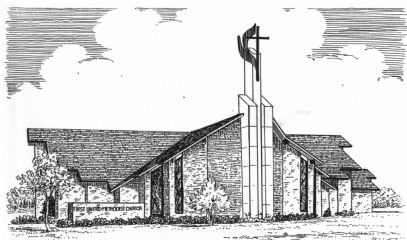


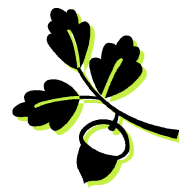
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE ACORN

Red Oak, Texas

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



October 2013, Issue 9



Calling all Pumpkin Bumpkins — It's that time of Year Again!

The Children's Council needs help staffing the Pumpkin Patch! Our hours of operation are Sunday through Friday, 1 pm to 7 pm and Saturdays are from 10 am to 7 pm. Most shifts are for two hours, but the early ones on Saturday are only one and a half hour shifts. Two people are needed for each shift.

Please look at your schedules and try to help out. The volunteer schedule is in the foyer of the church.

If you have any questions, please call or TXT Liz Sanden at (214) 534-7175; or call the church office at 972-617-9100.

Party in the Patch

Saturday, October 19, 2-4 pm

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 26, 3-4 pm

Also grab a yard sign or a magnetic sign to help us advertise the Patch! Every little bit helps.



Schedule of Servants:

— Flowers given by

10/6— Oma & Les Mitchell — 30th Anniversary

10/13—Curtis & Sandra Doyle — 44th Anniversary

10/20—Dana Davis Birthday by Keven

10/27—Anthony McKnight's 17th Birthday by his family

- **Donuts weekly cost is \$30**

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

- Acolytes — TBA Training this Sunday

— Prayers for Pastor

10/6 Tim Brownlee / Mike Stricker

10/13 Don Newman / John Young

10/20 Tim Brownlee / Terry Brown

10/27 Jerry Pomeroy / Keven Davis

— Counters (Sundays)

1st : Pam Briden & TBA

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 Meyer.

-Video: Carolyn Haffey, / McKnight family.



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 \$30. Thanks for providing Radical Hospitality.



FINANCE REPORT

Below you will see a report of how we are doing financially as of September 30, 2013

Annual Budget Including Loan Payments	\$ 389,952
Budget Amount Needed Weekly	7,278
Credit Cards charges are paid in full monthly.	

Amount received as of September 30 including transfers from savings. . .	\$. \$ 297,737
Budget paid including Loan Pmts.	\$ 300,228

Apportionment Yearly Pledge	37,166
Apportionments Paid.	20,326
Apportionment amount still due	16,650
Other Special Offerings (Malaria, UMCOR etc.)	3,975

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.



World Communion Sunday, October 6

The first Sunday of October is designated worldwide as World Communion Sunday. Christian churches around the world will celebrate communion. During our worship services, the children and youth will dress in costumes representing different countries of the world and process in with the communion elements. Any child or youth who wants to participate are asked to meet in the Fellowship Hall either at 8:10 AM before the 8:30 AM service or immediately following Sunday School (10:30 am) before the 10:50 AM service. On this special Sunday, we remember, pray for, and celebrate the inclusive church universal.



LORD'S ACRE A HUGE SUCCESS!

Lord's Acre Day is always a lot of fun for all. If you have never been to a live auction, this is one to see. Besides being very important to our congregation it is always exciting to see what takes a large bid and how your friends at church go at it to get some prized item, like an original painting, a home made pie, or a basket of goodies.

This year the total raised to date from Lord's Acre is \$23,080. Funds are still coming in at this time.

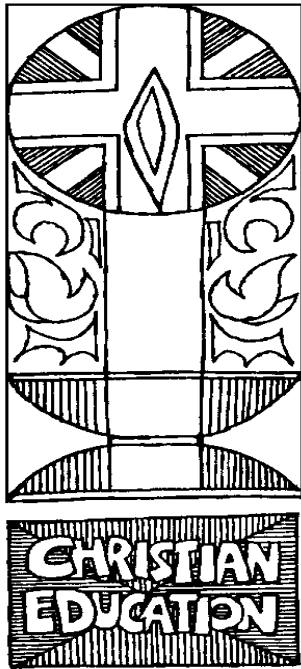
Special thanks to all those who participated by bringing items for the sale, cooking, setting up, cleaning up, bidding and all the other chores it takes to make this a success.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS



The Sackett Family is in charge of Wednesday Dinners. The menu for October is below. Help is needed cleaning up. Please step forward and help out if you are able. 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 and \$3 for young children.

- Oct. 9— Baked Potato & Salad Bar, Ice Cream
- Oct. 16— Soup & Grilled Cheese, Salad, Dessert
- Oct. 23—Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Dessert.
- Oct. 30—Sloppy Joe, Tator Tots, Salad, Dessert



**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. Teachers: Russ Schupmann, Lynda Robinson, & Lori Stricker/Liz Sanden. Nursery also uses this curriculum. **Fall Unit 2—David the King** Bible Verse: I will live in the Lord's house as long as I live.
 - **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?"
 - **Pastor's Class Sunday Morning:** Will meet in the Sanctuary. Studying Adam Hamilton's "Christianity's Family Tree, What other Christians Believe and Why"
 - **DISCIPLE BIBLE** —Disciple Bible study "Jesus in the Gospels", a 30 week bible study on Sunday, 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 MOST WEDNESDAYS 5:45PM.

Acolyte Training Class Scheduled for October 6



Being an acolyte is an important way in which the children of the church may take part in the worship service. During the acolyte training class scheduled for **Sunday, October 6th**, the children will not only practice how to be acolytes but also study the different parts of the worship service, the seasons of the Christian year, and the symbols of our faith. The classes are open to **all 3rd through 6th graders** and will take place immediately following the 10:50 AM worship service. A snack lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall and then the class will be held in the sanctuary. The class will dismiss at 1:30 PM. Children who have already completed the training may also attend for a "refresher." A schedule including new and experienced acolytes will be developed for October through December during the class. Please call Jo Wilsford (972-617-0672) if you have any questions about the training class.

ATTITUDE

Romans:15 -5 : *May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,...*

Long ago someone told me that attitude is everything, and at times in your life it will be the only choice you have. I was young and didn't quite understand the significance of this statement.

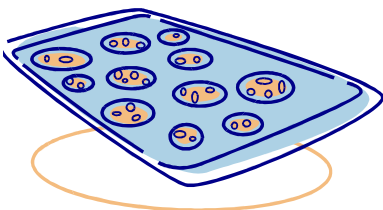
Last week while waiting for the weekly blood test I suddenly was blessed with the meaning of the above statement.

The RN's and I were talking about the Texas State Fair and the new Big Tex, when a lady patient came in, she was sad and could not talk about anything happy. Instead she complained about her aches, and pain and how hard life was for her. It was when she left, to go to a Chemo treatment, I noticed that the RN's were no longer happy, and I started to pray for the lady and a way to bring happiness back into the room. As I finished the prayer it occurred to me that how she talked was her choice, just as what I talk about is my choice. I also realized how her attitude affected the RN's and me.

I opened my mouth to say something else, when out came the question. "Are any of you planning on going to the State Fair?" One said no and the other two said they hope to go. By then the RN working with me finished it was time for me to leave. Thanks to the Good Lord answered prayer everyone was once again cheerful.

Since that day from time to time I ponder about attitude, and how my attitude and choices affect those around me.

Joan Pomeroy
Writing for Enjoyment



KAIROS:

Keven & Dana Davis leave on Wednesday, October 9th to bring good news to those in prison at Mountain View Women's Prison. If you are making cookies, please have them at First United

Methodist on this Sunday, October 6th. Thanks for your continued support of our prison ministry. Please be in prayer for them.

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

FUMCRO Youth Newsletter

Owen McKnight
Youth Minister

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ONE GOD — ONE FAITH — ONE WAY

YOUTH FISH FRY — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH — Hope to See You there!!!!

\$10 for Adults, \$5 for children

Fresh Fried Fish, Hush Puppies, Coleslaw, Dessert

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

Each Wednesday Evening at 6:00 pm.

The Ladies are studying "Esther"- Led by Natalie McKnight, Melody Durazo

Young men's study - "Conflict—Overcoming Stress in Your Life"

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.

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. Applications are available from Mary, Sherry or Pastor Allen.

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.

EMMAUS GATHERING - FIRST TUESDAY - 7:00 PM

Gatherings coming up is November 5 location TBA, and December 3 at Red Oak First UMC. The one in December is usually our Christmas celebration. 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 share for fellowship after the Gathering.

UNITED METHODIST MEN



The United Methodist Men hold a monthly breakfast made by rotating members of the UMM. On second Saturday, October 12 the men will meet at 8:00am for breakfast in the fellowship hall. October cooks are Bud Norris and Don Newman.

Thank you to the UMM fellows that helped construct the stage in the Fellowship Hall. The men also will be continuing to aid the PDO Program by constructing a new playground and refurbishing the existing playgrounds and painting the equipment. These are just a few of the many projects that the men have taken on beginning this year.

Look for the UMM booth at many Red Oak events during the year such as Red Oak, White & Blue, Founder's Day and of course Lord's Acre Day.

Thanks

I wish to thank our church family for the many kindnesses extended to the Hubbard and Wammack families with the death of Marvin C. (Red) Wammack on September 8th., 2013.

Pastor Allen was there, too when he was most needed. Jean Wammack.

WISH LIST FOR THE NURSERY:

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

- 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

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. Buy Online? Go to <http://www.umcmarket.org/> and your purchase will help our church.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

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. We are holding our fundraiser at this time. Belk’s Charity Sale will be held on Saturday, November 9th from 6-10 am. Only ticket holders will be allowed to shop. Charity Sale is 20—70 % off storewide including special savings on **rarely discounted brands**.

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 is the Church signed up to provide packages of 12 oz. pasta and canisters of oatmeal on a regular basis. They are located in Red Oak on Hwy 342. You can bring your donations of food and put it in the basket in the foyer.

With Thanksgiving in early November we will once again collect donations for the Thanksgiving baskets and \$10 towards the Turkey for the clients of NECO.

November 25th we will have Secret Santa gifts to purchase for a number of children through the Outreach. Please remember when shopping for presents for your own family this year. You can get a gift for a specific child or just donate to the Santa Shop at the NEC Outreach. Gifts 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. Please remember to donate blood 1—3 times a year if you are able. Questions—go on line to

“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 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 and place in the mailbox in the foyer.

North Ellis County Outreach in Need:

Below is a list of items that the Outreach is in need of.

1. Canned Vegetables..
2. Low Salt or No Salt Canned Vegetables
3. Healthy Snack Items (nuts, puddings, fruit snacks)
4. Hamburger Helper
5. Macaroni and Cheese
6. Condiments (ketchup, mayo, mustard, jellies)
7. Canned Meats (tuna, salmon, chicken, chili, stew)

8. Low Sodium Soups
9. Sugar Free snack items
10. Canned Fruit or Fruit Juices

Our church is also responsible for Oatmeal in canisters and 12oz. packages of Pasta.

Please bring your items to the church and we will take them to the outreach for you.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CIRCLE NEWS

UMW General Meeting

The UMW General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 13th, at 4:30 PM in the Sunshine Classroom. Beth Norris will provide the program. (Executive Team meets at 3:30 PM.) 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 Continues Bible Study, *An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy*

The UMW Friendship Circle will meet on Thursday, October 24, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jo Wilsford has study books available. At the October meeting, we will discuss Lesson 3: "Set Free by God"; the Scripture is *1 Exodus 4:18 – 13:16*. Arnell Kimbro will provide the devotional and Jane Aberg will provide refreshments for this 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.

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

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Our building is approximately 24 years old and is now ready for some upgrades and maintenance. Over the past four years we have been improving the building as we could.

This year, we added a stage in the fellowship hall so we can create an additional worship space. We are installing a fire alarm system and have plans to install video cameras so that we can record our sermons and services for shut-ins.

This is one of the greatest congregations I have ever served. This congregation loves Christ and has a heart for the people of our community. Darlene and I are so grateful for each one of you. Thanks for being the church in this place.

Allen

Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church

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 \$ _____

PARENT'S DAY OUT NEWS

With much sadness on our part Christy Niven submitted her resignation as our PDO Director. We appreciate her time of service with us. She has accepted a position of Director of Little Hawks with the Red Oak ISD.



After a month long interviewing process, we were pleased to announce that Angela Cameron had been selected as our new PDO Director. Angela was highly qualified with a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education from East Texas State University (now Texas A & M – Commerce). She holds an Elementary Self-Contained Certification, an Elementary Math Certification, and Early Childhood Endorsement for Pre-K and Kindergarten and a Bilingual/ESL Endorsement. She has extensive experience as a classroom teacher, and for the last 7 years she has served as an independent educational consultant around the country with a focus on early literacy. She conducts professional development workshops for teachers sharing practical, research-based strategies to improve student performance and development in the classroom.

Angela's passion is preschool education. She is also passionate about parent involvement and communication. The PDO board unanimously chose Angela as a result of her professional experience, her educational enthusiasm in the area of preschool, and her strong management and organizational skills. She is an effective communicator, and she exhibits positive interpersonal skills.

Under Angela Cameron's leadership, our PDO program, is moving towards the next level of faith-based education, professionalism, and Christian community service. The Administrative Council approved a motion for our Laugh and Learn Preschool to apply for state licensing and pursue the needed playground and building improvements needed to complete the process. This includes the installation of an updated fire alarm system. The PDO board met with the Trustees on Sept. 8th and unanimously approved funding of the fire alarm system and playground construction.

Many improvements have been made in our Laugh and Learn Preschool program for the Fall of 2013 including:

1. Improvements in the classroom learning environments
 2. In-House and outside teacher training sessions
 3. Parent Handbook has been updated and revised
 4. A successful parent orientation and open house was held on Sept. 3rd
 5. Curriculum resources have been added and reorganized with an academic focus
 6. New Laugh and Learn T-Shirts were sold as a fundraiser
 7. Targeted Reading Instruction program in the 4 year old program has been initiated
- Prayer time is held at the beginning of each day for teachers and staff

These are just a few of the many wonderful things that are happening in our preschool program in the Fall of 2013. We will continue to support and pray for Angela and her team as we work towards state licensing.

OCTOBER 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
 Dortha Daubitz
 Johnny Wood
 Wayne Kimbro
 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)
 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
 Isaiah Rhodes
 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
Stricker/Sanden Families in the loss of Norma Jean Stricker
Family of M.C. "Red" Wammack
Family of Vernon Coffey
Kay Bell & Family in the loss of her mother, Joyce Hall
Flonnie Shannon (Wayne Kimbro's sister)
Mary Edwards (mother of Terry Edwards)
Margarite Donald
Walter Ellis
Costlow Family in the loss of Imogene Williams
Anne Rickabaugh (Dani's daughter)
Wayne North
Brown Family in the loss of Louise Brown, Terry's brother
Jana Finke
Howard Ewing's mother
Robert Treese
Jay Brock
Robert Grandstaff
Joe Schaffner



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1/ Aaron Fouts & David Aberg
 2/ Sam Norris & Eva Rudd
 3/ Gavin Yates
 4/ Sheri Fouts

5/ Robert Cox, Charlie Payne
 6/ Amanda Byars, Nixie Kiker & Tom Kiker
 8/ Dale Etchieson, Russ Schupmann, Tom Rogers, Jim Jordan
 11/ Ryan Fortenberry
 12/ Mark Wilson
 13/ Jay Valerius
 14/ Harley Weyker
 15/ Bud Norris, Jordan Brown, Mike Sackett
 16/ Jenny Coffey
 17/ Leslie Jordan
 21/ Jody Smock
 22/ Rosemarie Anderson, Steve Smiley
 23/ Emma Jo Daniel, Emily Byars, Jerry Kirby, Joy Shaw
 24/ Nick Shaw, Hannah Edwards
 25/ Dana Davis, Michael Doty, & Hugh Grandstaff, Sr.
 26/ Anthony McKnight
 27/ Jacob Fikes, Curtis Doyle
 28/ Darlene Grant
 29/ Elaine Nobles
 30/ Jessica Yates; Jeremiah Garcia

Please contact the church office to add birthdays to this list.

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
 Curtis Windsor (Neel)
 Colby Jones (Lane)
 Robert Grandstaff
 Hugh Taylor Grandstaff
 Sylvia Grandstaff
 John-Paul Taylor (Nix's family)
 Justin M. Gell
 Lee Weatherholt, Jr. (Grant family)

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THE BACK PAGE by Allen Grant



Good morning everyone,

As I write, we are completing most of our fall paperwork for our Charge Conference. This annual meeting is for the church to celebrate the ministry we have accomplished and to make some plans for the future.

As part of the Charge Conference I have written a brief report of my activities. Since some of you may not be present, here is my report from 2013:

This year I have made 153 visits, supported 13 families through the deaths of loved ones, guided young families into the church, baptizing 13 people and receiving 41 new members (our goal was 52). I have proclaimed God's Word through sermons and teaching. I have become involved in the community and local school district.

We have developed an on-going Lay Leadership Development plan including offering Disciple Bible Studies, the new Lay Servant Courses and have begun a Pastoral Care ministry through the Stephen Ministry. (We have sent two of our members to be trained as Stephen ministers and leaders).

Our church reaches out into the community while involving agencies that minister to others through use of our building. We are working on finding new ways to reach out into the community and become more involved. Currently 86 of our members are actively involved in ministry outside of the walls of the church.

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