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marlene@ocpres.com

To the members of Oak Cliff Presbyterian church

It has truly been an honor to serve Christ as your Facilities Manager at our church. It has been the best adventure of my life. The love and compassion that I see, I have found myself to be in awe almost on a daily basis. I find myself at a point in my life that I am finally embarking on my true calling that Christ has been preparing me for my entire life. It is by no happenstance that the events of my life have brought me where I am today. I have always believed Christ has a calling for all his children. No matter how daunting or difficult the task may be (that's supposed to be funny.) The true personalities of the individuals that make up the body of our church truly astound me with diverse cultures, personalities, sense of humor from the very young as well as the very wise. It truly can only come from the great Master Planner and as Pastor Clay would say, "Michael please keep it short." so I'll try to do that as I attempt to do my first front page bulletin, which I would like to relate to everybody that in itself is a miracle from God the fact that I have been able to sit down long enough to write this letter in an intelligent fashion. With that being said I have been truly honored and humbled and only hope and pray that I will always strive to give Christ and our congregation my very best. And as most of you already know I do have a propensity for the dramatic, which at Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church at times can be one my most valuable attributes in the continuous pursuit of putting Christ house in order with the repairs, as he repairs my heart and soul.

- Kitchen Renovation: June 21-July 4 A complete makeover provided by the generosity of donations from OCPC members.
- New Chairs: we will soon have a sample of new folding chairs for our fellowship hall, classrooms, conference room and upper room. Donations will be appreciated.
- Restroom Restoration: in the future our restrooms will modernized and made handicap friendly.

I am grateful for the help from Kenny Meyers and crew who is making our air conditioning problems cease and has offered to continue to work with me on that. I also appreciate Gerald Mathews for his expertise in electricity. He is offering his help in the kitchen renovation. We are very blessed to have these workers in our church. Also, for Laura Varner and her fabulous lunches for the workers!

I'll end by saying I am truly grateful for every morning and every evening the Lord allows me to spend with my wife my family and in His home that I get to call work I am eternally grateful for everyone for the love and support and kindness and the continual prayers from all members I truly aspire to have a much more humble giving supportive loving heart as the rest of my colleagues and staff members have, as well as our session, my committee, the Presbyterian women. I hope this ending isn't too abrupt. But I will consider this my first front page, with more to follow.

Heavenly father I praise your holy name for Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church and the members that you have put inside it.

Sincerely, your bother in Christ, Michael Gallippo

OCPC Staff:

Rev. Clay Allard, Senior Pastor
Rev. Sidney Beal, Pastor of Visitation
Dr. Charles Hunter, Parish Associate for Visitation

Antonia Parson, Minister of Outreach
Marlene Asbjornson, Church Administrator
Michael Gallippo, Facilities Manager

Susan Tickner, Minister of Music
Martha Allard, Worship Leader
Gary Loper, Handbell Director



To the Agape Fund in memory of James Barth from Kay Carpenter; Marvin and Nancy Sayers; Mrs. Cleo Backus.

To the Building Fund in memory of James Barth from Bob and Jane Seibert.

Randy Roberson and Sandy Shown are hosting an Anniversary Celebration for Johnny and Pat Roberson's 50 Years of Marriage. NO gifts please. Your presence is our gift.

Date: Saturday, July 24, 2010, 2:30-6:30 P.M.



Place: Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, 6000 S. Hampton Rd., Dallas, Texas.

RSVP: 817-676-2773, 972-298-6628.

Note: Randy and Sandy are also looking forward to visiting with former Sunday School and WYC friends.



Word from Rev. Friday Inya (missionary listed on the blue sheet):

Friday spends much time in his remote childhood Village trying to get the language in written form. He is forming "Onone Foundation. For more information, on google type in Rev. Friday Inya. There you will find more information about Friday and the Foundation. He teaches 50 students 4 days a week with 20 on a waiting list! "Onone is a great dream in my heart, please pray along with me for its fulfillment".

"Nigeria has indeed been on the news as always, and you can tell even from that distance what extremities are usually our lot. But thanks be to God, I have not been in danger of any kind. During the last crisis in Jos, I left Jos barely two nights and the crisis struck, sad indeed that our beautiful Jos city was destroyed and frightened, but thankful that God continues to control the wickedness of man and the excesses of Islamic fundamentalism."

"Please do advise friends at OCPC of my love and kind remembrances of them all.
Your friend in Christ Jesus, Friday"



Congratulations!

Louise Buchter's granddaughter Kenna Stark graduated from Valor High School in Denver, Colorado on May 28. She was Valedictorian of her class and the recipient of the Eagle Award.

BLOOD DRIVE THANKS

Thanks to all who donated or wanted to in May. We had 19 units drawn and 8 who wanted to but were deferred for medical reasons. We also had four who withdrew on Sat. for various reasons.

Still we managed a good drive and kept them busy. We also received \$150 in cash donations from some who can't donate but wanted to support the effort. Thanks to all. If you have not already checked on your blood type and cholesterol reading by either calling the phone number on the record sheet you were given or gone to the website for Carter BloodCare, be sure and do so.

See you again in September!

Charlotte Strom
Blood Drive Coordinator



CROP and Helping Hands Gleaning Ministry

We wish to thank all who participated in the Dallas CROP Hunger Walk by contributing \$1405.00 and/or walking. A portion of funds collected throughout the area, stays in Dallas and is used to support The Stewpot, Helping Hands Gleaning Ministry and Church World Service projects. Did you know the "Gleaning" Ministry" is located in DeSoto, TX? Dedicated volunteers salvage leftover food from God's bountiful harvest and donate it to feed hungry people. In 2009 alone, almost 4 million pounds of food were gleaned - that represents close to 12 million servings of food for hungry people. The main time to glean sweet potatoes is at the Yam Jam Gleaning Day scheduled this year for Saturday October 16 in the Alba area in east Texas. For more information, the gleaning schedule and pictures, check www.hhgleaning.org or call 469-337-2576.



Our church has agreed to be part of a program that will test some material/hymns being considered by the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song which will lead to a new Presbyterian collection of congregational song. Over the next year we will be singing some of new, unfamiliar hymns and evaluate them for the committee. Our first test hymn will be sung July 11. Come with open, willing hearts as we glorify God together with a new song!



It's Time for Our Sing-Along and Ice Cream Social!

Be sure to mark OCPC as the place to be **Saturday, July 24th, 2010, at 3:00pm** in the **fellowship hall**. This will be our afternoon to honor our senior adults by singing some of your requested old favorite hymns and songs. We will make ice cream sundaes to enjoy together, and yes, there will be diabetic treats, too! **Forms** will be available in your **Sunday school classes** and in the **office** to request hymns/songs and why they are special to you. Please **return** them to **Susie Tickner, Shirley Campbell, or the office by July 11th** so the program can be planned accordingly.

This has been a fun afternoon of fellowship and singing in the past and we hope it will be this year as well. We need your tapping toes, clapping hands, and warm voices present, so we will see you July 24th! **This event is for all who would like to come so come and bring someone with you!**

Buildings & Grounds is on the move to improve our House of Worship. The kitchen will be closed from June 21 through July 3. The Buildings & Grounds Commissioners will provide the After Church Fellowship on Sunday, June 27. We want you to know that we are working behind the scenes to improve our facility and to enhance our appearance to attract new members. Once they are in the door, they will feel the Love of God here and never want to worship anywhere else!



The Grand Re-Opening of our new kitchen will be celebrated with a BBQ on July 4th! We will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers to celebrate our National Independence Day and our wonderful new kitchen. We are asking you to bring side dishes for a BBQ and desserts to share in the After Church Fellowship after the 11 o'clock service.



If you have some talent in painting or light carpentry work, we would like you to feel free to volunteer your services during the kitchen renovation. Please contact Michael Gallippo, Facility Manager, @ 214-604-1164 to let him know of your talent and what time you would be able to lend your services. We in Buildings & Grounds are excited about the wonderful things that are happening here at OCPC, and we ask for your prayers as we use our treasure in God's House.

The Youth room has had a new facelift, as many of you may have noticed. To keep the memory of Donna Gann alive we have rehomed the crosses that were in her office into the teen room and they look great! As Mrs. Birdie quoted, "That's right where they belong." We really want to carry on Donna's passion and love of crosses, so we are looking to add more crosses to the teen room and would love the church community to help. If you have a cross you would like to donate you can bring it to the church anytime just give it to Autumn or Jonathan Wilk or place it somewhere in the teen room where we can see it and we will be sure to put it up on the wall!

Thank You!

July Birthdays

2 Esmond Hardin
 2 Scot Shepperd
 5 Gary Spurr
 6 Aleta Berghoef
 6 Jessica Ha;ett
 6 Robert Irby
 7 Sally Attebury
 7 Jalen Mathews
 9 Thia Lindsey
 9 Anna Awa
 10 J. D. Hall
 10 Jerry Wight
 11 Sebastian Awa
 14 Sammy Taylor

15 Karin Banks
 16 David Covington
 17 Charlene Taylor
 18 Lillian Hubbard
 19 Frances Roddriguez
 20 Chelsey Barnes
 20 Kari Smith
 22 Linnie Ford
 23 Chris Dyer
 24 Janice Beasley
 24 John Curtis
 24 Bernice Williams
 25 Evelyn Chalk
 26 Betty Anderson

26 Anna Malesky
 27 Bryan White
 28 Cassandra Gallardo
 28 Katie McAllister
 28 Marla Ringel
 29 Heather York
 30 Carol Reinecke
 31 Joseph Salas

Happy Birthday



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