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From Dianne's Desk



JESUS' FAMILY TREE

Last year about this time I got to accompany Jeff on a business trip to Salt Lake City, Utah. I'd never been there before and was pleasantly surprised with the natural beauty of the mountains and the cleanliness of the city. This is the home of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, aka the Mormans. I did walk around their lovely grounds and church-related buildings downtown. One of the things I got to do was to spend some time in their genealogy library. They have lots of volunteers, so you get one-on-one attention with your own computer and a guide. I've known folks who enjoy doing this as their hobby, and now I have a sense of why it is so appealing. Census records were handwritten during the early years of the 1900's (and earlier, of course). The census workers asked a lot more questions than we answer in our time: vocation, education level, reading ability, parents' home town, and the list went on. I was able to find the records on my great grandparents on both sides of my family, which is a nice start. It's almost like doing research for a detective mystery novel. This could be a fun hobby when I retire some day!

One of the areas that I studied in seminary was the amazing power and impact of family systems. More than genes are passed on from generation to generation! We learned how to create family systems "trees" by filling in as much information as possible in template called a "genogram." As you do your detective work using this genogram, you may begin to see patterns that repeat over time. Obviously, we're most influenced by our families of origin, (mom, dad and siblings), but you may be very surprised to discover that your life journey is mirroring the lives of your ancestors from three or four generations ago! That old saying about "the fruit never falls far from the tree" could be an intuitive way of naming this same truth. While we are all created with free will and the power to make choices in our lives, we may be much more influenced by our great, great, great grandpa and that aunt who never married than we would ever dream.

Like all human beings, Jesus also had a family tree that shaped his life in ways we may not have considered. The gospel writers of Matthew and Luke both include an extensive genealogy of Jesus, though they don't match up exactly. Both of these authors

understood that the lineage of Jesus of Nazareth would matter deeply to Jews and Gentiles alike. These long lists of names tell us something about who Jesus is and even about who God is. As the Messiah, Jesus had to have the right pedigree and connections in order to fulfill the promises of the Hebrew scriptures (our Old Testament). Now that doesn't mean that Jesus' forebears were all perfect, or even all Jewish! This month we'll be looking at four of the characters in Jesus' family tree, finding seeds or connections that came to fruition in his life and ministry. You can check out others by going to Matthew 1:1-17 or Luke 3:23-38. You never know who you might find!

Blessings, Dianne

OK ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Throughout the month of May, we are collecting gifts for these three missions. Our Annual Conference Delegate Bob Anthony will carry our offering to conference on May 29th. Please note your offering on your envelope or check memo line which ministry you prefer, or make a blanket donation marked "AC Offering" which will be evenly divided between the three causes.

Bolivia—Oklahoma chose to enter a partnership with the Evangelical Methodist Church of Bolivia in 1986. Our work together continues with Engineers without Borders, clergy salary support and Volunteers in Mission.

Cookson Hills Center—This is our United Methodist ministry located near Tahlequah, Oklahoma, serving the lowest per capita income families in our state. Rev. Meri Whitaker is our missionary who directs the center and helps to start new outreach ministries every year.

Liberian school—This fund is for building the New Hope Elementary School in Bishop Warner's hometown in Liberia. Thanks to Evelyn's wonderful Liberian market items, we already have \$600 toward this ministry!

YOUTH – SENIORS

by Elise Poland

Wesley Heights Youth has 7 graduating seniors this year. Two are here at Crown Heights: Harry Endicott is graduating from Edmond Memorial High School, and Katie Langer Compston is graduating from Northwest High School in OKC.

Harry says he enjoys playing the guitar, writing music and teaching at the Arts Academy here at Crown Heights. The things he is most proud of from this year (and we're proud too!) are making Eagle Scout, graduating, and his band playing in the SWINE Week benefit concert. Harry plans to attend Oklahoma State University and study Sports Management, so he can one day become the General Manager for the Houston Texans. He also wants "to thank everybody in the church for

supporting me in everything I've done from my baptism through graduation. This congregation is like my second family. I know that everywhere I go from here on out that I'll always have you all behind me. Both my family and I appreciate the love, support, and prayers that you've offered the past 18 years!"

Katie Langer Compston is graduating from Northwest Classen High School. She enjoys being a part of FCCLA, drawing, and working with clay. Katie says she is proud of graduating and has had an amazing year. She is going to attend OCCC to study nursing. She wants to thank the church and youth for everything they have done since she joined in 1999.



SAVE THE DATE

July 22, 2011

CHUM will be going to a Redhawks Baseball Game.

Watch for details.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

by Brigette Gean

I scream, you scream, we all scream for the Ice Cream Social!

Who?	Everyone!
When?	Monday, June 26th at 7:00 p.m.
Where?	Church Side yard on 37th street
What to bring?	Homemade ice cream and/or desserts!
Why?	All the great homemade ice cream of course!



8232 AND MORE!

by DeLene Moore

Thanks to all who donated to the March 2011 Skyline Food Pantry drive! \$1176.00 was collected which can be used to purchase up to 8232 meals at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank. Also, the collection barrels were over-flowing with much needed baby food and other canned goods that were in severe shortage at Skyline.

As always, many thanks to Stacy for her endless assistance in achieving our Skyline goals and thank you CHUM for your generous giving.



BOOK & MOVIE CLUB

by Kerra Fletcher

The book for this month's meeting is "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen. A veterinary student from the wrong side of the tracks, Jacob, meets and falls in love with Marlena, a star performer in a circus of a bygone era. They discover beauty amidst the world of the Big Top, and come together through their compassion for a special elephant. Against all odds – including the wrath of Marlena's charismatic but dangerous husband August – Jacob saves Marlena from an unhappy life and they find lifelong love. The times and location for the discussion and movie will be announced in early May during services.

Please note that it is not required to read the book to join us for the movie, nor is it required to watch the movie if you've read the book. We are inviting anyone who is interested to join us for evening of lively discussion and/or movie magic. Please contact Kerra Fletcher at harold3513@hotmail.com or 570-337-2298 if you have any questions.

MORE BOOKS NEEDED

By Evelyn Physter

Recently, I have been reading a book titled, "Following God's Call: Individual Volunteers in Mission" by Walter A. and Betty C. Whitehurst. It tells the story of the individual volunteer ministry of our denomination which developed due to the 'calling' of some individuals who had served on mission teams to serve for longer periods of time. There are testimonies from many individuals and couples who have served for as long as a year in the U.S. and abroad. One such story was about a couple who served two five-month periods in Zimbabwe. They discovered that the primary school where they were serving did not have a library and teachers had no books. (Sound vaguely familiar?) Well, they came home and told their story and twenty (20) months later they had a library and 8,900+ books.

Well, yes, I was impressed with their story but thought about our own library story. In February, I was blessed to return to the Ganta School and see that the 12,400+ books and school supplies that we shipped in August,

2010 had arrived and were being used and shared. Rev. Priscilla Jaiah, school principal and United Methodist missionary, said she had shared some of the books with a 'small-small' village school that had nothing. She had to build a cabinet with a lock for the science books because they were disappearing from the library. They built additional shelves to hold all of their new books. She had taken books to each of the elementary classrooms and now the little ones can read their own books in their classrooms without having to compete with the older kids for space in the library. They can also have reading and story time in their own rooms. And, she added, "We are still opening boxes."

The mission of this year's Liberia team was to begin construction of another school, The New Hope Elementary School in Nyamah Town, lower Margibi County, Liberia. This is the vision of Bishop Bennie D. Warner of our Conference, and is being built on land donated by his family. Fourteen villages will feed students into this school. The anticipated completion date is spring 2012. Needless to say, if there is no school, there is no library. Money raised by Crown Heights and the 2009 team was pooled and designated to be used to complete the library for the school. But what, you say, is a library without books? Well, once again, I am asking God if it is in His plan for us to lead the mission to get books, periodicals, and other school supplies for this school. This literacy mission is growing in that we will be joined by Wesley UMC and other churches. Wesley has already begun collecting story books. My mind cannot conceive of what the next book shipment will be.

As school closes and you clear classrooms and bedrooms of this school year's materials; as you stack magazines that you are preparing to discard; as you prepare for those spring and summer yard sales; the New Hope Elementary School can use those materials. We will begin storing them now at our church which will give us time to prepare for the next shipment by the time the school opens. As before, we will need tape, boxes and money to ship from Operation Classroom to Liberia. We also need prayers that the big orange Hobby Lobby truck will once again block 37th street and transport God's bounty to Indiana!

Glen Gean has asked me several times if, when we first began collecting books, I ever expected to end up with that many books. Each time, I responded, "Heavens no. If I had I probably would not have started it." This time, however, I am counting on God to bless us once again because He has already started expanding the network of persons and churches called to help with this mission. We planted the seeds, God granted the increase.

Okay, Crown Heights. You asked for it. The books are back!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Adam	Mary Kathryn
Cristopher	Matthew
Daniel	Rachel
David	Robert
Edna	Robert
John	Roxie
Keaton	Rozz
Laura	Scott
Lauren	Stephanie
Livia	

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

Bruce & Brenda
 Dan & Barbara
 Kenneth & Lucia ,
 Robert & Nancy
 Jeff & Lorry

ARTS ACADEMY CONTINUES TO MAKE ITS MARK by Janet Basler

The Oklahoma Methodist Foundation recently awarded \$1000 to Crown Heights to help with its expansion of the Whiz Kids tutoring program into the Arts. Since beginning 2 years ago, the Arts Academy has had over 40 high school and college age music and art students engaged in ministry to over 80 elementary age children. These young children have been able to learn to play musical instruments, draw, dance, sculpt, sing, act, and learn photography. And their teachers have been learning how to be mentors who encourage the creative gifts in these children to come alive.

Not only has the Methodist Foundation recognized the importance of this ministry, several more pianos have been donated recently to the Academy for use in practicing at Putnam Heights school. These pianos are always in use at the school. Recently Susan Carlsen, our liason teacher from Putnam Heights, asked if we had any new music to loan one of our students. The student was still practicing daily at the school, playing the same songs over and over, even though the lessons were finished for the year. When the child was given a book of easy songs to play,

even her Whiz Kids tutor was as excited about the new music as the student and Ms. Carlsen were. All had been hoping for new songs to be heard. The newly donated pianos will mean there are 3 pianos at the school for practicing, moved and tuned by the Arts Academy. We have 10 pianos at the church for the lessons each week.

What an exciting way to be in ministry to the children in our neighborhood! Thank you Crown Heights family for your support of the Arts Academy. We are truly helping children, teens and young adults claim their God-given talents.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members:

- ◆ James & Rozz Grigsby & their son Taylor
- ◆ Jamsie Braud
- ◆ Matthew Bergman



MORE YOUTH INFORMATION by Elyse Poland

The Youth Lock-In was a great success. While only 5 youth attended, we had so much fun.

- ◆ We learned all the nooks and crannies that Wesley has to offer for a game of sardines.
- ◆ We learned who is the most flexible while attempting to navigate a laser field.
- ◆ We learned what the Bible says about how to treat each other in relationships.
- ◆ We learned who would survive in a zombie apocalypse.
- ◆ We aired our fears and expectations.
- ◆ We grew with each other and in our faith in God.

Now I can't wait for the Senior Retreat to spend more time with this wonderful group of teenagers!

ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP by Elizabeth Anthony

The Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that all qualified high school seniors are eligible for a one-time Educational Award of \$500 toward their post-secondary education. Request for Consideration forms are now available from the church office and must be completed and returned **by Tuesday, May 31**.

In order to qualify, seniors must be current and active members of Crown Heights UMC with plans to enroll in a post-secondary educational institution after graduation. Students enrolled in a Methodist-affiliated college or university may be eligible for ongoing support.



Call or email Stacy at stacy@crowheightsumc.org or 524-8428 to receive a form and return it by May 31. Awards will be announced in worship on Sunday, June 5.

CHANCEL CHOIR by George Massey

Thanks for your tremendous efforts for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. As always, I heard many nice comments on our musical offerings!

Please note our remaining Wednesday Evening Rehearsals:

May 4 and 18

June 8

(last rehearsal until after Labor Day)

Please note our remaining Sunday Morning Services:

May 8 and 22

June 12 and 26

July 10 and 24

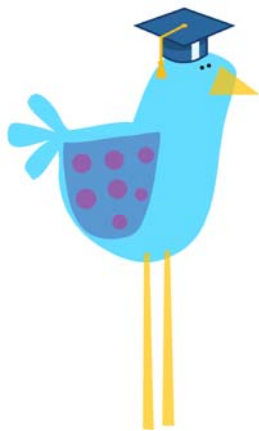


WHIZ KIDS by Janet Basler

One day after Whiz Kids I was waiting with a little girl whose mother was running a little late. As we watched out the window for Mom, the little girl asked what we were going to talk about next week in Club Time (that's our Bible story time at Whiz Kids). Pastor Dianne helps as I do one club time each week. She helps Joy Robison do another one. We had just finished our Palm/Sunday - Holy Thursday stories eating bread and juice together. We heard ourselves saying to each child 'God loves you sooo much' over and over as they took big hunks of bread, dipping them in juice. I told the little girl I wasn't sure what story we would hear, then asked if she had any suggestions. She said she didn't but that she really liked Club time. I asked how she liked the reading time with her tutor. Her

eyes lit up as she said she liked it a lot too. Then she added with a big smile, "Since I've been reading at Whiz Kids, my tests have been better at school." I got goose bumps at that point. Not only is she hearing and enjoying the stories of God each week, she is succeeding in school more. How can this not have a lasting positive influence in her life? We chatted a little more before she went home. As she left, she smiled and said, "See you next week!!" You bet you will. I wouldn't miss this for anything.

Maybe God is calling you to not miss this either. We have more kids who need tutors. Call Janet for information (229-3041).



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Christine Anthony – Masters of Public Administration from Harvard University
 Daniel McKnight – Masters of Business Administration from Oklahoma Christian University
 Daniel McKnight – Oklahoma State University
 Harry Endicott – Edmond Memorial High School
 Katie Langer – Northwest Classen High School
 Lauren Walton – Putnam City Original

MAY 2011 SERMONS

Sermons for May: Jesus' Ancestors

- May 8: "Mary the Mom" Mothers' Day John 2:1-12 and Acts 1:12-14
 As Protestants, we don't usually give much attention to Mary once she's out of the stable. She was Jesus' first teacher and a faithful disciple in several ways. She definitely does more than ponder!
- May 15: "King Josiah: The Great Reformer" II Kings 22 and II Kings 23:1-3
 Change and reform never come easily. Like Josiah, Jesus saw the great value of the scriptures. Deuteronomy will become a significant cornerstone for both these men.
- May 22: "Rahab: What Kind of Grandma is This?" Joshua 2 and Hebrews 11:29-34
 This is probably the most unexpected person in Jesus' entire family history! No doubt she had some colorful stories to tell. What could Jesus and Rahab possibly have in common? We'll see.
- May 29: "King David: Warrior, Poet, Beloved" Memorial Day Weekend I Samuel 17:31-37, 48-51 and Psalm 51
 The "house of David" is highly regarded and considered the only source for the true Messiah. Yet King David had lots of clay feet! What does it mean for Jesus to be "The Son of David?"

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2nd Sunday of Easter 4:00 pm Youth Wesley	2 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	3	4 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 2:45 pm Whiz Kids 6:30 pm NA Meeting	6	7
8 3rd Sunday of Easter 12:30 pm Finance Mtg. 4:00 pm Youth CHUM	9 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	10	11 6:00 pm Bible Study	12 5:30 pm Spero Project 6:30 pm NA Meeting	13	14
15 4th Sunday of Easter Noon Ad Council 4:00 pm Youth Wesley	16 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	17	18 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	19 6:30 pm NA Meeting	20	21
22 5th Sunday of Easter Noon Ad Council 4:00 pm Youth	23 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	24	25 6:00 pm Bible Study	26 6:30 pm NA Meeting	27	28 Youth Senior Retreat Canyon Camp
29 6th Sunday of Easter Oklahoma Annual Conference begins OCU	30 Memorial Day Office Closed 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	31	6:00 pm Bible Study	6:30 pm NA Meeting		