

# GOOD NEWS AT FIRST UMC

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open

September 21, 2011



## AFRICAN ARTIFACTS

In the Narthex we have some hand crafted items for sale. Some of these items were made by orphans and children that are living on the margins in Kibera, East Africa. Due to the severe drought and famine in Kenya, the Methodist

Church is dedicated to the following:

1. To help orphans and vulnerable children have access to education, nutritious food, and healthcare.
2. To provide HIV and AIDS education and prevention.
3. To provide a healthcare program with vocational training and mentorship programs.

The Kibera slum is degrading and dehumanizing. It is subject to poverty, corruption, and contagious diseases due to environmental pollution. Approximately 55% of the population is made up of children under the age of 18. The items that you will see have been priced by the African Ministries society. If you wish to purchase them, simply place money in the basket or make checks payable to African Team Ministries. These artifacts will be displayed through October 2, World Communion Sunday.

## Help Needed in the Booth!

We are seeking interested individuals to learn the ropes of the sound booth. Baby Austin will be here in less than 2 months and we will need help while Hailey's out. The program it is nothing to be afraid of, because, it basically runs itself! If you are interested please email Hailey Austin at [media@fumcstephenville.org](mailto:media@fumcstephenville.org) or give her a call at 485-3470 to set up a training session or just get more info. Thanks!



*p.s. Even if you can only help once every other month that would still be great!*



## UMW Sunday, September 25th "History of Mission in the Church"

### The Five Love Languages Group Study



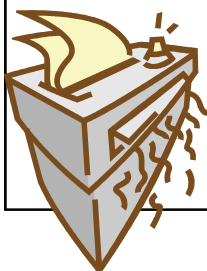
Beginning Sunday, October 2, 2011 a temporary Adult Sunday School class will begin a 4-week study using Dr. Gary Chapman's Five Love Languages. Attendees will learn the five basic languages of love as well as have a better understanding of their own unique languages of love. This study is open to adults of all ages, married or single. We will meet in the children's library located across from the nursery at 10:00 A.M. This study will be repeated on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the conference room. For more information, contact **Carolyn Martin at 254-968-3170.**

## Garage Sale & Shred Day Saturday, October 29

(Bulldog Professional Secure Shredders)

As a landscaping fundraiser FUMC will host a church wide garage sale and a community wide shred day. All the fun begins at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall and parking lot.

**Garage Sale:** 8:00am to ???  
Bring your items for the sale beginning Monday, October 24 and volunteer to help tag and organize and/or work the sale.



**Shred Time/Cost:** 9:00am to 1:00pm  
Legal size file box \$10  
Copy paper size box \$5



## Emmaus

On Saturday, October 1, there will be an Conference Emmaus gathering at Glen Lake Camp in Glenrose, TX. Everyone is invited to attend whether you have attended an Emmaus walk or not. We are taking the church van. Gather at the church parking lot 7:45 am, depart at 8 am.

8:00-9:00 Registration opens

8:30 Music starts

9:00-10:00 Opening session (Frank Briggs)

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-11:00 Breakouts

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:00 Music/4th day speaker (Kris Cutler)/Music

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-1:45 Music/4th day speaker (Victor Hernandez)/Music

1:45-2:00 Break

2:00-2:45 Board Session

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-3:45 Breakouts

3:45-4:00 Break

4:00- 4:45 Music/4th day speaker (Gayla Herschler)/  
Music

4:45-5:00 Break

5:00-6:00 Closing Worship Service (Vaughn Baker)

### Breakout Sessions:

Kairos/Epiphany (Mike Springer) Audio-visual (Gail Jenkins) Prayer (Sarah Miller) Meditation/Journaling/Spiritual Retreat (Steve Buchele) Sponsorship (Jon Spelman) Witness (Brad Brittain) Afterglow/Reunion Group/Fourth Day Group Development (Kate and Mike Mellina) Agape/Lanyards (Diane Leeks) Communication (Gordon Leeks) Clergy/Lay Roles/ Relationships (Howard Martin/Mike Riddle) Music (Jim Narramore)

Registration Fee - \$10 (includes lunch in the Glen Lake cafeteria)

### **The Committee for Landscaping**

has been busy planning this fall's activities. There will be a workday on **Saturday, October 22** where one of our tasks will be to prepare the bed near Washington Street (where the sign is) for planting. We will also work on existing beds to add bulbs, and work on a meditation garden between the 2 buildings at the side of the church. We will also plant 6 crape myrtles in front of the church in 2 groupings of 3 (2 reds and a white in each grouping). Please consider the following as ways you can help:



1. Donate time and/or money. This is not a budget item for the church budget. Previous work has been done primarily by two Sunday School classes (both the work and donations). It takes many shovels to do all the planting and preparation work. It also takes money. The Trustees have allotted some money for this project but we still need to raise another \$2000.00 to do these tasks. Donations can be given to Cindy in the Church Office and she will keep track of them.
2. Buy a crape myrtle as a memorial or a celebration of someone you love for \$150.00. We will provide a small sign crediting the memorial, etc.
3. Sign up you, your family or group (Men's, Women's, Sunday School class, youth, etc) to maintain a bed for the months of April - October of each year (pull weeds, make sure it is thriving, etc).
4. **The church will sponsor a city wide shredding event for individuals (not businesses) on October 29 in the Fellowship Hall parking lot.** Help advertise the event and bring papers that need shredding. The proceeds will go toward landscaping.
5. **There will be a church-wide garage sale on October 29 in the Fellowship Hall** and the proceeds will be used towards landscaping. Bring your items for the sale beginning the Monday, October 24 and volunteer to help tag and organize and/or work the sale.

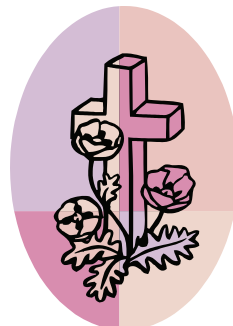
### *Memorials are given in loving memory*

#### **Connie Birdsong:** By

Margaret Moring  
Ted Higginbottom  
Marion James  
Western Peanut Growers  
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Goddard  
Mr. & Mrs. James Habel, III  
Jim & Wanda Benham  
The Bryant Foundation  
Ronnie & Becky Golden

#### **Dottie Stanley** By

JoEllen Miller  
**Dwaine Hays** By  
B.J. & Lois Alexander  
**Bob Bartlett** By  
Bonnie Ramsay  
**Martha Self:** By  
Bill & Decie Jones  
B.J. & Lois Alexander  
JoEllen Miller



### **Constance P. Birdsong Memorial Service**

Monday, September 26  
at 5:00 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church  
Reception following in the  
Fellowship Hall.

## Prayer Concerns

### Hospital...

Steve Lund-S.W. Medical Center  
(brother of Paula Oxford)  
George McClain - Harris Ft. Worth  
(friend of Gary Sult)  
Marie Johnson - Stephenville

### Thanksgivings...

Bob Bartlett  
(brother of Ada Philpot)

### 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 Spoz \* Clay Patton \* Hilda Swindle \* Monica Rives, (Chuck Rives sister-in-law) \* Dyrk Burcie (friend of Sarah Wright) Dana Dowell (Karen Wilson's sister-in-law) \* Ora B. Burnett (aunt of Merrill Striegler \* Jean Goldsberry \* Jerry Dyer (brother of Becky Copeland) \* Jim Perry \* Pat Bartlett (sister-in-law of Ada Philpot) \* Bill Stanley (brother of Leslie Stanley-Stevens) \* Matt Ethers (son-in-law of Brenda Burks) \* Cynthia Rives \* Hope Martin (Dave & Chris Martin's granddaughter) \* Cathy Echols \* Jason McAdams \* Debbie Hummel

## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, September 21

\*10:30am ESL-FH  
\*1:30pm Busy Bee Quilters-QR  
\*4:00pm WOW (van)  
\*6:00pm Handbells  
\*6:30pm Bible Study-CR  
\*7:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, September 22

*Howard /Emmaus/Van*  
\*12:00pm TSU Lunch

### Friday, September 23

*Howard /Emmaus/Van*  
\*2:00pm Food Pantry Set Up

### Saturday, September 24

*Howard /Emmaus/Van*  
\*8:30am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

### Sunday, September 25

*Howard /Emmaus/Van*  
*UMW Sunday*  
\*9:00am RENEW Contemp. Srv.-S  
\*10:00am Sunday School  
\*11:00am Traditional Service-S  
\*2:00pm West District Reception-FH & Hutchinson Annex  
\*6:00pm UMYF  
**Monday, September 26**  
\*5:00pm Connie Birdsong Memorial-S (reception following-FH)  
\*6:30pm ESL-FH  
\*7:00pm University Praise

### Tuesday, September 27

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

### Wednesday, September 28

\*10:30am ESL-FH  
\*4:00pm WOW (van)  
\*6:00pm Handbells  
\*6:30pm Bible Study-CR  
\*7:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, September 29

\*12:00am TSU Lunch

### Sunday, October 2

*Communion Sunday*  
*Stewardship Testimony*  
*Mission Minute*  
\*9:00am RENEW Contemp. Srv.-S  
\*10:00am Sunday School  
\*11:00am Traditional Service-S  
**\*2:00pm SPRC Meeting-CR**  
\*6:00pm UMYF

### Monday, October 3

\*6:30pm ESL-FH  
\*7:00pm University Praise

### Tuesday, October 4

\*1:00pm Staff Meeting-CR  
\*5:00pm UMW Executive Meeting  
\*5:30pm Mission Committee Mtg-CR  
\*6:00pm RENEW Band Rehearsal-S

### Wednesday, October 5

\*10:30am ESL-FH  
\*1:30pm Busy Bee Quilters-QR  
\*4:00pm WOW (van)  
\*6:00pm Handbells  
\*6:30pm Bible Study-CR  
\*7:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, October 6

\*12:00am Music Club-FH  
\*12:00am TSU Lunch

### Friday, October 7

\*2:00pm Food Pantry set up

### Saturday, October 8

\*8:30am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet  
1:00pm Baby Shower-KD  
1:00pm Baby Shower-FH & New Beginnings Classroom

October 1  
Kimberley Barrier

October 3  
Alec Wills  
Trace Jerrett

October 4  
Louise Woolley  
Roger Roesler

October 5  
Linda Beach  
Lauren Parks

October 6  
Katee Connelly

October 7  
Bonnie Ramsay  
Randy Shaw

October 9  
Sharidan Donaho

October 10  
Marshall Shelton

October 11  
Laura McLeod

October 12  
Randall Carpenter  
Linda Hensley

October 13  
David Ball

October 14  
Koy Floyd  
Addison Hunter

October 16  
Nick Carter  
Luke Austin

# Happy Birthday!

October 19  
Bunker Funderburgh

October 22  
Margaret Rice  
Connie Farrell  
Nancy Hunter

October 23  
Randy Carpenter  
Bill Jones  
Nicki Beth Jones

October 24  
Jim Terrell  
Pat Jones  
Charles Moore

October 25  
Ora Lee Leeth

October 27  
Barbara Moser

October 28  
Sammy Bynum  
Melissa Rhodes

October 29  
Lynn Bradley

October 30  
Carolyn Hays

October 31

## So Much Drama! Wanted: Singers, Actors and Puppeteers

To help with children's  
Sunday School 1 or  
2 Sundays a month.  
Contact Mary McGuire



## Acolytes

11:00 am Worship Service

### September 25, 2011

Courtney McGuire  
Tatum Dobson

### October 2, 2011

Rosser Orr  
Jettie Funderburgh

## Giving Through September 21, 2011

Receipts through Sept 21, 2011...\$26,330  
September Budgeted Expense.....\$42,920  
Additional Needs for Sept..... \$ 16,590



## TELLERS

### September 25

Gary Sult, Marion Pack

### October 2

Bill Larmer, Jeff Royal,  
Frances Blair

# ATTENDANCE

### Sunday, September 11, 2011

94 people attended the 9:00am Service

185 people attended the 11:00am Service

### Sunday, September 18, 2011

91 people attended the 9:00am Service

161 people attended the 11:00am Service

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