Our long-awaited date for Dr. James Knapp to speak on “Generations” and, more specifically, “Senior Adult Ministries” is Sunday, Dec. 5 at a combined Bible class and at both services. After the second service, there is a free lunch program for seniors in the fellowship hall. Contact the church office or email me at dvinzant2@cox.net by Friday night if you wish to come to for lunch.

Dr. Knapp, or Jamie as he likes to be called, is a deacon at the Western Heights Church in Sherman, TX. He works with their Senior Assistance Ministry. He is a younger man with a lovely wife, Tracey, and two children, Ashley and Andrew. He has helped many congregations throughout our brotherhood develop and strengthen their senior adults work and is in demand as a speaker.

Jamie has a degree in business administration, a masters at Harding, studied at the Pruett Gerontology Center at ACU and has a PhD from the University of North Texas. He has agreed to bring some copies of his books The Graying of the Flock and Generations should you wish to purchase them for only $10 each.

You will learn something about generations, aging and how to understand better both older and younger people. Jamie Knapp is clear in pointing out that we need to minister with older folks not just to them.
In sports they call it parity. In weather they refer to it as instability. And in the stock market it is unpredictability. I call it “life.”

As someone once said, “One thing is certain—there is nothing certain.”

Life is filled with unexpected turns. One minute everything is going according to plan; the next, your world is turned upside down. That is the nature of life. Expect the unexpected.

The real question is how do we respond when life throws us the inevitable curve ball? Depending on the magnitude of the situation, some people bail out. They give up on God, their families, and their core values. They simply quit.

Others fight. Busted and bruised by their circumstances, they come out swinging at anything and everything in their path. They have a chip on their shoulders and a hedge around their hearts. Still others become bitter and cynical. And some even choose to live as lifelong victims, always blaming others for their hardships.

There is another way to respond. God reminds us that hard times can produce perseverance and character in our lives (see Romans 5:3 and James 1:3). Ultimately, we are told, that character will generate something in our lives that will sustain us through the darkest days: HOPE.

So, the next time one of life’s uncertainties comes banging on your door, choose to look for God and lean on your faith. Persevere. And allow God to fill you with hope, knowing He will see you through to the other side.

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The season of lights is upon us. Lights are being hung and strung everywhere across our city. Soon after Thanksgiving, Edmond will be colorful in just about every neighborhood. Is it not amazing how the display of LIGHTS lifts the spirits?

I wish that THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD could be displayed in every household and in every heart every day. Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. (John 8:12) Light from eternity is so needed among us and so needed in our neighborhoods. So many families still live in true darkness while they hang and string the lights for this season that really points to THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD! In fact Jesus said: Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world (John 9:4b).

Let’s remind our world of the TRUE LIGHT OF GOD… JESUS… Who has come into this world so that the blind can see and the night can be turned into light.
God worked again in a powerful way through the hearts of our church family on Bonus Sunday. Thank you for allowing God to work through you. Faithfulness is a foundational characteristic of God’s people. One way faithfulness is made evident is through our actions over the years. After all this time of having Bonus Sundays we remain on target and overall above our goal in paying off debt early and planning for future growth.

This coming Sunday, Dec. 5, looks to be one of those pivotal moments in the year that helps us move closer to being the family of believers that the Lord desires. Generations Sunday will be a major stepping stone as we expand our ministry to seniors led by Don and Carol Vinzant. In planning Generations Sunday, Don has put together a presentation that will bless all ages and help us grow closer as a body and family. May we all come this Sunday with open ears and hearts allowing God to speak to us in powerful ways through His servant, James Knapp. Join me in praying for God’s blessing on this Sunday.

IN LOVING MEMORY

MARY WOOD 1920-2010

Mary Walts Wood, 90 of Edmond was born Oct. 20, 1920 in Shelbyville, Indiana to John and Myrial Murray. Mary passed away on Nov. 17, 2010 in Edmond. She was a homemaker who loved to cook. Mary is survived by; Sons, Roger Walts and Richard and Linda Walts and daughter; Julie Coyle, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Mary had a quick wit about her and was a strong, spirited woman. She enjoyed cooking was the first head cook at the Cambridge Inn. Mary was also a member of Eastern Star and a Home-Ec. group that met to share pot-luck suppers.

JENNIE DIXSON 1929-2010

Jennie Dixson, 81, passed away Nov. 22, 2010 in Oklahoma City, OK. She was born on Sept.28, 1929 in Cromwell, OK to Luther R. and Syble U. Harris. Jennie worked throughout her life and retired from Prudential Insurance in Lawton, OK. She was a faithful member of the Edmond Church of Christ. She is survived by her brother, John Harris and her sister Betty Moore. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Captain I.J. Dixson, Jr. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the UR Special program in Edmond or the Edmond Church of Christ. Services are under the direction of Matthews Funeral Home.

CHRISTMAS WISH PROGRAM

The Christmas Wish program is a great opportunity to bless several families in the Edmond community. If you would like to assist, here’s what you need to do: take a stocking off the fireplace in the foyer, purchase gifts ($50-75 per child) and return labeled, wrapped gifts to the foyer by Dec. 15. Thank you in advance for your help in this great work. We’re excited to see how God works through our efforts.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Ellen Hoas .......................... 5
Glenn Teague ....................... 5
Amelia Stanford .................... 5
Jamie Werhun ....................... 6
Brenda Risley ...................... 7
Drake Risley ....................... 7
Jacob Murphy ...................... 7
Betty Maston ...................... 7
Dora Chambers .................... 7
David Brackett .................... 7
Jean Teague ....................... 7
Vicky Essary ....................... 8
Christin Spencer .................. 8
Shelly Ratcliff .................... 8
Ruth Starling ...................... 8
Brenda Smith ...................... 9
Ward Ratcliff ...................... 9
Bryce Bryan ...................... 9
Cecilia Smith ..................... 9
Jeanie Brandell ................. 10
Kade Lane ....................... 10
Carole Budd ..................... 10
Staci Boswell ................... 11
Jeane Vinzant ................. 10
Chelsea Curtis ................. 11

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Errol & Margie Marshall ....... 5
Ron & Jean Metheny .......... 7
Darren & Nicole Adams ....... 7
Michael & Donna Anders .... 7
Byron & Teresa Curtis ...... 9

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Weekly Plan..............................................$32,980.00
Offering..................................................$29,980.32

ATTENDANCE REPORT
November 14, 2010
AM Worship Total.........................................931
PM Worship..............................................549

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday
Bible School – 9:30a.m.
Worship – 8:30a.m. & 10:40a.m., 6:00p.m
Tuesday
Ladies Class (Sept.-May) – 9:30
Mid-week Classes – 5:00 & 7:00p.m.
Wednesday
Primetime .............................................
Upwards..........................................
Communion...........................................

WATCH SEARCH each Sunday on:
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December 5
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