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Cindy's Chalkboard



If you didn't have a chance to come to the church lawn on Sunday afternoon, you missed out on a great time of fun and fellowship – and dogs of all sizes, shapes and breeds – and two cats! Thank you, Jan and Suzanne, for offering our annual “Blessing of the Animals” service once again. It was a great congregation, very enthusiastic - and I'm quite sure we heard a few “Amen's” barked out from the crowd!!

Jan reminded us that animals are a part of God's creation, and they share in the blessing of being a part of our life. It never ceases to amaze me that animals can have such an even kilter – most times, they never seem to have a bad day. They don't get ornery, or frown when things aren't going their way. Every day is truly a new beginning; and they can hardly wait for it to start! The BEST part is, when you get home from work, they are always so excited to see you!

We shared in a lot of fun on Sunday watching the animals that God has created, and seeing how they bring so much joy. Our God provides for us in so many ways. He cares for the earth and everything in it.

“You have given them (human beings) dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas...”..and... the dogs, cats, horses and beloved pets of our homes (my addition!). – Psalm 8:6-8



All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small...the Lord God made them all!

Together in faith,
Pastor Cindy

**Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt
at New Haven!
April 23rd at 10:00 a.m.**

We need LOTS of stuffed plastic eggs for the hunt. Please bring eggs filled with packaged candies, small erasers, tattoos, or other treats to the church office. If you prefer to write a check and let us do the shopping, that is fine, too! Just mark your check "Easter Egg Hunt".

**.April Showers Bring Flowers....
and BABY Showers!!**

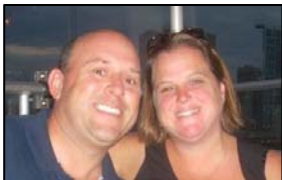


BABY SHOWER

Come share in the joy, fun
and fellowship!

Saturday, April 9th
2:00 pm in the Parlor

Teresa & Phil Roberts and family
Registered at Babies R Us and Target



BABY SHOWER

Come and help Susan & Derek
Lamkin and family celebrate their
expected May arrival!

Sunday, April 17th at 2:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Susan is registered at
Babies R Us and Target.

ANNUAL UMCOR KIT DRIVE

UNCOR is currently requesting donations for Kits to be distributed in Haiti, the U.S. and around the world. They are to be delivered to the Annual Conference between May 29th and June 1st. Read the details in next week's Spire.

**Adult Sunday School Class Attendance
Sunday, April 3, 2011**

Christian Living Class— 13
Discovery Class—8
Interlude Class—11
Fellowship Class— 19
New Friendship Class— 18
Journey Class— 13



Offerings for Japan

As of yesterday, we have received \$1,940 for our sisters and brothers in Japan. Praise God!

If you would like to share in this much needed ministry, you can still do so. You can drop your check in the offering plate next Sunday or mail it to the church.

Just make the check out to New Haven UMC and write "UMCOR-Japan" on the memo line.

Let us continue to keep our extended family in Japan in our prayers.

God's Speed,
Adriaan Duiveman

MEN'S BRUNCH BUNCH

Come join our new men's group for breakfast,
fun, & fellowship next
Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m.
in the parlor.

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**BOOK REVIEW AND LUNCHEON  
APRIL 19, 2011 ~ 11:00a.m.**

\$7 ~ Please sign up in your classroom,  
or call the church office or me, Pat ~  
918/494-3927

**HOPE CIRCLE MEETS APRIL 11**

Our next Hope Circle meeting will be held on Monday, April 11 at 6:00 in the parlor. Our program will be on how to live more "green". Supper will be provided and all women are invited to join us for food and fellowship.

**UMW Susanna Circle**

**Thursday, April 14**

10:00 am in the Parlor

Refreshments, program and meeting.  
Jan Boyd will speak on Social Action  
issues. All are welcome to attend!

**NEW HAVEN READS**

The next book to read is "The Pickup" by Nadine Gordimer, a South African Nobel Prize winner about a wealthy S. African woman and the Arab mechanic who comes to her aid.

## Church wide pot luck lunch—May 15.

### Celebrating those who have been married 50 plus years!

Please plan to join us to honor all the couples in our church who have been married 50 or more years on Sunday May 14. Each week we will “spotlight” one of the couples. (Look for Dawson & Betty Watson’s story next week!)

### **Dawson & Betty Watson**

“The reason I can recall the exact moment I first laid eyes on my husband-to-be is because there were *two* of him. After graduating from high school, I moved with my family to a small town in Oklahoma. During our first visit to church there, the collection plate was handed to us by a handsome young man. We passed it along the pew to the other end, where it was received by his twin brother (Doyle) who looked exactly like him. We were active in the church youth group and Dawson and I began dating about a year later.

We were married before he and Doyle left to fight in World War II. Following the war, they finished college, and the brothers worked in the same company together for 37 years”.

Betty Joe Abbott and Dawson E. Watson were married in Muskogee on September 4, 1943. They have three sons, Don who is married to Linda, Dave, a bachelor, and Ken who is married to Shirley. They have two grandchildren, Stephen 27 and Amy 17. Stephen and his wife Kelli will become proud parents of Betty & Dawson’s great-grandchild (They know it is a boy) in August. (Due on his Aunt Amy’s 18<sup>th</sup> birthday).

Dawson and Betty retired in 1980 and moved from New Orleans back to Tulsa in 1982.

#### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday, April 3rd**

8:45 am—86  
11:00 am—102  
Total— 188

## PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THESE...

### **Members:**

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| Krysti Bayless   | Shirley Stillwell |
| Joe & Sue Beaver | Laurie VanDyke    |
| Sue Duncan       | Mahcoe VanDyke    |
| Mary Ileen Hicks | Bob Walker        |
| Polly Miller     | Ann Wilkerson     |
| Syble Perry      | Mark Williams     |
| Bob Schwartz     |                   |

### **Friends & Family of New Haven UMC**

Aaron Fields (Smith’s nephew), Afghanistan; Jeff Berry; Doyle Boyd’s sisters Erma & Martha; Judy Bradford’s granddaughter, Bailey; Alan Leighton, Lana Gotcher’s brother; Pastor Cindy’s dad, Bill McClurg; Polly Miller; Lona Fultz; Barbara & family; Mark Baggetto; Duane McKellips; Mildred Dix; Kelly Sartain’s aunt; Louise Boyd’s mom, uncle and grandmother; Wilma; 8 yr. old Tyler; Charli & Stephanie; Cathy; Carla Hefley’s father, Gerald Blissit; Family of Ronie Jonas; Joe Johnson

Our country, city, & leaders.

### **Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)**

Fran Andrew, Lois Bailey; Orah Chaffin, Jimmie Ellis, Eleanor Hawn, Maxine Loyd, Duane Lunger, Polly Miller, Fran Palm, Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Vetus Vanderwiele, Fredna Wince.

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

#### **Room 185: Discovery Class**

The Gospel of Matthew

#### **Room 209: Fellowship Class**

“We Worship God” Adult Bible Study Curriculum

#### **Room 210: New Friendship Class**

“From Jesus to Christ” book by Paula Fredriksen

#### **Parlor: Christian Living Class**

“I Timothy” Adult Bible Study Curriculum

#### **Room 161 Interlude Class**

“Blessing of the Cross” by Robert Walker

#### **Room 205: Journeys Class**

“Christianity and Science”