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A BIG THANK YOU

to all who helped with the Thanksgiving dinner in any way.

On the Right Track

Wilbert Awdry was the son of a poor preacher in Wilshire, England. As a boy he often accompanied his father on his visiting rounds. Wilbert especially like riding the train and talking to the railway workers he met along the way.

A poor student, Wilbert barely managed to finish college. He decided to follow in his father's footsteps because he liked the idea of helping people see God. But Wilbert was not a successful preacher. In fact, he was fired by his church and for a while considered leaving the ministry altogether.

But then an event took place that changed his life forever. Wilbert's first child, Christopher, caught the measles. While Christopher was confined to his bed, Awdry amused him with a story he'd made up about a little train engine who was sad because he hadn't been out of his shed for a long time.

The boy wanted to hear the story over and over again. Wilbert finally wrote it down and illustrated it with some crude line drawings of trains with faces on them.

Wilbert's wife saw more in the story than family entertainment. She pushed her husband to offer the book to a publisher. Much to Wilbert's surprise, the publisher liked it.

In 1945, Wilbert Awdry's first book, *The Three Railway Engines*, was published.

Book after book followed. All were stories about little train engines with different personalities who interacted in very simple, but very human dramas. Every story rang with a message of morality, grace, and redemption.

As Awdry himself said of his creation, "The important thing is that the engines are punished and forgiven – but never scrapped!"

Wilbert Awdry wasn't very successful as a preacher. But he was extremely successful in sharing the love of God in another setting. Ask any child if they've heard of Awdry's creation, *Thomas the Tank Engine*, and you'll see just how successful he's been.

When he was asked what he would like to have engraved on his tombstone, he replied, "He helped people see God in the ordinary things of life…and he made children laugh." Not a bad legacy. You see, you don't have to be a preacher to impact a life.

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(references from Wikipedia)

If you read God's word from an English Bible, there is a man that you should be very thankful for his life and dedication. He was born c. 1494 and was burned at the stake in 1536. William Tyndale was fluent in English, French, Greek, Hebrew, German, Italian, Latin, and Spanish. He enrolled at Oxford in 1505 and graduated with his Master's degree when he was twenty one! His early efforts and requests in England to translate the Bible into English were all rejected by church authorities. He then went to Hamburg in 1524 and spent several years in Europe translating his Bible.

Several translations of the Bible had been attempted before Tyndale. He was the first to take advantage of the new medium of printing that had been recently invented. The early copies of the New Testament were printed in Cologne and later Antwerp. The book was smuggled into England and was immediately condemned in 1526. Tyndale was branded as a heretic and demands were made for his arrest. Some of his books were burned in public and warnings were given to booksellers not to distribute his translation.

Tyndale made a famous statement regarding his desire to translate the Bible into the common language of his fellow countrymen. "I defy the Pope, and all his laws; and if God spares my life, I will cause the boy that drives the plow in England to know more of the Scriptures than the Pope himself." He was betrayed to the authorities by a "friend" and was imprisoned over 500 days until he was strangled and burned at the stake for his terrible "crimes."

Tyndale succeeded in placing the scripture into the hands of the common people through his life's work. His translation became the basis for much of the King James Bible in 1611. <u>He brought several words from Biblical thought into the English language:</u>

Jehovah Passover Atonement Scapegoat

<u>He coined phrases such as:</u> "let there be light," "my brother's keeper," "the salt of the earth," "it came to pass," gave up the ghost."

<u>He wrote many other works such as:</u>
"The exposition of the fyrste epistle of seynt John with a prologge before it"
"A commendious introduction porloge or preface vnto the pistle off Paul to the Romayns"
"The souper of the Lorde"

How much of the Bible would you know today if you had to read it in either Latin, Hebrew, or Greek? For each of us who read God's work in the English
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CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Randy Bullock

PRAYER PETITIONS

Lloyd Haggerty had a heart attack last Sunday. He is at Midwest City hospital.
David H. Roper was taken to Midwest City hospital last Sunday.
Bennie Ballard had rotator cuff surgery. She is now at home.
Frances Stinnett is taking Oral chemo treatments. She is very weak. Short visits are ok but she may be resting. Do not go if you have a cold etc. as her immune system is low.

MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS:

Oleta Evans, Betty Carter, Richard Hanke, Verna Barney, Mary Ann Bizzell, Carrlene Daniels, Pat Tremain, Hershel and Beverly Watson, Berneice Franks, Pandy Moore, Floyd and Emma Gilbert, Don Griffith, Charlie Lewis, Inez Willson, Carol Gorrell, Cindy Bell Peters, Ethylene & Fred Hunholz.

OTHERS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Lynette Goodman, sister of **Dale Hartman,** is in Baptist hospital.
Matthew Hair, grandson of **Jack & Verna Vanwey, is** now recovering at their home.
Kern Porter, brother-in-law to the **Bullocks,** has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. He is awaiting test results before treatment can be planned.
Randy & Carrol Bullock's daughter, **Debbie Bynum.**
Oleta Evans' granddaughter, **Kelsey,** has cancer.
Bob Morrow's granddaughter, **Jennifer Hood**.
Verna Barney's brother, **George Waller.**
Sharron Keeter's grand-nephew, **Drew Bennett.**

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language, we owe a great debt of gratitude to William Tyndale. His giftedness, his courage, and his dedication has been a blessing to millions of us for centuries. Be Thankful!
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November 18, 2007

Bible Study	199
AM Worship	271
PM Worship	176
Wednesday (Nov. 14th)	229
Contribution	$10,171

PANTRY ITEMS: Spaghetti sauce.

HOLIDAY BANQUET: Because Furr's has closed and Golden Corral is expensive, we would like to cater the banquet this year and have it in the Growth and Outreach Center. The cost would be $7 a person and needs to be paid by Nov. 28th so they can give a count to the caterer. The date for the banquet is December 3rd. The time is 6:30 PM. Please make out your check to Eastside Church of Christ, mark it Holiday Banquet and give to **Bill Carter** or one of the elders.

If you can help by being on a cooking team for the Wednesday night meals see Jamie Thompson or Kristen Lovinggood. Each team fixes the meal each 7 weeks.

KEEP IN MIND the end of the year area wide devotional. This year it will be at the Ridgecrest Church. Be planning to attend. It will be uplifting. The singing is always very inspiring and the other parts of the worship also.

ALL LADIES are invited to quilt on our gift quilt for Russia. Come anytime. Bring needles, thimble, scissors and a friend. Thread is provided. The sooner we can quilt it the sooner we can mail it. It is set up on a frame in the fellowship hall in this building. If you can't quilt, just go look at it. It is a beautiful quilt and will be a memorable gift for Igor and Natasha from our members here at Eastside.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Whitehead
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Tomi Jo

to

Nathan Leroy Crawford

Saturday, the First day of December
Two Thousand Seven
at half past seven o'clock in the evening

Edmond Church of Christ
801 South Bryant
Edmond, Oklahoma 73034

Dessert Reception
Immediately Following

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PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYING FOR ALL OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY, AND ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE OVER-SEAS.

Billy VanCuren, Marc Hensley (son-in-law of Leland & Lucille Laws), Andrew Willson (grandson of Inez Willson and Stephanie Brewer's brother) Willie O'neal , (Wes Day's nephew), Mark Lawrence, Jeremy Saylor, Nathan Hartsburg, Kenneth Jones, Karl Wornock, Kendall Bailey, Chris Gonzales (James & Pat Bowers' nephew), Harley Meiki, (Hunter Moore's son) Jared Olmstead, and Lowell Cormier.

WATCH **"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"**
With Mac Lyon, Sunday Mornings
Cox 11 (reg 34) at 7 AM
Local channel 52 and
Cox Channel 9 at 7:30A.M.

"OLD LANDMARKS" Radio Program
With Kermit Webb
Monday-Friday, 11:30 A.M.
On Station 890 AM

Coming Events

Nov. 26 Clothing work days

Nov. 2 Serving the Savior

Nov. 27 Ladies Night Bible Class

Dec. 3 Holiday Banquet

Dec. 9 Mission Emphasis Sunday

Dec. 10 Serving the Savior

Dec. 11 Clothing giveaway

Dec. 25 Office closed

Dec. 26 Area Wide Devotional
at Ridgecrest Congregation

Ministers
Dale Hartman, Clay Bryant

Elders
Randy Bullock, Dale Hartman

Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Classes - 9:00 A.M.
Worship - 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 P.M.

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