

Acorn News

October 2014



First United Methodist Church

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WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Sundays

8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:40 am Sunday School For All Ages
10:50 am Blended Worship
6:00 pm Youth Activities

Wednesdays

10:30 am Morning Bible Study
6:00 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Bible Study & Youth
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Laugh & Learn Day School

9:15 pm - 2:15 pm Mon/Wed/Fri

Mark Your Calendar

October 1	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner (Safety/Trustees)
	6:30 pm	UMW Gathering at the Well
October 5	8:30 am & 10:50 am	World Communion Sunday
October 8	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner (Missions/Evangelism)
October 11	8:00 am	UM Men's Breakfast
October 12	12:00 pm	Finance
	1:30 pm	Administrative Council
	3:30 pm	UMW Executive Board
	4:30 pm	UMW General Meeting
October 15	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner (Sackett Family)
October 19	12:00 pm	Coffee with the Pastor
October 22	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner (Worship Team)
October 23	7:00 pm	UMW Friendship Circle
October 25	2:00 pm	Party in the Patch
October 26	8:30 am & 10:50 am	Prayer Shawl Blessing
October 28	10:00 am	UMW Circle of Love
October 29	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner (Sackett Family)
October 31	7:00 pm	Pumpkin Patch Closes

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When Kids Don't Want to Go to Church

by Kenny Conley

Central Texas Conference Online Contributor



Several times a year I teach a Child Dedication class, and one of my favorite parts of the class is embracing the tension between letting kids making their own choice and making some choices for them. In the class, we cover Deuteronomy 6:4 and this tension lives in the part of the passage, "Impress them on your children." What this verse unpacks for parents isn't quite applicable for the parents of babies in the dedication class, but it's a huge principle that parents need to carry with them as their kids grow.

In over 15 years of ministry I've seen some patterns emerge. There are almost always more 4-year-olds than 9-year-olds at your church. There are almost always more 9-year-olds than 13-year-olds and lastly, there are almost always more 13-year-olds than 18-year-olds. Why?

There are probably lots of answers to that question, but what I've found is, very simply, kids just don't want to go to church, and parents don't want to make them. I think that most parents mean well. They don't want to force faith on their kids in fear that their kids will reject it.

So what are parents to do when they face this situation?

Several months ago, Ruth Meyer from the blog TruthNotes.net wrote a great post called "Why I Would Never Force My Kids to Go to Church." She uses the very same examples I've been using in my Child Dedication classes for years. Kids don't always understand what is best for them, and they don't have the wisdom (life experiences) to make certain decisions until they're older. For example:

- If my child doesn't want to brush his teeth because he doesn't like it... it doesn't matter. I know better than he does. He's going to brush his teeth.
- If my child doesn't like school... it doesn't matter. I know better than she does, and it's the law. She's going to go to school.
- If my child doesn't like vegetables... it doesn't matter. I know that they are healthy and that there will be a day that his/her taste will change. We'll keep trying them.

These things don't make me a bad parent. They make me a good parent.

Church is no different. Kids will wake up and say they don't want to go to church. They may be like this for months or maybe even years. It's normal. Parents need to be encouraged to parent well through these phases. They know better, and this is a time when they need to do what they know is best for their child.

Exception – I think there is space for an exception. If you're forcing a child to attend a church that makes Jesus boring... then I'd maybe reconsider your church or see how you can help be the change to make ministry to kids and students relevant, exciting and relational.

Here's a final thought from Ruth's post:

Church isn't a place you go to get pumped up about life. It isn't entertainment like a movie or concert. It is literally a life and death matter. Eternal life. Just as a loving parent wouldn't allow their child to wander in the road or to quit school, a loving Christian parent also does not give the option to their children about going to church, learning Bible stories at home, and praying together. Do your kids always jump for joy when they hear you say, "Time to get up! Let's get ready for church!" No. They won't. Do they get excited for school every morning? Hardly. But you still make them go. Why? Because you are the parent and you know what's best. Even when they complain, you serve them healthful meals and limit their junk food intake. You set boundaries for their own safety when playing outside. You insist they go to school because you're looking at the long term picture. And you are right to do those things. How much more so are you responsible for doing all you can to secure their eternal well being?

Communicate this to your parents. Encourage them. Cast this vision when they have babies, when their babies become preschoolers, when the preschoolers become elementary age, when the elementary-aged kids become pre-teens and when the pre-teens become teenagers. Stick with it because this is the only chance they get!



Field trips begin Wednesday, October 1st!

Party in the Patch and Trunk or Treat on
Saturday, October 25th from 2-4 pm!

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

Please sign up in the foyer or contact Rhonda Meyer,
Volunteer Coordinator, to find out how you can help!



It's a BOY!

**Baby Shower for Jessica Aberg
Sunday, November 23rd at 2:30 pm
Fellowship Hall**

Please come and help us celebrate this blessed event!

(Jessica is registered at Target and Babies R Us.)



World Communion Sunday

The first Sunday of October (Oct 5) is designated worldwide as World Communion Sunday. Christian churches around the world will celebrate communion on this Sunday. 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 is asked to meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Sunday School before the 10:50 AM service. On this special Sunday, we remember, pray for, and celebrate the inclusive church universal.

All Saints' Sunday-Nov 2nd

The first Sunday of November is designated worldwide as All Saints' Sunday. On All Saints' Day, the church universal as well as the deceased members of the congregation are honored and remembered for their legacy of faithfulness and witness. During the worship services on the last two Sundays of October, members will have an opportunity to submit names of those whom they wish to honor who have gone before us to be with God. An altar candle will be lit during the worship service in honor and memory of those saints.


Tap Into CTC Training & Resources:



GLCM is for all couples who seek to enhance their relationship, whether dating, engaged, preparing for marriage, or married by focusing on **LOVE, FAITH, POWER, and HOPE.**

The next GLCM event is
 October 18, 2014
 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 (lunch provided)
 Texas Wesleyan University

To register or for more info, contact:
 Robert K Flowers, Chaplain
 rkflowers@txwes.edu or
 (817) 531-4972



Children's Ministry Leaders and Teachers (Volunteer & Staff):

You are cordially invited to the October snack and share gathering at the Central Texas Conference Service Center where we will all share our best Advent resources and ideas!

Who: All staff and volunteers in children's ministry
 When: October 9th @ 11:00 a.m.*
 Where: Conference Service Center
 464 Bailey Ave Ft. Worth

*A light lunch will be provided if you RSVP with Dawne Phillips (dawnephillips@ctcumc.org) by Friday, October 3rd.



Sign Up Now - Only 15 Spots Available
 8am - 4pm October 18, 2014
 White's Chapel UMC

Trainer: Allen Grant

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.

Enrichment Class

The Enrichment Class continues Sunday School Study with 6 essential lessons you won't want to miss!

Here's what the author, Jessica LaGrone has to say about the study, *Broken and Blessed; How God Used One Imperfect Family to Change the World.*

Does your family have issues? Mine does, too. The good news is there's no such thing as a perfect family. Perhaps that's why I like Genesis so much; it tells the story of a perfectly imperfect family not too different from my own imperfect family, recording both the good and bad pictures of their experiences through the generations.

In this study we will trace the Genesis family from Adam and Eve to Joseph and his brothers. Some of their stories will make you smile with affection for these unusual kinsfolk and their antics. Others may make you blush or cry or shake your fist in anger. But the beauty of this family's story is that, though they were imperfect, God loved them unconditionally and chose them for a specific calling and purpose. Together we will see that despite bad decisions, pain, and disappointment, God worked for good in every generation of this family-determined to transform and bless them so that they could be a blessing to the world.

God wants to do the same thing for us! Join me as we discover how God can transform and use our own imperfect families to bring blessing in a hurting and broken world.

We meet every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Fellowship time is from 9:30-9:45. Class is from 9:45-10:30. Please join us!

Lynne Grandstaff

Music Ministry Matters

by Larry McCord

FUMCRO Minister of Music



The two books of Chronicles in the Old Testament have some wonderful stories of powerful worship services. One such story is found in II Chronicles 5, which tells the story of the Ark of the Covenant being brought into the temple built during the reign of Solomon for the first time. At the end of this chapter are the following verses:

It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord; so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.

I just love this story. The ark has been set to rest in the Holy of Holies, the priests exit this sacred place and the Levites who served in song begin to make music. This must have been a grand song of praise, though the words they sang could easily be updated to the song we sang last week, "God is good...all the time!" And what happens next? The glory of the Lord so fills the house that the priests cannot even stand up to minister. I know Allen well enough to say that, if the music we made on any given Sunday ushered in the glory of God to the point that he couldn't even preach, he'd be just fine with that.

When God's people worship Him "in spirit and in truth" (in other words, from the deepest recesses of our souls being honest with Him), the Holy Spirit can do "exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think". If we lay our hearts bare before God as we worship and give everything we have as we praise Him in one voice, God will move mightily among us.

Larry



Prayer List

- Jessie Boyd (Grandmother of Monique Ballard)
- Stacie Patison Decker
- Martha Donelson (Mother of Tamela Sacket)
- Sandra Doyle
- Walter Gray
- Sandra Havard & Bobbie Griffin (Oma Mitchell Family)
- Wade James
- Joanna Johnson
- John Lamb (Friend of Neva Ransom)
- Dolores Moore
- The Family of Tom Sneed (Lynda Robinson Family)
- The Family of Gary Stick

September Memory Verse

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. -Romans 8:28

Scripture Readings

October 5

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-29
Psalm 19
Philippians 3: 7-14
Matthew 21: 33-46

October 12

Exodus 32: 1-14
Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4: 1-9
Matthew 22: 1-14

October 19

Exodus 33: 12-23
Psalm 99
I Thessalonians 1: 1-10
Matthew 22: 15-22

October 26

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12
Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17
I Thessalonians 2: 1-8
Matthew 22: 34-46

September Review

	9/7/14	9/14/14	9/21/14	9/28/14
8:30 am Worship	58	57	60	65
Sunday School	75	70	68	73
10:50 am Worship	110	101	103	78
General Fund - Pledged	\$ 8399.00	\$ 3636.00	\$ 2049.00	\$ 6870.00
General Fund - Unpledged/Other	\$ 2747.90	\$ 2573.25	\$ 1057.67	\$ 1572.82
Connectional Giving	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 207.30	\$ 235.38
Dedicated Funds	\$ 1068.76	\$ 197.46	\$ 310.00	\$ 334.22
Total Giving*	\$ 12235.66	\$ 6446.71	\$ 3623.97	\$ 9012.42

*Total Giving does not reflect special events and programs, i.e. Lord's Acre and Pumpkin Patch

Do your online shopping at umcmarket.org and earn funds for FUMCRO!



Do together what we cannot do alone.

Wanted: First Responders

FUMCRO is looking for certified individuals to serve as designated First Responders during church services and functions. Please consider volunteering if you are a medical professional or have a CPR/AED certification. Those interested should email Monique Ballard at firstumcredoak@gmail.com or bring a copy of your certification(s) to the church office.

UMW General Meeting: October 12th

The UMW General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 12th, 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.

Friendship Circle Continues Bible Study

The UMW Friendship Circle will meet on Thursday, October 23, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. At the October meeting, we will discuss Lesson 3: "Covenants and God's Enduring Faithfulness"; the Scripture is 2 Corinthians 3:1 – 4:6. Lynne Grandstaff will provide the devotional and Joanna Johnson 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.

Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday Night Dinners hosted by the Sackett Family benefit Tamela's Mom, Martha Donelson. She has Stage 4 Pancreatic cancer and no insurance to help cover the cost of burial. We have dinner here at FUMCRO every Wednesday, but please put these special nights on your calendar.

October 15 – Stuffed chicken breast, broccoli, mac and cheese salad & dessert



October 29 - Beef Tacos and all the fixings, salad & dessert



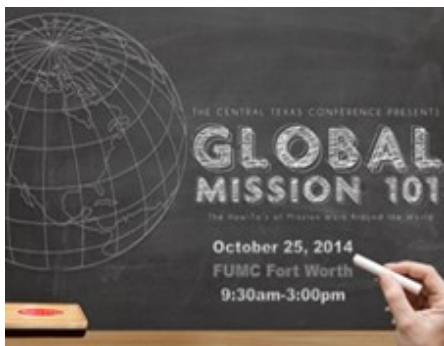
November 5 – Grilled chicken, green beans, Roasted Potatoes, salad & dessert



November 12 –Sloppy Joe, tater tots, mixed veggies, salad & dessert



November 19 – Soup (potato, chicken tortilla and beef veggie) and Grilled cheese, salad & dessert



Global Mission 101 is October 25, 2014 from 9:30 am—3:30 pm at FUMC Fort Worth. Registration is \$10 which includes a catered lunch. If you are wanting to know more about international mission and how you could get your youth plugged in you will get terrific information here! This workshop is designed to give information on how one/groups can become involved in mission around the world by supporting a missionary, contributing to an Advance project around the world, leading a mission trip or even responding to a disaster! Bishop Lowry will share about his upcoming recent mission trip to Kenya! There will be thirteen different display tables set up, each sharing about a different international missions of the

Central Texas Conference. Bring your youth so they can ask questions, get information and share with you what aspects inspire them. Claire Condrey will be there and would love to meet your youth!

Church's Domestic Violence Response Predates NFL News

by Heather Hahn
UMNS Contributor



What does the face of domestic violence look like?

It could belong to the person sitting next to you in church each Sunday, says Ginger Grissom.

She knows from experience. For eight years, as executive director of the United Methodist-supported Wesley House Community Center in Meridian, Miss., she has helped abuse survivors rebuild their lives. She is also a survivor, she says.

United Methodists, like Grissom, have been confronting family violence long before the NFL's response to players' assault charges was making headlines.

United Methodists for decades have helped support shelters for women and children. They also have worked with policymakers and law enforcement to treat domestic violence not simply as a private matter but as a crime.

In the past five years, United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men have collaborated to provide training and advocacy on the issue. Other United Methodist agencies, including the Commission on the Status and Role of Women and the Board of Church and Society, also are involved in advocacy.

Still, Grissom and other advocates — including UMW and UMM executives — say church leaders can do more to address a problem seldom mentioned from the pulpit.

A May survey by LifeWay Research, which included United Methodists, found about four in 10 — 42 percent — of Protestant senior pastors “rarely” or “never” speak about domestic violence. Nearly three in 10 — 29 percent — said they believe domestic violence is not a problem in their church.

Those pastors are wrong, Grissom pointed out.

“The church needs to be open (to the fact) that domestic violence happens,” she said. “It’s happening to people in every church in the United States. The only way that we can fight it is to know that ... and to be open to bringing in professionals who deal with it every day.”

DAUNTING STATISTICS

The numbers bear her out. About three in 10 women and one in 10 men have experienced violence or stalking by a partner, according to the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Domestic violence crosses all racial, cultural and socioeconomic lines. Perpetrators can include plumbers, business professionals and even clergy.

The people affected include not just abuse victims themselves but also their loved ones, especially their children.

Mississippi Area Bishop James E. Swanson Sr., like Grissom, has personal experience with the costs of domestic violence. When he was 18 in 1968, his mother was killed by his stepfather because she refused to give him money for alcohol.

His loss has shaped his ministry and has given him better understanding of why people stay in abusive relationships, he said.

“A lot of times, they are trying to be a savior of that man that they love,” he said.

“Pastors have to know that when they first offer assistance, they are probably going to be turned down. But if you remain a non-anxious presence, sooner or later that person will turn to you and you can offer resources to her.”

No matter the victim's educational or financial background, leaving an abusive relationship is tough.

“Why do people stay? Most of the time it's because of fear,” Grissom said. “And absolutely that fear is substantiated by statistics. The most dangerous time for any victim of domestic violence is when she chooses to leave. People die.”

Grissom said it took her 15 years to leave. Her story is similar to many other abuse survivors' firsthand accounts. She found herself isolated from family, banned from eating fattening food and under financial and spiritual control.

“The fact is that I am survivor, but I am a survivor by the grace of God,” she said.

(To read this article in its entirety, visit www.umc.org/news)

RESOURCES ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

United Methodist Women and Faith Trust Institute offer free webinars this fall. All are 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. CT.

- [Working with Survivors from Diverse Religious Traditions](#) (Thursday, Oct. 9)
- [Making Connections for a Coordinated Community Response](#) (Wednesday, Oct. 29)
- [Men's Role in Ending Violence](#) (Thursday, Nov. 13)

U.S. Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
1-800-787-3224 (for deaf)

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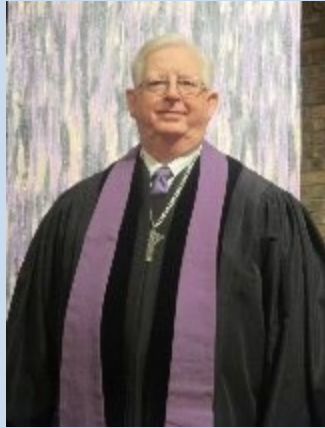
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<p>26</p> <p>PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING</p> <p>8:30AM TRADITIONAL</p> <p>9:40AM SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>10:50AM BLENDED</p> <p>1:00 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>4:00PM BOY SCOUTS</p> <p>6:00PM YOUTH</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00AM LAUGH & LEARN</p> <p>1:00PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>5:30PM GIRL SCOUTS</p> <p>7:00PM CUB SCOUT DEN</p> <p>7:45PM PACK MEETING</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00AM UMC CIRCLE</p> <p>12:30PM WRITING FOR ENJOYMENT</p> <p>1:00PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>5:30PM GIRL SCOUTS</p> <p>6:30PM ALA-NON</p> <p>ALA-TEEN</p> <p>AMATEUR RADIO</p> <p>7:00PM AA</p> <p>7:30PM ALA-NON GROUP</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00AM LAUGH & LEARN</p> <p>10:30AM BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>1:00PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>6:00PM DINNER</p> <p>6:30PM ADULT & YOUTH BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>KIDS' MUSIC</p> <p>7:30PM CHANCEL CHOIR</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:00PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>6:00PM GIRL SCOUTS</p> <p>JR. GIRL SCOUTS</p> <p>6:30PM BROWNIE GIRL SCOUTS</p> <p>7:00PM AA</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00AM LAUGH & LEARN</p> <p>1:00PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p>	

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Just a few moments ago, I received a call that my good friend and Early Response Team Training partner had died. Bob Stevenson was a long-time member and leader in the Burlison FUMC and had a heart for helping those involved in disasters. We were scheduled to lead a class together in a couple of weeks.

As I thought about the sadness of that phone call, I also thought about how short life is. Each of us have only a finite amount of time on this earth and none of us know how long that is. At the end of October we will have our national holiday time of Halloween, but for Christians it is All Hallows Eve, meaning it is the night before All Saints Day on November 1.

As I approach a time to remember the saints who have gone before me, I will remember Bob Stevenson and the others who have shaped my life. I pray that you will take a moment today to remember those who have led you to become the person you are. I can only pray that I will also leave a legacy of transformation and caring. I pray that you do too.

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