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Touching the Landscape of Lives ...Today and Tomorrow

Last December, we launched our annual Disciple Club fund drive with a mailing of lunaria seed packets. "Seeds in December?!" you may well have exclaimed. You may further object that there have been many demands on your time and pocketbook in the weeks recently past: ice-storm damage, holiday meals, gifts and the like.

The back of the seed packet includes this message: *Known as 'money plant' as well as honesty plant,' the lunaria is uniquely symbolic of stewardship opportunities. Just as the lunaria reseeds itself, so does a gift to the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation provide ongoing benefits in the landscape of Christian missions.*

We did not have enough space on the back of the packet to further explain that the

lunaria seedpods (silicles) are a favorite in everlasting dried arrangements. While you are looking forward to Spring planting for future harvest, now is the perfect time to make an everlasting gift to one of the 60+ funds of the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation.

In fact, now is an ideal time for planting certain trees in Oklahoma. And – you will forgive just one more analogy – is there ever a better time for sowing the seeds of your faith and spreading the gospel? If you aren't yet convinced, read the letter from Clint Collins, a Student Pastor, in this newsletter. Or just take out your checkbook and plant those seeds.



Kyle Maxwell

Touching the Landscape of Your Life

Have you had any feelings of being hopeless lately? A recent study at the University of Michigan found people who gave money away were 68 percent less likely to have experienced feeling hopeless in the previous month.

Have we got a deal for the "Landscape of Your Life!"

Each year we ask for your help with the Disciple Club. What is the Disciple Club? It fills the gap between the money we receive from our Operations Endowment and what it actually costs us to operate. This amount ranges between \$15,000 to \$20,000 each year. We do not charge for our services; and our Board of Directors and staff give substantially to the Disciple Club. We are a lean, clean operating ministry, and twice a year we ask for your help. We thought you might like to know how you can change the "Landscape of Your Life."

My Enduring Gift

I/we wish to make a perpetual gift to the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation, Inc.

Please select the endowment fund(s):

- ☐ Camps & Programs
☐ Senior Adult Care
☐ Pastoral Care
☐ ODWF ☐ ODMF
☐ Disc. Scholarships & Institutions
☐ Regional Ministries
☐ Other _____
(Full list at www.okdisciplesfoundation.org)

Disciples Club
Annual Gift \$ _____

Tax-Deductible Gift Enclosed:

Check \$ _____ Cash \$ _____ Pledge \$ _____ # _____ installments @ \$ _____
Credit Card \$ _____ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Discover ☐
Name on Credit Card _____
Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____
Signature _____

Questions? Call 888-525-6530 (toll-free)

(Gifts are recorded in the calendar year.)

Return to:
Oklahoma Disciples Foundation
301 NW 36th
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Donor Information:

Name(s) _____
Please list my/our donor name(s) as: _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
I/we attend _____ church in _____

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Transparency, Accountability, Reputation and the Mission of Oklahoma Disciples Foundation

In recent years, there has been increased focus on the concept of *transparency* as an essential criterion of corporate social responsibility. *Transparency*, when used in this sense, carries the connotation of openness and communication; it is a metaphorical extension of *transparency's* meaning in the physical world. Oklahoma Disciples Foundation, its board of directors and staff strive to achieve this goal. We welcome your interest in and questions about the Foundation. And we hope this newsletter is just one vehicle by which we can communicate our programs and objectives.

Please visit www.okdisciplesfoundation.org, call us at 405.525.6530 (888.525.6530), or email kvmawell@okdisciplesfoundation.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

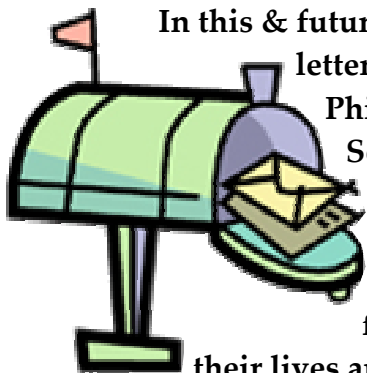


Please join us....

2008 Regional Assembly ~ Harvard Avenue Christian Church, Tulsa

Family-Friendly Reception

Friday, April 25, 2008 ~ 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.



In this & future issues, we are sharing letters of appreciation from Phillips Theological Seminary scholarship recipients, expressing their thoughts on what gifts to that endowment fund have meant for their lives and their ministries.

"I can write about touched lives with absolute confidence because I am one of the lives you have touched.

...It was a generous scholarship that made my goal of theological education a reality. I couldn't own that title of 'Okie' today without the generosity of people...who believe in helping aspiring ministers to live out their calling....

Although wet behind the ears when I first arrived [at seminary], I have been challenged and nurtured in my faith. Now I train for ministry part-

time as a student and put that training to work in my calling as a minister. It is my privilege to ... minister alongside ... folks as partners in Christ's service. I am now a minister of two years and am excited to experience where God may yet lead me.

However, I wasn't always this excited to be serving God and struggled to find other paths before ultimately enrolling in seminary. Yet I have learned that the

transformative power of our God is found in the weaving of those past experiences into my identity as a Christian and a pastor. God has such subtle and profound ways of spurring us to growth – even in spite of ourselves!"

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Clint Collins

Phillips Theological Seminary Student
Student Pastor, First Christian Church, Tahlequah