

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

YOU WERE PART OF THAT

This is the first in a series from your Stewardship Committee.

Usually when we hear from the Stewardship Committee, we think they want more money. Of course...the more money we have the more we can do for the Lord. But that is not the only purpose of stewardship. Time, talent and money...all three. The Lord needs a return on all of our resources to take care of his family.

We are so blessed in this church to have people who are talented and have many gifts. We need to tap into those resources and only you know what you do well. Do you cook, build things, read out loud well, talk, teach, clean, mow grass, clean, work on computers, do office work, accounting, lawyering, doctoring,? What do you do? Let us know. Perhaps it is a hidden secret skill that we would not know about. God can use us in all ways.

If you have extra time, perhaps there is something you could do for God. If you are short of time, perhaps you can find a way to give a bit of extra change. At different times in our lives, we all have abundances or shortages of one talent or another.

Remember, giving back to God and his family is about all we can do to repay his unmerited love. It just takes dedication and love on our part to say thank you for the wonderful gift of Grace bestowed on us by our loving Father.

In the months to come, we will be telling you stories of our mission work so you will know what your stewardship does. We will start with Christians Concerned. They provided food for families from the first of 2009, through April.

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Be part of God's work. Give...give of your time and your talent and of your money. As the good book says, "Share with God's people who are in need." Romans 12:13a

Library News

New items in the Library are:

DVD's

Adult: "Another Perfect Stranger"
by David Gregory

Children: "The King is Born"
by David T. Goliath

VIDEO

Children: "The Ten Commandments"
animated stories

CD's

"Messiah" by Handel Chicago
Symphony Orchestra & Chorus

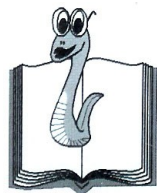
BOOKS

"This is the Day"
by Michael D. Anderson, PhD.

"Meeting God at Every Turn"
by Catherine Marshall

"The Apocrypha"
edited by Bruce Metzger

"Year of the Bible"
contemporary English version



Remember to check our website for updates on schedule changes & coming events. You can also read your newsletter which is posted regularly. You can find most anything you'd like to know about the history of your church, officers of the church and the list goes on and on. Please take a moment and check it out at www.fpcduncan.com



THANK YOU

Dear Ladies of the Church,
Our mother, Marguerite English, has mentioned your wonderful visit with her recently, you brought flowers and she mentioned "all of us had a good laughing time". She was pleased to meet Rev. Tracy Evans and for taking the time to visit with her. Our mother asked that we thank everyone in the church family for the prayers & the visit with flowers to enjoy. Pat Hale kindly sends her the church program & she feels a part of the church family while reading it.
We thank all of you with all our hearts.
Love, Marguerite, Jean Ann & Cliffa (her daughters)

What Children Tell Me about Angels

by Charlie W. Shedd

"What do you get when you mix children, angels and the wonderful story-telling powers of Charlie Shedd? You get a book that will take you by surprise and make you laugh for sheer joy. You won't want to put it down. I didn't."

Ann Spangler,
author of *An Angel a Day*.

Submitted by Gladys Taylor, Librarian

PRAYER CORNER

*Let us keep our friends and family
in our prayers*

*Justin Ezell - Army

*Matthew Fleming - Marines

*Capt. Michael Pruden - Marines

Jimmy & Rachel Livingston

Bonnie Davidson

Marguerite English

Sam Thompson

Imogene Dove

Darren James

Pat Winn

Katie Moody

Emily Marshall

John Henderson

Mary Pat Sousa

Bob & Nadine McKee

Ron Twelves

Tom Carey

Suzie Grantham

Ann (Sister-in-law of Linda

Helms)

Chip Bean

Carl Reimie

Jessica Jones

Joyce Stewart

Josie Brown

Carol Roland

Kelly Evans Henderson & Baby

Kiley Sanchez

Rev. Tracy Wilson

* Currently serving our country

THANK YOU

Dear FPC Women,

What a surprise for me when you honored me with the Life Membership at the luncheon Thursday. I am very humbled to be included in such a distinguished group of women. I have been privileged to know most of the Life Members in our church and admired them for their untiring and valuable service.

The pin and its symbolic meaning is quite beautiful and I will wear it with pride to be a member of this group which has been special to our church and to the church at large.

Sincerely, Sue Beall

THANK YOU

My nephew, Ray Ebbett (who lives in New Zealand), has been on our prayer list for about two years. I am so very happy to report that his bone graft was a success and his third hip replacement is now in place and he is infection free. He is even beginning to walk, slowly of course, but the outlook was so very grim they were not sure if the hip could ever be replaced. So you see, this is a true miracle which I attribute to all our prayers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all who prayed for him and asked about him so often. Gordon and I are so very grateful to you. Bless you all.

Virginia Demerson



Our Prayers and Sympathy to
the family of James Allen,
brother of Willie Allen, who
passed away on May 16, 2009

Thank You

Dear Friends at FPC,

Thank you all for your recent contributions to the food pantry at Christians Concerned.

Your caring & your help means we can continue to help those in need in our community.

Sincerely, Peggy McCoy,
Christians Concerned



*The University of Oklahoma
Health Sciences Center
Announces*

Mariela Martin

*as a candidate for the degree of
Bachelor of Science in
Dental Hygiene*

*on Saturday, the sixteenth of May
two thousand and nine
at two o'clock in the afternoon
First Methodist Church
4th and Broadway
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

What a Journey it has been!
Thank you for the
encouragement and support.
May all glory be to God.

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Dear Friends,

At our last session meeting, I gave my first three-month report. In some ways it's hard to believe it's only been three months, in others its hard to believe it has been that long.

I remember my first Sunday with you. I was nervous; everything and everybody was new. But I told you that in a few months we would be quite accustomed to one another. That has certainly proven to be true. There has been a great deal of comfort as we have gotten to know each other.

But we don't want to rest there! (OK, we may *want* to, but we shouldn't!) There are new things on the horizon.

By the time you read this, the Action Planning Team (APT) will have met with Dr. Peter Steinke and the session. The APT has worked very hard to discern and distill what you have told them and where the Holy Spirit has been guiding. I am excited for you to hear the results of the work WE will get to do together as a result of this process.

Additionally, I have two other opportunities. The first is a class I will be leading. If you ever feel that everyone else knows more about the Bible than you do, or you need a refresher in Old Testament, the **Bible From Scratch: The Old Testament for Beginners** is just for you. We will meet for 7 weeks, beginning June 15th at 6:30 pm. You'll need the accompanying book, which is \$12.00. You're welcome to share the books (i.e. - a couple can get by with one). If you can't buy one, talk with me. I'll need to order the books by June 3rd, so let me know you're interested by signing up outside my office door.

The second opportunity is a long-term project in coming to terms with our history. In mid-June, we will begin creating a time-line of the history of the congregation. This will be more than the centennial highlights, though that will be very informative. I'd like us to think about the good and the bad, the heroes and even the villains. What has happened with regard to the church that has had an effect on you? Was there a special event, a memory or a person that impacted you? This will be the place to air all those things. Look for more information in the Fellowship Hall when a giant time-line appears. You will have the chance to add your pieces all summer (at least).

Summer has some exciting things in store. I look forward to having you as a part of them!

Blessings,
Tracy

p.s.-I'll be on vacation June 3-10, with a presbytery meeting in Tulsa in the midst of that. If there are pastoral emergencies during that time, the Rev. Barbara Hunt from Chickasha is covering for me.



*We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper
on Sunday, June 21st during Worship
Service*

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS
JUNE 24th**



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