

GOOD NEWS AT FIRST UMC

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



August 31, 2011



Football and Stuff

Last week I had the opportunity to experience a *spectacle*. I use that word because I cannot think of a more appropriate one for the encounter; spontaneous joy might be a close substitute. The happening to which I refer was the Stephenville vs. Aledo Football game played last week under the "Friday Night Lights." As you know Stephenville won the game by blocking an Aledo field goal attempt with no time left on the clock. It was a great game but even that is an understatement when one considers the competition, emotion and drama. I read a sports column which tried to capture the thrill of the event by saying, "Early on an Aledo rout appeared to be in the offing but Stephenville overcame a 20-3 deficit to stun the two-time defending state champions!" Again, words fail to describe the consciousness of the moment. As a participant sitting/standing in row 17 seat 15, I was caught up in the moment along with 7,000 other football enthusiasts. I'm still at a loss to access the proper vocabulary to describe the corporate feeling of so many, so I will default to something I learned long ago in a seminary Greek class. The word is *καιρος*! *Kairos* in the New Testament is a particular moment, out of all the ordinary moments in time. It is heightened time, significant time, demonstrative time! One can read the post-game stats and the online blogs about the contest but for those of us gathered in the stadium, I believe that we experienced a *kairos* moment for a community!

Shalom,
Howard



New Youth Minister

We are pleased to welcome Jannette Miller to our church as the new Youth Director. Jannette is well qualified to serve in this position as she has worked previously as a youth director, Bible teacher and Certified Lay Speaker. She is currently attending Perkin's Seminary and will be ordained as an Elder in our Conference. We are privileged to have such an experienced person joining us in ministry.

Bible Study

The Wednesday Bible Study will restart on **Wednesday September 9th** at 7PM in the Conference room (Hutchinson Annex) Come and bring your Bible.



NINE-ELEVEN SERVICE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 11:00AM



Ten years after the terrible events of September 11, 2001, not a day passes without reminders of how our lives were changed that day. Fighting continues in Afghanistan and elsewhere. Skirmishes in

the ongoing war on terror seem to be almost a daily occurrence somewhere around the world. We would like to make the tenth anniversary of 9/11 a time of spiritual reflection for all who were touched by it. This will be a time of prayer and remembrance for those who were lost, as well as a time for each of us to seek to discern God's will for ending the hatred and resentments that spawned the violence.

ARE YOU READY???
IT IS COMING...

New for Sunday School
September 2011



University Praise

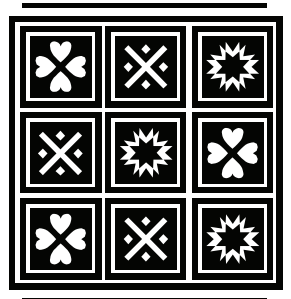
The University Praise worship experience will restart on **September 12th at 7PM**. Why? It has



been estimated that about 8,000,000 adults in their twenties have left the church in the past decade. While statistics show that the organized church has lost this age group, many of them have not left Christianity. Some have gone and started their own churches which are younger and more connected to their culture. Others have started small communes or house churches. However, many have left Christianity sensing that the Church is no longer relevant to them or their friends. How do we reach this post-modern, post-Christian generation? Luke Austin and I have attempted to do 3 things through University Praise: First we want to be relational. Our sessions begin in the Sanctuary with contemporary music. Then, we want to be authentic. After music, we meet at the parsonage for a meal and socializing. Finally, we want our time to be about the Scriptures. We usually begin with a Bible text and wind up with a discussion about culture and life. Please be in prayer for University Praise as we begin a new year.

BUSY BEE QUILTERS

Invite you to join them in the quilter's room, located in the church office, at **1:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month**



beginning September 7, 2011. For more information contact Betty Chandler at 254-968-6796

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY



**A Program of the First United Methodist Church,
Stephenville, Texas**

WHO: ALL school children from Kindergarten thru Sixth Grade.

WHAT: An after school program *filled* with FUN!
*Tasty Snack * Bible Minute * Harmonic Halftime *
GREAT Activities & Sports **

WHEN: Each WEDNESDAY
Sept. 7th thru Dec. 7th & Jan. 18th thru May 2nd

WHAT TIME: *Right after school* until 5:30pm!!
We will pick the children up and safely transport them or, if you LIKE to fight the crowds, they may also be dropped off at the church.

For Questions, Concerns, or Volunteer Opportunities please contact:

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NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

Beginning September 7th, 2011 the newsletter will be published on the

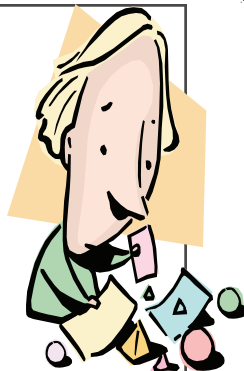
FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month.

Please submit information to be included in the newsletter by 4:30pm on the Monday before publication date

Fall Cleaning

**Sunday, September 4, 2011
2:00pm**

We will be sorting & organizing the Education building. If you can't make this date contact Mary McGuire at the church office for an alternative date.
254-965-5046



Prayer Concerns

Hospital...

Hope Martin-Houston, TX
(Dave & Chris Martin's granddaughter)
Steve Lund-S.W. Medical Center
(brother of Paula Oxford)
George McClain - Harris Ft. Worth
(friend of Gary Sult)

Thanksgivings

Connie Birdsong
Martha Self
(sister of W.C. Smith)

Joys...

Macie Elizabeth Lively (6lb 7oz, 19')
Daughter of Steven & Laurie Lively
Granddaughter of Wendell & Mary Lively
James & Jane Woodward
Jeff & Kathryn McGuyer

Others...

Nursing Home Residents * Our Troops
in Harm's Way * Tom Malloy (Friend of
Linda Jones) *Glen Cauble (Friend of
Jill Burk & Janet Whitley) * Joe Gillespie
*Conner Elms(Grandson of Mr. & Mrs.
G.K. Lewallen) * Barbara Dalla(Mother-
in-law of Chris Swam) * Bill Mayo
(Brother of LaVada Allison) * Courtney
Tatum*Joyce Lowry *Bob Spatz *Clay
Patton *Garth Priddy *Hilda Swindle
*Wanda Benham *Monica Rives,(Chuck
Rives sister-in-law) *Dyrk Burcie(friend
of Sarah Wright) Dana Dowell (Karen
Wilson's sister-in-law) *Al Jones & Allan
Butler (friends of Sheri Magnani) *Ora
B. Burnett (aunt of Merrill Striegler
*Jean Goldsberry *Jerry Dyer (brother
of Becky Copeland) *Jim Perry *Bob &
Pat Bartlett (brother & sister-in-law of
Ada Philphot)*Bill & Dottie Stanley
(Leslie Stanley-Stevens' brother & his
wife)*Matt Eters(son-in-law of Brenda
Burks) *Cynthia Rives* WC Smith

Memorials are given in loving memory

Dwaine Hays By:

JoEllen Miller
Edna Ecklund

Clifton Browning By:

BJ & Lois Alexander

Martha Self: By

W.C. & Martha Self

Connie Birdsony: By

George Oliver	Tim & Linda Jones
Marie Johnson	Bill & Betty Chandler
Mary Dorsey	Bill & Decie Jones
Ross Wilson	John & Ina Pittman
JoEllen Miller	Early Trucking Co.
Ora Lee Leeth	Charles Birdsong
Thomas O'Connor III	
Bryce & Nancy Bugg	
Jim & Barbara Terrell	
Robert & Amber Lemons	
Ed & Charlene Boucher	
Tommie & Sylvia Huckabee	
James & Carolyn Boone	
John & Nawana Lochridge	
American Peanut Council	

Hollis Skillman: By

Jim & Barbara Terrell

Church Calendar

Wednesday, August 31

*6:00pm Handbells
*7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 1

*12:00pm TSU Lunch

Sunday, September 4

*Communion Sunday/Mission Minute
Stewardship Campaign Begins*

*9:00am RENEW Contemp. Srv.-S
*10:00am Sunday School
*11:00am Traditional Service-S
*2:00pm Fall Work Day-Education Building

Monday, September 5

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

*5:00pm UMM Executive Meeting
*5:30pm Mission Committee Meeting-CR
*6:00pm Renew Band Rehearsal-S

Wednesday, September 7

*1:30pm Busy Bee Quilters-QR
*4:00pm WOW (van)
*6:00pm Handbells
*7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 8

*12:00pm TSU Lunch

Friday, September 9

*2:00pm Food Pantry Set Up

Saturday, September 10

*8:30am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
Sunday, September 11
Stewardship

*9:00am RENEW Contemp. Srv.-S
*10:00am Sunday School
*11:00am Traditional Service-S
*2:00pm Emmaus Meeting-KD
*6:00pm Youth

Monday, September 12

*6:00pm Trustees Meeting-CR
*6:30pm ESL-FH

Tuesday, September 13

*6:30am UMM Breakfast-FH
*6:00pm RENEW Band Rehearsal-S

Wednesday, September 14

*10:30am ESL-FH

*4:00pm WOW (van)

*6:00pm Handbells

*7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 15

*11:00am District Committee on Ministry-CR
*12:00pm TSU Lunch

5:00pm Finance Meeting-CR

Sunday, September 18

Stewardship Testimony

*9:00am RENEW Contemp. Srv.-S
*10:00am Sunday School
*11:00am Traditional Service-S
*6:00pm Youth

Monday, September 19

*6:30pm ESL-FH

Tuesday, September 20

*6:00pm RENEW Band Rehearsal-S

Wednesday, September 21

*10:30am ESL-FH

*1:30pm Busy Bee Quilters-QR

*4:00pm WOW (van)

*6:00pm Handbells

*7:00pm Chancel Choir

*Honorarium was given in honor
of..*

Les Gandy: By
WC & Martha Smith

WELCOME



We welcome
our newest
member

Charlie Sillivent!

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 21, 2011

94 people attended the 9:00am
contemporary worship service

179 people attended the 11:00am
traditional worship service

Sunday, August 28, 2011

83 people attended the 9:00am
contemporary worship service

173 people attended the 11:00am
traditional worship service

TELLERS

September 4, 2011

Bill Larmer, Jeff Royal,
Frances Blair

September 11, 2011

Don Douglas, Molly Elliott
Scott Kunishige

I was so overwhelmed
by all the expressions of
appreciation last Sunday
that thank you doesn't
hardly seem appropriate.



But then I don't think
there is anything I can say to tell you
much this meant to me.
Again, Thank You
Charles



**The August
Giving Report
Will be published in
the September 7th
newsletter**

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