



Maranatha Sunday School Class



Maranatha Class notes:

Today: 29 March 2015	Next Week: 5 April 2015
<u>Birthdays:</u> Suzy Morgan (29) Mark North (1) John Harkin (1) Jim Banes (2)	<u>Birthdays:</u> Rob Reck's
<u>Anniversaries:</u> Not this week	<u>Anniversaries:</u> Ginny & Jerry Walker Martha & Dan Blevins Sherry & Jim Griffin Judy & John Harkins
<u>Prayer today:</u> Scott Morgan	<u>Prayer next week:</u> Pam Sherman
<u>Speaker this week:</u> Dr. Mouzon Biggs	<u>**Speaker next week:</u> Brunch/Jim Embrey/Finance Committee, 1st issue
<u>Snacks this week:</u> G = Lynn & Bob Russell H = Susan Morgan	<u>Snacks next week:</u> Brunch!!!! (See attachment)
<u>Boston Avenue UMC:</u> http://www.bostonavenue.org/	<u>Maranatha Class:</u> http://maranathaclass.org/

MINUTES:

Opened class with prayer at: 9:45

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.

2015 Class averages:

GUEST: *Welcome!*

January: 76.5

March: 98

February: 85

Steve Echols	David Kooker
Shelia and Hays Van Hersh	Martha Phillips
Peggy Lewis	Ed Vierheller
Jan Addison	Robert & Pat Newman
Gail Biggs	

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FINANCE:

***Sunday 5 April**, the Finance committee (FC) will be presenting our first half (2015) distribution from our auction proceeds. **All 2014 obligations have been meet.** **I have requested and the FC has agreed to reserve \$5000 for emergencies for 2015.** See attached for our class policy on giving--the FC in all earnest effort kept this foremost in their discussion for funds.

***** In all fairness funds were "shared" to try and meet all request. To keep this moving along, we are going to "block" approve our funds. For example, if we discuss every line and haggle over every amount, we will never get funds out to recipients. Majority rules for passing the measure, all questions will be entertained, discussed and if a major issue evolves, we will move that subject out and pass the rest. Please be civil in all matters. Remember we will have another distribution of funds post June.

***** The FC will be sending me a report later this week that I will forward to all to review and consider before meeting this coming Sunday. If you have questions/comments before then, please address them to me and I will forward to the FC; if you wish you can go direct to the FC members, but please include all of them.

***** Remember, we are looking for 2016 volunteers now for all offices, to include Finance!

SOCIALS: From (Social Committee)

"Our next social will be Friday evening, **May 1st**, in our Maranatha classroom. It will be a Super Swap Potluck Social. Bring any books, books on tape (CD or cassette), music CDs, cassettes, (LPs anyone?), movie DVDs or VHS, to swap with others! It will be a "free for all" potluck dinner to socialize with friends while you have the opportunity to find that book you've always wanted to read or listen to, that movie you never rented, that music you enjoy but don't have while cleaning out those same items from your own stash to trade with others. Start spring cleaning now for media items you want to swap that evening. If you don't have any items to bring, FINE! Come eat with us and maybe you'll go home with a book, music or movie you want! A potluck sign-up will go around in coming weeks, but for now, gather your used media to share for our Super Swap!"

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MISSIONS:

8 May is our next scheduled mission; serving dinner at the "Day Center for the Homeless". Rex and Roger are working a few projects, more details later.

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.

Technical Notes:

A note to say that the recording may be as late a Thursday before it is uploaded to our site.

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Joys & Concerns:

Pam Sherman's granddaughter has been accepted to a college in Wisconsin for Physics! Way to go!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Attendance today was 105--**STRONG!** Let's keep it rolling.

5 April will be our Easter Brunch. We will also be having our Finance committee reporting on what their proposal(s) will be on our first disbursement of monies. We will discuss the matter and will be asking all to pray on the matter and a vote be then or at a later date.

Lynn Russell announced that the "Designer Show Case" will be happening in mid April, more details as we get closer.

If you need time to make an announcement, please let me know and I will set time a side for you.

Terry Jones is passing around a signup sheet for volunteers.

Do me/us a favor, when you see a visitor come to our class go out of your way to say hello to them and welcome them and make them feel at home with us. Also, ensure **they get our brochure** on the welcome desk. It has important information in it to help the member get acquainted with our class and who we are.

See attachment for Dr. Biggs bulletin board notes for today's lecture.

Please see the **bulletin boards** for information in regards to happens around the church and other opportunities. All of March notes will be coming down this week to make ready for April.

A lot of services are available this week, please make it a point to be at one or more--this is a very important time of the Christian year and we need to give it our attention for thoughtful reflection.

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