

THROUGH THE VALLEY

A grief support group will begin on Monday, October 15 at 7 PM. It will run for 6 weeks ending on Monday November 19th.

It will meet in the Elder's office. We can give Jamie a head count and eat with the Serving the Savior folks on their weeks. You can either sign up in the office or call Pam Holt at 314-4500 or David Holt at 361-8000 just to give them an idea on numbers.

Trunk or Treat

Time after time, it seems that Eastside has another event upcoming that opens its doors to the community. Over the last few years, Trunk or Treat at Eastside has become a tradition with much promise. Through this event, we can offer a safe place for parents to bring their children without having to worry about the threat of dark neighborhoods, inappropriate costumes and activities, or treats that may not be safe to eat. Consider this – last year over 150 people attended and registered at Trunk or Treat. More than 80 people requested more information on the church of Christ. Eastside has always been great at supporting missions all around the world and doing its best to spread God's word in numerous places, but things such as the Clothing Giveaway, the Thanksgiving Meal, and Trunk or Treat have proven to be useful means of outreach to those in our own community. I challenge everyone who can to find some way to support this event. Hopefully, with this column, I can answer some questions that you might have.

When is it? This year, Trunk or Treat will take place on Saturday October 27th from 6-8pm.

What is it? Most people involved in Trunk or Treat decorate the trunks of their cars (most people choose a theme and dress accordingly). All vehicles will be parked in a semi-circle (trunks facing the building) around the building. Participants can start at one end working their way around to all the cars, proceed to the registration table just outside the doors of the Growth & Outreach Center, and then make their way inside where they can participate in all kinds of games and activities. Candy and other treats will be passed out at each vehicle and each game inside.

How can I help? We encourage all who can to decorate the trunks of their cars and pass out candy. Those who choose not to participate in this way can be of great assistance by helping with games that will take place in the Growth & Outreach Center or by helping with registration, set up, or clean up. Also, whether you can be here on that evening or not, everyone can bring candy to the church office or make a donation that will go towards purchasing candy to ensure that we have enough for the evening (last year we thought we had plenty of candy, but ended up nearly running out).

There are many ways to reach out to people in our community and to some this method may seem odd. Nonetheless, it has proven to be effective. Time after time, scripture encourages us to give to others, to be hospitable to others, and to show Christ to others. When all of these things take place in such a way, the result is that people are introduced to Eastside and, more importantly, are just a few steps from entering those doors on Sunday morning. Please help.

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This article was read by Pat Peters at the close of one of his lessons and several requested a copy.

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Sitting with God in The Silent Room of Illness

I am sick and I don't feel like being very spiritual.

I hurt, I just feel terrible.

And that makes me feel alone, and worthless, and bothersome to others.

So, where is God in this?

God is there just as He was present at Golgotha, and at the stoning of Stephen, and at the burning of the Temple. He seems to be silent. He seems to be powerless. He seems to be distracted from the immediate problem.

But at those moments He was just as faithful, just as present, just as powerful. He was not without mercy, but was ushering in grace. He was not unconcerned about the moment, but was focused on eternity.

In those moments when I want Him to shake the earth or zap my pain, or lift me out of my suffering, He holds me in the palm of His hand and reassures me that all will be well. I may still hurt, but it is not without cause. I may even die, but it is not without hope.

Since my pain is my pain, it is what I think is most important. But my pain may be more than misery. It may be a gateway to understanding the hurts of others or the temporary nature of life, or the vastly more important idea of eternity.

My illness may be a reminder of whose strength I can really count on and it's not my own.

My sick times are surely times of suffering in my body, but they may also be times of refocus for my mind, my heart and my soul.

My hurting may be temporary, leading to appreciation of a healthier life. Or it may be terminal, leading to preparation for eternity.

I would never wish this illness on anyone. I am sorry that I have to endure it and that gives the rest of my life more meaning, more compassion, more tolerance of the weakness of others.

To be continued next week.

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

ELDER OF THE MONTH: **Randy Bullock**

PRAYER PETITIONS

Frances Stinnett will have a liver biopsy Monday morning at Midwest City hospital.

Richard Hanke had surgery Monday. He is in St. Anthony Hospital.

Mary Ann Bizzell is now home.

Lois Timmons is in room 6636 at Midwest City hospital.

Wesley Simmons, the foster child of **David and Stephanie Brewer** has been in the hospital

Verna Barney is at home, but is still ill.

Sue Ziegler is now home.

Jamie Davis had surgery on the 20th. It went well and she is recuperating at home.

Sue Ziegler is now under hospice care. **Dan** and their family would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers. for her. She is unable to talk now, but your visits would be welcome as encouragement.

MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS:

Chuck Bryant, Jim Klein, Lovelle Sanders, Dorothy Davis, Carlene Daniels, Lucille Laws, Claudette Gibson, Pat Tremain, Helen Adair, Hershel and Beverly Watson, Berneice Franks, Pandy Moore, Floyd and Emma Gilbert, Verna Barney, Don Griffith, Charlie Lewis, Inez Willson, Carol Gorrell, Cindy Bell Peters, Dan and Sue Ziegler, Ethylene & Fred Hunholz.

OTHERS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Tom Rard's sister-in-law, **Loretta Rard**, is taking chemo treatment.

Oleta Evans' granddaughter, **Kelsey**, has cancer.

Bob Morrow's granddaughter, **Jennifer Hood**, is in Children's Hospital with paralysis on the right side.

Verna Barney's brother, **George Waller**.

Sharron Keeter's grand-nephew, **Drew Bennett**.

September 30, 2007

Bible Study	220
AM Worship	319
PM Worship	218
Wednesday (Sept. 26th)	243
Contribution	\$9,636

PANTRY ITEMS: canned milk, canned potatoes, and jelly..

A teacher is needed for the second grade. See **Susan Daniels** or **Clay Bryant** if you would like to do this.

LADIES NIGHT TIME BIBLE CLASS: This is a 12 month study and will be on Wednesday nights starting on October 10. **Sharron Keeter** will be the facilitator. It will start at 6:45 PM and end when our other class is over.

Prayers Can't be Answered
Unless they are prayed

Life without purpose is barren indeed.
There can't be a harvest unless you plant seed.
There can't be attainment unless there's a goal,
And man's but a robot unless there's a soul...
If we send no ships out, no ships will come in,
And unless there's a contest, nobody can win...
For games can't be won unless they are played,
And PRAYERS can't be ANSWERED
unless they are PRAYED...
So whatever is wrong with your life today,
You'll find a solution if you kneel down and pray
Not just for honors and prestige and wealth...
But pray for a purpose to make life worth living,
And pray for the joy of unselfish giving,
For great is your gladness
and rich your reward
When you make your life's
Purpose the choice of the Lord.

Helen Steiner Rice

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Oct. 7	Baby shower for Sharla Butler
Oct. 8	Wedding shower for Heather Hartman/ David Roberts
Oct 8,	Columbus Day (office closed)
Oct. 8	Clothing work day
Oct. 9	Clothing Giveaway
Oct 15	Serving the Savior
Oct 22, 23	Clothing work days
Oct 27	Trunk or Treat
Oct 29	Serving the Savior

GOOD-BYE CHUCK AND MARTI

We at Eastside extend our very best wishes and gratitude to **Chuck and Marti White** as we say good-bye to them and as they leave to make their home in Edmond, Oklahoma. We appreciate their many years of service while they worshiped here at Eastside and for all the various areas in which they have given of their time and talents. Chuck has been an elder for several years and he and Marti have taught many Bible classes. Chuck & Marti, we love you and are sorry to see you go and may God be with you and bless you in your new location.

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

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

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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