



# Maranatha Sunday School Class



## Maranatha Class notes:

<b>Today: 27 December 2015</b>
<b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Karen Harris (28)     David Kooker (28) Mike Stephenson (29)
<b><u>Anniversaries:</u></b> Pam & Karey Low (30)
<b><u>Prayer today:</u></b> William Meyer
<b><u>Speaker this week:</u></b> A year in review//Jim Embrey
<b><u>Snacks this week:</u></b> <b>Brunch!</b>
<b><u>Boston Avenue UMC:</u></b> <a href="http://www.bostonavenue.org/">http://www.bostonavenue.org/</a>

<b>Next Week: 3 January 2015</b>
<b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Jim Griffin (3)     Gary Smith (8) Jim Seymour (3)     Joel Panciera (9) Leslie Paris (8)
<b><u>Anniversaries:</u></b>
<b><u>Prayer next week:</u></b> Roger Rowe
<b><u>**Speaker next week:</u></b> Brenda Reed
<b><u>Snacks next week:</u></b> G = Becky Morris H = Shari & Lynn Goodwin
<b><u>Maranatha Class:</u></b> <a href="http://maranathaclass.org/">http://maranathaclass.org/</a>

## MINUTES:

Class recording started at 10:00.

Thank you for the snacks and refreshments.

## Guest:

Taylor "Davis" Davis, her grandparents from the Great State of Texas!

## 2015 Class averages:

January: 77

July: 60

February: 85

August: 72

March: 98

September: 68

April: 80

October: 66

May: 66

November: 69

June: 67

December: 66

**\*Overall weekly average for the year was  
72.**

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## FINANCE:

Susie gave us a great briefing on our finances and we look strong for 2016. Thank you to all for your loving and kind generosity. Note that the paintings that David Cooley donated are still up for auction/bid. Ed Payton is working on how to have them up loaded to an art website for potential bidding to people outside of our circles. **IF** you know how to do this or have an insight, please contact Ed Payton he would be interested in talking to you about this subject.

## SOCIALS:

15 January at 6 PM, in the Maranatha classroom we will have our, ***Alice in Wonderland***  
***and our collective UNbirthdays!*** Please sign up next week for this fun event!

## MISSIONS:

- ~~27 December: Serving dinner at St Luke's church of redemption.~~
- This event has been rescheduled for 31 January 2016. More as we get closer.

Due to weather, people from Turley could not make the Redemption meeting/dinner. Therefore it was celled.

## JOYs:

- It was great seeing **Melanie and Rick Evans** today! It will not be long before they come home for good! We are waiting for you all. **Rick** is heading back to Florida to "check back into the saw mill". **Melanie** will hang around for a few more days helping with her daughter's wedding coming up in April, to be held at Boston Ave UMC! It will be great.
- **Rita Singer!** So awesome to see you this morning--always a pleasure to have you here. She is heading back to California for a month and will be back again to see us throughout the year.

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- *OK, I admit it, I have a grin on my face like "the Cheshire cat" from Alice in Wonderland-- it would take a sledgehammer to knock it off of my face.* My Joy is you all for your support, love and caring. It has been a great year and experience working for you and I look forward to supporting **Jim McCann** and our class in any capacity I that I can. Thank you all. I cannot imagine me being anywhere else in my life than with you all.

## Scheduled Missions (as of this writing) for 2016:

31st January: St Luke's Redemption Church, serving dinner (this is a makeup date from 2015)

22 February: Chili Dinner for BCG series at BAUMC

11 March: Day Center for the Homeless, feeding dinner

22 May: St Luke's Redemption Church, serving dinner

24th July: St Luke's Redemption Church, serving dinner

9th September: Day Center for the Homeless, feeding dinner

**\*\*If you know of a Mission that you think we "Maranatha" would fit into our scope of work, let Glenna Arnott or Jim Embrey know and we will look into it for a possible mission.**

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## Concerns:

Rob Davis gave us a briefing in regards to Bobby Davis. All in all, he is in pain from his surgeries but is on the slow road to recovery.

Lynn Jesse's father is in failing health, please keep all of them in your prayers.

Please uplift Jeff Allen's father in your prayers.

Karen Campbell's // Denzil Tallent's father fell down and broke his hip. He has completed his surgery. Keep them all in your prayers.

Shannon Latchem had her surgery for breast cancer MD Anderson in Houston on 7 December. She is now recovering.

Keep Debbie Jacoby in your prayers for her sinus surgery and condition. Steve and Debbie are in Colorado rehab'n. Steve is skiing with his buddies (I believe this is referred to as empathy--but what do I know, I am a guy) and Debbie is laying on the couch.

Continue to keep Paul Staat & his family in your prayers, as noted by Paul's presence this past Sunday, the chemo therapy is starting to kick in, i.e. the hair is starting to fall out. Hang in there Paul!

Keep praying for David Cooley's recovery on his ankle.

Anna Jenkins, Bethany's very good friend and my grandkids foster mom to the prayer list. After two years of battling breast cancer and since it has spread to several other parts of her body including her brain she has decided to stop chemo and radiation treatment. The doctors don't give her very much time. It's hitting Bethany and the kids pretty hard. Anna is only 43. Thanks.

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## **Announcements:**

\*\*All of the class officers positions have been filled, see below for our 2016 officer listing. Thank you all for stepping up and helping with our class continued success.

**\*\*Please review the email from Pam Low and respond to her for any changes you may need on the class roster for 2016.**

**Please email (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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## Speakers for December:

6th

--Joe Harris

13th

--Richard Wansley

20th

--Scott Morgan

27th

--Brunch, end of year new  
President tenure begins

## Speakers for January

3rd

--Brenda Reed, "*State of the  
Church*"

10th

--Brenda Reed, "*Something  
Inspirational*"

17th

--Steve Dickie (still in work)

24th

--Steve Dickie (still in work)

31st

--TBD

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## **December volunteers to Pray:**

6th Michelle Place

13th Carol Grim

20th Kendall Carpenter

27th William Meyer

## **January volunteers to Pray:**

3rd Roger Rowe

10th Paula Scott

17th Pam Sherman

24th Richard Wansley

31st Lynn Jesse

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## 2016 Maranatha Officers

**President:** Jim McCann

**VP Curriculum:** Michelle Place

**VP Finance:** Bob Russell/Jim Embrey/Dave Grim/Karen Campbell (Emerita), 2016 President

**VP Missions:** Glenna Arnott/Jim Embrey

**Social:** Dale/Maldonado/Campbell/Payton (Jeannie and Judith)

**Auction:** Judith and Ed Payton

**Attendance taker(s)/Secretary:** Sharon Earley

**Refreshments:** Debbie and Scot Morgan

**Reporter:** Meredith Davison-Wansley

**Caranatha:** Carol and Dave Grim

**Chili Supper:** Jim & Julee Embrey

**Historian:** Pam Low

**Treasurer:** Susie Butterworth

**Web Master:** Barbara Meehan

**As of 27 December 2015**

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