

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 5-9, 2017

8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

For Kids who have COMPLETED Kindergarten thru 8th Grade



Galactic Starveyors
Celebrating 100 Years
Discovering the God of the Universe

Portland Avenue Baptist Church
REGISTER on-line at portlandavenue.org



2017 Come to Kayslee's Graduation Party!

Kayslee's graduation is at a small venue so we are having a come and go party for friends and family.

Date: May 13, 2017
Time: 2pm-5pm
Place: Portland Avenue Baptist
1301 N. Portland Ave. OKC
Come help us celebrate this important day with Kayslee!

Kids Mission Adventure Kamp June 19-22

KMAK is part of Camp Tulakogee, located in Wagner, OK at the waters edge of Lake Ft. Gibson



\$85 Per Person— Includes registration, transportation, lodging, meals and camp activities.

Kids who have completed Grades 3-6, will experience: Bible study, devotions, learning about missions and experiencing hands on activities for the day at missions time, fellowship and fun with other campers. They will also experience God's creation in nature by fishing, hiking, biking, swimming and SO much more!

FINAL PAYMENT is DUE at the Parent/Camper Meeting Wednesday, May 31st at 7:40 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

In Christian Sympathy
The Portland family extends Christian love and sympathy to:

Family of Mildred Dale

Thank You
Notes of appreciation have been received from the following:

Family of Bennie Allen
Patsy Bureson
Betty Langston

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner Menu for May

Served from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Adults—\$3.50 Children—\$2
Family Plan —\$12

May 10—Taco Salad, Chips/Salsa & Dessert
May 17— Chicken Strips, Potatoes & Dessert
May 24 — Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert
May 31— Pulled Pork Sandwiches & Dessert



OPEN WIDE dental clinic

Open wide your mouth and I will fix it — From \$199

DENTAL CLINIC

Saturday, May 20th.
Appointments required.

Call 946-9497 at 9am Thurs., May 18th.

Helping our Kids put on the ARMOR of God—Equipping them to Stand Strong in their Faith

God has an enemy, the devil, who does not like those who love God. To protect ourselves from the devil we are given an invisible armor. We put it on every day by praying, worshiping and reading the Bible.

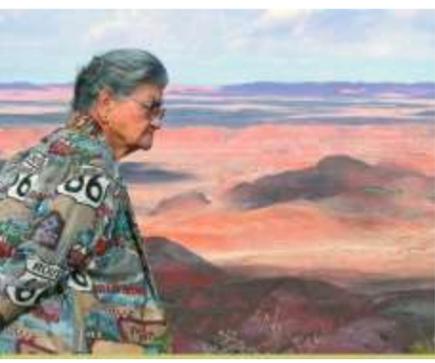
Helmet of Salvation: We can ask God to protect us from the bad thoughts that the devil tries to give us.
Breatplate of Righteousness: We can ask God to help us keep our hearts clean.
Belt of Truth: We can pray that only truth enters our thoughts.
Shoes of Peace: We can pray that wherever God leads us, we will always be safe and peaceful.
Shield of Faithfulness: We can ask God to help us to continue to trust Him and allow Him to guide us.
Sword of the Spirit: We must read our Bibles every day. It teaches us how to use all the other pieces of the armor.

Memorizing Scripture is pertinent to developing young hearts that love the Lord and follow Him. Wednesday Night Blast and Sunday morning teaching emphasize memorizing Scripture as our Ministry to Children partners with parents to train up a child in the way they should go.




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It's my favorite picture of my mom. It was taken at the Painted Desert on a road trip to Mesa, AZ in 2003 to visit my grandmother's grave. My mom passed in May of 2009 at 86. Although it's been 8 years since her death, I still miss her. Her last couple of years of life were hard for her and for us. A stroke made life challenging. She died at home, but as she wished.

How long does it take to grieve someone's death? I don't know. Grief doesn't come with an expiration date. Grief is inevitable. We cannot escape it, but God will see us through it. Recently, I got a cut on my arm. It was sore and inflamed, but after a few days a scab began to form over the wound. That scab was even sore for a while longer, but eventually the scab fell off and the cut was healed, but a scar was left. It was a reminder of the cut, but the pain is gone. Grief for me is like that cut. It hurts! It is painful! And like the scab on my arm, you can knock the scab off the cut and it hurts and bleeds again, but eventually it gets better. We heal. I'm looking down at the scar where I cut my arm. I can remember cutting my arm, but it doesn't hurt today. Healing has come.

Psalm 30:11 says, "You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy..." God can heal our grief. He can turn our mourning into the joy of remembrance. He can give joy in place of sorrow and sadness.

Trust God with your grief. He will see you through it. Everyone's healing is different. Yours won't be exactly like mine, but I am confident He will see you through. Memories of mom today after 8 years are pleasant. They bring a smile to my face today thinking about her. May you be clothed in His joy. I Love You!

Bro. Walter

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Mother's Day Family Photos

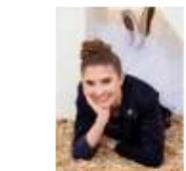
Sunday, May 14

FREE 5x7 for each family

facebook.com/portlandavenue to view and download pics

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 21st

Kayslee Decker
Harding Charter
Preparatory High School

Graduates will have tables decorated in Fellowship Hall for members to see and will be recognized in the morning worship service.



Zachary Wright
Northwest Classen
High School

Carrie Decker—OSU at OKC

Senior Spirit

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?
Psalm 85:6

Greetings!

This spring has been very busy for my family and I as we have been a part of six revivals since the middle of March. Each of these revivals have been unique and diverse in style, and I've shared the platform with some incredible speakers. I have personally come away from each of these feeling incredibly blessed and renewed.

One song that I have done a number of times lately has been very convicting to the audiences and has brought a much deeper meaning of revival even to me. The song is called "Start With Me" and speaks to the fact that revival must start with a self-examination. I love the lyric that says, "How can I judge my brother when I know you see the me inside? How dare I talk of your forgiveness with a heart so full of pride?" It seems like we always talk of wanting revival, but we feel it should happen elsewhere. What we should be praying in all reality is "Start with me. Start a mighty move of God across this land. Start by changing every part of who I am, until I'm the person I was meant to be. Change the world, start with me."

What might happen if we all made that our prayer?

Cody

BIRTHDAYS

2	Charlotte Gruesser	Senior Adult
3	Dawn Murphy	Birthday missing from the list?
17	Bobby Graham	
18	Katy Kilman	
25	Eli Sheldon	Call the church office at 942-5539 and let us know.
28	Susie Weimer	

PABC SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

Summer Kick-off

Ice Cream, Fellowship & Gospel Music!



FEATURING:




FORGIVEN + CODY BOYER
from LAWRENCEBURG, IN

a love offering will be taken for the talent

Friday, May 19th, 6:30 pm
Portland Avenue Baptist Church
1301 N. Portland Ave, Oklahoma City, OK



A big thank you to all of you who hosted and provided the spaghetti dinner for the Williams Baptist College Singers. These exceptional young adults shared their incredible talents with our congregation and all who attended were greatly blessed by the music and worship. Continue to pray for these young men and women as they continue to serve God with their talents.

PARENT CONNECTION

Teach me Your way LORD and I will live by Your truth. Psalm 86:11

Vacation Bible School Update for ALL Leaders:
THANK YOU for giving your time to help boys and girls discover the God of the Universe in VBS this Summer!

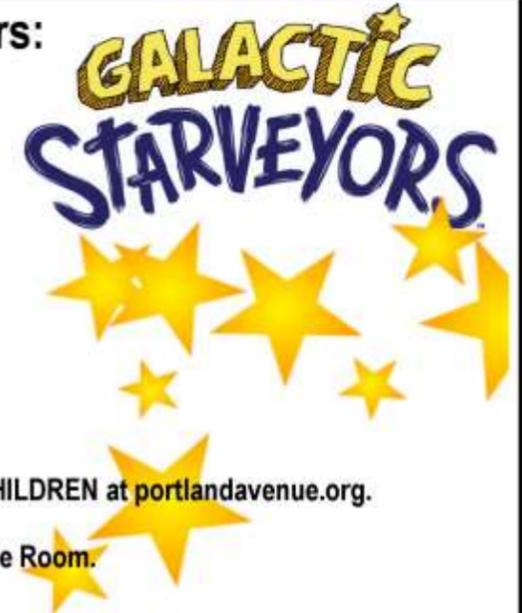
WORK DAYS: Monday thru Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 20th & June 3rd, Building open at 10 a.m.
(If childcare is needed, PLEASE call to request in advance)

VBS Daily LUNCH Reservations for WORKERS & their Families
\$5 per person—Sign up and money DUE BY Wed., MAY 31st.
NO Exceptions PLEASE, so that we can be adequately prepared.

REGISTRATION—Please register as a VOLUNTEER and register your CHILDREN at portlandavenue.org.

SUPPLY LISTS are due now. Basic supplies are available in the Resource Room. Please complete a request form and the items will be gathered for you.

"Searching the Visible...Discovering the Invisible."




SMILING FACES NEEDED to serve at our
Whiz Kids Family & Friends Celebration
Thursday, May 18th
Portland Avenue Connection Center
Featuring Dinner & Recognition

There are several areas in which to put your talents to use ... Set-up, greet, serve ...
Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office at 942-5539 for info.

Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically as something done for the LORD and not for men. Colossians 3:23



Wednesday Nights this Summer
for **GRADES K-6**
Begins June 14th—6 to 7:30 p.m.
We'll explore what the **Armor of God** is all about . . .
And how to be stronger, more confident, and skilled at living an exciting God-centered life!



The BUCHANAN Teachers and Staff say THANK YOU Portland Avenue for the delicious homemade goodies for Teacher Appreciation Week!

A special thank you to Ann Simonton, Betty Langston, Doris Bunch and Jean Formby for helping with the luncheon!

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." Proverbs 25:11