

## The Open Door

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*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*

In July I preached several times on the book of Proverbs. I think that is the first time I have done that. Mostly Proverbs is a bunch of short sayings, which serve as a guide to living. Even though Proverbs is rarely preached on, many of these guides to living are common knowledge in our culture. Even though well known there continue to be questions about the way that we interpret these living guides into our current day and culture. One first grade teacher started out a Proverb and then asked students to complete the sentence. What she found was very interesting advice for our day and time. As we continue with our challenge of the ways that Scripture speaks to current life situations, maybe we can get some help from these first graders. Enjoy!

Better safe than....punch a 5<sup>th</sup> grader.

An idle mind is the....best way to relax.

Strike while the...bug is close.

Where there's smoke, there's....pollution.

You can lead a horse to water but....how?

Don't bite the hand that....looks dirty.

A penny saved is.....not much.

No news is....impossible.

Two's company, three's...the Musketeers.

A miss is as good as a...Mr.

You can't teach an old dog new....math.

If you lie down with dogs, you'll....stink in the morning.

Love all, trust...me.

The pen is mightier than the...pigs.

It's always darkest before....Daylight Savings Time.

Don't put off till tomorrow what....you put on to go to bed.

Never underestimate the power of....termites.

Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry and....you have to blow your nose.

There are none so blind as...Stevie Wonder.

Children should be seen and not...spanked or grounded.

If at first you don't succeed...get new batteries.

You get out of something only what you....see in the picture on the box.

When the blind leadeth the blind...get out of the way.

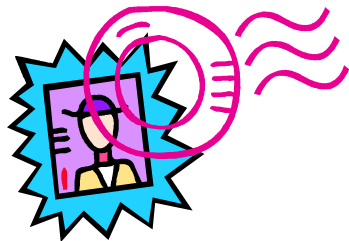


## Presbyterians in the NEWS—

- Melissa Bekemeier and Meredith MacQueeney were pictured in an article about Art for Fun.
- Janie Clay, as coordinator for Allied Jobs will be a part of the NEO Adult Learning Center.
- Nancy Gee and Gary Johnson, members of the Ottawa County Historical Society, were pictured with artifacts which were donated by Roy McGhee to the Dobson Museum.
- Elia Rendel and Isaac Rendel won tickets to the 3-D movie UP by winning a coloring contest at Miami Cineplex.
- Victoria Mitchell Vazquez was featured on the front page of the News Record as the special artist in pottery in the Arts and Humanities program, Art for Fun held at our church.

## Heritage

When the Heritage Committee published and sold the History of our Church in the last ten years, we did it with the plan to have pictures of our ministers made the same size, framed, and hung in our church. Dave McManigal is working on step one. He is making each picture 8x10 and printing it with the best resolution possible. We appreciate that he is doing this for the church.



## Stamps and Labels

I will be sending Campbell's Soup Labels to Goodland and cancelled stamps to the Hunger Project the last of August. Please give me any that you have collected.

Nancy Gee

## NEW PROGRAM

Our church is looking forward to the beginning of our new Child's Day Out program beginning August 19. Child's Day Out is set up to provide families who have a stay at home parent a break from parenting for one morning a week and to provide a place for socialization for the children. The program will include art, physical and musical activities as well as story and snack times. Opportunities exist for involvement in all of the activities. Please consider volunteering for a Wednesday morning at your convenience. We would like for the children to meet and get to know many of our church members. Please consider helping us with this community project.

On Sunday August 16 we will have a training/information session following worship. Lunch will be provided. Please join us to find out more about the program and to learn how you can help.

For further information contact Barbara Reeves, Doris Price or Pastor Helen.



## Cursillo (Kur-see-yo)

**Who:** Anyone 18 yrs. old or older that wants to grow in their faith journey.

**What:** It is a three-day faith renewal event designed to foster and support an individual's long-term commitment to living the Christian life.

**Where:** Nestled in the beautiful surroundings of Dwight Mission near Vian, OK.

**When:** Oct. 8-11, 2009

March 11-14, 2010

Want to know more? Pick up a brochure in the narthex of the church, and talk to any of the following people about their experiences: Judy Abel, Janie Clay, Nancy Gee, Frankie Gray, Jamie Gray, David McManigal, Marcia McManigal, Cathy Rabel, Chris Rabel, Melinda Watterson and Victoria Vazquez.

### Mission

The Mission Committee is hoping that our church will have a team working on Hearts and Hammers to be held September 26. We are seeking a Chairperson. We, with Session approval, are allocating \$1000 from the Myers local Mission Account.

Since Kum Ba Yah has expanded to include 15 to 20 children, the adults involved find it difficult to furnish enough food each week. With Session approval, we are allocating up to \$1000 from the Myers Local Mission Fund to supplement the food each week.

With Session approval, the committee is allocating up to \$10,000 from the Myers Global Mission Fund to General Assembly Mission Funds. The committee will choose the allocation of the money within the scope of General Assembly Mission.

The committee is concerned with our connection to Malawi. We are doing research about sending mission money to that country. That is the African country to which our Presbytery is connected. We are hoping that The Reverend Debbie Chase who leads the College of Theology in Malawi, will speak at our church when she is in the United States early next year.

As of July 1 the balance in the Myers Local Mission Fund is \$15,364.64. In the Myers Global Mission Fund the balance is \$24,365.29. Some of you may not know the origin of this money. Ila May and Madeline Myers left a large endowment to our church. Most of it is invested and we use only the interest. But 10% was put in a fund to be used for Mission over a period of five years. We are truly blessed and we try to be good stewards of this money.

Jeanne Fleming and Nancy Gee

The Christian Education committee is looking at new curriculum for the fall. The curriculum is called Cornerstones. Each section is focused on one Scripture passage or event. One example is a section called Jesse's tree. This section is looking at Jesus' lineage and the importance of family connections and family trees. Cornerstone then has several different ways to teach that passage. One week the children might learn about the passage through cooking, another Sunday they might learn about the passage through games, another through drama, another through crafts. Each section can take a month or two with one passage of scripture. What we are hoping is that people who might be willing to do one section every month or two. This will allow us to involve other people in our CE education time with a minimal commitment. Please contact Susan Russell or Pastor Helen if you have questions or are interested in helping out.



Our Church Family

## MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

### Marcia and Dave McManigal

Marcia was born two weeks before Pearl Harbor in her Grandmother's home in Miami. She lived here and attended Wilson School until sixth grade. She moved to Tucson, Arizona, and graduated from High School there. When she was a Freshman, she met Dave. He was born in Missouri and moved to Tucson when he was four years old. They became High School sweethearts that year; he was a Senior. Dave entered the Navy after High School. When he was discharged and Marcia graduated, in 1959, they were married.

They moved to Poughkeepsie, New York, where Dave began his career with IBM. They lived in Poughkeepsie for 43 years, with a three year interlude in Boulder Colorado. Together they attended Cursillo, for Catholics. They were in a group who founded TRES DIAS, designed for Protestants. Dave was the first Rector and he attended the 35<sup>th</sup> reunion of the group two years ago. Marcia did the "First Talk" which was the beginning of the women's group of TRES DIAS. They were both active in the Hopewell Reformed Church which is of the Presbyterian family. They were very active in Boy Scouts and other activities involving their children.

Dave retired from IBM in 1992 but after 5 years of retirement he was asked to come back, which he did. He worked until 2002, when Marcia retired.

Marcia feels very fortunate that she could stay home when her children were young. When they were older, she worked at Manufacturers Traders Trust Bank. She retired in 2002 at which time she and Dave moved to Miami to help care for her mother.

Michael, who has become a member of our church family, graduated from West Point and served in the Army until 1997 when he retired as a Major. He served in many places overseas, one of the most interesting being Saudi Arabia. He has been a Master Scuba Diving Instructor. At the time of his accident in 2006, he was working in New York for IBM.

Susan is a Fourth Grade Teacher in New York. She and her husband have three children. Paul is a CSI in the Sheriff's Department in Charleston, South Carolina. He and his wife have two children and two step children.

Since Marcia and Dave have been at our church they have been so important. Dave has been an Elder and sang in the Choir. Marcia has been an Usher and President of the Presbyterian Women. They have been active in many community activities – Kiwanis, Hearts and Hammers, Arts and Humanities, Little Theater, Designs of Autumn, and Art for Fun. Both Marcia and Mike are Mentors at Washington School.

What a blessing the McManigals have been and are to our community and especially to church!!!

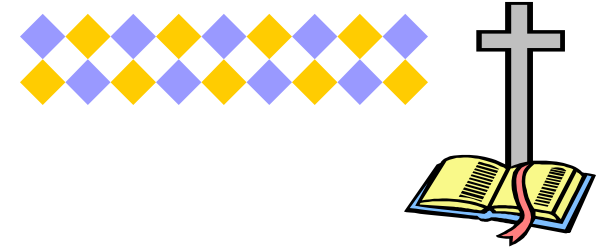


## Birthdays

3rd-Betty Dean and John Gray  
 4th—John Lomax  
 5th— Kathy Prince and Truman Pitman  
 6th— Martha Elliott  
 11th— Bryson Williams  
 13th—Max Martin  
 16th—Jordan Zabel  
 21st—Autumn Ankenman  
 25th—Pris Fullerton and Kaitlyn Mallatt  
 28th— Marion Zajic



# August 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday at 8:00 p.m. AA Desire Group meets in the fellowship hall	<b>Guest Pastors:</b> 8-2-09 Tom Launius 8-9-09 Reverend Bob Barker					1
2 Rev. Launius 9:30-Sunday School 10:00-Choir 10:30-Worship/Com.	3 Sign ups start for Childs Day Out	4	5	6	7	8
Pastor Helen will be on vacation August 3rd through 12th						
9 Rev. Bob Barker 9:30-Sunday School 10:00-Choir 10:30-Worship	10	11	12	13 Dinner Theater	14 Dinner Theater	15
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