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Cindy's Chalkboard



We had a productive, but l-o-n-g Trustees meeting on Sunday. There's so much to be done for our buildings and grounds, and I just want to thank each and every person on the committee for their thoughts, time and efforts for being good stewards and giving great care for all the things God has entrusted to us at New Haven.

In that same meeting, as we were discussing the incredible ministries the church has to offer... the need to invite other people to church, came up. I heard things like, "It's a great church, it's full of wonderful people!" and "I don't know what I would do without my church." I also heard concerns about the decline in church attendance nation-wide, and if that trend continues, we risk losing churches all across this country.

This conversation was right in line with an article recently published in the Upper Room. A teacher asked the children one day if they knew who enjoyed the fruit of the fruit tree -- the tree itself, or the one who planted it. The children knew that the tree produces good fruit, not for its own enjoyment but for others. The teacher wanted them to know that our gifts from God are not meant simply for our own enjoyment. God's Word says that our gifts are for the benefit of all; they are "for the common good."

It is so important that each of us tell others what we have found "for the common good" through the church. God touches our lives in so many ways, and then asks us to reach out and share what we experience in our own faith journey, with others. I have said many times that the single, most effective way we can do this is to invite others to church, ourselves. *Our witness and personal invitation far surpasses any kind of advertisement we could ever pay for.* When you love something that brings such joy and comfort into your life, you want others to be a part of it.

God's church at the corner of 56th and New Haven Avenue is a gift from God, given to us so we can use it to offer to others. And when we do that for God's glory, we become a part of the work that the Holy Spirit is doing.

In this season of Pentecost, the Spirit is nudging us. And how will we respond? Tell others how God has worked in your life, and invite them to church. And then let the Spirit do what it does best, and those you have invited, will find out for themselves.

Walking this journey of faith with you,
Pastor Cindy

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

Monday June 27-Thursday June 30, 9-12

Dear New Haven Family,

If you have not been able to sign up to help a child read for this so-needed ministry, you are still needed! We need 12-15 readers every day and we are only half-way there. If you can, please sign up at the Outreach Table this Sunday. If you need more information, please call me at 918-250-5900. Thanks for your support.

*God's Speed,
Adriaan*

4th of July Celebration Dinner for Our Brothers & Sisters Who Are Homeless

On Thursday, June 30, New Haven will be sharing in fellowship with our extended family and serving them a dinner of BBQ sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, cake and ice-cream or pie. We would like your help with either cooking beef (sliced or chopped), baking a cake or pie, or serving the meal. You can sign up at the Outreach table in the hallway for the next few weeks.. Looking forward to sharing in ministry with you at this celebration dinner!



SIGN UP NOW FOR VBS!

Do you enjoy crafts? How about games? We need people for crafts and games for VBS. Please let Stacey know if you can help out. Even if you are only available a night or two, we can use your help! VBS is July 24-28 from 6:00-8:30 in the evening.

It's almost time for our annual 4th of July Parade! The parade will be July 4 from 10-12:00, and maybe this year we won't have rain! The yard signs will be out this Sunday – please take one and put it in your yard to help advertise the parade to your neighbors. We will also have sign-ups to bring cookies and to help with setup, clean-up, and refreshments.

JUNE YOUTH ACTIVITIES!

June 15	\$1 Movie - meet church 9:30am
June 16	<u>Service Work</u> - meet 11:30am
June 19	UMYF - church 5:30pm, NOOMA
June 20	Riverwalk Free Concert, meet 6pm
June 22	\$1 Movie - meet church 9:30am
June 23	Midnight Bowling - details to come
June 25	Blue Bell Ice Cream Festival - meet 9am
June 26	UMWF - Mark!
June 27	<i>Youth Force Tulsa</i> until July 1
June 27	Riverwalk Free Concert, meet 6pm
June 29	\$1 Movie - meet church 9:30am
June 30	<u>Service Work</u> - meet 11:30am

MISSION SUMMER COMING!

The Outreach committee is planning a summer full of mission opportunities! Opportunities in July and August will include Undie Sunday, when we will collect underwear for Child Share, and painting at Rest Haven, the nursing home we adopted in 2005.

We would also like to help some of our own New Haven family members who need assistance. If you are that sister or brother or if you know someone in the church who needs help, please let us know.



COME AND SEE!

Come and see our newly painted children's classrooms! The downstairs children's classrooms have recently received a much-needed fresh coat (or two) of paint thanks to our Day School's Parent Association. They donated \$6000 towards this project and our own Greg Gotcher did a wonderful job painting the classroom walls, doors and cabinets. Thanks Greg! A big thanks also goes to Ron and Mary Ann Cunningham for painting one of the children's bathrooms and installing some great shelving. We plan to paint the upstairs Day School classrooms and add new countertops and flooring as funds become available. Come and see!!

THANKS FOR SERVING!

Thanks to Kegan Schifferdecker and Thaddeus West (New Haven scout & son of Joan West-Day School teacher) for answering the call for camp leaders. They will be volunteering in July at the Growin' In Grace camp at Camp Egan. I very much appreciate their willingness to serve in such an important ministry with our children! Thanks guys—Tonya Ford,
Camp Dean



**MEREDITH & ALICE FALL
CELEBRATE
THEIR 65TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY!**

They would like to invite you to celebrate with them at a party to be given in their honor on June 18th at 3:00 pm at the Baptist Village, 2801 N. Birch Ave. in Broken Arrow.

**SENIOR ADULTS –
TAKE NOTE!**

**UMPTEENAGERS PLANNING SESSION
Tuesday, June 21st at 11:00 am**

Pastor Cindy will lead in our planning meeting as we line up fun activities and events for the upcoming year. We will take this time to welcome several new leaders of the group, and invite your ideas for programs and places to go. Sue Duncan will be our “Cruise Director”, and she, along with a staff of others, are excited to get everyone “on board” as soon as possible! Now is the time to join this fun group of senior adults. Bring a potluck item to share – and INVITE OTHERS to come along with you!

**Opportunities of the Week
June 19 ~ 26, 2011**

SUNDAY, June 19 Father’s Day

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children’s Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children’s Church
- 5:30 pm UMY

MONDAY, June 20

- 6:00 pm Writer’s Group/185

TUESDAY, June 21

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

WEDNESDAY, June 22

- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206

THURSDAY, June 23

- 6:00 pm Praise Band
- 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, June 24

- 7:30 pm AA Gym

SATURDAY, June 25

- 4:00 pm Baby Shower/Parlor

SUNDAY, June 26

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children’s Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children’s Church
- 1:00 pm Trustees/Parlor
- 2:30 pm Finance/Parlor
- 3:30 pm Adm. Council/Parlor
- 5:30 pm UMY

MEMORIAL GIFTS

ENDOWMENT FUND:

In memory of Sean Mabrey by Ray Prange

In memory of Eleanor Hawn by the Christian Living Class

In memory of Jeff Berry by Linda Parmele and Fellowship Class

MEMORIAL FUND:

In memory of Sean Mabrey by Marcia Ferguson

In memory of Jimmie Ellis by Mary Emma Tate, Mavis Moore, The Stephen Ferguson family.

GARDEN ENDOWMENT FUND:

In memory of Jarrett Kingsolver by Virginia Kingsolver



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, June 12

8:45 am - 54

11:00 am - 104

Total - 158

**Adult Sunday School
Attendance**

June 12

Christian Living Class— 11

Discovery Class—N/R

Interlude Class—7

Fellowship Class— 12

New Friendship Class—12

Journey Class—6

DISASTER RELIEF

If you are interested in being part of a team going to Joplin in the fall, please contact Adriaan Duiveman. Several of you have indicated a desire to help and we’d love to add your name to the list!

Call Adriaan at
918-250-5966