

# GOOD NEWS AT FIRST UMC

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

February 23, 2011

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## End of the World... Again?

I have been watching with interest the recent protest and unrest around the world as well as here at home. Turbulence on a global scale always seems to conjure up sentiments of doom and disaster...End of the world stuff! It doesn't take long and someone offers up another end of the world prediction; only this time it's really real! Recently I ran across an article that listed 200 documented end-time, prophetic forecasts. Some of these calculations were worked out mathematically through various Bible "codes." Others were the result of "visions." Most of them were simply the observation of historical events.

The newest prediction is presented by a Christian group which produces Christian radio and television programs. The date of doom is May 21, 2011! (Just when I was starting to worry about the Mayan date of December 21, 2012) They have been spreading the good news via social networking. There is one small detail that would be of interest to us. These same people also predicted the end of the world on September 6, 1994! O well, as my grandfather used to say, "If I had a nickel for every time I've heard that!"

Maybe we need to reread ([Mark 13:32](#)) "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Howard Martin



## Totally JOY!

Like totally for sure! We're "Totally JOY" (Just Older Youth) and we're calling all young adult ladies to join us in fellowship, friendship, and fun. Join us **Thursdays at 5:00pm** as we share bible and book studies, prayer, and some TOTALLY meaningful "girl time".

Child care will be provided.

Find us on Facebook by the group name "Totally JOY", details of the group, including meeting times and locations can be found there or call Hailey at 485-3470.

*Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV)

## FACTS & FIGURES

### February 2011 Budget

#### Connectional Giving

Apportionments Due through Feb 2011.....\$14,432  
Year-to-date Apportionments Paid.....\$ 7,216  
Apportionments Balance for Feb 2011.....\$7,216

### February 1 -23, 2011

Budgeted Exp for Feb 2011.....\$45,849  
General Fund Receipts.....\$28,802  
Add'l Funds Req'd thru 2/28/2011.....\$ 17,047

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

### Wayne Prichard By:

Ed & Charlene Boucher  
Ada Philpot  
Bonnie Ramsay  
Bill & Betty Chandler  
Bill & Decie Jones  
Ellis & Beverly Hitt

### John Dunn by:

Bonnie Ramsay  
Tom & Paulette Dunn

### Jack Anderson by:

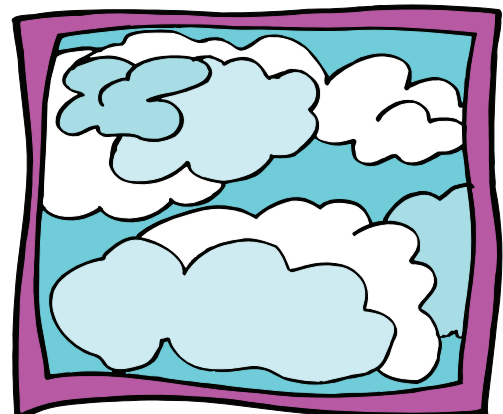
Pearl Carpenter

### Finley Pritchett By:

Ada Philpot  
Louise Woolley  
Bonnie Ramsay  
Bill & Decie Jones

### Ann Pritchett By:

Ed & Charlene Boucher  
Bonnie Ramsay



9:00



11:00

February 27, 2011

**RENEW  
SERVICE**

Bunker Funderburgh  
Robyn Huffman

March 6, 2011

**RENEW  
SERVICE**

Hagen Carter  
Tatum Dobson

March 13, 2011

**RENEW  
SERVICE**

Rosser Orr  
Mason Castleberry

**Want to join a book club?**

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 are reading this time is

The Shadow of the Wind by

Carlos Ruiz Zafon.

For more information contact Rachel Kammerer at Rachel.Kammerer@sville.us or 965-5112.



We will discuss this book on THURS. March 10th at 6:00pm.

Worship On Wednesday  
snack schedule:

February.....Pathfinders

March.....Kum Dubl

April.....Social Activities

Please bring your *healthy* snacks to Fellowship Hall by 3:00 pm each Wednesday. We serve an average of 70 each week.

Attendance Registers

*Sometime ago the Witness Committee asked if I would be responsible for keeping the attendance for the Sunday morning services. Sandy started out sending post cards but it soon became too much for her and I took over the job. The post cards are one way of letting those who are not attending know that we miss them. This part of the job is easy, the hard part is getting members to take time to sign the book. Each week I am 30 to 50 names short. (also, I would appreciate legible signatures, please print) Your corporation would be greatly appreciated.*

*Thank you,  
LaRue Weems*

**\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\***

Central Texas Conference UMW

**Spiritual Growth Retreat**

March 4-5, 2011

Lakeview Camp & Conference Center  
Located on Hwy 60 between Waxahachie & Maypearl

**“Light, Life, Love: Finding Wholeness in God’s Presence”**

Rev. Rhonda Troll, Retreat Leader  
Marge Sackett, Worship Leader

*Come and experience an overnight retreat for all women with a delightful late-night evening planned especially for young women and those who are young at heart!*

*If you are interested please contact Cynthia Rives at 968-5785 or cynrives@yahoo.com. There are scholarships available for women 40 yrs. old and under.*



## Prayer Concerns

Prayer concerns may be added to the list by calling or writing the church office. Names will run for four full weeks, and can be continued on the list with a simple call or email.

### **Joys...**

For the birth of Nathaniel Han Tatum (Son of Luke & Lauren Tatum; Grandson of Ricky & Robin Tatum)-Cook Children's Hospital

### **Thanksgivings...**

For the life of Wayne Prichard

For the life of Finley Prichett (Memorial Service is Sat. Feb. 26th at S'ville Funeral Home Chapel at 2pm)

For the life of Peggy Walling (Grandmother of Courtney Vanden Berge)

### **Others...**

Nursing Home Residents \* Our Troops in Harm's Way \* John Laird (Son-in-law of Don & Patti Douglas) \* June Herrod Aaron (Aunt of Linda Jones) \* Tom Malloy (Friend of Linda Jones) \* Glen Cauble (Friend of Jill Burk & Janet Whitley) \* Mack Sorrells (Father of Connie Banks) \* Ray Sisemore (Son-in-law of Bill & Betty Chandler) \* Joe Gillespie \* Marie Johnson \* Michael Hamilton \* Conner Elms—U.S. Army 10th Mtn. Div. Afghanistan (Son of Chick & Cindra Elms; Grandson of Mr. & Mrs. G.K. Lewallen) \* Nancy Crouch \* Viola Hooker \* Janet Patton (Mother of Courtney Vanden Berge) \* Jack Vanden Berge (Father of Jake Vanden Berge) \* Barbara Dallas (Mother-in-law of Chris Swam) \* Joyce Cook \* Willa Ormsby \* Ricky Tatum \* Sandra Smith (Daughter of John Dillingham) \* Joshua Tyson—3yrs. Old (Son of John & Leslie Collins Tyson; Grandson of Larry & Helen Collins) \* Billy Carter (Father of Randall Carter) \* Bill Mayo (Brother of LaVada Allison) \* Janet Jones (Friend of Marlin & Laura Ann Priddy)

## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, February 23

\*10:30am ESL Classes-FH  
\*4:00pm "WOW" (Van)  
\*5:30pm Peer Passion  
\*6:30pm Bible Study  
\*7:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 24

\*12:00pm TSU Lunch  
\*5:00pm Totally JOY

### Friday, February 25

*Mid-Winter (Youth - Van)*

### Saturday, February 26

*Mid-Winter (Youth - Van)*  
\*8:30am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet  
\*2:00pm Pritchett Memorial-OS  
\*3:00pm Pritchett Family Gathering-FH

### Sunday, February 27

*Robby & Valerie's Last Sunday*  
\*9:00am RENEW Contemp. Svc.-S  
\*10:00am Sunday School  
\*11:00am Traditional Svc.-S  
\*3:30pm Castleview NH Svc.  
\*4:00pm S'ville NH Svc.

### Monday, February 28

\*1:30pm Staff Mtg-CR  
\*6:30pm ESL Classes-FH  
\*7:00pm University Praise

### Tuesday, March 1

\*5:30pm Mission Cmte-CR  
\*6:00pm RENEW Band Rehearsal-S

### Wednesday, March 2

\*10:30am ESL Classes-FH  
\*1:30pm Busy Bee-QR  
\*4:00pm "WOW" (Van)  
\*5:30pm Peer Passion  
\*6:00pm Handbells  
\*6:30pm Bible Study-CR  
\*7:00pm Chancel Choir

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**  
**The Brownwood District**  
**Laity Banquet is April 29<sup>th</sup>!!**  
**Details coming soon!!**

# ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday in our church,

**84** people attended the 9:00am contemporary worship service

**130** people attended the 11:00am traditional worship service

## TELLERS

### February 27, 2011

Gary Sult, Marion Pack

### March 6, 2011

Bill Larmer, Jeff Royal,  
Frances Blair

Please place  
Sunday School  
attendance  
envelope in  
offering plate during  
worship service.



**CARE** ALL YOUR  
**CARE** ON HIM. HE  
**CARE** FOR YOU.  
1 PETER 5:7

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*Our Faithful Followers:*

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