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# The Good News Letter

Ovilla United Methodist Church

January 24, 2012

## A Great Day In The Kingdom! Mission Momentum

What is your mission field? In his book, *Ancient-Future Evangelism*, Robert Webber writes, “The missional church is reading both Scripture and culture with new eyes. It sees that what is demanded by the Christian faith is more than being a good, upright citizen.”

As a pastor I am blessed to witness endless examples of radical discipleship by Christians, who have made their faith a way of life. Jesus calls us to seek “The Way.” This “Way” is a new life in Christ, which requires a higher form of consciousness from all of us. We are called to allow the Holy Spirit of the Lord to guide our thoughts, words and actions. This means stating our beliefs when someone inquires. Can you state what you believe without experiencing fear of someone’s criticism? It is our duty as Christians to tell the world that Jesus is The Way. This world would have us believe in political correctness verses Scriptural integrity.

I often hear that America is about diversity. I agree. However, Christianity is “The Way” diverse people receive salvation. Remember, Christ calls us to be in the world and not of the world. I pray this week that you practice political incorrectness in Christ.

Webber’s book also shares that years ago the Archbishop of Canterbury was interviewed on the Johnny Carson show. The guest who followed the Archbishop ignored Carson and stated to the Archbishop that he thought there were many ways to get to Heaven and that he found this Christian message offensive. The Archbishop responded by saying, “You claim my words are offensive. My Dear, they are not my words. Jesus spoke them. Perhaps you need to take it up with Him.” **John 14:6** is not a negotiable doctrine in Christianity.

Name it and Claim it! I believe the chaos in our world today is the result of people ignoring the words and teachings of our Lord and Savior.

JESUS IS THE ANSWER!!!!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Joel (Proud to be the Pastor of OUMC-the most prolific, dynamic, evangelistic, missional and motivated church in all of God’s creation!!!!)

**Matthew 28!!!**

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## MISSION MOMENTUM

Coupons! Coupons! And more coupons! Rev. Christie Robbins and her “QX clippers” just sent \$21,470.61 in coupons to a United States Marine Corp Base Exchange in Japan. See what generous hearts and willing fingers can do for the Lord. Christie always needs clippers. If you bring coupons and have the time she asks that you clip them before bringing them. This group gathers at 5PM on Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall. They clip and process the donated coupons, share available coupons with our church family and send outdated and unused coupons to our troops overseas. Troops can use coupons for up to 6 months after the expired date.

Did you hear those noisy sewing machines on Saturday? Those machines and their operators completed 40 school bags for UMCOR! Thank you, ladies and a willing gent for giving the Lord a portion of your Saturday. UMCOR will distribute these bags to needy children around the world.

On these cold, gloomy days that you don't get out of the house go ahead and clean out closets and save your quality “stuff” for the Missions Garage sale. The date has been set for April 21, 2012. We can now store some of this for the sale if you are unable to do so. Call Marcie Mayer at 972- 617-0347 or cell 214- 458-6794 or Peggy Schieffer at 972 -223- 9351 to request storage.

Save all your Christmas cards! There is a decorated box on the missions table for used or unwanted Christmas cards. St. Jude's ranch for children uses these cards to recycle and remake new cards. They then sell the cards to help fund some of their expenses. This box will be on hand through this month. They cannot use Hallmark or American Greeting cards or cards with writing on the front (human hand-writing.) If you wish to help, cut the front part of the cards off at the crease and just put the fronts in the donation box.

Missionaries, Jerrie and Bill Savuto will not visit OUMC on Feb. 26, 2012. They are unable to be with us until May 13, 2012 due to schedule conflicts. Some of the missionary work done by Bill and Jerrie has been funded by the OUMC Mission fund.

The Missions' team voted to increase by \$ 2000.00 the matching gift of \$1,250.00 to Melissa McDuffee. Melissa is a missionary intern on the UTA campus with the Wesley Foundation. This money was from the budget item used to sponsor a missionary. (Our former missionaries, Jerrie and Bill Savuto, have since retired.)

## MISSION MOMENTUM CONTINUED.....

There will be a mission trip to McCurdy School June 23 – 30, 2012. If you wish to sign- up please see or call Terry Webb.

## ONGOING COLLECTIONS

1. Campbell soup labels and box tops for education for McCurdy School in New Mexico. Our goal for this year is 6000. Keep clipping.
2. Used cell phones for Brighter Tomorrows. These phones are used by victims of abuse to call 911.
3. **Deodorant (male or female)**, shampoo and toothpaste for North Ellis County Outreach in Red Oak. We could use more deodorant!
4. Used eye glasses for Lions Club International.
5. Fabric and crafting supplies for The Wycliffe Linguistics Center in Duncanville
6. **Coupons for QX...Come and help clip at 5PM on Wed. in the fellowship hall.**
7. Used Christmas and all occasion greeting cards for St Jude's. (NO HALLMARK OR AMERICAN GREETING CARDS, please!)
8. Children's books for the Baptist Children's home in Waxahachie

## ONGOING MISSION ACTIVITIES

**\*Wednesdays @ 5PM-come join the QX clippers!**

Feb. 1 – Manna House in Midlothian from 10AM until noon. Sort and hang clothing in the Thrift Shop.

Feb. 8 – Baptist Children's Home in Waxahachie – organize as needed.

March 29 – Missions Meeting in Classroom #3, 7PM

April 21 – Garage Sale

May 13 – Savutos to preach and teach

## Senior Fellowship News

We will meet on Thursday, February 2nd and 16th (Field Trip Pending) from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will visit, play games, and have a brief meeting and devotion. It is potluck so bring your favorite dish.

We have missed several of you lately so mark your calendar and come join us. Everyone is welcome to attend!

## Music Ministries

What a blessing last Sunday's choir anthem was! I look forward to us getting back into our regular routine and more worship music of that caliber. The Ten brae music has been ordered and we should be able to begin work on it very soon. Unlike previous works this one does not have part dominant cd's so we will have to really practice hard on this music. I would like to schedule some sectional rehearsals for another evening during the week and will give you some possibilities on Wed. night. I plan to give you a printed ballot on which you can vote for your preferences. If we could focus on one section at a time I think it would really enhance our music.

We have sustained some temporary and permanent losses in our bell choir and I am appealing to the whole church for more volunteers. If we could have two people on each part and you could share a position with someone else I think we would have less difficulty scheduling playing times in the services. If you would be willing to share a position with someone else please come to rehearsal next Tuesday evening at 7 p. m.

I would like to have a brief organizational meeting with parents of school age children who might be a part of a children's choir. The proposed rehearsal time would be 4 - 4:45 p. m. on Sunday afternoons. If you are interested in getting a choir started please plan to attend on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> at 4 p. m. Thank you to all who are working to make the choir loft a better area for all of our musical organizations. Your efforts are appreciated more than you will ever know.

*"O for a thousand tongues to sing our Great Redeemer's praise!"*

Marcia

## FREE MULCH!!!

If anyone is interested in the mulch out on the new property please help yourself to it. We will leave it there for a while and after that we will burn what is left. You may call the church office if you have any questions or Russ Granzow.

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

**QC Coupon Clipping** – Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Church Meal & Bible Study**– Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Meal is at 5:30 p.m. and Bible study is right after at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**OUMC Children's Around the World Adventure** – Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Building from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. p.m. For children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Church Council Meeting** – Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Scouts Pinewood Derby Set Up and Races** – Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. the Scouts will be setting up and getting their cars weighed in in the Youth Building. Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. is the Scouts Pinewood Derby in the Youth Building. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Trustees Meeting** – Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Cancun's Restaurant in Red Oak.

**Nancy Burkes Worcester (Ventriloquist) and Church-wide Brunch** - Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> Nancy will bring her puppets for both services. WE WILL NOT HAVE SUNDAY SCHOOL THAT MORNING. Please sign up in the foyer to bring a breakfast casserole and the church will provide the rest for our brunch.

**Children's Choir Meeting** – Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in your child participating in the children's choir or if you would like to help with the children's choir please attend.

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**Sr. Fellowship** – Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Ladies Quilting Group** – Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Sunday school room #2.

**Trustees Meeting** – Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your generous support! With your help I have successfully exceeded the amount I needed to raise! I am excited about the students I will have an opportunity to minister to at the Wesley Foundation and those that we will reach on campus! I see this as an amazing learning opportunity as I prepare for graduate school and a life of ministry.

Blessings,

Melissa McDuffee

## From the Youth Director

We have had a great start to our semester, in our "Here, There, and Everywhere" missions focused series, and our mission trip to work with homeless ministries in Fort Worth. This Sunday we will begin our new series, at Fuel, called, "Lovesick." We will be talking about relationships! Parents, be looking for my email - to get the parent cues for this series.

Mission trip sign-ups have begun. If you would like to go on either of our Summer Mission trips, please let me know! You must sign up online at <http://www.ctcym.org>. If you have any questions, please ask!

On the 5th of February we will be having a Super Bowl Party in the youth building at the church. On February 19th we will head off to UTA for the Wesley Foundation Chile Cook Off.

Blessings,

Patrick Turkett  
[patrick.turkett@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.turkett@gmail.com)

## Attention New Members

If you have joined the church in either service and are not pictured in our current directory please allow Marcia, (the Music Director), to take a picture for the bulletin board. She is available right after the first service and before or after second service.

## Women's Fellowship

The first meeting of the year of the Women's Fellowship group met Thursday, January 12. A very short business meeting was held with a report about our finances, Nancy asked that each one of us bake three dozen cookies for the Wings Ministry to be taken for a social with prisoners and their families on February 11th. The cookies are needed by February 8th. Sandy will be in charge of programs and mentioned a few suggestions for programs for the year. After the announcements and a blessing we enjoyed a meal and a movie. Our meal was pizza, salad and dessert, while being treated to the very interesting new movie "The Help".

## Missions Garage Sale Coming Soon!

Start cleaning out your closets, garages and shops. The Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, April 21st in the Youth Building. All proceeds go to fund the mission work at OUMC. A storage facility in Ovilla is now available for us to store those "treasures" until the sale. Please contact Marcie Mayer at 972-617-0347 (home) or 214-458-6794 (cell) or Peggy Schieffer at 972-223-9351 so that we can meet you at the storage facility. But, please, donate only "good treasures". Thanks!!!

Thanks,  
Peggy

## Church-wide Brunch

Please save the date! This Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> WE WILL NOT HAVE SUNDAY SCHOOL. Nancy Burkes Worchester will be visiting with her puppet ministry in both services and we will gather for a church-wide brunch in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour. PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING A BREAKFAST CASSEROLE IN THE FOYER and we will provide the rest. We hope to see you there!

## Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels for Education

*Last year OUMC sent 6000 box tops and Campbell soup labels for education to McCurdy Mission School in New Mexico. To date we have sent 4561 Box Tops and labels to McCurdy. We only need 1439 to match last year's goal. I have faith we can match or **EXCEED** last year's goal by June of this year.*

**FYI.** Through the Campbell's program (which is a points program) McCurdy has, through the years, been able to acquire 15 vans, several computers, software, PE and playground equipment, microwaves, drink coolers & coffee urns for their cafeteria - and so much more that they would never have been able to afford to pay for, as a mission school.

The Box Tops for Education Program is a money \$\$ program that McCurdy has participated in since 2002. Since then, they have earned over \$70,000, one dime at a time!!

*Many new items, including some magazines have been added to the participating items lists of both programs, please see below the website for both lists. These are the most current lists available, but they do change frequently so I urge everyone to visit both websites to stay up-to-date. There will also be copy of the list in the church foyer next Sunday. Please put your box tops and labels in the yellow box on the Mission table in the Fellowship Hall.*

For the box tops website, go to: [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

Campbell's is found at: [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com)

If you have any questions please call Cheryl Sullivan.

God bless and thank you for your help in supporting this mission project!

## Sunday School Information

**K-5** (meets in the Youth building): Led by our great band of volunteers. Currently studying: **Pre-school** is learning: (no information submitted.) Our **K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**: (no information submitted.)

**College Age class** (college age ; meets in the comfy classroom by the kitchen): Led by JoAnn Leath. Currently studying: NOOMA Video Series by Rob Bell. Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. He encouraged his listeners to search, to question, to wrestle with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted, and invited people to be open to God's work in this world. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in. **NOOMA** is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. **NOOMA** is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.

**Junior high** (grades 6-8; meets in the Youth building): Led by Lori Green. Currently studying: (no information submitted.)

**Senior High** (grades 9-12; meets in the back room of the Youth building): Led by Jim Bob Green. Currently studying: The Patriarchs – laying the foundation for the message of Christ.

**Fellow Seekers adult class** (meets in the front classroom in the Fellowship Hall): Led by Grant Jacobs and Don Lindop. Currently studying: God Establishes a Faithful People: Out of Egypt.

**Contemporary Topics adult class** (meets in Education building, room #1): Led by different class members. Currently studying: (no information submitted.)

**Time Out adult class** (meets in Education building, room #3) : Led by various class members. Currently studying: Current Christian Topics.

**New Life adult class** (meets in Education building, room #2): Led by Jim Turner. Currently studying: The Book of Luke.

**Friendship adult class** (meets in Education building, room #4): Led by Bob Green. Currently studying: The Faith of our Forefathers; The Role of the Christian Faith and the Founding of Our Nation (moderated by Rick Hart.)

## Joys and Concerns

*To be on our prayer list, please call the church office with the name and reason for joy or concern. Names are rotated off every few weeks so that we have room for everyone's needs.*

### 1-15-12

Allen Grant (Pastor of FUMC Red Oak) – please pray for his mom  
Eldon Reynold's (Pastor of Good Shepherd UMC) – please pray for his son  
Ruby Jean Rod – Lois Dickey's mom – health issues  
John Diehl – friend of Dickey family – heart surgery & staph infection  
Julie Herschkowitsch – friend of Lois Dickey – diagnosed with melanoma

### 1-22-12

Mark Beidleman – needs employment

### Ongoing

Donnie Pickard – Ovilla Fire Chief – health issues  
Jan Brooks – recuperating from surgery  
Rita Junco – cousin of Kathy Ivanovskis – facing cancer and is recently unemployed  
Katy Duncan – friend of Joel & Christie Robbins – fighting 2 forms of cancer  
Bob Green – beginning chemotherapy, prognosis is very good.  
Mike & Kathy Dickey – continued healing for Mike and strength and peace for Kathy  
Dyrk Burcie – friend of Tommy McKee – little boy with cancer  
Billy Sullivan – son of Riley Sullivan  
Laura Abbott – District Admin. Asst. – on leave of absence for stage IV cancer  
Recovery efforts in Japan  
Roger Hilburn – still taking chemotherapy  
Estell Griffin – David Griffin's mom  
Chad Jackson – health issues  
Jim & Louise Garner – health issues  
Robert Strafford – Jennifer McKee's dad – continued healing for heart trouble  
Del and Cindy Jones – health issues and adjusting to new way of life

### Home Bound

Dorothy Pope

### Church Ministries

Jerri & Bill Savuto – retired UMC missionaries  
Haiti recovery ministries

### Military

Michael Mercado, Michael Winn, Harry Evans, Steven Culley, Brian Culley,  
Brandon Boyce, John David Dirk, Bobby Hodge, Audrey Webster, Stan Murphy,  
Freddie Shoemaker, Cody McKee, Gregory Austin, Casey Joshua Booth, Blake  
Womack, Matthew Bustos

## Help Wanted!

### **Attention Pew and Foyer Maintenance Team:**

If you are looking for a place to serve in the congregation there is an area that could use more helpers. After services on Sunday the pews should be straightened, books put back, bulletins picked up and put in the recycle box in the choir robing room and trash put in the trash can. About every other week the paper supplies and pencils need to be checked. If you are willing to help with this, keeping the foyer clean and changing out the altar cloths please let me know. We have never set a regular schedule for doing this work and it would be a good thing to have a group of people to do these duties. Please let me know if you are willing to help in this area, when you are available to work, and I will show you where the supplies are located.

Thank you,

Marcia Haugarth

### **Attention Bulletin Folders/Those Wishing to Help Fold Bulletins,**

We have several folks that helped fold bulletins last year that have had to drop out for 2012 for one reason or another. We are looking for more volunteers. We rotate you where you only have to fold no more than once a month. You may sign up as an individual or get your whole family in on the fun. Bulletins are usually ready by Thursday afternoon. You just need to pick them up and have them back at the church folded by early service on Sunday mornings. We currently fold 200 bulletins for Sunday mornings.

If you would be interested please contact Michelle Davis at [4dranch02@att.net](mailto:4dranch02@att.net) or 972-723-6370. Thank you!

### **Wednesday Night Meal Coordinator Position**

We are looking for someone to coordinate our Wednesday night meals. This person makes sure we have plenty of folks signed up, makes sure food is ordered and ready for our Wednesday night crowd if no one is signed up. You are reimbursed for your costs. If this is a ministry that you would like to serve in in any capacity please call the church office at 972-617-8840. Thank you.