



Maranatha Sunday School Class



Maranatha Class notes:

Today: 15 February 2015
<u>Birthdays:</u> Sam Smith (17) Dean Todd's (18)
<u>Anniversaries:</u> Suzy and Rob Morgan (16)
<u>Prayer today:</u> Richard Wansley
<u>Speaker this week:</u> Rev David Wiggs
<u>Snacks this week:</u> Carol & Mickey Maus Charlotte & Roger Rowe

Next Week: 15 February 2015
<u>Birthdays:</u>
<u>Anniversaries:</u>
<u>Prayer next week:</u> Jim Embrey
<u>**Speaker next week:</u> Rev David Wiggs
<u>Snacks next week:</u>

MINUTES:

Opened class with prayer at: 9:45

Class recorder was turned On at: 9:59 Off at: 10:45

Thank you for the snacks and refreshments.

****Michelle Place is our VP of curriculum. If you or someone you know that would be interested in giving a class/lesson, please let her know with contact information. This is a very demanding and time sensitive job, so we all need to help her on this task throughout the year.**

January 2015 class average: 76.5

GUEST:

Dave & Debbie Romig
Dee Dueck

David & Marianne Stambaugh
Steve Echols

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FINANCE:

Get your finance request into the Finance committee this February. First distribution is scheduled for March 2015. We are using this form to help us start a tractable/trendable way of showing (a source document) of what we spend and donate our money on throughout the year. We want to get away from just "shooting off the hip" on doing things. Just because we have donated to a cause in past doesn't mean we can't again or have to again. Work with us so that we can make this a better and more efficient way of doing business for us all.

From Susie Butterworth: Susie has sent a draft past expenditure spread in the work now. Mark Butterworth and Jim Embrey are reviewing the data currently. It should be published soon to the website. More to come soon.

MISSIONS:

23 February: **Chili Supper**, only a few spots left to sign up for! Nancy and Joey have the details. This is fun for all.

SOCIALS:

Sunday, March 8, Noon **Road Trip to the Coleman Theatre in Miami, OK** – Back by popular demand, this time without ice on the roads, please! We will see the 2:30 viewing of the 1915 silent film *The Italian* while Resident Organist Dennis James plays the Mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ. We will be back in Tulsa around 6:00 p.m. (K, J) **Clip board is going around for signing up on this, starting today.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please see the bulletin boards for information in regards to happens around the church and other opportunities.

The Day Center for the Homeless dinner went great per Rex and Roger. They served over 140 people and were completed in a new record time! Great job to all of you. Roger and Charlotte mentioned how fun it was and how appreciative everyone was for the dinner. Keep you radar turned on, more opportunities are coming up this year.

See Finance notes above.

Audio will be posted this week for last and this week. Barbara just returned from being out of town.

Happy Valentines to us all!

Lent starts the 18th. Let's put our heart and mind into the reflective season - realizing the depth and magnitude of sacrifice it means to us all.

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Gabrielle Blankenship is asking if anyone would be interested in forming a book/study group on the side to continue their Christian walk in faith. Please let her know. **Addendum: Gabrielle wants everyone to consider changing the format to be 1) pick a book, 2) read the book, 3) meet and discuss the book.** She feels that meeting every week is too hectic and demanding with our busy lives. Please let her know.

Carol and Dave Grim will be conducting a class titled, "Invitation to the New Testament", day and time to be announced. This is projected to be an eight week course. See attachment for this week for more info.

Angelyn Dale announced that she will be teaching the **TAGS Class**: "What Talents, Abilities, Gifts and Skills Did God Give To YOU?" Come discern and discover your own talents, abilities, gifts and skills in this fun, active and participatory workshop. God has given each of us our own special aptitudes to serve His Kingdom, but we aren't always sure where we fit. This is a four hour class in which you explore how your unique capabilities could both fulfill you and bless BAUMC in ways no one else can! Angie will be offering the class at the church on Saturday, March 7th from 8:15 to 12:30 and a separate session on Sunday, April 19th from 12:15 to 4:30, so choose the time that fits with your schedule. If you are interested, please contact Angie for more details. Her email is adale@hallestill.com and her cell phone is (918)638-2353.

1. Mark your calendars:

- A. **Rev. David Wiggs** will be our speaking for the last time this go around.
- B. **Dr. Mouzon Biggs** will be our speaker for the whole month of March.

CARANATHA:

Lynn Jesse-Russell ask that if anyone has any information about class members to please let any Caranatha member know so that they can check with the family to see if they need anything.

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Joys & Concerns:

Please keep John Sherman in your prayers and thoughts. He is suffering with back pain.

Dan Blevins was sick to day - Dan is the Man! He needs to get well and get back to us.

Paula Scott's mom has shingles, please keep her in your prayers.

Sarah Maldonado has shingles too! That is why she isn't in church today.

Cisco is still healing from the knee surgery, but is getting closer to getting back on the bicycle.

Steve Echols is heading back to the "Land of Enchantment". We will miss you, but hope you come back soon to see us.

Lynn Jesse - Russell's dad is still in the hospital and seems to be stable.

For the record, Nancy Christi will leaving this summer and will be moving to Virginia...get those hugs in while you can. She is awesome and we love her strength, energy and caring heart for us all.

There is pain and agony all over the world. In addition to the prayer in service this morning; let's also keep the Coptic Christians that were and are being executed in Iraq in our thoughts and prayers. This was brought up to me by several members in the sanctuary and in class. This intolerance weighs heavy on all of us - an attack on one is an attack on us all; this includes all religious groups. Hate and war has no place in Love and Peace. 🙏

Joys & Concerns are important; as a community we share our happiness and lean on each other when in need. In your daily prayers, remember the unspoken and those without a voice.

- Please email me (maranathaclass@gmail.com) any and all Joys & Concerns and I will incorporate them into our newsletter and if time permits, into our class, next week.

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Technical Notes:

Barbara is back! Yeah! She will be posting both recordings this week.

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Lent is almost here, let's keep that in our sights for 40 days...or longer? Maybe?

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