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Cindy's Chalkboard

John Schroeder tells a story about a man who was shoveling his driveway on a cold winter day. (*Yes, it WILL get cold here in Tulsa at some point!!*) They just had ten inches of heavy snow. A boy came by and asked the man if he could shovel the driveway for him. It seemed an odd request because the job was almost done. He asked why? The boy told him that he got most of his work from people who were half done with what they started to do!

The world is full of people with good intentions. I've been known to start a project or two, and put it on the back burner for awhile. We start a project with zeal and excitement. We begin reading a book, attending a class, taking a walk for exercise in the park.... and that is as far as we get. We get distracted, something more interesting comes along. We run out of energy.

But just as we want to finish what we start, God also wants us to reach our goals. What does God want us to accomplish? We talked about this on Sunday – God asked us to make Disciples of all nations, to feed the hungry, to help the poor, to visit those in prison and to be his hands and feet and heart in this world. As Christians, we are to encourage one another, and help one another.

There are so many opportunities to do this through the church. When we give to the church, your resources enable us to start projects and see them all the way through! Your giving helps bring persons to Christ – even in such seemingly small ways as being greeted at the door with a fresh pot of coffee and those wonderful donut-holes! Being a giver is a statement of what is important in your life; it is a spiritual discipline that reminds us that much has been given to us, and that much is expected.

We can accomplish great things when we fulfill the goals that God puts on our hearts. I'll be praying with you about how God would want us to respond.

Trusting in His guidance and grace,
Pastor Cindy

Thank you to....

... Susan Lamkin for her outstanding efforts in the garage sale this year – final tally is over \$3,200 raised!! Woo-hoo!

... Pat Thomas, Kaelen Terry, Vicky and Tim Hensley for the design, drawing, and sewing of our new beautiful Sanctuary banners.

... Steve Lassiter, Mr. Fixit Man extraordinaire, for repairing and painting our hallway and ceiling!



Words from BJ. . .

One of my biggest inspirations died this week, Mr. Steve Jobs former CEO and founder of Apple. In looking at all the quotes of his life, and there are so many good ones, I was reminded of one of my favorites, "I want to put a ding in the universe", and that rings so true with the youth of every generation! Our stewardship theme is "Make HIS mark... YOUR mark" so what happens when the mark you make, your ding in the universe mimics Jesus' mark? What does that look like? Truthfully I don't know fully, but I know how it starts. It starts with youth like enthusiasm and optimism that is hard to maintain when we get older. But it is easy to be reminded if you're with them for 5 mins. Every time I am with them I am encouraged to pray bigger, not only to expect God to answer, but to answer big. Not to give me a drink but to make my cup overflow! They truly believe God is alive in this world and is constantly dinging this universe!

Suzanne Sez. . .

One of the wonderful things about New Haven is that we are a welcoming church. When visitors come they are greeted with grace. During our worship service Paul Mabrey invites and encourages our visitors to please sign the red pads and to include their address and phone number. If they do so they will receive a letter from us, information about our church and Sunday School Classes and a copy of the current Spire. For the past 2 months we have initiated the "Bakers and Takers". On Monday mornings as we look through the attendance, one of our "Bakers" will be contacted to prepare some cookies, brownies or a pie and a "Taker" will deliver it on Tuesday evening. The "Taker" does not stay but just drops the baked goods off, thanks them for coming to New Haven and invites them to come back.

So far our visitors appreciate the thoughtfulness and many have returned. If you would like to be a Baker or a Taker you are welcome. Just let Suzanne know or call the church office. You will be assigned one week out of the month. We have several for each week so you may not be called often unless we have lots of visitors.

This is just one of the ways we are welcoming others. Of course the most important is to personally speak to new visitors, sit with them in church and invite them to your Sunday School class and other church events. Show God's love through reaching out to new people.

IT'S TIME!!!

It's time to start thinking about our annual Mountain of Food drive. We will have our food list with the church bulletin starting Sunday, Oct. 23rd and we will place our first order on Oct. 30th so that we can start building our "Mountain" on Nov. 6th. We'll build the Mountain through Nov. 20th when we will load it up and take it to Restore Hope. We have already had a request from Restore Hope to furnish some of the needs for Thanksgiving baskets. Last year we furnished over 18,000 pounds of food; Restore Hope gave out over 330,000 allowing them to help over 8,000 families with food. This means our food would have lasted less than 3 weeks. The need is even greater this year, so please listen to your hearts as you consider your giving.

Outreach Committee

UMPTENAGERS

Come to Umpteenagers!

Tuesday, October 18th at 11:00 a.m.

We will meet in the church parlor for

Fellowship

Food (food will be provided).

and FUN!

Hear Danny Hall's lively book review on

"From Heels to Tractor Wheels"

Cost: \$3./per person

See you there!

Ministry Moment

Joleen Taylor

Sunday, October 9, 2011

We all know that New Haven is a great church with lots of programs that benefit our community. What sealed the deal for my husband and I when we were looking for a church home was the Sunday morning we were greeted at the front door by a wonderful little boy who changed our lives forever. He had a big smile, a firm handshake, and was so happy to welcome us to his church. That little boy's name was Nathan Wofford and he just happened to have Down Syndrome. As I spent more time with him, saw how much he enjoyed his church family and the programs they provided, I decided if Nathan Wofford is happy here, this is the church for me.

One of the reasons Nathan touched my heart is the fact that I grew up with a younger sister with special needs. I had her in my life for 31 years and I loved her more than anything, but it was such a difficult struggle for her and my family. Back in those days we did not have the support programs that are available to families today. Having lived through that time, I appreciate more than ever the fact that our church is so accepting of individuals with special needs and their families.

The Respite Program that we provide the second Saturday of each month from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. gives families the opportunity to bring not only their special needs children, but also their siblings to a safe environment to have playtime, music, crafts, and snacks. This is definitely a win/win situation because the kids have a great time and the parents get a much needed break to run errands, do chores, take a nap, or even have a date knowing their children are in good hands. I was with these children yesterday and can assure you that our Respite Program is something I am proud to be a part of and is very much appreciated by the families we help.

Even though my little sister, Janell, and Nathan Wofford are no longer with us, I believe they are together in heaven encouraging our church to keep up the good work and to continue supporting wonderful programs like Respite with our time and our offerings. Thanks for being such a caring church!

MUSIC MUSINGS



I will sing praise. We will sing and praise your power. We will sing of His mercy. We will sing of His righteousness. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live. The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord has put a new song in my heart.

The Psalms are full of references of music being used in worship and praise to the Lord. They are in fact hymns of praise written by various patriarchs. In I Chronicles, we read of David selecting musicians to celebrate the arrival of the Ark at the temple. Some were assigned to sing, some to play trumpets, horns, harps, lyres and some to play cymbals.

The New Testament speaks of music in worship as well. Paul writes in his letter to the Colossians to "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." In his first letter to the Corinthians, he tells them. "I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding." Finally, James writes, "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms."

New Haven is an active spiritual family that prays unceasingly. I encourage you to show your cheerfulness in raising your voices in worship.

Chili Dinner for the Homeless

On Halloween, Oct. 31st, we have been given another opportunity to serve and share a meal with our extended family who are homeless. Our menu will be chili (chili pie) and all the trimmings and cake for dessert. We would like your help with cooking, serving, and donations for the cake. Pastor Cindy will share communion with all who are present. You can sign up beginning this Sunday. Thank you for all your support.

God's Speed,
Adriaan

HAPPY CHILDREN'S HOME CELEBRATION!

You are invited to help celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Tulsa District Happy Children's Home in China!

Come for a delicious lunch on Saturday, November 5th at Trinity UMC, 3737 S. Peoria from 11:30-1:30. This lunch is provided by donations only.

Please RSVP by October 25th to the District Office at 918-742-7496 or email tulsaumc@sbcglobal.net.

Proceeds support the home and the event includes a silent auction. Everyone welcome!!!

UMW Susanna Circle

Thursday, October 13th 10am in the Parlor

A speaker from Exodus House and Jan Boyd will discuss Social Action!

We will be collecting items/monetary donations for a Welcome Basket for a housewarming for a new resident this Fall! Please bring a Christian or personal item or money donation to add to it!

ALL are welcome to attend this special meeting to learn more about Exodus House.

Mark your calendars for the FALL FESTIVAL!

Sunday, October 30, 2011 4pm-6pm

New Haven is hosting a community festival and Trunk or Treat with the Day School once again. Please plan to decorate your trunk and hand out treats to the kids in costume!

VOLUNTEERS are needed for carnival games, concessions, cake walk, chili cook-off, etc.

Look for sign up sheets or contact Susan Lamkin for more information! susanlamkin@cox.net or 918-744-9440. To volunteer, go to

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/fall3187 or sign up at church.



Christmas Shoeboxes

With the beginning of school, everyone is stocked heavily for school supplies, so this is a great time to purchase supplies for New Haven's annual collection for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Items we can use include small notebooks (ones that will fit in a shoebox), pencils, pens, crayons, pencil sharpeners, erasers, and markers. You can bring your gifts to Stacey's office in the church office area.

ps. Monetary gifts work very well, too!

New Haven Reads! is our official book club and meets on the first Sunday of the month at 4:00 in the parlor. For November, they are reading "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. You are invited to read this book, then join the discussion next month!

Opportunities of the Week

October 16 ~ 23, 2011

SUNDAY, October 16

- 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
- 5:00 pm Disciple II /Parlor
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
- 4:30 pm District Youth Fall Fling
- 5:30 pm "What's In The Bible?" for kids

MONDAY, October 17

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, October 18

- 11:00 am Umpteenagers Lunch & Book Review by Danny Hall
- 6:30 pm Financial Peace University/Parlor
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210 Alanon/ Room 205, 206

WEDNESDAY, October 19

- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells
- 7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, October 20

- 6:00 pm Praise Band
- 6:30 pm Disciple III/161
- 7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, October 21

- 6:30 pm Dinners for Eight
- 7:30 pm AA Gym
- 9:00 pm Youth Lock-In

SATURDAY, October 22

- 10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch

SUNDAY, Oct. 23 Commitment Sunday

- 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 SPRC/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Disciple II /Parlor
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
- 5:00 pm Middle School UMY
- 5:30 pm "What's In The Bible?" for kids
- 6:00 pm High School UMY

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Paul Mabrey	Minister of Music
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Deacon
BJ Danner	Youth Director
Stacey Schifferdecker	Children's Director
Tonya Ford	Day School Dir.
Colleen Walling	Nursery Dir.
Kaelen Terry	After School Care
Pat Bates	Church Secretary
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Marcia Ferguson	Treasurer
Kate Scruggs	Financial Secretary
Jane Johnson	Weddings
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

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

Room 185: Discovery Class

"The Will of God"

Room 209: Fellowship Class

"We Worship God" Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 210: New Friendship Class

"Foundations of the Old Testament"

Parlor: Christian Living Class

"Proverbs" Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class

9/11: What a Difference a Day Makes" by James Moore

Room 205: Journeys Class

The Book of Job

WHEN I SAY, "I AM A CHRISTIAN"

By Carol Wimmer

When I say, "I am a Christian,"
I'm not shouting "I am saved."
I'm whispering "I was lost";
That is why I chose this way.

When I say, "I am a Christian,"
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble,
And need someone to be my guide.

When I say, "I am a Christian,"
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak,
And pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian,"
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed,
And cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian,"
I'm not claiming to be perfect.
My flaws are too visible,
But God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian,"
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches,
Which is why I speak His name.

When I say, "I am a Christian,"
I do not wish to judge.
I have no authority;
I only know I'm loved.

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OCTOBER

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 9

8:45 am - 63

11:00 am - 84

Total - 147

Adult Sunday School

Attendance

October 9

Christian Living Class - 10

Discovery Class - 7

Interlude Class - 13

Fellowship Class - 14

New Friendship Class - 12

Journey Class - 13

Copies of Sermons are now available on CD's on the back table in the Narthex of the Sanctuary.

A religious farmer lost his Bible out in the field.

A few days later he went to answer a noise at his door. Standing there was a cow, with his Bible in its mouth!

The farmer raised his eyes to heaven and thanked the Lord for this miracle.

"Not really," said the cow. "Your name was written inside."

Jacob was a cheater, Peter had a temper, David had an affair, Noah got drunk, Jonah ran from God, Paul was a murderer, Gideon was insecure, Miriam was a gossip, Mary was a worrier, Thomas was a doubter, Sarah was impatient, Elijah was moody, Moses stuttered, Zaccheus was short, Abraham was old and Lazarus was dead. Now.... what's YOUR reason for thinking God won't use you?

God CAN use you where you are...if you let him! :)