



What a great time we had for our first "Backpack, Blessings

and Breakfast" event! There were 27 children and youth attending—every year we hope more will come as we begin a new school year!

Many thanks to **Allyson Cauthon**, **Patrick Grafton** and **Robin Stevens** for your awesome leadership and to the **New Friendship Sunday school class** for the breakfast and help to make this fun event happen! The kids are off to a great start! Blessings to all! - Pastor Cindy

Cindy's Chalkboard

Backpacks, Blessings and Breakfast Event!



Administrative Council Meeting—This Sunday!

Calling one, calling all to our Administrative Council meeting this **Sunday at 12:15 pm** in the Chapel!

We are past the mid-point in the year, and what a great time to celebrate the many ministries of New Haven UMC both

within and outside the church walls! Every ministry area leader is encouraged to attend and let us know what is happening in your area.

We will also be nominating and voting on filling three positions on the Trustee's Committee

and reviewing and voting on a new building use policy at New Haven UMC.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to hear amazing stories of God at work in and through us! We look forward to seeing you there!

PLEASE PRAY FOR . .

OUR MEMBERS:

Charlotte Erwin; Marion Wilkerson



Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Peppa Smith; Ruth Ann Field; Syble Perry; Betty Barton's daughter-in-law, Connie Barton; Joleen Taylor's mother, Darline Breeze; Kelly Sartain's father-in-law; Easter Moore; Greg Pape's mother, Donna; Carolyn Toalson's mother, Valerie; Patrick Grafton's mom, Colleen; Betty Hodge's friend, Becca; Paula Fox's friend, Richard; 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;



Marion Wilkerson celebrated her 95th BD with her church family!

Dear New Haven Family,

Oh! Blessed I am!!! I want to thank each one you for coming to my party. When I started to this church fifty years ago this month, I certainly never expected anything like this!!! And the cards. . .over 40 of them and no two alike! I'd also like to thank the women that helped with the party.

May God bless each one of you!

Marion Wilkerson

SWEET KITTY NEEDS A HOME!

Would you like to adopt a tiny, female kitten? Laura Degner found a small, gray and white kitten abandoned and hungry on a parking lot. She believes the kitten is about 7 weeks old. She is very sweet and loving, litterbox trained, and gets along well with other cats. If you are interested in taking this kitty, please call Laura at 918-706-3143.



ALLYSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Below are some changes to be aware of for fall activities. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Bible Experience / Music – 4-5pm

Dance – 5-6pm

We are combining Bible Experience and Children's Choir. There are some fun things planned for this school year, so make sure to be a part! Open to ages 4 through 5th grades.

Dance will now include only those in 3rd through 12th grades. If you have questions, please contact Deena Smith.

Christmas in Branson!

November 3-5, 2015

Sounds exciting!!! Spend a few days, take in some shows, fine dining and shopping. Plans are being made now to take a group on our bus to Branson November 3-5, 2015. If you are interested, please contact Shirley Nelson ASAP. The more that sign up, the less expensive the trip!

Shirley Nelson
(918-728-8342)



FROM PATRICK'S DESK . .

"My how the summer has flown by." (said no parent ever!) ☺ But yes summer is drawing to a close, and we prepare to send the kids back to school. As a church family let's remember the stresses, temptations, challenges, joys, and successes that our young people will face throughout another school year. Be in earnest prayer for them. They look to us for guidance, leadership, examples, but our most important gift that we could give them is our prayer. So throughout the next days, weeks, and months I ask that you would add our own young people their friends and classmates, and all of the school administrators and teachers. Pray that God would grant them each a safe, fun, and exciting year full of learning and fellowship. Thank you for your thoughts, and prayers. Blessings to each of you!

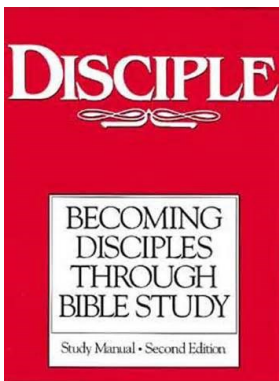


WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CREATING NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL BROCHURES!
WE WILL SHARE EACH CLASS PICTURE WITH YOU IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

PICTURED ABOVE IS THE **CHRISTIAN LIVING CLASS**
AND BELOW IS THE **JOURNEYS CLASS**.



4 GREAT NEW CLASSES BEGINNING SOON! SIGN UP FOR ONE NOW!



Disciple Bible Study I: Fast Track

This study is the foundation of the Disciple Bible Study program. This "Fast Track" version is accomplished in almost a third less time than the original Disciple I study. It is the prerequisite for all other Disciple Studies designed for those on every level in their faith journey. The study starts with Genesis, and continues to Revelation.

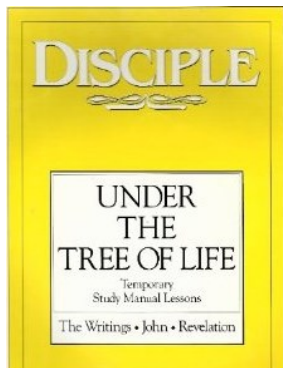
Materials: \$35.00

Classes: Monday Evenings

Leader: Peter Havlik

Length: 24 weeks

Dates: First session starts September 14th 6:00 - 7:30 pm.



Disciple Bible Study IV: Under the Tree of Life

This the final study in the DISCIPLE program for those who have completed at least Disciple Bible Study I. The study concentrates on the Writings (Old Testament books not in the Torah or the Prophets), the Gospel of John, and Revelation.

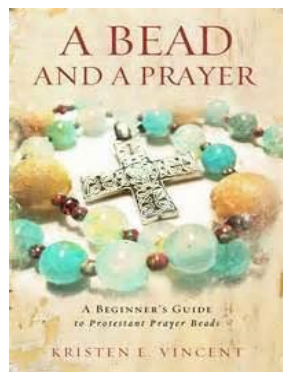
Materials: \$35.00

Classes: Sunday Afternoons

Leader: Danny Hall

Length: 32 weeks

Dates: First session starts September 13th 5:00 - 7:00 pm.



A Bead and a Prayer

This 5 week Bible Study introduces Protestant Prayer Beads as a tool for connecting with God. This intriguing study teaches those who may have no experience with this form of prayer to create prayer beads, use them in guided prayer, and learn more about their history.

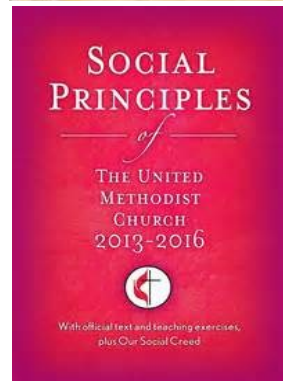
Materials: \$12.00

Classes: Wednesday Evenings

Leader: Rev. Cindy Havlik

Length: 5 weeks

Dates: First session starts September 23rd 6:00 - 7:00 pm.



Social Principles of the United Methodist Church

The Social Principles of the UMC are prayerful efforts to speak to complex and controversial issues in the church and in the world. This study will explore legislative decisions made by both lay and clergy efforts through the General Conference of the UMC.

Materials: \$4.00

Classes: Sunday Afternoons

Leader: Rev. Jan Boyd

Length: 5 weeks

Dates: First session starts September 27th 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

Sign up in the hallway or call the church office 918.743.6491 by September 2nd to register. Nursery is available.

Did you know that New Haven has a 3 year old Men's Fellowship?

We meet every other Saturday at 10am in the Parlor. There are great Brunch Foods, Fresh Coffee, and Great Conversation. Our goal is to build friendships among the Men of New Haven. We do this by just getting to know each other and staying away from discussion of politics, religion, and forming work details. The Bible tells us to Fellowship together, support each other, and as Men we sharpen each other like steel on steel.

Join us Saturday, September 12th. All the Men of New Haven are welcome, their sons, and friends. We always have enough to go around (*but feel free to bring something to share*) and we never take roll. **Good to see you Brother! You're welcome here!**



Come and join us for some fun each morning that Tulsa Public Schools are in session by attending New Haven's Bus Stop Ministry. School begins Monday, August 20. Children start coming around 6:45 a.m. and the last group leaves the gym by 8:00 a.m. Approximately 45 to 50 children from elementary age through high school come through our doors. New Haven provides a safe place for children waiting for their school bus. Breakfast snacks are provided. Many read, visit, and play games in the gym. Won't you come and try it out? Sign up on the monthly calendar located in the church hallway. You can select the days of the week you'd like to come. Contact Paula Fox at paulafox@cox.net or 918-808-8492 and get started today!

A group of seven New Haven members went to tour the [Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless](#) on Saturday, August 15. We met with the volunteer coordinator, Co Edwards, who answered questions, explained the operations of the Center and gave us a tour of the facility. We learned that the Day Center is the only shelter downtown that is actually open during the day for homeless people to come in and relax. It provides a night shelter that sleeps approximately 125 homeless people (only adult women and men over the age of 55). The Day Center works in conjunction with the Salvation Army and John 3:16 Mission as not to duplicate services but rather to compliment the offerings. The Day Center has a free clinic, an infirmary, kitchen, showers, clothing room, a family room with an outdoor playground, telephones, community voice mail, locked storage areas, mail services and office space for case management personnel.



The Day Center places approximately one person a day into permanent housing. The housewarming boxes that New Haven members provide fills a need for those people. It is a gift that clients appreciate. Many groups offer meals at the shelter. The Day Center normally offers a breakfast and a dinner meal while the Salvation Army offers lunch. People are encouraged to donate items to the Center. If an item cannot be used then it is donated to Goodwill in return for tokens that clients can use to obtain items available at Goodwill.



IN-SERVICE SUNDAY ~ AUGUST 16TH ~ FOR THE BUS STOP MINISTRY



Come and

Experience It!

Opportunities of the Week August 30 ~ September 6

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
12:15 pm Administrative Council/Chapel
12:15 pm Safe Sanctuary Training/Parlor
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm ACOA/206
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga/210

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship and Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship and Children's Church
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study



The Bus Stop Ministry has begun. . .
please consider volunteering!
Sign up at the table in the hallway.

August Birthdays

1. Suzanne Davis
2. Dick Garwood
Marion Wilkerson
4. Ken Fox
5. Tom Kemp
6. Ray Prange
Velma Fast
Wyatt Schifferdecker
7. Jeanette Boyd
8. Tracy Pape
Joshua Blanchard
Shelley Worrell
Floyd Sessions
10. Alex Hensley
13. Laurie VanDyke
14. Louise Lindsey
20. Susan Harris
21. Laura Sahli
22. Lana Gotcher
23. Stacy Newberry
Robert Hefley
24. Allyson Cauthon
25. Tom Black
27. Yuta Daughters
Christopher Smith
Ashley Boyd



ATTENDANCE

August 23, 2015

8:45 am-64

11:00 am-105

TOTAL-169

Sunday School

TOTAL: 61

ATTENDANCE

August 16, 2015

8:45 am- 78

11:00 am- 119

TOTAL- 197

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOTAL: 64

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

Room 185: Discovery Class
Galatians

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Proverbs, Prophets, & Parables

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

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 161 Interlude Class
A Study of the Apostles.

Room 205: Journeys Class
"Stressed Out" by Serendipity
Focus Group

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

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Associate Pastor
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Allyson Cauthon	Children's Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth 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

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