

# GOOD NEWS AT FIRST UMC

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



## January 4, 2011



### "Really Old School Resolutions"

As a brand new year dawns many of us are seeking to improve our quality of life by making resolutions. Have you made any? I was reading America's top ten today and they were basically the same as last year and the year before. As a nation

we have a compulsion to *lose weight, get in shape, spend more time with family, stop drinking, stop smoking and learn something new*. These declarations are all worthy but I would like to introduce you to something really old. In his article, *My New Year's Resolutions with Help from the Desert Monastics*, Dan Clendenin list 12 resolutions formulated by various Monastics, also known as the Desert Fathers and Mothers. As a result of the excesses of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century Church, the Monastics moved into the wilderness to seek a personal spirituality; so they should know something about resolutions. Clendenin list the following:

1. *Never stop starting over* (Arsenius, 5th century).
2. *Live intentionally, not aimlessly* (St. Mark the Ascetic, 5th century).
3. *Never despair whatsoever* (St. John of Karpathos, date unknown).
4. *Pray simply, not stupidly* (Evagrius the Solitary, 4th century).
5. *Renounce all self-justification* (John the Dwarf,).
6. *Stop judging others*: (Abba Macarius) .
7. *Stay put* (Mother Syncletica, 4th century).
8. *Celebrate theological modesty* (St. Peter of Damaskos, 12th century).
9. *Acknowledge my brokenness* (St. Maximos the Confessor, 7th century).
10. *Be ruthlessly realistic* (St. Makarios of Egypt, 5th century).
11. *Always think good of everyone* (Evagrius the Solitary, 4th century).
12. *Read the obituaries* (St. Gregory of Sinai, 13th century).

This is good advice that was given over 1700 years ago.

Shalom,  
Howard



### WOW Returns!!

WOW afterschool activities will resume beginning Wednesday, January 11th!  
Lots of fun in store!! Ages K thru 6th Grade.

Please contact Mary Beach McGuire in the church office if you would like to enroll your child or volunteer!!

### Bible Study

Resumes January 25, 2012

Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Conference room (Hutchinson Annex) Come and bring your Bible.



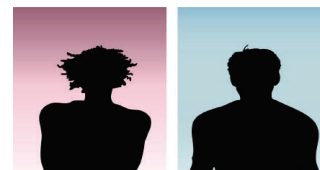
**University Praise**  
worship experience  
resumes Monday January  
23 at 7:00pm

### ATTENTION YOUTH

As the times change-we are changing- the times!

Until further notice—YOUTH will START AT 5pm standard time, 1700 military time. We will END at 7pm or 1900. This change is necessary in order to give us light. We need the light to engage in extreme basketball, supreme soccer and ultimate Frisbee. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Remember new times**  
**5-7pm.**



Happy Birthday to Us All!

Annual Church wide Birthday Coverd Dish Luncheon  
Sunday, January 22nd!

Bring a dish and enjoy celebrating  
Everyone's Birthday-Dessert Provided!

*After the 11:00 service in the Fellowship Hall.*

If you would like to decorate and host a table please contact  
Jennifer 968-8243 or Kim 485-6658



### Announcing a marriage seminar in your area

Mark Gungor's hilarious

### Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage

seminar is coming to Stephenville, TX! We hope you'll  
join us as a trained video presenter leads us through  
this life-changing seminar, including the insightful  
Flag Page program.



### Stephenville, TX

First United Methodist Church

Friday, February 10, 2012

7:00pm - 10:00pm

Saturday, February 11, 2012

9:00am - 12:30pm



Single  
Couple

\$ 18.00  
\$ 35.00

Want to join a book

Faith Lit. is a group of people  
who enjoy talking about books  
and eating good food. If this  
sounds like you, join us!

The book we're reading  
this time is  
In the Garden  
of the Beast  
by  
Erik Larsen.



For more information  
contact Rachel Kammerer  
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or 254-965-5112.

We will Meet on  
Tuesday,  
February 2

### TARLETON WESLEY FOUNDATION LUNCHESES

I have received the dates for the Wesley  
lunches in the Spring from Norman. If  
you would like to help provide a meal for  
the students or make a monetary donation  
if you are not able to physically do a meal  
it would be greatly appreciated. The dates  
are: January 19 and 26; February 2,9,16,  
and 23rd; March 1,8,22, and 29th; April  
5,12,19, and 26th.

Contact me at 968-6662 or email,  
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Thank You,  
Jana Sult

## Prayer Concerns

### **In the Hospital...**

Pat Cassaday, San Antonio Hospital  
( brother-in-law of Chris Grantham)

Shane Sorrells  
(nephew of Connie & Monty Banks)

Katie Lund-(Sister-in-law of Paula Oxford)

Ted McCulloch (brother of Bryan McCulloch)

Norma Schwartzkopf

Clarice Sweeney

### **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

Barbara Dallas (Mother-in-law of Chris Swam)

Courtney Tatum

Bob Spatz

Joyce Lowry

Clay Patton

Diane Monk (friend of Jana Sult)

Hilda Swindle

Dana Dowell (Karen Wilson's sister in law)

Ora B Burnett (aunt of Merrill Striegler)

Jerry Dyer (brother of Becky Copeland)

Jim Perry

Pat Bartlett (sister in law of Ada Phipot)

Matt Ethers

Bill Stanley (brother of Leslie Stanley-Stevens)

Cathy Echols

Marie Johnson

Doyle Oneil (Uncle of Jana Sult)

Louise Demetruk

Steve Lund (brother of Paula Oxford)

Mary Lynn Larmer

Brad Thompson

Daniel Petty (grandson of Linda Sledge)

Don Douglas

Patti Douglas

Heather Hamilton

Dennis Fulfer (friend of Cindy Woolley)

Chuck Donaho

Macyn Wright (daughter of Ramsey & Sarah Wright )

Michael Mason (Son of Rita Mason)

Bill Berger (Brother-in-law of Leslie Stanley-Stevens)

Hope Martin-

(Dave & Chris Martin's granddaughter)

Stan Swam

Martha Harris

Irma Little

## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, January 4

\*10:30am Busy Bee Quilters-QR

\*10:30am ESL-FH

### Friday, January 6

\*Set up for Food Pantry-Van

### Saturday, January 7

\*8:30am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet-H

### Sunday, January 8

\*9:00am RENEW Contemp. Svc.-S

\*10:00am Sunday School

\*11:00am Traditional Service-S

\*5:00pm UMYF

### Monday, January 9

\*6:00pm Trustees Meeting-CR

\*6:30pm ESL-FH

\*7:00pm University Praise

### Tuesday, January 10

\*6:30am UMM Breakfast-FH

### Wednesday, January 11

\*10:30am ESL-FH

\*4:00pm WOW (van)

\*6:00pm Handbells

\*7:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 12

\*12:00pm Music Club-FH

\*6:00pm RENEW Band Rehearsal-S

### Sunday, January 15

\*9:00am RENEW Contemp. Svc.-S

\*10:00am Sunday School

\*11:00am Traditional Service-S

\*5:00pm UMYF

### Monday, January 16

*MLK Day-Office Closed*

\*6:30pm ESL-FH

### Tuesday, January 17

\*9:30am Maggie Poteet-OS

\*12:00pm Bertha Cox-FH

### Wednesday, January 18

\*10:30am ESL-FH

\*1:30pm Busy Bee Quilters-QR

\*4:00pm WOW (van)

\*6:00pm Handbells

\*7:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 19

\*12:00pm Music Club-FH

\*5:00pm Finance Committee-CR

\*6:00pm RENEW Band Rehearsal-S

\*6:15pm Magdalene Women-OS

### Friday, January 20

Food Pantry Set UP-CR

### Saturday, January 21

8:30am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet-H

### Sunday, January 22

\*9:00am RENEW Contemp. Svc.-S

\*10:00am Sunday School

\*11:00am Traditional Service-S

\*12:00pm Church Wide Birthday Celebration and Covered Dish Luncheon

\*3:30pm Castleview NH Service

\*5:00pm UMYF

### Monday, January 23

\*6:30pm ESL-FH

\*7:00pm University Praise

### Tuesday, January 24

\*6:00pm S.T.A.R.-FH

### Wednesday, January 25

\*10:30am ESL-FH

\*4:00pm WOW (van)

\*6:00pm Handbells

\*7:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 26

\*6:00pm RENEW Band Rehearsal-S

*Memorials are given in loving memory of...*

**Alma L. Scott** By:

Dave & Chris Martin

**Jean Goldsberry** By:

Nancy Black

Les & Myra Gandy

**Marvin Manley** By:

Norma Schwartzkopf

**Bill Mayo** By

Norma Schwartzkopf



### **Greeters**

**10:40am to 11:00am**

**January 8**

Jennifer and  
Patrick Darden

**January 15**

Barbara & Jim  
Terrell

## **ATTENDANCE**

**Saturday, December 24, 2011**

**136** people attended the 5pm Service

**175** people attended the 7pm Service

**42** people attended the 11:30p Service

**Sunday, December, 25 2011**

**91** people attended the 11:00am Service

**Sunday, January 1, 2011**

**61** people attended the 9am Service

**115** people attended the 11am Service

### **TELLERS**

**January 8**

Don Douglas  
Molly Elliott  
Scott Kunishige

**January 15**

Vicki Cook  
LaRue Weems  
Van Evans

### **Acolytes**

**11:00 am Worship Service**

**January 8, 2012**

Taylor Deshmukh

Jettie Funderburgh

**January 15, 2012**

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