

Rev. James Graham



Hello!

This past weekend was Tulsa ScotFest, an annual event which draws more than 20,000 people from all over to celebrate Scottish history, culture, and heritage. I myself am of Scottish descent, and had the honor of hosting our Clan Graham Society here in Tulsa for the annual meeting.

This Sunday we were blessed to have in our presence His Grace, James Graham, the 8th Duke of Montrose! He brought with him our North American Chieftain, Richard Graham and his wife Kate, as well as a dozen other members of Clan Graham to worship with us during the 11 o'clock service!

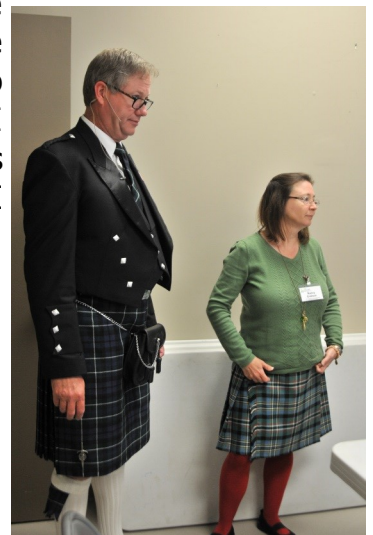
I want to share with you how very pleased he was with the reception he received at the church. Even though all of you weren't aware you have a very prominent member of the British House of Lords in your presence, you made all of our guests feel warmly welcomed! Thank you!!!! This is exactly what we are supposed to do, and all of you hit it out of the park this weekend!

I am so happy to be a part of a church family that welcomes everyone and extends hospitality to strangers. Indeed it is written:

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ Matt 25:34-36

Keep serving the Lord!

Pastor James



Corner



Dear Missy,

I know New Haven gave underwear to Project Elf; helped with giving of school supplies to school age students at Restore Hope; and provided opportunities through the Angel Tree to help children in need. Are there any other outreach programs coming up to help students this year?

Signed,
Ready to Serve

Dear Ready to Serve,

The Assistance League of Tulsa is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and achieves its objectives through a variety of service programs financed by the fundraising efforts of its more than 230 members. The organization was founded in 1967 and chartered as a chapter of the national organization in 1970. The Assistance League of Tulsa is an all-volunteer organization that puts caring and commitment in action.

Operation School Bell is one such service program of the Assistance League of Tulsa. This program begins in August and goes through January each year. The organization has a resale store named "Bargains" at 3408 E 11th Street. Area schools send students, picked by their school counselor based on need, to "shop" for clothing.

The Assistance League of Tulsa could use volunteers to help dress students. Therefore, New Haven UMC Mission Committee is asking anyone that is interested in helping on Tuesday and/or Wednesday October 24 and 25 from 9:15 am to 11:30 am. to sign-up on the sheet at the hallway table. They can use up to 15 volunteers each day. If we receive enough interest we will expand the number of days.

Kathleen Moss, the VP of Resource Development at the Assistance League of Tulsa will be giving the Ministry Moment next Sunday, September 24. Please come and learn more about this mission and how you can help with students in need.

Blessings,
Missy



Come and

Experience It

Big thanks to all of you who order flowers for the Sunday services in the Sanctuary. You are more than welcome to take your arrangement home after the 11:00 service, but we DO have a request that you please return the vase when the flowers are discarded. These vases cost \$5 each and are not included in the \$30.00 flower arrangements we purchase. So we would really appreciate it if you can bring the vase back soon after you are through with it. Just leave it at the front office! Thanks so much!



What is the Walk to Emmaus?

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The Emmaus Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends.

The next men's event will be Thursday, October 26 through Sunday, October 29. The next women's event will be Thursday, November 9 through Sunday, November 12. Both events are being held at Harvard Avenue Christian Church, 5502 S. Harvard Ave. in Tulsa. If you are interested in attending an Emmaus Walk, or have questions about this event, please contact one of the following people: Pastor James Graham, Peter Havlik, Patrick Grafton, David Toalson, Nicole Grafton, Donita Gray, Carolyn Toalson.



Emmalena Russell, 8 years old, came forward on September 10th for baptism and to make New Haven UMC her home. She is the daughter of Susan

Russell. When you see Emmalena, please give her your congratulations and let her know that she is loved!



Third Grade Bibles

Sunday, September 24

11:00 Worship Service

It is our tradition at New Haven UMC to present third-graders with a Bible. This is an important milestone for our children in their journey of faith. On September 24 we will celebrate this milestone during the 11:00. If you have a third-grader, please let us know by contacting Pastor Robin at robin.stevens@kellerumc.org or calling the church office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Sunday, October 29

4:00-6:00 PM

PLEASE SEND ALL PRAYER REQUESTS TO DANNY HALL IF YOU WISH FOR THEM TO GO OUT ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN!

iamdanny@cox.net

or

918-640-3891



Fall Festival



ATTENTION ALL HANDBELL RINGERS!!!
REHEARSALS ARE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 7PM ~ 8PM. PLEASE PLAN TO BE HERE THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH.....ESPECIALLY IF YOU MISSED THE FIRST REHEARSAL ON SEPTEMBER 6TH.



UMPTENAGERS ANNUAL PIZZA PLANNING SESSION

On Tuesday, September 19th at 11:30 am, join Stella and Shirley in the parlor to plan our upcoming events for 2017-2018.

All trip suggestions will be welcomed, discussed, and voted on!

Please mark your calendar, bring your ideas and enjoy a pizza party with us on that date!

Welcome back all you Umpteens!

Sign up sheet will be on the table in the hallway.



Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Connection Groups
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts/210
- 4:00 pm Pack 67/Upstairs Kitchen
- 4:30 pm Let's Get Crafty/Gym
- 5:00 pm Footprints/Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
- 6:15 pm Bluegrass Band

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 11:30 am Umpteenagers
- 1:30 pm Women's Grief Recovery
- 6:00 pm Lay Leadership/185
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/185, 206, 210

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir/Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm ACOA/210

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Connection Groups
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 5:00 pm Footprints/Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. James B. Graham	Senior Pastor
Cynthia Edelman	Business Manager
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Brittany Fox	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Deacon
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

September Birthdays

1. Ovella Followell
2. Danny Hall
3. Doyle Boyd
Susan Savage
4. Rich Foster
5. Christopher Boyd
6. Liz DeWitt
8. Don Gregory
9. Greg Pape
Dallas Quinalty
Ace Quinalty
Alexander Hensley
12. Sylvia Hensley
Amanda Russell
15. Carolyn Toalson
19. Linda Parmele
20. Cohen Grafton
23. David Johnson
28. Wayne Love
Jan Sellers
29. Jack Cearing



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Carol Morgan
Claretha Gotcher
Sarah Duiveman
Jan Boyd

Friends & Family of New Haven

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's brother, Bob; Betty Hodge's son, Brian; Nancy Russell; Pam Rowley; Joe Sanders; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants and leaders.

Covenant Care

(prayers and visits appreciated)

Ovella Followell
Dot and Kelly Haynes
Dorothy Koons
Max Nightingale
Carson and Helen Russell

ATTENDANCE

September 17, 2017

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am: 73
11:00 am: 105
Total: 178

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults: 50
Youth: 10
Children: 17

ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class
Bible Study

Gym: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 209: New Friendship Class
"Overcoming Life's Disappointments"
by Harold Kushner

Room 103 Interlude Class
"The Faith of a Mockingbird" by Matt Rawle

Room 206: New Haven 206
Connection Group "The Wired Word"

Room 161: Roundtable "Christianity's Family Tree" by Adam Hamilton

You may email articles for the Spire (no later than Sunday evenings, please.) Sending your article on a "Word" document as an attachment works best. Please email your article to pat.bates@newhavenumc.org. Please note "Spire Newsletter" on the subject line. While we make every effort to include your request, we reserve the right to edit or delete articles due to space availability.

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