



Rev. James Graham

Of Heaven and Hell

One day God visited a special old saint. “You have been a faithful follower of mine all these years,” God said, “Is there anything that still puzzles you about my kingdom?” “Yes” the saint confessed. “Although I have read all the words of Scripture, I still have no idea what heaven and hell are like. I would be deeply grateful if you help me understand.”

“Normally I do not answer questions that belong to the realm of mystery,” God said, “but since you have led such an exemplary life, I will give you a preview of the world to come.” In the twinkling of an eye the woman was transported through time and space until she found herself standing before the gates of hell. It was not at all what she expected. As she walked through the magnificent black gates, the old saint was struck with the beauty of the place. Ahead of her she saw a huge banquet room with long tables filled with food. It was the most delicious food she had ever seen.

All of the residents of hell were seated about the tables. They all looked normal except for one very important difference. All of the people had very large arms, nearly six feet in length. At the end of each arm was a fork, but the people were unable to eat because no one had an elbow. Even though all the food was close at hand, they were unable to put the forks into their mouths. The sounds of hell were not very pleasant, for the people cried out in agony.

Suddenly the woman was transported to heaven. Ahead of her were gleaming white gates. When she walked into the celestial city she was surprised to see that things looked very much like they did in hell. Ahead of her was a banquet table, quite similar to the one she had seen moments before. The food looked amazingly similar. As the woman walked closer to the table, she could see that people were built identically to those in hell. All had long arms with no elbows, and forks at the end. The sounds in heaven, however, were very different. People were laughing and singing for they found their long arms to be no great disadvantage. Each person simply loaded his or her fork and then reached out across the table to a friend. The situations were identical except for this one thing: in heaven people fed each other.

Be blessed my friends,




New Haven Disciple & Treat!

KIDS CORNER

New Haven KIDS are starting a great time of transition! We are currently looking for new ways to "Make Disciples for Jesus Christ" and hopefully bring them to New Haven! We are in the process of "tweaking" our Fall Festival Activity and making it more of an outreach to our community, inviting others back to our church!

Our Fall Festival has been a great night of fellowship; however, it only lasts for one night, and hasn't really brought any families to come and see what great opportunities our church offers and experience God's love. Therefore, this year we are going out in our own neighborhood and spreading the great news of Jesus to our community!

On Thursday, October 31, from 5:00-6:30 pm we will host a special outreach called **"Disciple & Treat!"** This will give our kids a chance to be disciples, as well as give and even get a treat! We will spend this time in our area, introducing ourselves, and giving each house a treat with our church name and information on it for the residents! Hopefully if people don't have a church home, this will give them the opportunity to come and visit! Also, it gives us a great chance to get to know our community better and become a smiling face for people who might need the message of Jesus in their lives. The adults who volunteer to chaperone will visit each home, and ask if there are any special classes or activities that our neighbors would like to see offered at New Haven in the future!

Afterwards, we will come back to the church and join friends at our special **"Disciple Booth."** This will be in front of our church during and after the "& Treat" activity, for passing families, that are trick or treating in the neighborhood! Included in this area will be a craft activity, treats, smiling faces, and special information about our church!

We will be asking for candy donations this year for our church booth, but also will need MANY homemade treats to give to our community! (cookies, brownies, fudge, muffins, etc...) The children will individually wrap these items and place a flyer with our church information on them to hand to our community! Also, if you would like to "man" the information booth at our church, or get some exercise walking with our kids to "Disciple and Treat," **please sign up starting October 6th on the form located at the information table!**

Thank you for your constant support for New Haven KIDS, as we move towards a new year of making disciples for Jesus Christ!!

Ms. Marti

RESTORE HOPE

MINISTRIES

United Methodist Church Affiliate

For nearly 20 years, New Haven members have built a **Mountain of Food for Restore Hope Ministries** each fall. Once again, it's time to give generously to help feed our hungry neighbors. *Restore Hope* has many programs to combat homelessness, including a food pantry.

The first few years members actually brought canned goods. Then we graduated to buying cases of food at various local outlets. For many years now we've given the money we raise to *Restore Hope* and they buy the food they need through the food bank, which is the lowest cost in this area.

This year, for the first time, we're building a virtual mountain. *Restore Hope* used to load pallets of food each week at their warehouse, then bring it to us for stacking in our sanctuary. We would build our mountain over four weeks, then load all that food up one more time to return it to *Restore Hope's* warehouse. That was a lot of loading and unloading just to show how much food we had purchased. This year we're going to show how much food - the size of our mountain - in other ways and skip all that moving pallets of food around. Watch for videos before services, and articles in *The Spire*.

We know there are too many families in Tulsa who have insufficient food. One in five children in Tulsa is undernourished. Last year *Restore Hope* fed 4,677 families with nearly 249,176 pounds of food. New Haven, through our Mountain of Food, raised \$7,317 and bought 10,615 pounds of that food.

With your help we can do even more this year. **Starting this Sunday through November 10, you may write an extra check to New Haven and mark it "Mountain of Food".** Our Mountain will conclude on November 10 and we will bless the food we are able to provide. *Thank you for your generosity.*



UMPTENAGERS

Wednesday, October 16

Umpteenagers will be going to Clear Creek Abbey located near Fort Gibson Lake. Bus will leave church at 8:30am to arrive for 10:00 am Mass. The Monks said, while it is not required, most ladies wear scarf or other covering over their head. There will be a tour after the Mass. Lunch will be at Sequoyah Lodge where you can enjoy: Salads, Sandwiches, Burgers, "Okie Favorites" as well as dinners & desserts. En-route home we'll make brief stop at Wolf Clan Gallery & Boutique, inside Venue, at Taylor Ferry, Wagoner. Back to church around 3-3:30. It is a beautiful drive & Abbey is very interesting, Harold & I are looking forward to sharing experience

with you. For questions contact Linda Stockstill 918-697-5557. **Sign Up sheets are on the hall table, don't wait the bus fills up quickly.**



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH•HOPE•LOVE IN ACTION

The UMW Susanna Circle will meet Thursday, October 10 at 10am in the Parlor.

Kelly Sartain will host and provide a program "Celebrating 100 Years of UMW". We will discuss our role in our Church and plan our District meeting for 11/14.

THANK YOU!

**to everyone who helped
with this mission project!**

On **June 16** we completed **Part 1** of a three-part outreach project. On that day, we packed 120 bags full of hygiene items. On **August 11** is **Part 2**, this is where the congregation packed non-perishable food items into 120 bags, including items contributed by our VBS kids. Then on **September 22, Part 3 we completed our project, packing 120 backpacks**

1. Hygiene bag
2. Bag of non-perishable food items
3. Various odds and ends like bottled water, toilet paper and notes of encouragement.

The completed backpacks were delivered to the Tulsa Day Center on **September 23**, and will be handed to their clients.



A Big Thank YOU . . .

- - to the 16 chefs, 14 servers, and two publicists (Patrick & Carol!) for being the active body of Jesus Christ this past Monday, September 23rd at the Day Center for the Homeless?

We served a good meal to 122 folks at the Day Center, many even had seconds! AND we had enough Yum-Setti left over to feed another 25 or so at John 3:16.

Watching it happen genuinely inspires me and strengthens my faith. God reminded me that **OUR CHURCH, NHUMC, and our CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IS RELEVANT AND FAITHFUL!**

Sincerely,

Phil Roberts

***Note from SPIRE Editor** - - - I had just finished reading my Upper Room Devotion when I received Phil's email. This is the Upper Room Scripture for today- - Corinthians 12:28 (NRSV)

28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

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Pastor James

You are a Preacher, Counselor,
Teacher, Listener and Friend.

The *Lord* works in
wondrous ways through you;

You are an expression of
God's Love

Hebrews 6:10



Time to Register!

rest of my life. No one can explain it all because each person is touched differently but you will leave with a new fire burning!"

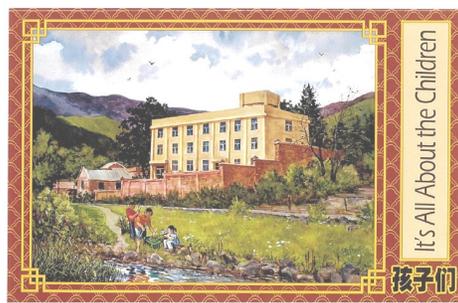
"I discovered Christ in a new way on the Walk. Praise God! I've never been the same since."

"So much fun singing, sharing with new friends, and even telling jokes. I never expected such a good time at a Christian retreat!" Your sister in Christ, Carolyn Toalson.

"The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual life changing experience that I will remember and use for the

Would you like to make your spiritual fire burn a little brighter? If so, consider attending the Walk to Emmaus. The next set of Emmaus Walks will be **Oct. 24-27 (for men) and Nov 7-10 (for women.)** The 72-hour Walk includes talks by clergy and lay persons, singing, prayer, Holy Communion, laughter, and sharing with other Christians on the journey with you.

We want to encourage the New Haven UMC members to consider this opportunity for spiritual growth and development. 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, Donita Gray, Carolyn Toalson.



Happy Children's Home of China

This Sunday, October 6 will be your last opportunity to purchase tickets for the October 18th Musical Evening of Dinner & Entertainment "To Build a Home" ~ Benefit for the Happy Children's Home of China.

The event is from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Asbury UMC, 6767 S. Mingo Road, Tulsa. Ticket Price is \$60.00 (checks should be made payable to: Council Oak District Office UMC.



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Opportunities of the Week

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm ACOA (210)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

6:00 pm Praise Team
7:15 pm Yoga - Parlor

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

2:00 pm Dot Haynes Memorial Service

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:15 pm Footprints Rehearsal
4:30 pm Disciple 3
5:00 pm Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:00 pm Writers' Group

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:00 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
6:30 pm Trustees - Parlor
7:00 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm ACOA (210)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

5:00 pm Staff Meeting - Parlor
6:00 pm Praise Team
7:15 pm Yoga - Parlor

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:30 pm AA (Gym)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

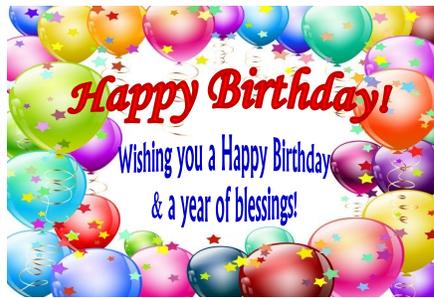
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
1:30 pm Finance Committee - Parlor
4:15 pm Footprints Dance Rehearsal
4:30 pm Disciple 3
5:00 pm Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

* **Interlude Sunday class** will begin a new study **Next Sunday, October 6 ~ 10:00 to 10:30 am** in the chapel. **"A New Playlist, Hearing Jesus in a Noisy World,"** by **Jacob Armstrong**. **All are Welcome!**

October Birthdays

- 1 Archer Duncan
- 2 Betty Hodge
Richard Jaeger
Carol Morgan
- 4 Mary Lou Abdo
- 6 Bill Ford
- 7 Paula Fox
- 10 Jim Leach
Mark Morgan
- 13 Courtney Merrick
- 25 Sue Hunnicut
- 26 Greg Gotcher
Teresa Roberts



ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

*Join us at 9:45 am and
Check out one or all of our
Connection Groups and see
which you would like to join!*

Room 185 Discovery Class
Parlor 115 Fellowship Class
Room 209 New Friendship Class
***Room 103 Interlude Class**
Room 206 New Haven 206
Room 161 Roundtable

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

September 22, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 49

11:00 am ~ 79

Total ~ 128

Livestream ~ 11

Sunday School

Adults ~ 52

Children ~ 16

Youth ~ 24

September 29, 2019

Worship Attendance

8:45 am ~ 42

11:00 am ~ 74

Total ~ 116

Sunday School

Children ~ 14

Youth ~ 9

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Joe Sanders
Janice & Guy Duffield
Jessica Nicholson-Kaufman
Dot Haynes
Don Gregory
Max Nightingale
Dodie Wood
Quitman McCrory
Christene O'Toole
Donita Gray
Bonnie Rainbow
Barbara Troutman
Barbara Coleman
Pam Holt on the death of her
brother, Arnold
Alon Soderfelt & family on the
death of her nephew, Cyd
Our Military & First Responders



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