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Reaching Up to God,
Moving into the World,
Making Disciples for Christ

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How to Become an Early Response Team Member (ERTs)

One of the primary ways the Central Texas Conference responds to disasters is via our Early Response Team (ERT). Our CTC ERTs respond to disasters within the conference, as well as to help other areas facing disasters. The mission of an Early Response Team is to provide a caring presence in the aftermath of a disaster, under very specific guidelines that enables a team to be productive and caring while causing no further harm or being a burden to the affected community.

If you are called to service as a member of the CTC ERT, you'll need to register for and participate in one of the trainings taught throughout the year. These trainings are taught by "authorized" UMCOR trainers, and team members are given authorized ERT ID badges from UMCOR as evidence of completing the training.

The next Emergency Response training opportunity will be:

9am to 5pm on Saturday, September 7th at Central UMC in Waco, Texas

Here are the basic qualifications for one to become a certified Early Responder with the Central Texas Conference:

Complete the basic class, led by an authorized trainer:

- Pass a background check done by the conference office (usually related to "Safe Sanctuaries")
- Score 70% or higher on the ERT basic class quiz (found in the manual)

To register, go to the Annual Conference web site: <http://www.ctcumc.org/pages/detail/1738>

Are you curious about what goes on at church or why we do some things? Go to our website every week and click on Chuck Knows Church and find out. www.fumcro.org

Don't forget the church this summer. If you are going out of town on vacation, please do two things for your church. (1) go to church when you are on vacation and bring us back a copy of the bulletin. (2) send your tithe in so that the bills can continue to be paid.

Schedule of Servants:

— Flowers given by

- 8/18— Lynda Robinson in honor of Family
- 8/25—Tim & Mary Brownlee in honor of (Mom) Earlene's Birthday
- 9/1—Strickers in memory of Aunt Betty
- 9/15 —Melba Watson in memory of Clyde Turner
- 9/22 — in honor and memory of UM Women Members
- 9/29— Gray family in honor of Brandon's & Gnawer's birthday

• Donuts weekly cost is \$30

- 8/18— Jane Aberg
- 8/25—Lynda Robinson
- September—Needed

2013 Donut Chart is in the foyer
— Please put your donation in the offering plate and note "donuts" or the basket in the foyer on Sunday—

- Acolytes — TBA

— Prayers for Pastor

- 8/18 Don Newman / Terry Brown
- 8/25 Jerry Pomeroy / Keven Davis
- 9/1 Tim Brownlee / Mike Stricker
- 9/8 Don Newman / John Young
- 9/15 Jerry Pomeroy / Terry Brown
- 9/22 Tim Brownlee / Keven Davis
- 9/29 Don Newman / Mike Stricker

— Counters (Sundays)

- 1st : Pam Briden & Stephanie Vassallo
- 2nd Jody Smock & Tim Brownlee
- 3rd Lionel Hazard & Barbara Persefield
- 4th Brandy Young & Shirley Templeton
- 5th Chuck Fouts & Curtis Vassallo or Jody Smock

— Sound Technicians

8:30 service

Don Newman, Les Mitchell & Scott Sackett

10:50 Service: AV Team & Joe Meyers

-Video: Carolyn Haffey/ McKnight family & Youth ONE



DONUT SIGN UP CHART

Want to help us be a welcoming congregation? Why not sponsor our donut station? Sign up sheet is near the Library. Weekly cost is \$25. Thanks for providing Radical Hospitality.

Give From Your Smart Phone

FUMCRO offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone.

Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader! Follow the steps to give.



FINANCE REPORT

Below you will see a report of how we are doing financially as of July 31, 2013

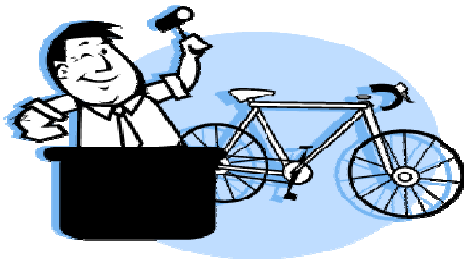
Annual Budget Including Loan Payments	\$ 389,952
Budget Amount Needed Weekly	7,278
Apportionment payment needed each Week: \$1000	
Credit Cards charges are paid in full monthly.	
Amount received as of June 30 including transfers from savings. . .	\$ 230,369
Budget paid including Loan Pmts.	\$237,764
Apportionment Yearly Pledge	37,166
Apportionments Paid.	14,944
Other Special Offerings (Malaria, UMCOR etc.)	3,709



QUILT SQUARES DUE NOW!



ATTENTION: Please turn in your embroidered quilt blocks for the Lord's Acre Quilt if you have not already. Squares are to be turned in to Pam Briden, Mary Young or you can turn them in to the church office and they will pick them up. Remember we still have to sew the quilt blocks together, take the quilt to be quilted and wait for it to be finished. Time is running short. Only 6 more weeks till Lord's Acre Day! Thank you all so much for your time and work on this project!



“COMING SOON: LORD’S ACRE DAY” SEPTEMBER 28TH—ALL DAY!

Lord's Acre Day started at this church in 1957 when some dedicated church members wanted to raise money for the church.

Different forms of donations came in and were auctioned off. At our previous location a pen was set up on the parking lot with livestock. George Ogelsby donated a calf that had to be rounded up in the mud! (Just remember if you bring any live animals, be prepared to take them back home if the auctioneer doesn't sell them.) Wallace Cockerham donated bales of cotton. He brought samples to be bid on and then delivered the full bales. Beautiful handmade furniture & pieces of needlework have always been 'heated' items on the auction block. Here's hoping we will have Mr. Wolaver's Adirondack chairs once again!

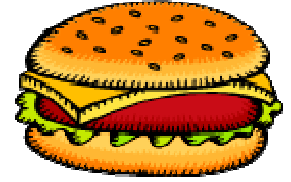
The Lord's Acre Quilt has been an important part of our history also. It's an amazing piece of work that couldn't be done without the labor of women of our congregation. Words cannot express how much we appreciate their contribution.

As our building gets older and is used almost every day, it is in need of repairs each year. Because of the Lord's Acre Day, we have been able to pay off the current sanctuary's building note. We are now working on the parsonage note and loans that have been necessary for building improvements and repairs.

Please begin preparing your donations for the Silent and Live Auctions. The following are suggestions for popular items from former Lord's Acre Day auction donations, but anything goes. If in

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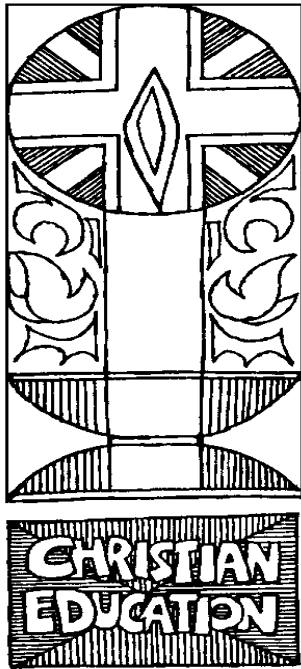
LORD'S ACRE



BACK TO SCHOOL HAMBURGER LUNCH

12:00 PM
COMING

AUGUST 25



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
FOR ALL AGES
9:40—10:30 AM**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:40 am - GROW—Proclaim—Serve, Grow your faith by leaps & bounds (Bible Based).** Classes for Age 3—6th Grade. Nursery also uses this curriculum. **Summer Unit 3 - Being Friends.** August 18: Paul & Barnabas; August 25: Paul, Priscilla and Aquila. **Fall Unit 1—From Judges to Kings** (Deborah, Hannah, God Calls Samuel, Samuel the Judge and Choosing a King)
- **JR. & SENIOR HI SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Meeting in the Youth ONE Room. Led by Owen McKnight

ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES:

- **Sunshine Class:** Meeting in classroom on the right of the Sanctuary. Rotating Teachers: Don Newman & Dani Muckleroy Adult Bible Studies: "God's People Worship" Unit 3, Worshiping in Jerusalem Again, Nehemiah. Fall Study: "**FIRST THINGS**", First Days, Psalm 104 and Genesis
- **Enrichment Class:** - Meets in the Fellowship Hall— Rotating Teachers — study book: "Heaven is for Real" by Todd Burpo and then "Grace" by Max Lucado
- **Mission Class:** Meets in the library.— We will be studying Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew; "Who Do You Say that I Am?" starting August 25th
- **Pastor's Class Sunday Morning:** Will meet in the Sanctuary. Studying: Methodism 101
- **DISCIPLE BIBLE** —Disciple Bible study "Jesus in the Gospels", a 30 week bible study will begin on Sunday, September 15th. We will meet from 6-7:30 PM. Study manuals are available at the church. They are \$33.00 each and you can see Keven or Dana Davis to get yours.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES & ACTIVITIES WILL RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 11TH.

WISH LIST FOR THE NURSERY:

The nursery and Laugh and Learn Preschool (Parents' Day Out) are in need of a few items for the coming school year. If you have any of these items in good condition that you would be willing to donate, please call the church office.

- 1 glider rocking chair (heavy duty)
- 2 wall cabinets (like the kind you hang on the wall in the bath or kitchen)
- 2 changing tables
- 2 changing pads with straps (contoured plastic covered—water proof) to fit changing tables
- Kid-sized Book Shelves
- Toy storage systems with bins



BACKPACK BLESSING — RALLY DAY SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH

9:45 AM— Rally Day Breakfast & Class Certificates
8:30 & 10:50 AM — Bibles awarded to Third Graders
Students & Teachers & Backpacks Receive Blessings
12:00 PM — Back to School Luncheon
Lord's Acre Hamburger Fundraiser

Over the last few months, we have completed the purchase and installation of 5 flat screen, wall mounted TVs in each of the Sunday School classrooms. The teachers have enjoyed using them and they have been quite convenient freeing up space in the Sanctuary for Allen's Sunday School class.

We have several children in Sunday School, with growing numbers over the past year. All of the current teachers plan to stay (Russ, Joanna, and Lynda) to start the new school year. Our Rally Sunday is on August 25th. Our Children's Council is providing breakfast casseroles and yummy goodies for the congregation. This is when we will also promote students into their new Sunday School classes, as well as bless the backpacks during the service.

The nursery has been running well, with several employees on the payroll. Once things settle down we would like to look into having at least one or two volunteers in the nursery each Sunday. Doing this would reduce our nursery costs \$80-\$100 each week. We are considering hiring a paid nursery manager to keep things professional in the nursery on Sundays. This position would allow for the manager to work in the nursery with the children, manage the employees, plan work schedules, and provide bible lessons for the nursery workers to teach to the children in their care. Elizabeth Sanden - Children's Council

Sunday, September 8th Celebrating Grandparents!

On Sunday, September 8th, at both worship services, grandparents and grandchildren will be recognized and receive blessings.

GRANDPARENTS, you are encouraged to bring your grandchildren to church; **GRANDCHILDREN**, you are encouraged to bring your grandparents to church. This will be a special time to honor and bless both generations!



WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS



Tamela Sackett has graciously accepted to be our new leader of the Wednesday Fellowship Dinners. If you are interested in helping with preparation and clean-up for Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners please call the church office or Tamela. We will begin these dinners in September on the 11th from 5:30—6:30 pm., during the school year and except on holidays. Donations from attendees pay for the meals, please consider the cost of eating out and make your donations accordingly, Minimum suggested cost is \$5 for adults an \$3 for young children.

FUMCRO Youth Newsletter

Owen McKnight
Youth Minister

Email:

opmcknight@aol.com

ONE GOD — ONE FAITH — ONE WAY

YOUTHONE SUMMER ACTIVITIES REPORTED TO ADMIN. COUNCIL:

God at the Movies- completed June 23— 8 weeks, 7 movies
Jump Street— July 15- 21 participants, August 7, 21 participants
Dyno Rock Gym — July 18th- 6 participants
Arlington Park Mall Ice Skate August 8- 11 participants

YOUTH FISH FRY — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH — Save the date!!!!

Youth Wednesday nights start up again with a *New Split Bible Study*

Begins on Wed. Sept. 11th (Six weeks study.) at 6:00 pm.

The Ladies will be studying Esther- Led by Natalie McKnight, Melody Durazo

Young men's study to be announced

Guest presenters, Collin McKnight and Roger Olson- Truett Seminary Baylor University

Stephen Ministry to Begin Soon

Stephen Ministry is one-to-one lay caring ministry. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay care givers – Stephen Ministers – to provide high quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. We have several people in our congregation that served as Stephen Ministers in their previous congregations.

This is a very large undertaking for First Red Oak, and has been in the works for quite a while. Our church enrolled as a Stephen Ministry Congregation earlier this year.

Mary Brownlee and Sherry Doty attended Stephen Ministry Leadership training July 14-20th in Dallas. This was a **very** full, 50 hour week of learning, discovery and worship. The training was attended by approximately 325 Stephen Leaders from 40 states and 2 foreign countries. We are very excited for all that Stephen Ministry can be for our congregation. At the end of the training, a dedication banquet was held for the new Stephen Leaders, which Allen & Darlene Grant also attended.

A Commissioning Service will be held in our church in the very near future for the Stephen Leaders as we continue to plan and move forward.

As new Stephen Leaders, we, along with Allen Grant, have several tasks ahead of us, including:

- Build awareness of Stephen Ministry in our congregation & community
- Recruit and interview potential Stephen Ministers in our congregation
- Train those selected as Stephen Ministers

We are beginning the process of talking to adults in our congregation about their place within Stephen Ministry. Those individuals who are interested in becoming Stephen Ministers will complete the application and interview process. Our Stephen Leaders will provide the 50 hours of training required of Stephen Ministers to those selected, over the course of several weeks, beginning in early 2014.

As we prepare for this opportunity to serve our congregation and our community, we ask for your continued prayers and support. Building the foundation for this ministry takes time, planning and effort. This is a long-lasting and difference-making ministry, and we are both grateful to be part of it.

Stephen Ministers: Sherry Doty and Mary Brownlee

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doubt call, one of the Lord's Acre Committee.

SILENT AUCTION: Hand crafted items, jewelry, sports memorabilia, yard art, holiday items, music CD's, movie DVD's, table decorations, crystal and glassware, small antiques, toys and games, dolls, and other collectibles.

LIVE AUCTION: Antique and new furniture and household items, hand-crafted furniture, lawn & patio furniture, electronics (such as TV, VCR, DVD players, telephones, boom boxes, game equipment), decorative items, holiday items, gift baskets, baby blankets, home baked goods, computer accessories and equipment, art work, clothes, musical instruments, etched or stained glass, wreaths, tickets to sporting events, trips to the spa, dinner out for 2, vacation rentals, services from your favorite place of business, gift cards, and automobile accessories. Use your imagination!!

Lord's Acre Committee members will be at the church from 5:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, 9/25; Thursday, 9/26; and Friday, 9/27 to accept donations to the silent and live auctions. Please remember this is an auction, not a garage sale. If you have any questions, please call Tony or Christi Lane

Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to the BBQ Lunch. All the money raised from the BBQ goes toward the Church Building and Parsonage since all the food for the BBQ is donated. You can get all you can eat Barbeque Lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., along with to-go lunches. You can buy lunch tickets from Lord's Acre Committee persons on the first Sunday in September, or they can be bought at the door on Lord's Acre Day. The tickets sell for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, children under 3 years are free. Sign up sheets are in the foyer to bring potato salad, relishes, bread, and cobbler. UMM have signed up to provide the briskets. We would appreciate all the help we can get.

We pray that each one of you will be in prayer & thought as to your contribution. We will have several areas for you to participate!

Silent Auction - 9:30 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.
Barbeque Lunch - 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Live Auction - 1:00 p.m.

UMCmarket.org

The General Council on Finance and Administration for the United Methodist Church has announced a new program to allow members of UM churches the opportunity to shop online at some of their favorite places while generating a micro-donation to their church. There is no additional charge to you and the companies make a small donation to our church monthly from all of the purchases. Go to umcmarket.org and register. Follow the instructions and soon you will be making donations to the church just by shopping online. Be sure to designate the donations to Red Oak First in Red Oak, Texas as there are other Red Oak's in other states. Watch for a link to appear soon on our church website. Call the office if you have any questions.

MISSION OPPORTUNITES

We have several opportunities to serve our community as Jesus reminded us to **"Love God and love our neighbor as our self."**

DANIEL'S DEN — providing: Emergency Assistance and Transitional Housing. Address: 507 W. Jefferson, Waxahachie, TX 75165. Phone: 872-938-0103 — daniels_den@sbcglobal.net. If you would like to provide monetary assistance, please make a donation and note on your envelope or check memo: Daniel's Den.

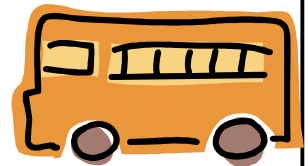
Daniel's Den: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE...Available 24/7 via the local law enforcement agencies or hospitals.

No "walk-ins". Our emergency shelter clients are provided with a hot meal, shower facilities, toiletries, clothing, and a warm bed. Our staff reviews any other needs and refers the client to the appropriate agencies to help them be restored to a productive life. Transportation assistance is available if we are unable to provide long-term housing for them in Ellis County.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING at Daniel's Den: Application approval and space availability required. Please call for an appointment. This program provides housing for women (both single and with children) and legally married couples for up to six months. Our Samaritan House clients are provided with case management services, job search assistance, transportation, childcare and other needs as they arise. They are required to attend a local church of their choice, find employment and adhere to a savings plan in order to obtain permanent housing

ANGEL TREE MINISTRY—We provided Angel Tree Christmas presents for over 40 children of those in our Texas prison system. We continue to remember these children throughout the year for their birthdays. Angels will be placed in the foyer in November for Christmas Donations.

NORTH ELLIS COUNTY OUTREACH (NECO)—FUMC provides packages of 12 oz. pasta and canisters of oatmeal to the Outreach located in Red Oak on Hwy 342. Please bring your donations of food and put it in the basket in the foyer. We provided school glue bottles and backpacks for clients at NECO in the Red Oak area. We will also provide Santa presents for the clients of NECO. Each year they provide a "store" for parents to choose gifts for their children. The clients use vouchers to pay for the gifts depending on the number of children they have. Please remember this when shopping for presents for your own family this year. You do not have to have a specific child list and the presents have to be turned in near the first week of December.



CARTER BLOOD DONATIONS—Each year we sign up with Carter to have the Blood Mobile at our church or in our area. This year they came to FUMCRO on a Sunday and we collected 11 units out of 14. Thank you so much for your participation.

"Imagine No Malaria"—Your "Risk Taking Mission" Team has taken on a pledge for our congregation to donate to this cause through the Central Texas Conference for three years. Please give to this cause which strives to end Malaria in the sub-Saharan African region. Drop your donation in in the offering plate or go online through our website at www.fumcro.org and click on the donation button. Please specify "No Malaria".

LABELS FOR EDUCATION—

Please be sure to clip the UPC code and symbol when tearing your labels. Examples on the right:



EMMAUS GATHERING - FIRST TUESDAY - 7:00 PM

September 3 we will meet at Waxahachie Cowboy Church on Hwy 287. We begin with singing at 7:00 pm and a communion service, followed by fellowship and a meal of light snacks and desserts. Please bring a friend or potential pilgrim. If you play a musical instrument, come and play with the band. Bring a potluck snack, dish, and/or drink to serve about 40+ people to share for fellowship after the Gathering.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CIRCLE NEWS

UMW General Meeting

All the women of the church are invited to attend the UMW General Meeting on the second Sunday of the month. The September meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 11, at 4:30 PM in the Sunshine Classroom. (Executive Team will meet at 3:30 PM.) The program will be provided by Charlotte Yeadon. All women are invited to attend and become a part of the active and moving spirit of UMW. Please call the church office if childcare is needed.

Y*A*W*N Young Adult Women's Network will resume on September 10th—These meetings are held on the Second Tuesday and Thursday of the Month in the Library at 7:00 pm.

The Circle of Hope and Healing conducts our Prayer Shawl Ministry. This group has begun meeting on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 10:00 am except in November and December only the second Saturday due to the holidays. If you know someone that might need a shawl please contact Beth Norris at 214-392-0732.

Circle of Love (day circle) will meet on the fourth Tuesday, August 27 and September 24th, at 10:00 AM. Each month we begin with a program and then a potluck lunch is held. The hostesses provide the dessert and refreshments and decorations for the tables. This group breaks for the summer and has May meeting out to eat. Call Melba Watson for more information at 214-316-8303

Friendship Circle to Begin New Study

The first fall meeting of the UMW Friendship Circle is Thursday, August 22, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. September meeting will be on September 26th. The Bible study for 2013-2014 is "*An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy.*" The focus of the study is for us to travel with the Hebrew people from Egypt to the Jordan River. Exodus and Deuteronomy tell the story of freedom from bondage to *covenant*, of a journey from just existence to *holy calling* and certainly the story of God's *amazing love, faithfulness, and grace*. Study books will be available the first Sunday in August from Jo Wilsford. Jo will provide the devotional and refreshments for this first meeting. All women are welcome to join us for Bible-based study, lively discussions, good fellowship, and delicious refreshments. Need more information? Call Jo Wilsford at 972-617-0672. Please call the church office if childcare is needed.

UMW Lord's Acre GENERAL STORE The UMW is looking forward once again to opening its General Store on Lord's Acre Day. Each year the UMW work hard to make a significant contribution to Lord's Acre Day (September 28th). Homemade items will be for sale as well as items for children to buy in the Sunshine Classroom to benefit Lord's Acre. A few items we will have for sale: frozen casseroles, pies, cakes, cookies, knitted/crocheted items, commemorative church plates and ornaments, and other "crafty items."

Sunday, September 15th – UMW Sunday Details to be announced.

We continue to make birthing kits for UMCOR. Prayer shawls continue to be distributed as needs are made known and requested. The 2013 mission project is collection of PK-5 uniform pants (khaki/blue jean) for boys and skorts (navy/khaki) for girls; also, PK – 12 school incentives. Other mission projects include: \$100 donated for VBS meals; care packages for college freshmen, \$100 worth of Wal-Mart gift cards for the church to use at its discretion for people who need food; a clean-up bucket for West; Gifts to Mission for baptisms and Confirmands; and Gifts in Memory for church members or family members of church members who have passed away.

If childcare is needed during any UMW activity, please call the church office 972-617-9100 to schedule.

If you do not have a name tag, we would like you to have one to wear on Sunday and during our many activities. Please fill out the form and turn it into the church office or put it in the offering plate.

NAME TAG ORDER FORM

NAMES: _____

CLIP ON TAG _____ Donation \$ _____

MAGNETIC TAG _____ Cost \$9.00 Enclosed \$ _____

UNITED METHODIST MEN



The UMM hold a breakfast meetings on second Saturdays of every month. Delicious food and good fellowship, devotions and prayers were part of the programs. We also discuss plans for our up-coming service projects.

On June 29th, we had space at Red Oak White and Blue festival and sold Turkey Legs and Sausage on a Stick and raised over \$300 dollars.

August 25th, during second service we will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the luncheon being held by the Lord's Acre Committee following the service.

September 27 & 28 We will smoke briskets overnight for the Lord's Acre Day Barbeque luncheon.

October 5th, we will once again have smokers at Founder's Day Celebration, selling smoked meats to benefit our pending long term projects:

The UMM will be instrumental in building a stage in the fellowship hall for future services and Lord's Acre. This is in the planning stage, currently, but will be built soon. We would welcome any assistance, either monetary or labor, from other committees who would benefit from it, or the Church at large.

We would also like to refurbishing the Fellowship Hall and central Hallway. Another area where we would welcome contributions of money and/or labor from the church at large.

The Nativity Set that was constructed a couple of years ago will be refurbished with better support structures, repairs and repainting, if needed, for yard display during Advent.

If you have any questions, call Ron Briden at 972-617-7974. All men are invited to attend and invite a guest to the breakfast on second Saturday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.

PRESENTATION COMMITTEE:

Currently the Presentation Committee headed by Don Newman is working on three projects.

1. A new console for A/V operations during services is being designed. Plans have been approved, but the contractor won't be able to start construction until late this fall.

2. Video of services will be available soon of our Sunday services. The committee is presently reviewing the costs and equipment.

3. We are in the process of constructing a Performance stage in Fellowship Hall. The floor plan is under review (See taped outline in the Fellowship Hall.) We have already acquired a 16 channel sound board donated by Waxahachie Theater. Construction awaiting final approval of floor plan. We would like to have construction finished in time for Lord's Acre.

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2013 — PRAYER LIST

OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

MEMBERS, FRIENDS & FAMILY:

Our Home Church Folks:

Golda Punkoney (Nursing home in Center, Texas)

Kayleen Johnson-Gallagher (Joanna's daughter)

Dorothy Doty (Dean Doty's mother)

Jack Christianson (Linda Higgins)

Phillip Trees

Rita Dugger

Florene Nix

Red Wammack

Dortha Daubitz

Johnny Wood

Wayne Kimbro

Vernon Coffey

Cecil Tarver

Kally Robbins

Doris Maechel (Cindy Belote's mom)

Dollie Fouts

Kay Merrifield (Rene Fouts' mother)

Wanda Cutler (Paige Davis' grandmother)

Charles Brown (Oma's brother)

Pauline Brown (Oma's mother)

Cecil Fields (Valerius grandfather)

Grace Weir (Keven Davis' mother)

Mildred Jeffers (Mary Young)

Mrs. Ralston (Becky Monnette's mom)

Esel Norris (Bud's Mother)

Mark Muckleroy, Landry & Logan

Kathy Tepper (Muckleroy)

Nikki Benoist (Stricker)

Norma Jean & George Stricker

Miranda Bradley

Rayan Wilt

Cynthia Rives

Jana Wallace

Joan & Jerry Pomeroy

Jean Cecil

Earline Brownlee

Pat O'Connell

Harold Sawicki

Mary Burr

Marilyn Byars

Pat O'Connell

William Kruger

David Doyle

Concepcion Rodriquez

Carlotta Grinage

Becky Weatherholt

Sarah Shands

Emily Frankie Golden

Gene Coffey

Kim Hazard

Jack Sonnamaker & wife Peggy

Eli Floyd

JB Rice

Those seeking employment

Marriages

Melissa Wheeler

Scott Lyons

Steve Pullen

Chris Hurst

Family of Eric Board (Smiley's son)

Family of Dorothy Low (Darlene Grant's mother)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1/ Amy Doty, Claudia Vent
- 2/ Robert Grandstaff, Gabryl Holmes
- 4/ Lilliana Palma, Johnny Wood
- 5/ Debbie Anderson
- 6/ Dayson Fouts
- 7/ Jean Wammack, Lexi Belote
- 8/ Katelyn Sanden
- 11/ Leeandra Coffey
- 14/ Kelly Edwards, Sandra Doyle, Curtis Doyle, Chuck Fouts, Sean Acrea.
- 15/ Jane Aberg
- 17/ Owen McKnight, Adam McAlister
- 19/ Helen Malone
- 20/ Sarah Doty
- 21/ Florene Nix, Ginger Peters, Casi Holmes
- 22/ Justin Vent
- 23/ Chelsea Belote
- 24/ Katie Norris
- 26/ Jordn Holmes
- 27/ Deanna Tiffany, Earline Brownlee, Jason Cox
- 28/ Dolores Moore
- 30/ Matthew MacCloskey, Lucas Board
- 31/ Renee Fouts

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1/ Nicolas Durazo
- 3/ Ian Edwards
- 4/ Beth Norris
- 5/ Charles Daubitz
- 6/ Adam Brownlee; David McCasland
- 7/ Helen Scott, Jacob Usery
- 8/ Terry Edwards, Tamela Sackett
- 10/ Paige Davis
- 11/ Gil Plumb, Zachery Merrill, Jessica Sanchez, Lynn Schupmann
- 12/ Robert Tiffany, Cindy Belote, Vernon Coffey
- 13/ Parker King
- 14/ Dana Ellard
- 15/ Casey Jacobs
- 17/ Melba Watson
- 18/ Tad Anderson
- 19/ Riley Malone
- 21/ Cassy Sanchez, Nick Ashford, Ariana King
- 22/ Justin Stevenson
- 23/ Katie Almond, Erica Ransom, Eric Schupmann
- 24/ Scott Sackett
- 25/ Emma Sanden
- 28/ Terry Brown
- 29/ Carey Paquin
- 30/ Pat Pryor

OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL &

THEIR FAMILIES:

Mike Webb (cousin of Rene Valerius)
 Damien Guss (Stricker) Afghanistan
 Harold Valyou (Wilson)
 Cpt. Adam Dugger
 Sean Acrea (Yeadon grandson)
 Fred Ballard Jr.
 Doug Cantrell (Suzanne Neel)
 Michael James (son of Oma Mitchell)
 Jason Maris
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Good afternoon,

Thank you all so very much for your prayers, calls, cards and concern during the past few days. Darlene's mom had been ill for quite some time so her death was expected. Please also continue to pray for the Smiley family and others in our church family who have lost loved ones. Being on the receiving end of your grace and love is humbling and very comforting.

Every time I prepare for a funeral, I am reminded of how much comfort there is in God's Word. The most popular scripture that we use at funerals and to bring comfort is Psalm 23. *"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want...."* Those words from King David about his life as a shepherd boy brought comfort to him as he said good-bye to his sons and as he dealt with his failures and the disappointments of his life. Certainly that Psalm doesn't just magically take away the pain but it does help us to remember that God is with us. Sometimes we just need to pray, "God, you know it's hard for me today and I need your help."

Then, when we begin to feel God's arms around us through the loving touch of a friend or loved one, we can remember Psalm 23. Then we will be able to climb out of bed and sing, "Then sings my soul, how great thou art." We may still hurt, we may still feel lost, we may still be uncertain, but there is some comfort in knowing that God is with us.

We have felt that through your prayers and concerns for us. Thank you for being God's people. Your love gives us the strength of God for each day.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Allen Grant—Senior Pastor