

GOD'S PEOPLE DOING GOD'S WORK IN GOD'S WORLD

From the Inside Ministry:

Wow! Everyone is working so hard and the benefits are great. How about that choir? Beautiful music from them and the hard work that went into the Palm Sunday Cantata...that paid off big. It was a beautiful work and so well done. You could tell that the choir had their hearts and soul in it as they sang to the glory of God. And thanks to Scott Berning for providing the narration.

The Care and Nurture committee went all out on the Mexican Stack Dinner. If you missed it, try to make the next Fellowship Night because there was a big crowd and the food was great and the fellowship fun. Many thanks to them for providing that time of fun and food and fellowship. They really do care. If any group would like to participate and host a fellowship dinner, let Vicki Zimmerman know so we can fill our calendar with fellowship events.

We do need one person from the congregation to help in the nursery each Sunday. You can sign up in the office or on the coffee table in the narthex. You will enjoy getting to know Amanda, our new nursery worker and being around children is a great treat. It is important for the children to get to know the older members of the church and it is our opportunity to get to know them..so give one Sunday to the children. You will be greatly rewarded.

Submitted by the Inside Ministry

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED



The Church Women United of Duncan will celebrate May Friendship Day on May 6 at the First Christian Church at 9:30 am. MFD is an annual event nationwide celebrated the first Friday in May.

The 2011 May Friendship Day centers around passing on "the key" and living our friendship with each other. Looking at women in the Bible, like Miriam and the three women at the tomb, who actively and fearlessly shared that "key", the good news, with their friends, we continue their mission still today.

In the book *Words to Love By*, Mother Theresa said, "Jesus has said very clearly, I am the Love to be loved, the Life to be lived, the Joy to be shared, the Bread to be eaten, the Truth to be told, the Light to be lit, and the Peace to be given. Jesus is everything!" Indeed, Jesus is "the key"!

Come, help the Church Women United pass the "Key"

Submitted by Martha Coker

NEW MAILING ADDRESS

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(Please update your directory)

THANK YOU

Dear Friend,
Thank you for collecting Campbell Soup labels. Our goal of 1,500,000 for a new 7 passenger minivan is steadily progressing. Our current count is 1,015,578 labels.
Campbell Soup will no longer accept the front label of the can, so please remove the whole label including the UPC code from your product. Labels are acceptable as long as 51% of the UPC code is intact. If you have questions, please call us at 580-326-7568.
Again, we appreciate your help in achieving this long range goal.
David L. Dearing, CEO, Goodland Academy

WHAT'S NEW?

If you have anything that you'd like to share in FAW, please email me at salsroom@jimbarthell.com or you can place it in my church office box or call me at 470-9933.
Thanks, Sally Barthell

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at the Presbyterian Church,

We would like to thank each one of you that helped in any way with the Toy Shop Spud Lunch this year. Lonnie McCain did a great job spearheading the 'ham cooking and dicing'. We really appreciate everyone that worked with him. That project by your church helps us tremendously. We also thank those that brought food, paid for a ham, worked at the Methodist Church or bought tickets and joined us for lunch. It all made for a wonderful day for the Toy Shop and another successful fundraiser. Thanks to each of you!

Sincerely, Kathy Snider & Lynn Samples, co-chairman, Toy Shop Duncan

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their concern during my recent illness. Thanks for the cards, calls and visits. You sure brought joy during a hard time. Nancy and I feel so blessed to be a part of this church family. Again, thank you! Mike Grantham

Thank You

Dear First Presbyterian Women,
Thank you for your recent \$50.00 donation to Gabriels House. We appreciate your continued financial support and attentiveness to the ongoing needs of our program
Sincerely, Karla Buchanan, Administrative Director

Thank You

Dear Friends,
Thank you very much for the wonderful gift of \$229.17 we received in today's mail. I thank God for your compassion and concern for these young men.
Sometimes we never know how far reaching our spheres of influence can be. That was never more evident when I received a call from a pastor at the Potter's House Church in Dallas, TX. Some of you may be familiar with this mega church since its pastor, Bishop T. D. Jakes, is on national television several times a week. Pastor Wesley from the church called us seeking to bring work groups and help support our program. He informed me that he was related to two of our day students that started last fall. He told me that the positive transformation that has occurred in their lives has been astonishing and that he wanted to be a part of the amazing things that are happening here at Goodland Academy. Your support has made our motto, "Striving for Excellence", a reality!
Thanks again and please continue to pray for us as we endeavor to improve the lives of the youth in our care.
Your Servant in Christ,
David L. Dearing, CEO, Goodland Academy

Reminder to bring:

Please bring your Campbell Soup Labels, box tops for schools coupons, aluminum pull tabs, empty pill bottles (labels removed) and empty inkjet cartridges to the church office. These items will be used to help others in need.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our friends and family
in our prayers

*Matthew Fleming - Marines
*Capt. Michael Pruden - Marines
*Jason Kramer - Army

Rachel Livingston
Doris Stokes
Carroll Goss
Elizabeth Steigleder
Sam Thompson
Mary Bennett
Lu Morgan
Helen Sue Lowe
Vicky Benson
Terry Evans
Bob Rice

Pat & Colleen Winn
Ron Twelves
Susie Grantham
Jessica Jones
Mary Cearley
Barbara Black
Lucille Fleming
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Quanah Cox
JoAnn Allen
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Treasurer – Linda Helms **Asst. Treasurer** – Jerry Fleming



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday, June 5th during worship service

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS
FRIDAY MAY 20, 2011**

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Newsletter "Faith - At - Work"

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Dear Friends,

One never knows where inspiring thoughts or ways of living might appear. I heard a stand-up comedian talk about his three marriages, and lessons that he learned that would have helped had he learned them earlier.

He learned to ask three questions in dealing with all sorts of situations:

1. Does it need to be said?
2. Does it need to be said by me?
3. Does it need to be said by me, now?

I give these to you for two reasons. 1) I think they are great questions to ask oneself in any number of settings to avoid unnecessary conflict (i.e. family get-togethers, work settings, session meetings...) and 2) I never know where I am going to learn something new.

I love learning. Any teacher can tell you that one of the best ways to learn is to teach, and I enjoy that immensely. I am sure that I get as much, if not more, out of teaching than do the students. Same goes for preparing for sermons. When someone tells me that I must have written a sermon just for them, I have to confess that the sermon is usually what I need to hear.

But I don't just learn from formal settings. I learn from all sorts of conversations and often just observing life. I didn't expect to hear such introspective questions from a comedian, but here I am repeating them to you. And I have found that I often learn from children and am delighted when that occurs.

After our Maundy Thursday service, 5-year old Seth asked me "Why did Jesus have to die?" It was such an earnest question from this little seeker; I sat down and we talked about God's great love for us, how he sent his Son to help us and to save us. I don't know what he took away from the conversation, but I was overwhelmed with the simplicity of the question and the startling dive I took into theological reflection.

I wonder if you know what you might have said in a similar situation. We are often reticent to share our beliefs, because we don't want to offend (Or start some kind of conflict. Note the three questions above). It's worth pondering.

Where do you learn? What or who are your great teachers? How do you share what you've learned?

And, by the way, Happy May to all!

Grace and peace,
Tracy

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