be blessed. We had 64 present. Shalom.

Young Adults

We are planning a social for sometime in October.

Our lesson this Sunday will be on Deuteronomic History – the Kings of Israel.

Last Sunday we continued our study of the Ten Commandments and Moses.

Welcome our newest staff member

Norma Cave has joined our church staff to work with the Rev. EvaMarie Campbell and Debbie Peterson as secretary to elementary age children and middle school youth ministries. She is replacing Shirley Dyer, who retired in July.

Norma is a native of Canton, Ohio. She worked many years with the Department of the Navy before moving to Tulsa to work for the Bair Foundation. She has grown sons.

Welcome, Norma!



Norma Cave

Weekly Calendar

Sunday - September 27

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Communion Service
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Children's Worship
11 a.m. Worship Service
12:10 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing
12:30 p.m. BAY Troupe rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Invitation to Old Testament

7 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels

Monday - September 28

9 a.m. Weekday School
12:00 noon Staff-Parish Relations
5:30 p.m. Incredible Years class
6 p.m. Men's basketball
6:30 p.m. Disciple I
6:30 p.m. Disciple IV
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 20

Tuesday - September 29

9 a.m. Weekday School
9 a.m. Lectionary Class
11 a.m. Building Committee
4:00 Budget Committee
5:30 Finance Committee

6:30 p.m. Administrative Board

Wednesday - September 30

9 a.m. Weekday School
2:30 - Invitation to *Revelation*
5 p.m. Snack Supper
5 p.m. Capriccio Ringers
5 p.m. Jubilation Ringers
5:45 p.m. Carillon Ringers
5:45 p.m. Chorister Ringers
6 p.m. Chapel Choir
6:30 p.m. LIFE Group for Kids
6:30 p.m. Festival Ringers
6:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance Class
7 p.m. Holy WOW! for youth
7 p.m. BAY Troupe
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday - October 1

9 a.m. Weekday School
9:30 a.m. UMW Executive Cmte.
10 a.m. Program Staff
5:30 p.m. Celebration Ringers
6 p.m. PCCT Parenting Classes

Friday - October 2

9 a.m. Weekday School
10 a.m. Quilting for Others
5:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Sunday School lessons this week at a glance...

Adult Classes for Sunday, September 27, 2009

Visitors are welcome in all classes.

Dr. Biggs' Class - Study *Revelation* with Dr. Biggs
Cornerstone - Brenda Reed
Disciples - Video and discussion
Ephphatha - Mike Limas
Heritage - Sheila Parr, "The Prayer Path of Jesus"
Homebuilders - Keith McArtor
Horizons - Rev. EvaMarie Campbell
Maranatha - Dr. Howard Plowman
New Covenant - Rev. Art McGrew
New Frontiers - David Harland, "Eat, Pray, Love"
Pilgrimage - Dr. Don Forsman
Roundtable - Angela Knight Hooper, "Blessings"
Seek & Discover - Jim Sluss
Wesley Fellowship - Rev. Charles Herndon
Young Adults - Dr. Bill Crowell, "Exodus stories"