



THE SPIRE

News of New Haven United Methodist Church

“Gracious Acceptance. . . . Grateful Service”

www.newhavenumc.org

5603 S. New Haven Ave.
Tulsa, Ok. 74135

VOLUME XXI, Number 32

September 2, 2011



Cindy's Chalkboard



Did you ever read verses of Scripture you have been familiar with, only to be surprised as God uses it to speak to you in very convicting ways?

That's been my experience so far in our sermon series on Moses. To be honest, I first jumped into the passages in Exodus thinking I knew them fairly well. But the more I read the passages, the more I've been personally challenged by them. I suspect you have been, too.

But Lord, who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt? Surely there's someone else. Surely, there's someone who is better equipped... I really can't do this...

- OR -

Lord, am I too busy to hear your voice? Am I so busy "doing" that I lose sight of what's important?

It's tempting to think theoretically about what we *should* do, or how we *should* respond, but it's just as easy to return to what we've always done. God has a plan for each of our lives. What is God calling us to do? Are there more radical steps we need to take in our lives, and in the life of the church?

Those are questions worth pondering as we continue our walk with Moses over the next few weeks. No doubt we will be hearing questions that will challenge us over this time together. I think that's God's gentle nudging... and he's just waiting for us to respond.

So, ask yourself, "What is God calling me to do so that I can follow Him with less distractions and greater devotion?" Let's live as those who are willing to say "yes" to the plans he has for us. It's a gift given to us, to be used as we lead others, to Him.

Where He leads me, I will follow.
Pastor Cindy



According to LearntheBible.org, water is mentioned in the Bible 722 times, all the way from Genesis 1:2 to Revelation 22:17. In

various places, water symbolizes birth, purification, the word of God, and our spiritual life. Water is a gift God gave us through his creation and it is crucial to the survival of every living thing on this planet. Water is part of many of our favorite Bible stories, from Noah and Jonah in the Old Testament to baptism and storms in the New Testament. And for the next several months in our God-Trak Sunday School, water forms the basis of the stories the children will explore. We will begin with Isaac and Rebekah, whose love story begins with Rebekah's kindness at the town well, where she offers water to Abraham's servant and his camels. We will also explore Jesus' first public miracle of turning water into wine, as well as his encounter with the woman at the well and the miracle of walking on water. Children aged four-5th grade are invited to join us each Sunday at 9:45 in Grand Central Station (room 284 up-stairs) to dive deep into the word of God!



Rising to the Chapel Chair Challenge!!

The Trustees Committee has approved revisions to the seating in our beautiful Chapel. In order to accommodate more flexible seating for Sunday school, Bible studies and other similar classes, we will be transitioning the Chapel seating arrangements. To accomplish this, we will remove the current Chapel pews and replace them with beautiful "Chapel Chairs". Therefore, we will be...

...offering **three pews in the Chapel for sale for \$270 each.** (The remaining eight pews will be taken up to the balcony in the Sanctuary.)
 ... seeking donations to purchase a **minimum of 26 Chapel chairs** before we can move forward on the project. **Each chair is \$135 each.** They are stackable, very elegant, sturdy and will keep the Chapel "feel" as needed for various occasions.
 ...offering a **memorial book on display in the Chapel** to allow for those who may want to donate funds for chairs in honor or memory of a loved one.



We have current needs for another downstairs room. The Chapel revisions will provide for such a need. While our hope over the past many years was to install an elevator to the second floor, this plan would give us another downstairs area of use without this expansive cost. Please give Pastor Cindy a call in the church office if you are interested in purchasing a pew, or in funding a new chair(s) for our beautiful Chapel. Please spread the word!
 P.S. All funds received at the Fall Festival this year on the annual auction basket for "Dinner for 6 at the Parsonage" given by Peter and Pastor Cindy will go directly toward the Chapel chair fund!

SKI TRIP TO ASPEN, COLORADO

March 19-23, 2012

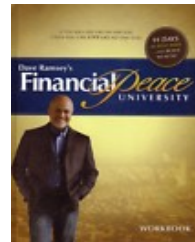
COSTS: \$355.00/person for skiers
 \$370.00/person for snowboarders
 \$200.00/person for non skiers
 \$292.00/person if you own your equipment
 (This includes 4 nights lodging, 3 days of rentals and lift tickets and 4 breakfasts at the hotel)
 Other fees...travel costs, meal costs, souvenirs, etc.
COST FOR AN UPGRADE TO A SUITE: \$30.00/pp
 (the suite has a King bed with a Queen Sofa Sleeper)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

\$125.00/person due ASAP
 \$140.00/person due January 1st
 Remaining Balance due February 5th
 Travel Payment due Feb. 26th (if riding with church)
 (Please note...we will be leaving on Sunday afternoon, March 18th and spending the night in a hotel room if you're traveling with the church)

Financial Peace University

Preview night: 6:30 pm Tuesday, Aug. 30th
 Classes start: 6:30 pm Tuesday, Sept. 13th
 Taught by Rev. Cindy Havlik



A financial management program for everyone!

New Haven UMC is offering this class for \$75. per couple. Scholarships are available.

The benefits you receive in taking this class will far outweigh the cost!!!
 Call the church office to sign up!

All Church Garage Sale Fundraiser

The New Haven Garage Sale is coming soon!

The Garage Sale will be September 16th and 17th from 8am-3pm both days. We need volunteers to help us sort items all week to prepare! Any items donated for the sale to benefit our Church will be greatly appreciated. Any items not purchased will be donated to charity. If you have extra wire hangers or plastic grocery sacks, please bring them to the gym, along with your donated items, beginning September 11. Please spread the word and bring your donations!! Contact susanlamkin@cox.net or 918-744-9440 if you need us to pick up items or can help!

Suzanne Sez.

We have six adult Sunday School Classes and we want to keep everyone up to date on what they are studying. It is great to be in a class, get to know the people, develop a community of fellowship, and grow in faith. However there may be another class once in awhile that is studying something that is of a great interest to you. If so please feel free to visit that class if only during that special time of study. We hope to keep you informed as classes move on to new studies.

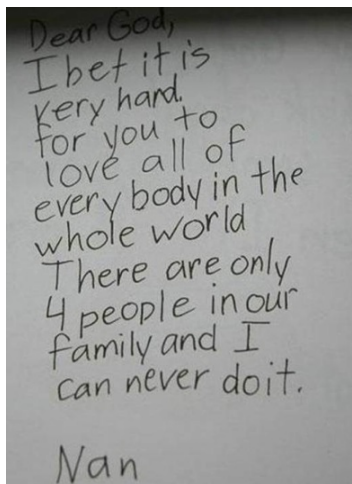
New Friendship Class has started a seven week study of Old Testament themes based on lectures by Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt. The study explores common ideas and form as the Old Testament develops the ideas of calling and covenant, the importance of Moses and the law, and the Hebrew nature of God. Later studies in the Fall and winter will be on the time of Judges and Kings as well as the time of exile and restoration.

The class would welcome others to join them. They meet upstairs next to the balcony.

BJ's Banter

This month I have learned 1 life changing event is a little un-nerving, but 2 is down right terrifying! 3 Sundays ago I asked my befriend to marry me, 2 Sundays ago I started a new job, and yesterday I came back to see if you guys are really as friendly as you seemed the first week...and you know what I have found out? YOU ARE! I think I actually got more hugs, smiles, and hand shakes this week than I did my first week, and let me tell you nothing helps a stranger feel more welcome =). To tell you the truth I was more concerned about changing jobs than proposing, and now it's just the opposite. In addition to all of the Sunday morning love and support the youth personalized my office for my 1st day. Last Wednesday we had a spaghetti dinner with tons of support for our youth program as we discussed the future of our youth program. More of those changes to come in the Spire soon!

Paul's Music Musings



Kids say the darnest things! I just received an email with several notes written to God by children in Sunday School. This note caught my eye. I immediately thought of the song Adriaan shared in services Sunday morning, "Share His Love."

Nan is right-on though.

It is hard to show God's love to the people closest to us. Why is that? It ought to be the easiest thing. Maybe we should practice on those at home, before we take God's love into the world. Every musician knows, "practice makes perfect."

Wednesday Youth Event

After school the youth group (middle and high school groups) are meeting in my office to shoot a quick video about the 10 commandments. Snacks and refreshments will be provided for all actors ;)

Also our Sunday night UMYF Is changing up! We are trying something a little different for Sunday night UMY. Anyone currently in 6-8th grade is welcome to come up for a time just for them at 5 pm on Sunday nights. After an hour of Bible study and games we will eat dinner with the High school group at 6:00 and play big group games, then wrap up the fun at 7:00. At 7:00, the Sr. High youth will do lessons and small group games till 8:30pm.

The Susanna Circle
will meet Thursday,
September 8th
10:00 a.m.
in the Parlor.

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

If you would like a copy of Sunday's sermon, please stop by the table in the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Please put your order form in the basket. Allow one week for processing. Your order will be ready for pickup at this table the following Sunday.

NEW MEMBER!



BJ Danner, pictured here with his fiancée, Jane Allred, joined New Haven UMC on August 21st. BJ is our new youth director and you will definitely want to get acquainted with him! Great guy! Welcome, BJ!

**MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY, SEPT 9th AT 6:30**

COME LETS WATCH A MOVIE TOGETHER. "FAITH LIKE POTATOES" IS A WONDERFUL MOVIE YOU WON'T FORGET. IT IS BASED ON AN INSPIRING TRUE STORY OF A FARMER WHO FOUND FAITH.

A MOVING LIFE JOURNEY OF A MAN WHO, LIKE HIS POTATOES, GROWS HIS FAITH, UNSEEN UNTIL THE HARVEST. POWERFUL!!!

Thank you to...

...Susan Lamkin and the Church Life Committee for a fabulous Triple Dip Sundae event – everyone had so much fun!

...New Haven's own "Merry Strippers" (floor wax remover crew) for the incredible job on the tile floors. They look wonderful! Thanks also to Oscar Sturgeon, for all his hard work to re-wax the floors and get them to sparkle!

...our loyal lawn mowing crew who makes sure the church grounds are trimmed, swept, pruned and maintained. Even in this record heat, the yard has continued to thrive. Thank you.

...Mike Flaherty for not missing a day in watering our new sod in the playground area. In spite of the 100+ degree temperatures, this grass is growing better than most areas of the rest of the church lawn!

...the Outreach Committee for the extraordinary efforts in providing a delicious Indian Taco lunch to help support New Day Camp this coming year. It was delicious, and the funds are going to a very important cause!

DINNERS FOR EIGHT

We are currently taking names of those who wish to be a part of the Dinners for 8. You do not have to host a dinner and you don't necessarily have to attend all the dinners, but are encouraged to for the fellowship and getting to know each other!

The Fall dates are:

September 23rd

October 21st

November 18

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A gift to the Endowment Fund was given by Ray Prange in memory of Fredna Wince.

A gift to the Outreach Fund was given by "Crabby" in honor of "Prissy" (VBS characters)

Here's a big **THANK YOU** to the 2011
New Haven Cast of Merry Strippers
(in order of appearance).

Your performances were first-rate!

Ron Cunningham	Sherri Flaherty
David Duncan	Derek Lamkin
Peter Havlik	John Stutsman
Steve Amos	Greg Pape
Adriaan Duivemann	Bill Ford
David Johnson	Lowell Whitlock
Mike Flaherty	Mike Riggin

A second big **THANK YOU** to Oscar Sturgeon for doing such a good job waxing the floors.

If I've missed anybody, please forgive me!

Christmas Shoeboxes

Did you see all the back-to-school ads in yesterday's paper? That means 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.



Monetary gifts
also very useful!

Opportunities of the Week
September 4-11, 2011

SUNDAY, September 4

8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
4:00 pm New Haven Reads/Parlor
5:00 pm Disciple II/Parlor
5:00 pm Middle School UMY
6:00 pm High School UMY

MONDAY, September 5

Labor Day—Office Closed

6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, September 6

7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

WEDNESDAY, September 7

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

THURSDAY, September 8

10:00 am Susanna Circle/Parlor
6:00 pm Praise Band
6:30 pm Disciple III/161
7:30 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, September 9

7:30 pm AA Gym

SATURDAY, September 10

10:00 am Men's Brunch Bunch

SUNDAY, September 11

8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
1:30 pm Adm. Council/Parlor
5:00 pm Disciple II /Parlor
5:00 pm Middle School UMY
6:00 pm High School UMY

**WORSHIP
ATTENDANCE**

*Sunday, August
21st—165*

Sunday, August 28

8:45 am - 60
11:00 am - 107
Total - 167

**Adult Sunday School
Attendance**

August 28

Christian Living Class—
6
Discovery Class —N/R
Interlude Class—19
Fellowship Class—11
New Friendship Class—
14
Journey Class—12



CELEBRATION MISSION SUMMER!

Dear New Haven Family,

What an awesome mission summer experience of sharing lives and reaching out to our community! Yesterday's lunch to benefit New Day Camp was well attended and over \$800. was raised. A \$250. donation was given by the Fellowship Class, too! Thanks, everyone! Thank you, Danny Hall, for sharing a devotion and leading the lunch. Weren't the taco's awesome? Thanks to the Outreach Committee, Oscar, and New Haven members for setting up and cleaning up afterwards. Our opportunities to serve included: Project Transformation, 4th of July Dinner for our brothers & sisters who are homeless, Undie Sunday and New Day Camp. Our Boy Scouts reached out to Marion Wilkerson with some yard work. Thanks, guys!

To God be the Glory,

Adriaan