



I have enjoyed reading Fred Slicker’s writing and wanted to

share more of his work with you that really struck home with me. I’m hoping you, too, will find some glimpses of wisdom in the midst of his words!

**Be Humble.**

*“You may be the president of the local bank, the biggest rock star in the country or the greatest athlete that has ever played the game. No matter what, someone will soon be bigger and greater and more successful than you. Treat every person alike, as a child of God. Avoid arrogance. Embrace humility. All your popularity, all your success, all your honors are gifts from God. You do not deserve them. They are all fleeting. But your humility shown to every person, particularly to the least of*

**Cindy’s Chalkboard**

*them, will be remembered.”*

- Fred Slicker, *“Living a Life of Meaning and Significance”* Tulsa Lawyer Magazine, Perspectives Opinion Column, TCBA

I don’t know about you, but these are poignant words in my heart. I believe many of us have to work at being humble.

about them. It was about serving others!

Praise God for those who give witness to what it means to be humble in our lives! I believe that when we give our best to God day in and day out, the response we most want to hear would be: “Well done,

**“Be Humble”**

Granted, there are people we know who are incredibly good at it. Being humble comes as naturally to them as waking up in the morning. Rarely do we hear them say anything about what they managed to “accomplish” the day before, or the big event that they spearheaded and in the eyes of everyone, was a rousing success. You could barely get the details out of them, because in their minds, it truly wasn’t

good and faithful servant. Well done.”

May you and I strive for that goal together. Offering our lives to God in a way that reflects a humble heart, fully offered God for His power and His glory alone!

With blessings and praises to God.

- Pastor Cindy

**Mission Sunday—This Coming Sunday, May 1st!!**

Yes, we are at it again! Mission Sunday is this coming Sunday, and you don’t want to miss this! On **Sunday, May 1st**, we are encouraging you NOT to come to regular worship services on that day but rather, we are encouraging you to BE

the church through mission projects that have been pre-arranged for us.

Come to the church gymnasium at either 8:45 or 11:00 am for a short “Sending Forth” worship service. Wear your Mission T-shirts!

You can choose to serve at the Salvation Army (8:45 am ), the Tulsa Day Center (8:45 am) or stay right here at the church (11:00 am) and repackage rice and beans for Restore Hope Ministries! Sign up in the hallway!

### PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

**Members:** Vincent Duiveman; Karen Gibbs; Laurel Duncan; Lewis Capparelli; Bob Schwartz; Lana Gotcher; Jack Cearing; Pat Thomas, in the loss of her brother.

### **Friends & Family of New Haven UMC**

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Peppa Smith; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Alon J. Soderfelt's friend, Karen Ridderman; Liz DeWitt's sister, Sharon; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

### **Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)**

Marjorie Stewart, Rosemary Tarr, Dot and Kelly Haynes; Bob Schwartz; Laurie & Mahcoe VanDyke; Dorothy Koons

## Project Transformation Celebration

Please come to the fundraiser luncheon for Project Transformation on Sunday, May 22 at 12:15. There will be a silent auction with a variety of items. Please sign up at the table so we will know how many to serve.

Project Transformation is a summer camp program for the students mainly from McClure and Marshall Elementary Schools. Volunteers are needed to read to children one-on-one. The test results show that the students either improve or maintain their reading scores and do not regress. Your efforts are important in helping these children.

Adriaan Duiveman and Becky Puryear,  
Co-Chairs for Project Transformation

## HAPPY CHILDREN'S HOME EVENT!



## Paula's Perspective. . .

Happy Monday! The children had a great time making their Mother's Day gifts during Sunday school. Our mom's will be thrilled to receive their gift and card on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is Mission Sunday. While others may be going out into the community to share God's love; our children will be the hands and feet of God by working on projects around the inside of our church. We'll have a short devotion and sharing time, as well as breakfast snacks in our classroom. After, we'll begin our work. If your child has the mission tee shirt please have them wear it. Otherwise dress casually.

During afternoon Bible study we have been enjoying the opportunity to enjoy God's creation by holding our Bible study outdoors. What better way to experience God's word than discussing our favorite stories and experiencing God's world? We have ample time for play and snack too. I'm a firm believer that "play is the work of a child." It's fascinating to listen to and observe the children as they play. Often, parts of the lesson are being retold through their play. So, I know they're getting it!

Please sign up for Surf Shack VBS. The sign up table is near the gathering area as you walk into the church. We still need adult and youth leaders, so I hope you will discover your joy by working with our children and one another! VBS is June 5-9 from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. A nursery for children under 3 ½ years old is available if you are volunteering. Safe Sanctuary Training is available to you at your convenience, just let me know when you want to take part in it.

I pray for blessings and peace as the school year winds down. The children are already talking about summer activities. One of those happenings is Worship Wednesdays, which begins 2 weeks after VBS. The children will have numerous opportunities to express their creativity and share part of their summer break together growing in God's Word. We'll meet 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and the cost is \$10.00 for the entire 6 week session. You do not have to attend every session to be part of the program.

Finally, I sent out camp information a few weeks ago. Please turn your registrations in soon to reserve your campers spot at camp. The church will pay ½ of one camp experience per child for members and long term attendees!

Sharing the joy,

Miss Paula





**Come and**

**Experience It!**

#### FROM PATRICK'S DESK. . . . .

What a few weeks it's been in the world of your youth. The spring semester is always a busier time as all kinds of school activities, groups, and teams fire up with competitions and practices galore. Your youth have been doing everything from running in numerous track meets, singing in choirs, playing in bands, playing on the soccer pitch, starring in musicals and plays, building incredible climbing robots, among the numerous other things they accomplish on a daily basis beyond their required studies. As we've already been flying through spring they've also been involved in several District Youth meetings, and events. The Spring event that the district hosts every year took us to Memorial Drive UMC for an Ice Cream Social and Game Night where we joined around 65 youth from other churches, and spent time in fellowship and making new friends while catching up with old ones as well. We also hosted the last District Council Meeting here at New Haven, and attended the following meeting where we discussed the upcoming excitement of District Camp which is right around the corner.

Several youth in the church are also in the process of Confirmation, and will be celebrating their confirmation during service with us on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please join me in congratulating while also continuing to offer accountability, and encouragement to each of them as they take their relationship with Christ in their life to the next level. I'm very proud of each of them, and know they are learning so much from their mentors!

As we prepare to end another school year we'll be taking the opportunity to recognize all of our church's members that are graduating this year. We have one from in the youth group, Wyatt Schifferdecker that will be graduating from Tulsa Edison, and I'm excited for us to be able to recognize him, his accomplishments, and send him off with the love of his church family as he takes the next steps off to college at TU. The eldest Schifferdecker, Kegan is also graduating from OU this year with his degree in Industrial Engineering. We're honoring these two among others so please do two things for me – let Pat know at the church office those that we may not be aware of that are graduating whether that be HS, college, advanced degrees, certifications, etc, and then secondly please join us on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> where we'll recognize them at both services.

Thanks for you continued prayers, and support!  
Patrick

## Opportunities of the Week May 1 ~ 8

### SUNDAY, MAY 1 MISSION SUNDAY

- 8:45 am **Sending Forth Service/Gym**
- 11:00 am **Sending Forth Service/Gym**
- 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm Celebration "Singers (Children)
- 5:00 pm WEB (**We're Experiencing the Bible**) Children's program
- 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

### MONDAY, MAY 2

- 10:00 am Grief Recovery Group/Parlor
- 6:00 pm Writers Group/185
- 6:00 pm Disciple 1 (Fast Trak)/Parsonage

### TUESDAY, MAY 3

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

- 3:45 pm After-School Chapel
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm One Spirit Choir
- 7:00 pm ACOA/206

### THURSDAY, MAY 5

- 6:00 pm Praise Band/Sanctuary
- 7:15 pm Yoga

### FRIDAY, MAY 6

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

### SATURDAY, MAY 7

- 8:30 am Men's Breakfast Bunch/Parlor

### SUNDAY, MAY 8 MOTHER'S DAY

- 8:45 am **Contemporary Worship & Children's Church**
- 9:45 am **Sunday School**
- 11:00 am **Traditional Worship & Children's Church**

Children and Youth activities have been cancelled on Mother's Day so the families can enjoy their evening together.



### New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Jennifer Payton	Business Manager
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Paula Fox	Children's Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

## May Birthdays

4. Sarah Roberts
5. Lucas Lamkin
7. Dodie Wood
8. Chuck Berry  
Marissa Degner
9. Joleen Taylor
10. Kim Percival
12. Bryant Lamkin  
Michael Smith  
Camille Stevenson
15. Dawson Watson
17. David Duncan
20. Laura Degner  
Sandy Nicholson
22. Shane Mote
27. Rick Davis  
Rosemary Tarr
28. Michael Taylor
29. Debbie Love  
Kelcey Newberry



**MISSION  
SUNDAY  
NEXT WEEK!  
(MAY 1st)  
8:45 & 11:00**

**COME AND BE A  
PART OF THE FUN!**

## ATTENDANCE

**April 24, 2016**

**8:45—62**

**11:00—144**

**Total: 206**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

**Adults: 52**

**Children: 10**

**Youth: 11**

**Adult Sunday School  
Come join us at 9:45 am!**

**Room 185: Discovery Class**  
Galatians

**Room 209: Fellowship Class**  
Revelation Study

**Room 210: New Friendship Class**  
Biblical Archaeology of Jerusalem  
and Northern Kingdom

**Parlor: Christian Living Class**  
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 161 Interlude Class**  
"The Call: The Life and Message of  
the Apostle, Paul".

**Room 205: Journeys Class**  
"The Will of God"

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