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Cindy's Chalkboard

Shopping.... we talked a little about that in worship today as I shared a true story about an encounter with a follower of Jesus that just so happened to take place in a department store. I like to shop when I have time; maybe some of you do, too. People that know me well, know that when I need to go to the store, or to the Mall, I'm on a mission.... to get in and out as quickly as possible!

In my trips to the store, I've noticed something that intrigues me. I am amazed at the number of people I see at the Mall that I do NOT know. I rarely see people I know – how about you? Where do all these people live and, (of course the perennial question from a pastor) why don't we see each other in church?

A couple of weekends ago we had a wonderful turnout for our annual Fourth of July parade. There were dozens and dozens of children having fun on their bikes, or with their parents pulling them in a wagon, or riding along on a scooter. This neighborhood has children all over the place! And yet, there were many people that came to the parade from our very own neighborhood that we did not know!

As I look around at people in the stores, or on the streets surrounding our church, I cannot help but wonder whether they are attending church. I am certain many do. But, I am just as certain that there are others that do not. And for those that are not attending church, what if they are waiting for an invitation? What if they are simply waiting for someone to ASK them to come to church?

Jesus gives us that wonderful commission to go and make disciples of all nations for Christ, which includes those we see at the shopping Malls, those right here in our neighborhood, those in our workplaces and anywhere God's people are. The best and most effective way to do this is to invite them personally – one on one.

Invite someone to church. Tell them what you've found along the way in your own faith journey. You will make an eternal difference for Christ in someone's life.

Walking the journey of faith with you.

Pastor Cindy

Important VBS Dates

Wednesday, July 14 at 10:00-??	Decorating hallways (lunch included!)
Saturday, July 17 at 2:00	Set up Community Hall for VBS meals and marketplace
Sunday July 18 at 1:00	Decorate sanctuary

Please come and help whenever you can! If you want to help with anything and these dates don't work for you, just let Stacey know. She will find a way for you to help!

Do you want to know more about John Wesley and his rules as a guide for Christian living? Rev. Kevin Watson has written a great book *Blueprint for Discipleship*. The book provides a clear, attractive, readable guide for contemporary Christians. Wesley has three rules for us to follow and Kevin outlines and explains them very clearly. Kevin will be preaching at New Haven this Sunday and also talking with us during Sunday School. Kevin is the son of Matt and Telia Watson. Come and join us in the parlor at 9:45 a.m. this Sunday, July 18.

LET'S WATCH A MOVIE TOGETHER

Take a break from the summer heat. Join us in the parlor on Friday, July 16 at 6:25 p.m. We will be watching that great classic movie, *The Bishop's Wife* starring David Niven, Cary Grant and Loretta Young. The movie lasts about 1 hour and 50 minutes. We'll have popcorn and soft drinks. For questions or to just say you are coming...call Shirley Nelson at 355-4543 or Danny Hall at 640-3891. If you need child care, call Stacey at the church office.

UMPTENAGERS MEET FOR THEIR SUMMER PICNIC (INSIDE OF COURSE) ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US

Be sure to join us in the Parlor for fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans and ice cream
July 20th at 11:00 a.m.
Cost ~ \$5.00
Be sure to sign up in your classroom or call
Pat ~ 494-3927

CALLING ALL WOMEN. . .ALL AGES!!! THE UMW HAS BEEN GIVEN A CHALLENGE!

As you probably know, July 27th is a voting day and New Haven is a polling site. We began a couple of years ago treating our voting guests to coffee, snacks, and a New Haven welcome! This month, however, we will not only host our district, but two others who are unable to use their sites for various reasons. Now some have said that number will be too many and we should skip the snacks this time, but I think we are UP TO THE CHALLENGE!

Many times reaching out does not have to be something great, but just a smile and show of kindness will open the door to hearts. People are hungry for the Word of God. If we feed their body and mind with kindness, when they have troubles they will remember us and seek food for their souls here.

Please help provide refreshments for our voters by making or buying muffins and/or cookies to serve during the day. This is a tremendous outreach for our church and it lets people know that someone cares about them!

You may contact Laurel Duncan at 933-8487 to let her know what you plan to donate.

Laurel Duncan

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDIES THE SIGN UPS HAVE BEGUN!!

A special opportunity is coming to New Haven, an opportunity to grow in your Christian faith through DISCIPLE Bible studies. This fall we will offer DISCIPLE 1 and 2.

During the course of 34 weeks DISCIPLE 1 study group will move through scripture from Genesis through Revelation. It's certain you'll be inspired as well as transformed as together we learn what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ. Each participant makes a commitment to daily Bible readings (as set forth in the workbook) and weekly attendance. Class leader for DISCIPLE 1 is Danny Hall. The class will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. ORIENTATION FOR DISCIPLE 1 WILL BE AUGUST 22 AT 6:00 P.M.

DISCIPLE 2 (the second study) encourages participants to open themselves to hearing what God has to say to them through the Bible and be guided into service in the world by Scripture and study. Class leader for DISCIPLE 2 is Peter Havlik. (Dates and times are pending).

The only cost is your DISCIPLE workbook (on sale through July at Cokesbury). You will also need a good study Bible.

Please pray about these awesome opportunities to read and study the Bible in a small, committed group and be challenged in your discipleship.

Sign up for both studies are in the hallway in front of the parlor.

Adult Sunday School Classes *Come join us at 9:45 am!*

Room 185: Discovery Class

The Gospel of John (3 month study)

Room 210: Fellowship Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum: The Gospel of Matthew

Room 211: New Friendship Class

"When Bad Things Happen—Where's God?"

Parlor: Christian Living Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 183 New Haven's Newest Class!

The Gospel of John

Room 205: Journey's Class

"Christianity and World Religions"
by Adam Hamilton

MISSION OPPORTUNITY!

Harvard Ave. UMC sustained a lot of water damage during the heavy rains early in June, so the Tulsa District's "Disaster Early Response Team" has set some work days in July to work on damaged wallboard replacement. Those days will be July 6-10, July 12, July 14-16 and work will take place from 8:30 am-4:00 pm. Bill Turner from Faith UMC will coordinate the effort and welcomes all the help he can get!

If you would like to help our sister church you can go on any of these days to 1027 N. Harvard and lend a helping hand. Thanks!

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION DINNER

Sunday, July 25th

6:00 pm

If you have been part of Project Transformation by listening to a child read, come and join us for dinner! This is a Tulsa District event where we celebrate the program together.

Please RSVP to Pat Bates by July 15th. (743-6491)

CAN YOU HELP?

Venus, our Exodus House resident is looking for a car and is in need of it soon. If you or someone you know is willing to donate a car or if you know of a car for sale at a very modest price, please contact Adriaan Duiveman at 250-5966. Thanks!

Newlywed Cooking Funnies

One night at the dinner table, the wife commented, "When we were first married, you took the small piece of steak and gave me the larger. Now you take the large one and leave me the smaller. You don't love me any more?"

"Nonsense, darling," replied the husband, "you just cook better now."



A young minister sat down to dinner and was about to say grace.

He looked at the casserole dish that his thrifty bride had prepared from all of the refrigerator leftovers.

"I don't know," he said dubiously, "but it seems to me that I've blessed all this stuff before."

Opportunities of the Week

July 18-25, 2010

SUNDAY, July 18

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 1:00 pm Decorate Sanctuary for VBS
- 1:00 pm Trustees/Parlor
- 2:30 pm Finance/Parlor
- 6:00 pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

MONDAY, July 19

- 10:30 am "Uppity Women of the Bible" Study/Parlor
- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
- 6:00 pm VBS

TUESDAY, July 20

- 11:00 am Umpteenagers/Parlor
- 6:00 pm VBS
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210 Alanon/ Room 205, 206

WEDNESDAY, July 21

- 6:00 pm VBS
- 7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206

THURSDAY, July 22

- 6:00 pm VBS (last night)

FRIDAY, July 23

- 7:30 pm AA 26

SATURDAY, July 24

SUNDAY, July 25

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday Schools
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 2:00 pm "What's So Amazing About Grace?" Bible study/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm UMY
- 6:00 pm Project Transformation Dinner

ATTENDANCE

July 11, 2010

8:45 am-63

11:00 am-103

TOTAL: 166

