



Ovilla UMC  
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# The Good News Letter

Ovilla United Methodist Church

October 31, 2011

## A Great Day In The Kingdom!

As your Pastor, let me start with a question this week. Did you have “homework” as a kid? For most of us I’m sure that answer was “yes”. I guess I would need to ask a second question at this point. Did you like homework? I’m sure the answer to this one was a swing of the pendulum to a resounding “no”. We all know now that as adults, our teachers were trying to have us practice, practice, practice until we made perfect for the test. It’s the same thing with sports. Practice isn’t as much fun as the real game. How good of a team would we be if we never practiced? How good of a student would we be if we never had that homework? Practice and homework are necessary to make us better, sharpen our skills and mind, and live a disciplined life.

I know Lord’s Acre is a busy week, but I want to give you 2 weekly assignments. I would love to tell you they are only for this week. These are weekly assignments we should be practicing and living out each week. The first assignment has to do with church safety and security. We have mentioned this a few times and we have had another incident where our church has been left unlocked. With each church key that we give out comes much responsibility. We don’t want to change the locks and limit key privileges. As your pastor I’m just asking that all of us do diligence in this area. Make sure all doors and windows are locked when we leave the building. I know with all of us “practicing” safety and security we can become the good stewards that God has asked us to be. I know we can pass this test.

Our second assignment is to remember what Matthew 28 says. We are to go out and make disciples. Not just the week of Lord’s Acre, but each week. If we make this a habit in our life it won’t feel like work or practice. This is one test we never want to be guilty of failing. I know we can do it church! Invite your friends to come to Lord’s Acre this weekend. Invite them to our tent service this Sunday. Even better, all year long let’s make it our “practice” or “homework” to be asking people to come to church and telling them about Jesus.

See you at Lord’s Acre!

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Joel

(Proud Pastor of the Most Dynamic, Prolific, Church in All of God’s Kingdom!!!)

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## Mission Momentum



Let's get **clipping** – as in Campbell soup labels and box tops for McCurdy School. Frances just sent in 700 points – just 5300 more to go by next summer.

Also, please save the **coupons in Sunday's newspaper** and put the inserts on the missions table in the fellowship hall. On Wednesdays at 5pm, a group of "Couponers" will clip and organize the coupons. Use what you need, share some with others, then we will send the unused coupons to our adopted Marine base in Iwakuni, Japan for them to use. This is a win, win project for all of us.

The missions group will begin volunteering with **the Wycliffe Bible Translators** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. On Nov. 9, we will work with some retired missionaries, helping them with some chores that they find difficult to do. Please meet at Wycliffe, 7500 W. Camp Wisdom in Duncanville at 9am to get your badge. Following our work time, we will eat at their cafeteria (food was delicious last time).

North Ellis County Outreach is especially in need of **deodorants** for both men and women. Just put your donation in the missions box in the fellowship hall and our own Grant Jacobs will see that your donation is delivered to the Outreach Center.

### ONGOING COLLECTIONS

1. Campbell soup labels and box tops for education for McCurdy School in New Mexico. Our goal for this year is 6000.
2. Used cell phones for Brighter Tomorrows, used by victims of abuse to call 911.
3. Deodorants, shampoo and toothpaste for North Ellis County Outreach in Red Oak
4. Used eye glasses for Lions Club International.
5. Coupon inserts from your Sunday newspaper

### ONGOING MISSION ACTIVITIES

Nov. 2 – Manna House from 10am until noon. – sort and hang clothing in the Thrift Shop

Nov. 9 – Wycliffe Linguistics Center, 7500 W. Camp Wisdom Rd. – various projects from 9 am until noon.

Each of these activities are usually followed by lunch together at a nearby restaurant. Come join us. Call Peggy Schieffer for details – 972-223-9351

## MISSION MOMENTUM CONTINUED.....

### NEXT MISSIONS MEETING

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 17 at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall. The meetings usually last about one hour. We will be planning our Christmas outreach activities. Anyone who would like to be a part of the mission planning for our church is encouraged to attend.

## Senior Fellowship News

Senior Fellowship will meet this Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will play games and have a brief meeting and devotion. It is potluck, so please bring your favorite dish. Everyone is welcome to attend! November 17<sup>th</sup> will be a regular meeting as well.

## Lord's Acre Quilt Raffle Tickets

The Lord's Acre quilt raffle tickets are still on sale. This is the last week! The raffle quilt has been hand quilted by OUMC Quilters of our congregation. The quilt raffle drawing will be during the auction intermission at Lord's Acre. For additional information or special orders you may contact Cindy Dormier at 972-217-1147 or Lois Turner at 972-217-6706.

## OUMC Charge Conference

Please join us for our OUMC Charge Conference on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Waxahachie. If you Chair a committee or would just like to share in what God has done at OUMC this year, please make it a point to attend. Thank you for your support.

## Hoag's Notes – Music News

Despite some unusual challenges, the Bells of Inspiration rose to the occasion and played beautifully on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. I am so grateful for James Riddick and Ann Spencer and their willingness to sub at the last minute. If you read music well and would be willing to sub occasionally please let me know, as we usually need at least one person on Tuesday evenings. Childcare is available. Practices are one hour and then a few of our members are remaining after for 30 minutes to rehearse on the cantata music.

The Chancel Choir will begin having some extra rehearsals on Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons. With the Advent season only 4 weeks away, there is much to prepare. We will practice on Sunday Nov. 13 from 1:30 - 3:00 p. m. On Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> the church will be having one service at 10, potluck lunch and then a Hanging of the Greens service at 12:30. We need many people to help with this event. Children are most welcome. We will sing carols as we make the church beautiful for the Advent season. If your family would like to light the Advent candles in first or second service please let me know which Sunday you would like to do this. I will be calling on people if I do not get enough volunteers by November 13<sup>th</sup>. The first Sunday of Advent is Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>.

“Sing to Him, Sing praises to Him, tell of all His wonderful works.” 1 Chronicles 16: 9

There is a place for you in our OUMC Music Ministry!  
Marcia

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Trustee's Meeting** – Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Mission Workday at Manna House** – Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> meet us at Manna House in Midlothian from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Church Meal**– Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meal is at 5:30 p.m. **NO BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT, HELP SET UP FOR LORD'S ACRE.**
- OUMC Children's Around the World Adventure** – Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</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.
- Senior Fellowship** – Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Price Items for Country Store** – Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Sunday school room #3. Everyone invited.
- Price Items for Country Store** – Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Sunday school room #3. Everyone invited. We will then take everything over to the new property.
- Lord's Acre Friday Night Dinner** – Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the new property. Join us for dinner and dancing.
- Lord's Acre** – Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on our new property at Ovilla Road and Westmoreland Road. Join us for family, food, shopping, and fun.
- Church Tent Service** – Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 p.m. on our new property under the big tent.
- OUMC Charge Conference** - Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at First UMC in Waxahachie.
- Ladies Quilting Group** – Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Sunday school room #2.
- Mission Workday at Linguistics Center** – Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Church Meal & Bible Study**– Wednesday, November 9<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, November 9<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.
- Women's Fellowship** – Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Veterans Day** – Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Church offices will be closed all day.
- Church Meal & Bible Study**– Wednesday, November 16<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, November 16<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

## From the Youth Director

This past Sunday we began our new series at Fuel. Our series is called, "I am Jonah." In this series we will be going through the book of Jonah and talking about how we are like Jonah. The story of Jonah is about Jonah running from his call, finding grace in need, learning forgiveness, and ultimately a story of God's unending love. I hope you will join us over the next several weeks for "I am Jonah." Youth starts at 6:00pm - Fuel starts at 7:30pm.

We need your help for Lord's Acre. There has been a sign-up sheet going around to work Lord's Acre and we will still need lots of volunteers for the Youth Booth and for the Kid's Zone. We need help all day. Let me know if you still need somewhere to work and I will plug you in!

Our Fall Retreat to Glen Lake Camp is coming up very soon - November 18th and 19th from 5pm to 5pm. Please turn in your registration forms and the fee as soon as you get them filled out. The deadline for forms is Sunday night November 13th. This is going to be a great trip and I would love to see all of you youth there. The trip is open to your friends as well. There are registration forms in my office.

Blessings,

Patrick Turkett  
[patrick.turkett@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.turkett@gmail.com)  
817-614-7188

## Women's Fellowship

The next meeting of the Women's Fellowship will be November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin with a light meal and lots of good fellowship among members. A devotional will be provided by Wilda Cross. We hope to see you there.

The "Ladies of the 80's" luncheon was a wonderful success with eight ladies of the eighties in attendance. A delicious meal was served in the relaxing atmosphere of Linda McDonald's home. The meal was followed by an inspiring and thought-provoking devotional that was presented by Wilda Cross.

Be sure to mark on your calendar for the upcoming Christmas Sock Exchange. It is scheduled for Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 2 – 4 p.m. in the Original Sanctuary (Youth Building). Everyone is asked to bring their favorite snack food and a wrapped pair of Christmas socks for the gift exchange. This is an annual event you don't want to miss. There is always lots of fun and excitement for everyone in attendance. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

The Women's Fellowship supports North Ellis County Outreach (NECO). We will now concentrate on 3 items for donation; deodorants for males and females, shampoo, and toothpaste. NECO is counting on us so please consider what you can do to help. All donations are greatly appreciated.

## Sunday School Information

**K-5** (meets in the Youth building): Led by our great band of volunteers.

Currently studying: **Pre-school** is learning about the growth of God's family through the rock Solid curriculum. Our **K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** classes are discovering how stories of faithful kings help us to be faithful leaders for God – “*The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice!*” Psalm 97:1.

**College Age class** (college age ; meets in the Youth Director's office): Led by JoAnn Leath. Currently studying: (no info. submitted.)

**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: (Patriarchs: Laying the Foundation for the Coming Messiah.)

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

**Fellow Seekers adult class** (meets in the front classroom in the Fellowship Hall): Led by Grant Jacobs and Don Lindop. Currently studying: Tradition and Wisdom: Forgiving as God's People.

**Time Out adult class** (meets in Education building, room #3) : Led by Tom Gibson. Currently studying: (no information submitted.)

**New Life adult class** (meets in Education building, room #2): Led by Jim Turner. Currently studying: (no info. submitted.)

**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.)

## Lord's Acre Donations

Lord's Acre is this Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. We really need to know as soon as possible what your donation will be for the Auction or Country Store. You will find the donation forms on the table in the church foyer. Please complete a form for each item you will be donating and place it in the basket in the foyer. If you have any questions you can contact Marlice Peabody at 972-217-0402, Lois Turner at 972-217-6706 or call the church office at 972-617-8840. You may start bringing your items to the church any time.

## 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.*

### 10-23-11

Rita Rutledge – friend of Stanfill family – just learned she has stage 4 lung cancer

Pastor Vernon – Pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian in Ovilla – having shoulder surgery November 1<sup>st</sup>

Carlisle/McNeely family – friends of Hilburn family – passing of infant child

Donnie & Karen Pickard – Ovilla Fire Chief – health issues

### 10-30-11

#### Ongoing

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

Terry Lynn Hendricks – Nelda's daughter-in-law – cancer treatment

Roger Hilburn – still taking chemotherapy

Estell Griffin – David Griffin's mom

Chad Jackson – health issues

Marilene Jean – Haiti resident in US for treatment

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 – UMC Missionaries in Africa

New Day UMC – New church start in East Mansfield

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

## Get Your Carpets Cleaned and Help Our Youth Group

Patrick Paluga with Ameri-tex Carpet Cleaning is offering his services again to help out our Youth. If you call him to clean your carpets (with a ticket over \$158.00) he will donate 10% of that ticket to the OUMC Youth Group. So if you need your carpets cleaned call him at 972-217-1773 and let him know you're from OUMC.

## 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.

## Lord's Acre Shotgun Raffle Tickets For Sale

If you didn't know, we are raffling off a Benelli Nova 12-gauge Pump Shotgun (made in Italy) with a case and cleaning kit. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. The drawing will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> (at our Lord's Acre.) Winner need not be present to win. You may get tickets from David Griffin (972) 617-1400 or you may call the church office at (972) 617-8840. Get your tickets today!!! You only have a week left!

## Lord's Acre Country Store

Get Ready, Get Set, Go..... to the Country Store at our Lord's Acre event on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have lots of neat "stuff" to sell. In fact, we have saved a place for you to help sell our "stuff." Anytime from 8am until 4pm, just drop by and volunteer an hour or so. It's a fun and a great way to talk to all of our guests. But be sure to wear your red church shirts - we want the community to know who we are.

## Lord's Acre Country Store Needs You!!!

We need YOU to help with the Country Store. Every year at Lord's Acre, we have a Country Store where we sell new items - small quilts, tote bags, aprons, toys, books, etc. Money that is made goes to the Lord's Acre Fund.

But we need YOU to donate items for us to sell. Just bring your items to the Adult Classroom #3 and put on the shelves.

Then we need YOU to help price our "good stuff" on Thursday, Nov. 3 from 10 am until noon. Also, we will be working on Friday, Nov. 4 from 2 - 5 pm to finish our pricing and load the boxes in my van.

And we need YOU to volunteer to work an hour or two on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 8am until 4pm. Just give us a call to let us know when you are available.

YOU are very important to the success of Lord's Acre and especially the Country Store.

Peggy Schieffer (972-223-9351) and Mary Beth Granzow (972-617-8103)

## Jarrold Rowlette Eagle Scout Project

I am Jarrod Rowlette, a Boy Scout and member here at OUMC. If you haven't heard, I am doing my Eagle Scout Project. It is on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. It is at Midway Regional Airport at 131 Airport Drive, Midlothian, TX 76065. It is an all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast. All profits go to the Wounded Warrior Project. You may pay at the door. Thank you for your support.

Jarrold Rowlette

## Attention OUMC Members

At our All Saints Day Service many of you spoke the names of loved ones you wanted remembered. If you would like me to print them in the book of remembrance that is placed under the banner of memorial bells, please send them to me by email or give me the name and their relationship to you. Friends and family members alike are placed in the book. [marciahaugarth@att.net](mailto:marciahaugarth@att.net)

## **“T” Fence Posts Needed**

If you have any “T” fence posts handy we would like to borrow them for Lord’s Acre this year. With hay being the price that it is, we decided to use “T” fence posts this year instead for our parking area and children’s area. If you can help us out please call Russ Granzow at 972-672-1107.

## **Lord’s Acre 2011**

Lord's Acre is (as I write this) a week away. Having it on OUMC's property last year was a whole new experience for all of us. This year we know what needs to be done & when. We also know it will take all of us **WORKING TOGETHER IN CONCERT**. I want to thank everyone who has, is & will be helping. Please refer to other places in this newsletter for info regarding where specific help is needed. Please be sure & let your friends & neighbors know about the **KID’S ZONE** this year.....there will be no charge & there will be 3 (count 'em) bounce houses as well as board games, crafts, & (drum roll) a petting zoo!!! There is a need for volunteers in this area. Should you be available contact Alyson Hopper. Pray for great weather and come out for a great day of fun, food, and fellowship.

Marlice Peabody  
Chair, Lord's Acre 2011

## **Memorial Service for Leo Lee**

As many of you know Leo Lee passed away several months ago. The family wanted to wait to have the memorial service until November. Leo’s memorial service will be held on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the National Cemetery in Grand Prairie. Leo’s family will be placing some of his paintings in our foyer next week and some of the bulletins for the memorial service. They have offered the paintings if you would like to have one. Please take a bulletin as well to direct you to the services and give you information about Leo. Everyone is invited to the memorial service to celebrate his life. Thank you. Leo’s family has asked in lieu of flowers to make a donation to the Boy Scouts of America.

## **Lord’s Acre Work Schedule**

### **Wednesday November 2, 6PM-9PM**

- Load material from storage on trailers
- Empty storage garage (everything else there), move to new site
- Unload floor, light poles and stage at property

### **Thursday November 3, 6PM-9PM**

- Sort material
- Build stage sections
- Build light poles
- Tent delivered and erected (by tent company)

### **Friday November 4, 8AM till??**

- Lay out vendor spots
- Lay out parking and driveways
- Lay out light poles and run lights
- Install under tent lighting
- Lay out kids area, install entrance
- Install floor under tent
- Move mulch
- Bring tables, chairs and picnic tables
- Install electrical

We will need 5-6 people Wednesday and Thursday and as many can work on Friday. Thursday and Friday we need drill drivers and Phillips bits, possibly a saw on Friday. Mowing at the property will be done during the week of October 24. Call Russ to schedule 972-672-1107



**Lord's Acre 2011  
Who to Call Volunteer List**

**Auction and Silent Auction** – Auctioneer  
(Silent Auction) Susan Hall 972-217-1318  
[ysusanhall@gmail.com](mailto:ysusanhall@gmail.com)

**Advisor/Signage** – Tom Gibson – 972-998-7416  
[tapgibson@gmail.com](mailto:tapgibson@gmail.com)

**Vendors** – Jo Ann Graham – 972-217-1532  
[joanng417@gmail.com](mailto:joanng417@gmail.com)

**Friday Night Meal** – Brad Morton – 214-704-5332  
[bradmorton@aircanopy.net](mailto:bradmorton@aircanopy.net)

**Decorating for Friday Night** – Marcie Mayer & Heidi Miner  
972-617-0347 [marciemayer@hotmail.com](mailto:marciemayer@hotmail.com)  
972-617-5454 [omi.heidi@att.net](mailto:omi.heidi@att.net)

**Kids Area/ Childcare** – Patrick Turkett – 817-614-7188  
[patrick.turkett@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.turkett@gmail.com)  
also, Contemporary Topics Class

**Country Store** – Peggy Schieffer & Mary Beth Granzow - 972-223-9351  
972-617-8103 [fran-peggy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fran-peggy@sbcglobal.net) [oakleafmom@yahoo.com](mailto:oakleafmom@yahoo.com)

**Bake Sale** – Nancy Lawrence – 972-223-8756

**Advertising** – Ann Spencer – 972-775-4257  
[Anngray1202@yahoo.com](mailto:Anngray1202@yahoo.com)

**Clean Up** – Can everyone help with this?

**Raffle Tickets** – Women's Fellowship & Marlice Peabody - 972-217-0402  
[daughodil@gmail.com](mailto:daughodil@gmail.com)

**Saturday Lunch** – Clay & Shelia Allison & Food Vendors – 972-617-3139  
[rscallison@aol.com](mailto:rscallison@aol.com)

**Lord's Acre Chairperson** – Marlice Peabody – 972-217-0402  
[daughodil@gmail.com](mailto:daughodil@gmail.com)

**Parking** – Riley Sullivan – 972-218-7595  
[Sully0@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Sully0@sbcglobal.net)

**Grounds** – Pastor Joel – 254-315-3531  
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Thank You

