

GOOD NEWS AT FIRST UMC

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



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This summer at the Mt. Sequoyah Methodist Camp in Arkansas, I came across a group of Ash Trees that were

loaded with seeds. These particular seeds are unique in that they are designed for aerial disbursement. Each seed pod is equipped with a wing or blade. When the seed encounters wind it spins like a helicopter, thus the term, "helicopter seeds." They can be distributed far and wide depending on the velocity and direction of the wind.

When one thinks about these winged seeds the meaning of a familiar parable takes on a different connotation. The parable says in Mark chapter 4, "a Sower went out to sow seeds..." and we envision him casting a multitude of tiny seeds upon the ground. But what if instead, the Sower were tossing winged seeds into the air? In fact, that may be a better description of God's Kingdom. Because, if those seeds represent the message of unmerited grace for everyone; then it only stands to reason that God wants that message spread to everyone!

The title of this year's Stewardship Campaign is, "Extravagant Generosity." When we sow the seeds of God's Kingdom through our (time, talents and finances) we are both blessing and being blessed. But when we sow those seeds in "helicopter" fashion, we really are extravagantly generous. Let us be that kind of Sower this year.

Shalom,
Howard



Birthday Additions & Corrections

September 14

Leon Manley

September 27th

Ruth Sillivent

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 5th. We will meet in the conference room. For more information, contact **Carolyn Martin at 254-968-3170.**

August 2011 Giving

August Receipts.....	\$51,460
August Expense.....	\$37,095
August Profit/Loss	\$ 14,365



Apportionments Through August, 2011

Due.....	57,221
Paid	57,221
Balance/August, 2011	-0-

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.

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Our Faithful Followers:

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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.

Acolytes

11:00 am Worship Service

September 11, 2011
Mason Castleberry
Jake Bagby

September 18, 2011
Mason Holstein
Merit Holstein

Dear Church,

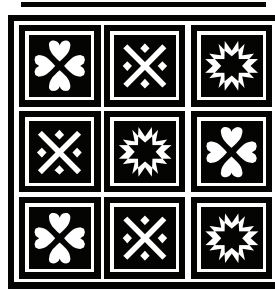
I like the bible
I got. It's very
pretty. I've read
some of it.

Love,
Callie Wells

FOR KATH

BUSY BEE QUILTERS

Invite you to join them in the quilter's room, located in the church office, at **1:30pm on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month**
For more information contact Betty Chandler at 254-968-6796



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.

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...

Dottie Stanley
(Sister-in Law of Leslie Stanley-Stevens)

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 Phil-phot) * Bill Stanley (brother of Leslie Stanley-Stevens) * Matt Eppers (son-in-law of Brenda Burks) * Cynthia Rives * WC Smith

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

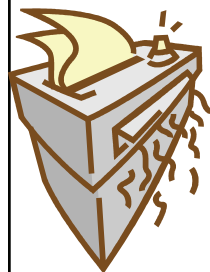
Garage Sale & Shred Day Saturday, October 29

(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

Church Calendar

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. Svc.-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 Cmt on Ministry-CR

*12:00pm TSU Lunch

*5:00pm Finance Meeting-CR

Sunday, September 18

Stewardship Testimony

*9:00am RENEW Contemp. Svc.-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

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. Svc.-S

*10:00am Sunday School

*11:00am Traditional Service-S

*2:00pm West District Reception-FH & Hutchinson Annex

*6:00pm Youth

Monday, September 26

*5:00pm Connie Birdsong Memorial-S (reception following-FH)

*6:30pm ESL-FH

Tuesday, September 27

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

*6:00pm RENEW Band Rehearsal-S

Wednesday, September 28

*10:30am ESL-FH

*1:30pm Busy Bee Quilters-QR

*4:00pm WOW (van)

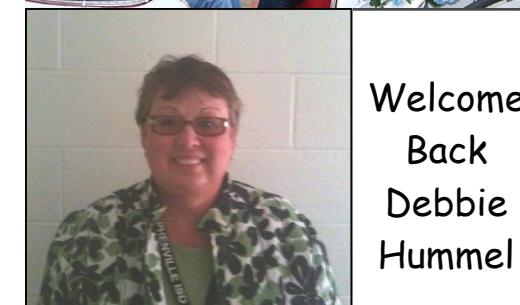
*6:00pm Handbells

*7:00pm Chancel Choir

WELCOME

New Members

**Jason & Laurie McAdams
Casey & Katie**



Welcome
Back
Debbie
Hummel

Memorials are given in loving memory

Martha Self: By

W.C. & Martha Smith

Joyce Browning

Marie Johnson

Tommie & Sylvia Huckabee

Les & Myra Gandy

Ed & Charlene Boucher

Louise Woolley

Bonnie Ramsay

Connie Birdsong: By

Les & Myra Gandy

Honorarium was given in celebration of

Gaytha Isham's Birthday by...

Annie Barnes, Beverly Bradley, Amy Crabb

TELLERS

September 11, 2011

Don Douglas, Molly Elliott

Scott Kunishige

September 18, 2011

Vicki Cook

LaRue Weems

Van Evans

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 4, 2011

77 people attended the 9:00am

contemporary worship service

152 people attended the 11:00am

traditional worship service