

# THE WORD

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**Pastor's Study**  
**4A**



**CROP Walk**  
**5A**



**Flu shots**  
**8A**

### School of Continuing Education begins Wednesday Outstanding speakers set for Forum Luncheons



*SCE Committee chairs Joanne and Jerry Emmons and Dr. Bill Crowell (center) invite everyone to come enjoy classes this fall.*



**Tim Harris**  
**Tulsa District Attorney**

*Come for lunch at SCE! Even those who cannot enjoy the classes will be delighted by the great array of dynamic speakers this year.*

Meal reservations are due by noon the Monday before

the Wednesday lunch. Cost is \$8 per meal, or \$40 for the entire series.

The first speaker - this Wednesday, October 5, will be Tulsa District Attorney Tim Harris. His presentation is entitled, "Tulsa: Meth Capital of Oklahoma."

Mr. Harris is a tough, no-nonsense prosecutor whose passion is to protect the citizens of Tulsa County. He is responsible for the prosecu-

tion of approximately 6,500 felony and 6,800 misdemeanor criminal cases every year.

He chairs the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Commission, and serves on the Statewide Gang Intervention Steering Committee. He is actively involved in the Department of Justice' Project Safe Neighborhoods to reduce gun violence and has completed a term on the state-wide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board.

His number one priority is prosecution of violent criminals. He established a death penalty review team so that the most experienced prosecutors in his office bring the worst criminals to justice.

#### **This week in SCE:**

Easy Eats - Learn to prepare great treats  
(See "SCE" on page 4A)

### Worldwide communion

This Sunday members of our church will join Christians around the globe to kneel together for Holy Communion as part of World Communion Sunday. Communion will be served at both morning worship services.

World Communion Sunday observance actually begins at about 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Tulsa

(See "World Communion," page 4A)



### Downtown for Good registrations due

"Downtown for Good" is October 15th - just two weeks away! It will be a great opportunity to meet new friends and experience the natural high that comes from helping others. There will be mission projects appropriate for all ages!

We are downtown to stay, committed to doing good for our area

### Extra classes begin this week

Three independent extracurricular classes also begin this week.

**Study of Islam** will meet Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Each session includes a video presentation. The study is hosted by Interfaith Concerns.

"The Interfaith Concerns Committee is offering this study to give people a chance to learn real facts and dispel many myths about Islam," says coordinator Vicky Langston. "Perhaps you have received disturbing emails from friends or relatives concerning the Muslim faith. This study will give you an opportunity to ask questions and get factual information from local Muslim and Christian leaders."

(See "Extra classes" on page 4A)

### Blessing of Animals Service is Sunday

Dr. Bill Crowell will preach at the Blessing of Animals service Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in the north parking lot. Pets will each receive a St. Francis tag.

All who come are asked to bring a donation such as unopened food for cats, kittens, dogs, or puppies; cat litter; flea and tick products, collars or cash.

The Humane Society's Pet Food Bank helps families struggling to provide for their pets, keeping pets and families together.



**Dr. Bill Crowell**



## From the Pastor's Study

*Mouzon Biggs, Jr.*

Biblical scholars who prepared our lectionary, a systematic way to deal with all of the greatest texts in the Bible over a three-year period, suddenly interrupt a long series of Sundays dealing with Jeremiah's work. This coming Sunday's text jumps to the *Book of Lamentations*.

Some scholars believe Jeremiah also wrote *Lamentations*. Other scholars are just as sure that he did not. All agree that *Lamentations* deals with the same time and circumstances that Jeremiah experienced and described.

For forty years Jeremiah had regularly appeared in Jerusalem, at the Temple and at the royal residence, to predict Judah's fall if serious reform was not carried out. King Josiah led such a reform from the fifth year of Jeremiah's preaching to the eighteenth year, but the Egyptians killed Josiah in a battle at Megiddo. His successor was worse than ever.

Jeremiah preached twenty-two more years after Josiah's death and lived long enough to see Jerusalem in flames. The sermon from *Lamentations* will be, "NOBODY LIKES TO HEAR, 'I TOLD YOU SO!'"

## Front Porch training begins Sunday, October 9, registrations due now

Days when everyone gathered on the front porch and shared in the life of their community, but the needs of children for a safe and nurturing place to grow up have not changed.

Research shows that half of all adults would be willing to intervene for an abused child, if they just knew what to do.

The Front Porch Project, a program of The Parent Child Center of Tulsa (PCCT), brings communities together to increase awareness about child safety issues, learn valuable intervention skills, and increase comfort and willingness to intercede on behalf of a child. Classes will meet on Sundays, October 9 and 23, noon to 5:30 p.m. at the church; size is limited. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

To enroll, contact Kathleen Benfield, 918-699-0503 or kbenfield@parentchildcenter.org, or Rev. EvaMarie Campbell.

## Extra classes ... (continued)

Study of Islam class sessions include:

1. *Islam Faith and History*, led by Pam Sherman
2. *Islam: A Faith Hijacked*, by Dr. Bill Crowell and Allison Moore
3. *Christians and Islam*, led by Tom Campbell and Aliye Shimi
4. *African Americans and Islam*, led by Dr. Howard Plowman
5. *Islam: An American Faith*, by Vicky Langston and Muneer Awad
6. *Women in Islam*, led by Nancy Day and Muslim women.

**Fly fishing**, taught by John Sherman returns Tuesdays at 6:30.

**Exploring the Sacred Circle: A Spiritual Way of Life** will meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30, led by the Rev. Anne Clement. Through film, art, story telling, and conversation the class will explore key elements of Native American view of the world and implications for Christian thought, the environment, health, relationships and decision making for future generations. A \$10 fee covers handouts and supplies.

Call the church office, 918-583-5181, to enroll in these classes.

## B.A. family news update

### Altar Flowers

In loving memory of **Ed Franks**, whose birthday was October 5, by Wanda Franks and family.

In loving memory of **Bob Scroggs**, whose birthday was October 1, by Phyllis Scroggs.

### Deaths

**Rev. Bruce Clary** died September 15. Services were held September 22 at All Souls Unitarian Church. Survivors include son, Dave and Beth Clary and grandchildren, Emma, Lauren, and Catherine. **John Carle** died September 17. Services were held September 24 at First United Methodist Church, Claremore. Survivors include sister, Nancy Bloomfield.

**Ben Hardin** died September 25. Services will be held at Boston Avenue on Friday, October 1 with Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating. Survivors include wife, Norean; son, Kevin Hardin; and daughter, Nora Hardin.

### Births

**Joseph Samuel Stauffer** was born to Joey and Whitney Stauffer. Proud sister is Meryl.

### Weddings

**Josh Ritchey and Julie Morgan** were married September 10, 2011 at Boston Avenue with Rev. EvaMarie Campbell officiating. Parents are Jim and Pam Ritchey.

### Hospitalized Last Week

**St. John** - Judi McCoy  
**St. Francis** - Jennifer Martin  
**Hillcrest** - Walt Helmerich, III

## World Communion

(continued)

time, when Christians in Sydney, Australia, kneel for Communion during their Sunday services.

Worshippers in Paris and Madrid will participate just before most Tulsans wake up on Sunday morning, then Boston Avenuers will take our turn during our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. The observance ends at 6:00 p.m., Tulsa time, as Christians in the Marshall Islands kneel to complete the chain.

## Time to help Cookson Hills Mission Christmas store

Our United Methodist Women are collecting gifts for the annual Christmas Store at Cookson Hills. Practical new gift items can be left on tables in Bishops' Hall any time, October 1-31. Mark them, "Cookson Mission."

All gifts should be new and unwrapped. They will be displayed in the mission's Christmas store, where about 300 poverty-level families will pay a token amount, based on their income, to "shop" for gifts for loved ones.

Cash donations are also very much appreciated as they can be used to purchase and fill in specific items needed at the store.

## SCE .... (continued)

for a cool evening

**Books in the Afternoon** - Mary Helen Stanley will present *The Lucky One*, by Nicolas Sparks.

**Learn to Model like a Pro** - Adventuresome Ladies, 2:30-3:30; Teen class 4:00-5:00

**American History** - Theodore Roosevelt

**Civil War** - Overview, Inno-

## Cookson Gift Needs

Clothing (all sizes, male & female) socks and underwear coats, mittens, gloves, hats tools, jumper cables, tool boxes crock pots, toasters coffee makers, batteries clock radios, can openers hair dryers, curling irons dishes, pots and pans, glasses coats, gloves, hats toys, balls, fishing poles personal care items, gift bags portable CD players and CD's mini food processors, stockings, bows, wrapping paper

vations and personalities

**Forgotten War** - Bill Gaddis will explain the events leading up to Russia's and China's aggression

**Travel with a Camera** - Tom Campbell presents "South Africa with Bishop Hayes."

**Oklahoma in the Movies** - Rogers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!*

## Downtown for Good .. (continued)

and being in ministry with those around us. This is a good way to reach out to the Tulsa community.

Saturday morning will be spent doing mission projects. More information is available Sunday in Bishops' Hall.

All participants will meet at the church that Saturday morning to divide into teams. Children under age eight will stay at the church to create oatmeal packets for the Day Center for the Homeless and do others projects.

Some adults will be painting or building, but other work will be less strenuous.

Be sure to sign up this Sunday to be put on a team!



## UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

Circle W will meet Tuesday, October 4, in the little dining room at 6:00 p.m. for a sack supper. They will have a panel discussion of Haiti and will assemble baskets for the Boys' Ranch's Rodeo and Silent Auction, which will be held Saturday, October 15, at the Boys' Ranch in Gore. This will replace their regular meeting on October 11.

The **UMW Executive Committee** will meet Thursday, October 6, at 9:30 a.m. in the Oxford Room.

The UMW Reading Program book, *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn was the basis for a recent "Women in the World" program hosted by Fareed Zakaria.

WuDunn says the first year of a girl's life in developing countries is relatively equal to the first year of a boy's life; but from ages two to five, girls vanish, with 50,000-1,000,000 missing around the world. There is a 50% higher mortality of girls because boys are the desired sex in these countries.

## Gifts and Memorials

**GENERAL ENDOWMENT**  
In memory of **MaryLee Wilson**

By: Richard and Ann Gibbs

By: Earl and Joanna Tuers

**MISSION ENDOWMENT**  
In memory of **John Robert Carle**, brother of Nancy Bloomfield

By: Wesley Fellowship Class

**MUSIC FUND**

In memory of **John Panciera**

By: Beverly Smith

*Have a prayer request?*

Call our prayer line at  
699-0158

## Lectionary Readings

**October 2, 2011**

*Psalm 22:23-31*  
*Genesis 9:8-17*  
*Mark 8:31-38*  
*Romans 4:13-25*

## CROP Walk will fight hunger this Sunday



All ages are invited to participate in the CROP Hunger Walk with our youth this Sunday. The walk is sponsored by Church World Service to fight hunger in Tulsa and worldwide.

The most recent estimate, released in October 2010, says that 925 million people, 13.6% of the world's population, are undernourished. That number has increased since 1995 due to three factors: 1) neglect of agriculture relevant to very poor people by governments and international agencies; 2) the current worldwide economic crisis, and 3) the significant increase of food prices in the last several years. Nearly all undernourished are in developing countries.

## Youth News!! . . .

### Senior High news

People of all ages! Join us on Sunday, October 2nd, for the annual Crop Walk and walk for Boston Avenue. Youth will be holding donation baskets outside of the sanctuary after the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Meet in Jubilee Hall at 1:30 for Registration. The three-mile walk begins promptly at 2:00 and should be over around 3:30. Spend a few hours this week in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. It's a GOOD thing to do!

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

Wednesday evening youth group will find us in Jubilee Hall, playing **glow basketball** and other glow-in-the-dark games. Follow the glowing lights and you will have lots of fun!!!

Confirmants are in for an interesting evening on Sunday! The class has turned in a list of questions that they are eager for Dr. Biggs to answer. We will meet for **Questions and Answers with Dr. Biggs** at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evening on the third floor. This is for youth *and* parents.

Sunday is **CROP Walk** day and I hope you have planned to join us in a walk around downtown Tulsa.

We will meet at noon in Jubilee Hall for lunch together, then walk to help stop hunger locally and globally. You can make a positive difference in the world, and this is one small step towards that goal.

Sign up Sunday for **Downtown for Good** and be part of a work team in downtown Tulsa.

Our **Mosaic** team is working hard on their show and we look forward to their production on October 16th at 2:00. It is going to be a great show!

We are the church, and there is something for everyone to do to grow in their faith. Please join us on the journey.

Faithfully yours, Debbie

## Last two weeks for picture directory appointments!

Have you made your appointment yet to be in the directory? If not, call the office, 918-583-5181; or use our website, [www.bostonavenue.org](http://www.bostonavenue.org). There are only two more weeks left.

**Photographers** will be at the church **October 4 to 8 and 18-22 - last two weeks!** They work Tuesdays - Fridays, 1:30-7:50 p.m. and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. -

## Mid high Mosaic is October 16

Middle school youth will present their annual show, *Mosaic*, on Sunday, October 16, at 2:00 p.m. in Community Hall. Tickets go on sale this Sunday morning in Bishops' Hall. The cost is \$6 per ticket.

The talent show-style review will feature singers, instrumentalists, dancers and a number of variety acts. Fifteen youth will be featured this year. Five adults are also involved.

Come and enjoy the many talents of our mid high youth!



Musical director Joan Hatley works with middle school youth.

## Sunday Worship

October 2, 2011

Worldwide Communion Sunday

**9:30 a.m. Communion Service**

**9:40 a.m. Sunday School**

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

**Sermon:** "NOBODY LIKES TO HEAR, 'I TOLD YOU SO!'"

*Lamentations 1:1-6*

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

### Music:

Prelude: Lamentation of Jeremiah ..... Richard Purvis  
Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist (8:30 & 11:00)

Ring to the Lord ..... Susan Geschke  
The Chorister Ringers (11:00)

Offertory: Plaint ..... Raymond Haan  
Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist

Anthem: The Lord Is My Strength ..... Mark Patterson  
The Chapel Choir (8:30)

My Lord, What a Mourning ..... arr. Sam Bat Owens  
The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Postlude: Prelude in G Minor (BWV 535)..... J. S. Bach  
Communion music: When Painful Memories ..... Sally A. Morris  
The Chapel Choir (8:30)

My Song in the Night ..... arr. Paul Christiansen  
The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Hymns: 568 Christ for the World We Sing  
521 I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

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

**6:00 p.m. Blessing of Animals**

# Class News . . .

## Cornerstone

Brian Green-Young will be our teacher this Sunday.

Good luck to Colby and Meg Dick on their move to OKC. We will miss you.

Thank you to EvaMarie Campbell for the last two weeks reminding us about the importance of creativity and updating us on our mission at Burroughs Elementary.

Thank you to our guest, Brian Carr, from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma for visiting our class.

## Disciples

Debbie Harvey taught a lesson last week from the Upper Room on "Silence is Golden."

## Ephphatha

This Sunday Charles Dye will teach "An Ordered Life." We look forward to his insight.

Last week Mike Limas taught another moving lesson "Wisdom: Discernment."

## Heritage

We thank Brenda Reed for her lessons on the seven deadly sins from *Sinning like a Christian*. We do know how to sin.

Class members had a very good time this last Saturday enjoying the hospitality of Carol and John Bethel at their lake home on a beautiful day. The Rev. Mary Ann Emmons will be our teacher for the next two weeks.

Thank to Darlene Tegeler for the refreshments. The Gibsons are scheduled for October 2. Birthday wishes this week to Mike Hopkins and Nancy Gorzkiewicz.

## Homebuilders

Thank you to Donna Cartwright and Marita Morgan for another interesting lesson on Charles Wesley.

Rev. Virginia Gray will be our teacher for the month of October.

Lynn Bartlett gave a gift to missions for his picture being in "The Word."

We thank Oliver and June Lawson and Don and Elise Woolsey for the treats and coffee the month of September.

## Horizons

October 15 is Downtown for Good. Sign up. October 15 is also our TU tailgate party and game. November 11 is the guy's fishing trip.

Dr. Crowell will be with us as we look at the book *Out of Babylon* by Dr. Walter Bruggerman.

We welcomed guests Rocky and Susan Goins and Miranda DeRoin.

Happy birthday to Mickie Bingham. Happy anniversary to the Crosses.

Thanks to Dr. Crowell for being with us to teach and to the Horgens for our treats.

## Maranatha

Downtown for Good is October 15. Be sure to sign up. We will have our Christmas Party on December 10 at the Tulsa Country Club at 7:00 p.m.

Bobbie Penberth from Exodus House visited our class last Sunday.

Celebrating birthdays are Margaret Been, Alan Smith, and Dan Blevins. Celebrating anniversaries are James and Denise Kilman, and Scott and Sandi Gardner.

## New Covenant

Rev. Charles Herndon will be our teacher this week.

Shirley Larson and Sue Brothers are celebrating birthdays.

Sheila Parr gave a wonderful lesson on prayer.

Thanks to Jim Kelly for the prayer, Dale and Vivian Wood for leading the music, and Jim and Dot Kelly for our treats.

## New Frontiers

We welcomed visitors Tim and Kimberly Campbell, and Shauna.

Happy anniversary to the Aufdenkamps. Happy birthday to Ryan Glasgow and Jill Ridener.

## Pilgrimage

Thanks to Sally for organizing our dinner out at Marley's. On October 25 we meet at Freddie's in Sapulpa to mark your calendars.

Our speaker Sunday will be Gary Peluso-Verdend from

Philips Theological Seminary.

Thanks to Don Forsman for his lesson on "Science Challenges Belief" and to Karla and Tom for sharing their acting skills.

## Roundtable

The Redemption meal and H.V.G.S. project will be Sunday, October 23 at Redemption Church.

This Sunday Ellie Emmons will give a first in a series on the Beatitudes.

We welcomed visitors Bob Newkirk, Eloise Rogers, William Cabbage, Jennifer Cabbage, Baxter Black, and Guy Black.

Marilyn Newkirk brought a second lesson on Mary Magdalene.

It is time to bring your donations (hats, gloves, underwear, and socks) for H.V.G.S.

## Seek and Discover

Flu shots are available on Sunday, October 2, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Aldersgate Room for \$25. No appointment is needed. Sign up to help with Downtown for Good on October 15 from 8:00-12:00. Forms are available in Bishops' Hall.

Happy birthday to Laura and Pam, our September birthdays.

Continue prayers for Tim, Sherry, and Beverly.

Thank you, David Carpenter, for your great lesson the Book of Ruth and the importance of the number 40 in the Bible.

## Wesley Fellowship

Jess and Carolyn Evans will announce how the donations from the Ice Cream Social will be distributed to missions after the class votes.

Dr. Don Forsman will teach on "The Mystery of Life" from Luke 10:19-37.

We welcomed Zach Martin, Beth Von Drehle's grandson.

Mabel Fuhrmann, Jean Crowell, LeRoy Bath, and Mary Ward are celebrating birthdays. Betty and Ray McLain are celebrating an anniversary.

Thanks to Rev. Charles Herndon for his lesson last Sunday.

## Flu shots available Sunday



The Visiting Nurses Association will be giving flu shots for all ages at Boston Avenue this Sunday, October 2nd, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Aldersgate Room. No appointment is needed. The cost is \$25.

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday - October 2, 2011

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:00 a.m. Flu shots  
9:30 Communion Service  
9:40 Faith Academy  
9:40 Sunday School  
10:40 Children's Worship  
11:00 Worship Service  
12:00 noon Mosaic rehearsal  
12:10 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing  
12:30 CROP Walk  
6:00 Blessing of Animals service  
6:00 Disciple I  
6:30 Invitation to Romans  
7:00 Confirmation Class

### Monday - October 3

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
9:30 History and Archives  
5:30 p.m. Incredible Years Class  
5:30 Healing Path of Prayer  
6:00 Men's basketball practice  
7:15 Boy Scout Troop 20

### Tuesday - October 4

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
Picture Directory appointments  
6:00 p.m. New Testament study

### Wednesday - October 5

9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
9:30 School of Continuing Ed  
11:45 Forum Luncheon  
Picture Directory appointments

5:00 Snack Supper  
5:00 Capriccio Ringers  
5:00 Jubilation Ringers  
5:30 Financial Peace University  
5:30 Religion and Race  
5:30 Interfaith Concerns  
5:50 Festival Ringers  
6:00 Chapel Choir  
6:00 Jesus and the Parables  
6:00 LIFE Group for Kids  
6:00 Yoga class  
7:00 Mid High DTBA  
7:00 Senior High DTBA  
7:00 Carillon Choir  
7:00 Chorister Choir  
7:30 Chancel Choir  
**Thursday - October 6**  
9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
9:30 UMW Executive Committee  
10:00 Program Staff  
Picture Directory appointments  
3:00 p.m. Church Women United  
5:30 Celebration Ringers  
6:00 PCCT Parenting Classes  
6:30 Weekday Staff Meeting  
**Friday - October 7**  
9:00 a.m. Weekday School  
10:00 Quilting for Others  
Picture Directory appointments  
6:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous  
**Saturday - October 8**  
Picture Directory appointments

## Sunday School at a glance...

*Adult Classes for Sunday, October 2, 2011*

*Visitors are welcome in all classes.*

**Dr. Biggs' Class** - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages  
**College and Career** - Rob Morgan  
**Cornerstone** - Brian Green-Young  
**Disciples** - TBA  
**Ephphatha** - Charles Dye, "An Ordered Life"  
**Heritage** - Rev. Mary Ann Emmons  
**Homebuilders** - Rev. Virginia Gray  
**Horizons** - Dr. Bill Crowell  
**Maranatha** - TBA  
**New Covenant** - Rev. Charles Herndon  
**New Frontiers** - TBA  
**Pilgrimage** - Dr. Gary Peluso-Verdend  
**Roundtable** - Ellie Emmons, "Beatitudes"  
**Seek & Discover** - Dr. Bill Tankersley  
**Wesley Fellowship** - Dr. Don Forsman