Surf's Up Dude!

The Orchard at HACC is ready to "Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love"!

Join us for HACC's VBS "Kick Off Sunday" on June 26th!

Surf on over to the Children's Ministries Welcome Center to register your child & bring a friend to visit and do the same! Postcards will be on hand to share with your neighbors and friends about VBS and summer activities at The Orchard. Volunteers are needed for Kitchen Staff, "LifeGuard" Duty, Registration and Activities. We would love to see your smiling face at the SURF SHACK! You can volunteer to help all week or just for one day.

Surf Shack VBS
July 11-14, 10 am to 1 pm

*Each child will need a separate registration.

VOLUNTEER LINK: http://bit.ly/1ZM960s

Questions? Contact Giselle Chebny at Chebnyfamily@yahoo.com or Allison Asbill at Allirn1031@yahoo.com

**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**

Sing-along concert performance
Sunday June 26, 7 pm

in the Sanctuary at Harvard Avenue Christian Church

See details on Page 6
Middle School Mission Trip:
Thanks to all of you who kept our middle school mission team in your prayers. They served at Heifer Ranch. Our youth had a great experience and a blast together.

High School Mission Trip:
Our High School Mission Team leaves next Monday, June 27, for a week serving in St. Louis. We will be partnering with about a dozen other churches from across the US and doing everything from relational ministry to construction. If you get a chance this week or next I would love for you to spend time lifting our team up in prayer, specifically for our students' safety and energy as they give of themselves to serve others.

High School Mission Trip Team:
Charlie Robson – Sam Robson – Charlie Freeman – Drew Rhynes – Eli Brock – Cooper King – Dartanian Tilley
Lonny Grigsby – Cameron Gough – Gillian Payne – Emma Robson – Kacey King – Kate Rhynes – Trinity Santos
Clarrissa Tilley – Ava Kirchmer – Katie Clary – Anne Emerson – Jennifer Brock – Colt, Jess & Liam Stubblefield

Grace & Peace, Colt 918-691-6525 colt@hacctulsa.org

Summertime Fun
OK, it’s official now. The Summer Solstice was on June 20th. Summer has officially begun. This notice is for those of you who haven’t opened your door and figured it out on your own. For thousands of years, humans have tracked the changing seasons and tried to understand the cyclical nature of nature. We’ve stared at the sky and observed that the sun, moon, and stars seem to perform an annual dance that mirrors the one here on the earth’s surface. It seemed there must be a ‘cause and effect’ relationship.

Stonehenge is probably the best-known example of a prehistoric monument built by humans to acknowledge the Summer Solstice. It’s located on the Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire in the west of England. Archeologists have determined the structure was built around 4,000-5,000 years ago. With the relatively primitive technology of that era, it is estimated that the combined resources (human, financial, and natural) assigned to the project were similar to those needed to complete the Panama Canal. Stonehenge is aligned so as to capture the Sun’s light at sunrise on the Summer Solstice. Just imagine the dedication of those primitives who showed up sunrise after sunrise in order to know when summer had started. Nowadays we Google it.

Summer is also, unfortunately, trauma season. As the temperature rises and our school-year routines are suspended, driving and outdoor recreation increases and good judgment decreases. During summer, people also get distracted and blood donations drop off- just when they are needed most. As a community of faith, we can help.

Wednesday, June 29, from 4-7 PM, HACC will be hosting a Blood Drive. Let’s face it; it’s too darn hot to do much of anything outside. Why not do something really cool- spend about an hour with some really cool people in a cool place, the HACC Family Life Center. And what could be cooler than saving lives? Sign up ahead to reserve a good time slot. Eat well and drink extra water that day. Save time by doing your health questionnaire online at obi.org/donor-express. Remember to bring your photo ID. Please give prayerful consideration to being a part of this vital ministry. Hope to see you there! -Rick Langenheim, Outreach Team
Congratulations!

Taylor Jane Buchan was born at 6:35 pm on June 18, 2016 to Megan and Ryan Buchan. Taylor weighed in at 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19” long. Big brothers are Corbin and Barrett and her proud grandparents are Bill and Betsy Richert.

Come help us decorate!

**Tuesday, June 28, 2016 10 am – 2 pm**

**Wednesday, June 29, 2016 10 am – 2 pm & 5 – 7 pm**

*Childcare available in the evening session – RSVP*

**Thursday, July 7, 2016 2 – 5 pm**

**Friday, July 8, 2016 10 am – ????**

**Sunday, July 10, 12:30 pm – ?**

*(We'll have lunch!)*

*Childcare will be available upon request to darlene@hacctulsa.org*

Kanakuk Kamp Out

Christian Day Camp

Spiritual training, confidence building, adventure & water sports, and more!

**August 1 - 5, 8:40 am-4 pm**

For information, questions, or to register: www.kanakuk.com/kampout

Transformers in Action: Field Trip

“Transformers in Action” is a new service & fellowship group for children who have completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th Grade! On Friday, July 8th, kids will meet at HACC at 9am to travel to the Day Center for the Homeless. After an informational tour of the facility the kids will help measure and package individual portions of toiletry items. We will then go to the Children’s Museum to enjoy a picnic lunch and fun! Many thanks to Patience Kilgore and Allison Asbill for planning our summer TIA activities! There will be another event in August relating to our own School Uniform Closet and sorting school supplies. Date TBA. Please RSVP to Pastor Darlene so we can provide adequate transportation – thank you! darlene@hacctulsa.org.
The Paradigm of Partnership:  
_A New Language for the Church’s Mission_

In recent years, the church has taken on some new language. It is a language of “partnership.” Partnership is meant to describe a particular of carrying out our evangelistic task in service to Christ. The term is intended to recognize that relationships matter and compel us to be in community with those we serve. Furthermore, it requires us to think about our ministerial relationships in ways that we would understand any other intimate bond: Is the relationship sustainable? How about mutual? Is there a sense of solidarity and collaboration?

Partnership has become particularly important to those of us who have been preparing to travel to Chacraseca, Nicaragua. Growing up, we would have referred to our efforts abroad as “missionary work.” And that would make good sense, since in the Christian tradition, the “mission” is God’s mission in the world. But despite this broad definition, the term has been used almost exclusively to refer to the work that is being done overseas or in a cultural context differing from the individual who is sent. The term has even developed some unhelpful baggage that way, including a lingering sense of colonialism and paternalism that have been bound up in some of the church’s missionary endeavors.

Our ministry partner, _JustHope_, has done good work to move beyond this “missionary” paradigm and practice in global relationships with the communities it serves in Nicaragua. Even here at home, our HACC Outreach Team has moved toward a paradigm of “partnership”: a language and practice of carrying out God’s mission in the world by building sustainable, mutual, and collaborative relationships in service to Christ.

Lilla Watson, is an indigenous Australian has been credited with saying, “If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.” Indeed, our salvation is bound up in Christ’s work of building relationships of justice and love for all peoples. Let us then continue the good and faithful work of partnership!

- Kevin Howe
Believe!

How Is Your Eternal Investment Portfolio?

Those of you who follow the stock market know that the past two weeks has been characterized by “uncertainty” … the result of not knowing whether Great Britain will vote to withdraw from the European Union, referred to as “Brexit”. Financial markets have been erratic to say the least, with a number of “disastrous predictions” based upon a vote to exit. I am not sure about you, but I simply do not like uncertainty!

However, I found comfort in something I read recently, authored by Randy Alcorn in his book Money, Possessions, and Eternity. Mr. Alcorn stated, “Christians are God’s delivery people, through whom He does his giving to a needy world. We are conduits of God’s grace to others. Our eternal investment portfolio should be full of the most strategic Kingdom-building projects to which we can disburse God’s funds.”

I think you will agree with me that there is NO “uncertainty” when our “eternal investment portfolios” are invested for the glory of our Loving God!

Bruce Cargill, Stewardship Team

Great Dates with your Mate
June 23- July 28, 6-9 pm

Gather at 6 pm
(Childcare: Children's Wing
Adults: Chapel)

15 minute marriage testimony (in the Chapel)
then head out on a date with your mate!

Childcare available 6 pm to 9 pm
$10/child + $5/each additional

Contact: Jessica Dyer, jessica@hacctulsa.org
Childcare RSVP: Darlene Martinez, darlene@hacctulsa.org

Labyrinth Companions
FIELD TRIP to Prairie Labyrinth at Turtle Rock Farm, OK!

On Saturday, June 25, Labyrinth Companions of Tulsa will carpool for about an hour and a half east to Turtle Rock Farm. Turtle Rock has a www.turtlerockfarmretreat.com to learn all about their sustainable farming practices. We will leave Tulsa at 8 am from HACC, arrive at TRF around 9:30, walk the prairie labyrinth, listen to a talk with Pat Hoerth, and brown bag lunch on the patio. If the group is up to it, we may go to nearby Tonkawa to walk the heart-shaped labyrinth before returning to Tulsa in the afternoon.

The fee is $10 with a minimum of 10 people, so please RSVP if you plan to attend. You might also specify whether you want to be a driver and how many people could ride with you. I will drive and can host 4 passengers! Hope some HACC folks can join us! RSVP to: darlene@hacctulsa.orgastor Darlene Martinez
We are pleased to present Jesus Christ Superstar in concert under the direction of Catherine Ratliff, Resident Musician at Harvard Avenue Christian Church.

The concert will be accompanied by a 10-piece orchestra including Eric Noble on trumpet and Susie Monger-Daugherty on organ.

The lead vocalists include Jeremy Stevens (music director for Theater Tulsa and Broken Arrow High School) as Herod, David Moreland as Pilate (Enjolras in Les Miserables, Henry in Next to Normal), Cody McCoy as Jesus (Gabe in Next to Normal, Fyedka in Fiddler on the Roof), Peter Youtsey as Judas (Patsy in Spamalot), Tim Petty as Caiaphas (former Tulsa Opera studio artist), Catherine Ratliff as Mary Magdalene, Sam Briggs as Peter (Tulsa Opera Chorus, Robin in Spamalot, Curly in Oklahoma). The ensemble is made of the finest talent Tulsa has to offer including Harvard Avenue's Todd Maxwell, and the hope is the audience will join in the singing and make one of the largest ensembles Tulsa has seen. (Of course, singing is in no way required to attend!)

The performance is free, though donations toward production and artist costs will be appreciated. Don't miss this event THIS Sunday night!
You Won’t Lose Out

““This is a large work I’ve called you into, but don’t be overwhelmed by it. It’s best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won’t lose out on a thing.”” -- Matthew 10:42 MSG

Some days are more overwhelming than others. The same could be said of seasons in our lives. Serving in the role I do, I am daily surrounded by lives engulfed in various overwhelming seasons of life. People faced with care-giving decisions for their parents. People struggling with a child with a unique set of needs. People wondering if this will be the day the pink slip shows up at work. People dealing with the grief of loss or loneliness or sense of being without purpose. These are just snippets of the scenarios I’m invited into on a daily basis. It is truly an honor to be trusted to shoulder these realities with you. My family has our own struggles of course. With five of us navigating life, there are ten eyes, ten ears, and fifty toes encountering the realities of being human on a daily basis, each with unique challenges and questions about life. I don’t need to tell you that it’s hard to be human. You have a sense of this already.

What I am grateful for today is that Jesus understood this as well and offers a word for the times when we are most overwhelmed. First the acknowledgement: “I know this is a large work I’ve called you into.” Jesus understands that our path to meaning won’t come as a breeze. Living for Christ is a calling that we each are asked to live out in our own context. When challenge comes in its many forms, it is easy to neglect our calling to serve God. However, Jesus offers the encouragement to keep after it. Don’t abandon your calling altogether. Keep serving, if even through the sharing of a cool drink of water with someone who is thirsty. If life has served you a full plate of discouragement today or a side dish of feeling overwhelmed, know that there is something you can do. Start small. Offer a kind word. Write a note of encouragement. Help someone in need. A small act of service may be the very thing to get you out of a funk and refocused on your calling in Christ. So keep after it, friends. It is worth it. You are worth it. Trust in Jesus’ promise: “You won’t lose out on a thing.”

Next Sunday! Faith@Work: Work and Hope

"Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly.” (1 Corinthians 13:13 MSG)  

JR Tolkein’s “Leaf by Niggle” has been interpreted, by some, as a story of hope in our toil. He writes of a painter named Niggle who has a vision and desire to paint the perfect tree but life and work always prevents him from doing so. At the time of his death, he had only completed one leaf in the painting. In his journey into the afterlife, he sees ahead the tree of his vision in all its glory. In a state of complete marvel, he realizes that one day, everyone will see it too. What is the hope of our daily grind, our work? Christians can press forward, even in seemingly insignificant work, knowing that the ultimate transformation will one day be fulfilled. If you’re a city planner, there will be a New Jerusalem. If you’re a lawyer, there will be a time of perfect righteousness and justice. The way we view our work and all that is not yet as it will be will inevitably impact the way we respond to our work today. Paul’s word to trust God, hope always, and love deeply may be the very thing that sustains our work today and transforms it ultimately into the Kingdom of God. Join us at 9:00 or 11:00 AM this Sunday as Mark Briley concludes this series entitled, “Faith@Work”. (1 Corinthians 13:12-13)
Welcome Mat Deadline

Please e-mail your articles to betsey@hacctulsa.org, drop them by the church office or fax them to 918-742-5501. The next article deadline is **July 12** before noon.

Sign up NOW for the Flower Calendar!

Thanks to all who give flower arrangements for Sunday morning worship. For $75, you can celebrate a special occasion or honor a loved one, with flowers professionally arranged and delivered weekly. You can select your week on the "flower calendar" with Betsey Owen (918-742-5509; betsey@hacctulsa.org. *(If you take the flowers home with you, please return the vase to the church within the week. Thank you.)*

We also have a "Flower" notebook in the front office and you can sign up for any Sunday of the year.

Sunday Attendance

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The Welcome Mat Schedule for 2016

The Welcome Mat is published twice a month. Article deadlines for 2016 are: July 12, 26; August 9, 23; September 6, 20; October 4, 18; November 1, 15; December 6, 20. E-mail articles to betsey@hacctulsa.org by noon on those Tuesdays.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- June 24: *Children’s Ministry Night at Drillers Game*, 7 pm
- June 26: *Vacation Bible School Kick Off!* *Jesus Christ Superstar Concert*, 7 pm
- June 27: *High School Mission Trip*, thru July 3; *Something to Chew On Bible Study*, 12 noon; *Run4Fun*, 6 pm
- June 29: *Blood Drive*, 4 to 7 pm; *How I Pray Study*, 7 pm
- June 30: *Dates with your Mate*, 6 pm
- July 4: *Independence Day*! Office Closed
- July 7: *Dates with Your Mate*, 6 pm
- July 8: *Senior Trip*, through July 15
- July 11: *Surf Shack Vacation Bible School*, thru July 14; 10 am – 1 pm