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“COMING SOON: LORD’S ACRE DAY” SEPTEMBER 29TH—ALL DAY!

Here is a small explanation to either fill you in or refresh your memory.

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. Several years in a row we have even had a ride in a private plane and a BBQ lunch donated by Hugh Grandstaff.

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 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

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Schedule of Servants:

Communion Steward:
Persefields

- Flowers given by

9/2 Jo Wilsford for Sunday School Teachers
9/9 Melba Watson in memory of Clyde Turner
9/16 Suzanne Neel in memory of her mother, Margot Pool
9/23 Jo Wilsford in memory of her mother, Mac Hubbard
9/30 Allen Grant in honor of Darlene's Birthday

- Acolytes — TBA

Please speak to Ms. Jo to volunteer before Church begins.

- Prayers for Pastor

8:30 am Jerry Pomeroy, Tim Brownlee, & Don Newman
10:30 am: John Persefield, Mike Stricker, Keven Davis, John Young, Curtis Doyle, Terry Brown.

-Ushers & Greeters —
TBA

- Counters (Sundays)

1st Melody Durazo & Stephanie Vassallo
2nd Jody Smock & Tim Brownlee
3rd Lionel Hazard & Suzanne Barry
4th Brandy Young & Jody Smock
5th Chuck Fouts & Curtis Vassallo

- Sound Technicians

8:30 service
Don Newman, Les Mitchell & Scott Sackett

10:50 Service:
Jackson Smiley & Tom Rogers
-Video: Carolyn Haffey, Maureen Plumb & Youth ONE

FINANCE REPORT



Below you will see a report of how we are doing financially. These are just numbers. In the Administrative Council report you will also find some more information. We have been tithing our weekly offerings and are now paid out at almost 54% of what is our fair share of connectional giving. Those dollars help fund missions beyond our local church.

Yearly Budget	\$ 373,955
Total Income Received to Date	\$ 237,374
Budget Needed to Date	\$ 239,989
Total Expenses Paid.....	\$ 261,707 *Includes funds used from Lords Acre & Loans from 2011

Apportionment Yearly Pledge	\$ 39,123
Apportionments & Askings Paid	\$ 22,675
Other Special Offerings (Malaria, UMCOR Etc.....)	\$ 2,510

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Do you want to control your future and your money? Or do you want the lack of money to control you. FUMC is now offering a 13 week course to help you and anyone in the Red Oak Community. Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is coming.

Dave's class will teach you how money really works; how to get out of debt, be prepared for emergencies, invest, and so much more. More than one million families have benefited from Dave's class. On average these families paid off \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 in just 90 days.

Financial Peace University Lifetime Membership usually costs around \$100 and includes all your materials and a lifetime membership to FPU. This means you can attend anytime for a refresher course and also connect online.

The beginning of the class will be announced later. If you would like to be involved or know someone who would, please register at the church office. The membership fee of \$100 may be made out to the church. Classes are usually taught for two hours on Wednesday nights.

**QR CODE FOR DONATIONS TO
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Administrative Council Report—End of August 2012

The Administrative Council is made up of the chairpersons of each ministry team in the church plus 9 at-large members. These leaders meet with their respective teams at least on six other months to plan and carry out the Lord's work that they are assigned to do. When the full council meets, those team leaders report back to the other leadership of the church. This allows the whole church leadership to be knowledgeable about other activities and helps us to share ideas and sometimes joint activities as well as holds each of us accountable to the others. So I want to give you some of the great activities that are going on in our congregation.

The Parent's Day Out Board is charged with the oversight of the PDO Director and the entire program. With the employment of Christy Niven, we have seen the school grow to about 50 students including drop-ins. The school pays its own way now including expenses for supplies and salaries for teachers. The educational wing was painted to be more attractive and inviting to children. A Christian curriculum was chosen.

The Lord's Acre Team has begun meeting to plan Lord's Acre activities for September 29. The quilt is being prepared and donations are beginning to come in. Lord's Acre provides the funding for paying the note on the parsonage and the loan for the church repairs.

Trustees are given the responsibility of handling all of the building and grounds needs. This is an awesome responsibility since often the money is limited. This year we have replaced the hot water heater, replaced one of the garbage disposals, repaired the air conditioners and completed the remodeling projects that were begun in 2011. The carpet in the Sanctuary behind the sound booth has been repaired. The fence around the Pastor's home will be replaced with labor from church members and a donation from one member.

The Missions Committee reports that we are continuing to bring in food for the food bank as well as our own food pantry. Thanks to the Grandstaff family we are able to raise some funds for our Connectional Giving through our Scrap Saturdays. If you have scrap metal to donate to the church, you can bring it to the church or take it directly to the Scrap Yard and tell Lynne it is for the church. We are sending four persons to the Central Texas Conference Fiesta Christiana conference in September to learn more about planning ministry with our Hispanic neighbors.

The Children's Council reports a great VBS with about 35-40 kids plus adults each night. Rally Sunday is August 26; a back-to-school party and lunch will follow the second worship service. Pumpkins for Pumpkin Patch are expected on Sunday, September 30. The Staff Parish Relations Committee reported the calling of a new Youth Director: Owen McKnight (no relation to our McKnight). Owen begins on September 1st.

The Church Growth/Radical Hospitality Team is now advertising our church in *Red Oak Now* since it is delivered to over 14,000 homes in the Red Oak ISD area for free. We also advertise with a banner at the Red Oak ISD football field.

Our church has sponsored Lay Speaker training in August. **The Certified Lay Speaker** program has been revised and is now called Lay Servant Ministers. Nine persons completed the basic training (10 clock hours) in August. The Advanced training will begin later this fall for all who have completed the Basic and for Certified Lay Speakers who need to do some continuing education.

The Extravagant Generosity Team has been looking for ways to simplify our budget reporting process. You will find some statistics in another place in the newsletter, but here are some highlights: We expected to receive through July 2012 \$197,380.00 but actually received \$210,920.00. Most of our expenses are below what we expected them to be. For example, we budgeted \$15,166 for electricity but have actually spent \$9,735. This is because we are managing the thermostats better and because of the improvements that have been made which included tightening the building and cleaning up the air conditioning units. We are over budget on building maintenance and that is because we have had several things like hot water heaters and garbage disposal units go out.

As of the end of July, we have paid a little over 54% of our Connectional Giving requirements. We have paid this as a tithe of our weekly income so we have paid a total of \$22,675 towards our goal of \$39,123. We have also paid \$33,626 on capital expenses this year. Most of that was cash that we paid for items that needed to be done.

As of August 1, we have created an Emergency Account and are transferring money weekly into that so we can begin building a nest egg for future capital expenses like air conditioners, etc.

In recent years, the church purchased what was needed on three credit cards and carried a balance. Because of the generosity of the Lord's Acre Committee, we borrowed funds to pay off those credit cards. The Lord's Acre fund has been reimbursed and the church now operates on a cash only basis.

Thank you to the leadership of our church for doing an extraordinary job of leading our ministries and our finances.

Allen Grant

ONE GOD — ONE FAITH — ONE WAY — YOUTH ONE FELLOWSHIP

Youth Disciple Bible Study online now offered by our Conference.

Registration for the Central Texas Conference Youth Disciple Online course is now open! We will be hosting a course available for all 9th-12th graders around the conference beginning September 10th. Here is the course description:

This Youth Disciple Online group is offered by Leanne Johnston for youth in the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. It is intended for youth within the Central Texas Conference who wish to covenant together to faithfully participate in this 32-week walk through the Scriptures.

Enrollment for this YDO group is now open. It will begin Monday, September 10, 2012. The enrollment fee of \$35 grants the youth one-year access to the materials. Group members will work through the materials together, but they do not have to login at the same time of day.



Calling all teens!

Access to all BeADisciple.com YDO groups begins at noon Central Time of the publicized start day. You will receive an email containing web location and login information that morning, so please be sure to add the email address BeADisciple@sckans.edu to your list of approved senders. If you have questions about how online workshops work, please check our FAQ's page. Contact Leannejohnston@ctcumc.org for more information.

For more information about Youth Disciple Bible Study that we're providing for students in our conference: <http://ctcyouthministry.wordpress.com/2012/05/14/youth-disciple-online-2/>. Registration is handled through beadisciple.com.



DISCIPLE BIBLE II CLASS

Sunday, Sept. 9th. 4:30-6:30 P.M.

"Into the Word Into the World",

study on Genesis - Exodus, Luke - Acts of the Bible.

This is a 32 week study.

**You can direct questions to Dana or Keven Davis
at 214-236-7766 or polymofufu@yahoo.com**

SAVE THE DATE: CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 28, 2:00 P.M. at Midlothian First United Methodist

This is our annual meeting!

We look back on 2012—where we have been and where we are going.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

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



⇒ **HELP US FILL THE WATER JUG:** **“Imagine No Malaria”**—You can make your donations by dropping your change in the bottle in the foyer or going on line at www.fumcro.org and clicking the donation button to sign up for your donation or mark your check **“NO Malaria”**. The global United Methodist Church has taken on the mission to eradicate Malaria in Africa. You too can be a part of this mission by dropping your coins in the water jug in the foyer. If one hundred people donate \$5 per month we would meet our goal each year of \$6,000. That is just \$1 per week into the jug. Please help up meet our goal.

⇒ We would also like to start a fund for scholarships to summer camp. If you can help in this endeavor, please mark your donation: **SUMMER CAMP SCHLORSHIP**.

⇒ **OPERATION CONNECTION** is a program the church started to remember our military stationed overseas each Christmas. In 2011 we only had one military family in Germany. Please send us your friend’s and relative’s military addresses and call or email the church with their name and information for our list. We will be collecting funds for this mission in September so that Christmas packages can be sent out.



⇒ FUMC provides packages of **12 oz. pasta and canisters of oatmeal** to the Outreach located in Red Oak on a monthly basis. The United Methodist Men give the outreach \$50 on a monthly basis for medical supplies both prescription and over the counter. If you have any questions please call the church office.

⇒ Every year our congregation participates in the Belk’s Fundraiser. This year we gave approximately \$200 to **DANIEL’S DEN**. **Daniel’s Den** provides emergency assistance and transitional housing in Waxahachie.

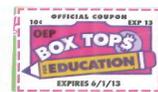
Phone: 972-938-0103 — daniels_den@sbcglobal.net. If you would like to make a donation to Daniel’s Den, you can make it through the church; please put in the memo of your check **“Daniel’s Den**.

⇒ **LABELS FOR EDUCATION**— Please be sure to clip the UPC code and symbol when tearing your labels.

See examples:

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

LABELS FOR EDUCATION & UPC CODE



FUMCRO RECYCLES CANS & PAPER

PLEASE PUT ONLY CLEAN PAPER IN THE RECYCLE TRASH CANS IN THE FOYER. ALUMINUM CANS CAN BE PUT IN THE RECYCLE BIN IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL or bagged and placed behind the shed.

September 22 will be our third Scrap Saturday!

On Scrap Saturday you will be able to deliver to the church from 9 am until noon - or directly to hlh&r, lp **METALS RECYCLING** from 8 am until 1pm - all sorts of scrap metals for recycling. The proceeds from the sale of your scrap will go to help pay our Connectional Giving - Apportionments- for 2012. So far this year, you have donated just over \$1300.00 worth of scrap!

The list of accepted items is long:

Refrigerators, Freezers, Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers, Stoves, Ovens, Microwaves, Water Heaters

Cook ware, utensils and cutlery - aluminum, steel, stainless, cast iron

Plumbing and fixtures - sinks, tubs, faucets

Electric Motors, ceiling fans

Auto parts such as compressors, alternators, brake drums, wheels and radiators

Wire of all types - extension cords, Christmas lights

Electronic scrap - computers, servers, cell phones, keyboards, printers

Batteries - lead, lead acid, cell phone, laptop

Metal pipe of all types (Steel, Copper, Aluminum, etc.)

Brass/Bronze fixtures

Air conditioners, window units, furnaces or components - proof of ownership required for central units

Sheet metal of all types

Aluminum Cans



On the day of the drive, United Methodist Men will have a trailer at the church collecting items.

If you have a full truckload or trailer of scrap, or if the items are heavy and you only want to handle them once, you may bring your scrap directly to the plant at 1541 Shawnee. When you arrive, tell the workers that your load is for "First United". They will add it to the church's ticket.

If you need more information, please look at the website at www.elliscountyscrapmetal.com or call Lynne Grandstaff at 214-738-7301 (cell) or 972-617-4547 (office).

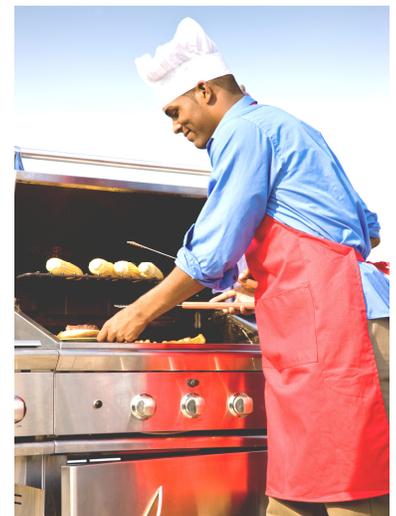
UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS

Hey Guys! Come join the United Methodist Men for a delicious breakfast held on **September 8th at 8:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Men of all ages are invited to attend this great breakfast & meeting.

Tony Lane & Curtis Doyle will be providing the breakfast.

We will be discussing the plans for BBQ during Friday Night before Lord's Acre Day. Yes. that is correct—we cook the BBQ for Lord's Acre. Come join the overnight fun! Bring your cot or lawn chairs & don't forget the deet Mosquito spray this year!

Any questions please contact Steve Smiley at 469-309-2025.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

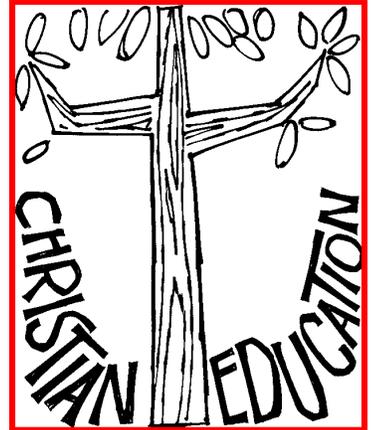
- **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:40 am - GROW—Proclaim—Serve, Grow your faith by leaps & bounds. NEW CURRICULUM (Bible Based)** Session 1 Exodus, Sept. 2 "The Basket Boat", Sept. 9 "God Speaks to Moses", Sept. 16 "Moses & the Pharaoh", Sept. 23 "Crossing the Sea", Sept. 30 "Miriam Celebrates".
- **Jr. & Senior Hi Sunday School:** Meeting in the Youth ONE Room. **Amazing Event**

Adult Sunday Classes:

- **Sunshine Class:** Meeting in classroom on the right of the Sanctuary. Rotating Teachers: Don Newman & Dani Muckleroy. Winter Adult Bible Studies **A Living Faith**
- **Enrichment Class:** - Meets in the Fellowship Hall.— "52 Instant Sunday School Lessons" — rotating teachers.
- **Nomads:** Meeting in the Church Office James W. Moore's "I Hear Voices, and That's a Good Thing!"
- **Pastor Class Sunday Morning:** Will meet in the Library—"Companions in Christ" study called, "Feeding on the Word".

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES & ACTIVITIES RETURN IN SEPTEMBER:

- **Adult Wednesday Bible Study: Pastor Allen's Bible Study**
— morning 10:30 am and evening 6:30 pm.
- **Children's Wed. Bible Study: (learning to use the bible)**
Merci Garcia. 7:15 pm.
- **Youth Wed. Bible Study** — 6:30 pm.
- **Children's Choirs:** 6:30—7:00 Angel & Methodist Music Makers
- **(Puppeteering will start back at a later date.)**



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

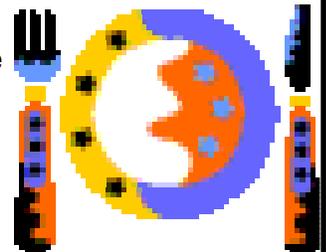


Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner Beginning September 12th—6:00 pm

Curtis Vassallo is our head cook this year, and needs a couple of helpers. The first Wednesday dinner will be held on September 12th. We will begin this school year with dinners on every Wednesday night at 6:00 pm except during holidays. Please see the weekly updates for a schedule and menu. If you plan to come we would appreciate a call to the church office a few days ahead, so that we can have an idea how many to prepare for. This will help us to provide enough food for all. You can pick up a plate to go or eat in. We only accept donations for the meal to cover the cost of the food preparation. The cooking crew and cleanup crew are faithful volunteers.

Chicken Fajitas, Beans, Rice and Dessert

A nursery will be provided. Come join us for fun, fellowship and learning!



Children's Bible Study: Come and explore the Bible with me! We will be going on many adventures and learning about how God helped the people of Israel. The time is right after children's choir on Wednesday nights until 7:45. Don't miss out on this time of exploring the Bible with me. Starting date is Wednesday, September 12 at 7:15 to 7:45pm so come and sing in choir then come to my class and LET'S GO ON AN ADVENTURE!!!! — Merci Garcia

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CIRCLE NEWS

- **The General Meeting** of UM Women meets once a month on the second Sunday of the month at 4:30 PM in the Sunshine Classroom. (Executive Team will meet at 3:30 PM.) All women are invited to attend and become a part of the active and moving spirit of UMW. Hope to see you on Sunday, Sept. 9th when Darlene Grant provides our program. Please call the church office if childcare is needed.
- **Y*A*W*N** Young Adult Women's Network will resume in September 10th—Second Monday of the Month in the Youth Room due to the holiday at 7:00 pm. Normally meetings are on the first Monday of the month.
- **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, September the 28th, at 10:00 AM. Hostesses are Charlotte Yeadon and Jo Wilsford. Jennifer McKnight will be presenting the program.
- **The Friendship Circle** meets the fourth Thursday of each month except in November and December. The meeting on September 27th at 7:00 PM is in the Sunshine Room this month. Beth Norris will provide the devotional and Pam Briden the refreshments. The Bible study is *Dispatches to God's Household: Fatherhood* (1 Peter 1:1-25, 1 John 4:7-21). In God's household, God models life-giving, gracious love for God's children, and holds in store for them an inheritance of everlasting life through the firstborn of all creation, Jesus Christ. As parent, God both defines and defies the character of earthly parenthood. God's love is rooted in the "spiritual DNA" of God's children. 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.



- **Women's Reading Program:** Books are available in the Sunshine Room. Please check out your book by listing it in the spiral kept in the red binder on the shelf with the books. We are beginning a new Program list for 2013. Each reader must read at least one book in the five categories of Education for Mission, Spiritual Growth, Social Action, Leadership, and Nurturing for Community for Plan I. You can pick from book lists for 2009-2013. 2008 books can be counted if read before Dec. 31, 2012. You must also regularly read from Response and/or New World Outlook Magazines. If you read more than required books for the Plan, you may save your titles for the next year's Program. There are four different reading plans that depend on the number of books you read in a year. If you have extra books that you read and don't need for your plan, you can save them for the next year. If you have any questions please contact Lori Stricker—Reading Program Secretary.

- **UMW Lord's Acre GENERAL STORE** Each year the United Methodist Women work hard to make a significant contribution to Lord's Acre Day (September 29th). This year, the UMW will again sponsor a **General Store** located in the Sunshine Classroom. Be sure to visit the store to check out our items for sale benefitting Lord's Acre. A few items we will have for sale: frozen casseroles, pies, cakes, cookies, knitted/crocheted items, commemorative church plates and ornaments, bake-sale-in-a-jar cookies/brownies, and other "crafty items." We will also have a special "Children's Corner" with items priced especially for kids. Proceeds will go towards the Lord's Acre fund.
- **Sunday, September 23rd – UMW Sunday** On Sunday, September 23rd, the members of the United Methodist Women will lead both worship services. The theme of the services is "Walk in Wholeness;" the message will be presented by Bill & Jerri Savuto, missionaries recently retired after completing 10 years at Maua Methodist Hospital. They have served at the Navajo Methodist Mission School in Farmington, NM, in Belize City, Belize, Central America and in Jos, Nigeria, West Africa. Because the UMW makes mission work a priority, **we are asking that everyone who attends bring canned goods, pasta, oatmeal, toiletry items, white or navy children's uniform shirts to be distributed to North Ellis County Outreach or the United Community Centers.** Baskets at the altar will be available for your donations. Please join us as the members of the UMW show their active and moving spirits at FUMC and throughout the world.
- **First Annual East District UMW—Autumn Annual Meeting**—Saturday, Sept. 15—FUMC Midlothian—9:30 AM Register by Sept. 10th. To joy828@sbcglobal.net or Jo Wilsford.

**If childcare is needed during any UMW activity, please call the church office 972-617-9100 to schedule.
Or speak to Merci Garcia, the Nursery Director.**

Sunday, September 9th Celebrating Grandparents!



On Sunday, September 9th, 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!

“Shame, Guilt and the Bible”

Mark 12:17 (NIV) “Then Jesus said to them: “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s”. Over the years this quote has meant many things to me, but today I want to write about shame and guilt. For when Shame and Guilt become our companions there is little room for Peace and Joy.

Where did the guilt and shame come from and why have they been my companions with out my knowledge? For me, they came when I was too young to know their definition. I remember being told “shame on you” when I did something innocent, or accidentally. The guilt came every time I managed to disappoint my Mother.

How many times has your family shamed you, or given you the feeling of guilt? Or were these passed on to you as family heritage? Can you decide what is yours and what belongs to the Good Lord? This subject was easy for me; it was my heritage not my choice, that my grandparents were coalminers, activist for the labor unions, alcoholic and hard working people. This is not my shame.

Guilt is also passed on from family member to family member. My friend’s parents never gave their children a choice about going to church every Sunday. My friend grew into an adult and went to college. One Sunday she had a choice, either to study for a final or go to church. Knowing how important the class was my friend stayed in the dorms and studied. She passed the test, and then the head aches began, the stomach became upset. She went and talked to the Pastor, and between them they decided she had a case of guilt and therefore was filled with shame. She decided it was her parents who gave her the guilt when she was sick and still had to go to church. She also decided to look at what beliefs belong to her family and which beliefs were hers. She told me it was the biggest lesson she learned in college that semester.

My friend had taught me an entirely different way of looking at guilt and shame. Simply by deciding where the shame and guilt came from, and giving the guilt and shame back to those whom it belonged.

Taking time for daily prayer is the best way I have found to keep Shame and Guilt from becoming my companions.

After working on this concept for some time, one day I noticed that I felt more peaceful and joyful. My mind could concentrate on the joys there are in life. I know it would be easy to let Peace and Joy be set aside as my companions, if I did not take care and watch for Shame and Guilt. Like the problems we give to the Good Lord, some how Guilt and Shame sneak back and Joy and Peace leave.

I was almost finishing writing this article but did not like the end as it was written. When this happens I let the article set for awhile and go do something else. Thus I was reading my Bible and came to this which I quote: Mathew: 22: 21 “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.” For me the quote emphasized, what shame or guilt do we as humans keep, that really belongs to where it came from and is not ours to own?

By: Joan Pomeroy
Writing for Enjoyment



Calling all Pumpkin Bumpkins!!!!

It's that time of year again. The Great Pumpkin is coming! Pumpkins will possibly be delivered September 30th. Sign up sheets for unloading the pumpkins and also for volunteering to staff the patch will be in the foyer by September 15th. Patch hours will be Sunday through Friday from 1-7 pm and Saturday's from 10 am to 7 pm through the month of October.

Party in the Patch and Trunk or Treat will be on Saturday, October 27th from 2-6 pm. There will be prizes for trunk decorating this year. More on that later. Please mark your calendars and help out in the patch. The money earned from the patch helps Children's Council provide for VBS, Easter Hunt, play ground improvements and other things for the children of our church and our community.

Thank you in advance for being such a great church family! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jennifer McKnight at 214-354-8373 or by email at mcknight@sbcglobal.net.

**Lions Club Breakfast
Red Oak Road
Red Oak, TX**

Saturday, September 1

Red Oak Lions Club is changing their pancake breakfast to first Saturdays of the month during the school year. The only exception is December, which will still be on the third Saturday (Festival of Trees is on the first Saturday). Come meet your friends at the Lions Club -- all you can eat --7 to 11 AM. \$5 adults; \$3 children under 12. See you there September 1.

PROGRAM / MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS

All Ministry Team meetings will be Sunday afternoon September 9 following the second service and lunch provided by the Youth Council. All members need to be present as we will be preparing our report to the Charge Conference. The written report is due to the office by October 1.

Our new Children's Sunday School Superintendent is Liz Sanden. Classes are offered for all ages of children through the sixth grade. Sunday School is one of the tools we offer for your child's spiritual development. This is more than fun; it is spiritual formation and prepares your child with a foundation for life.

Second semester sixth graders will also be invited to participate in Confirmation beginning in January.

Teachers are: Jr. & Senior Hi—Owen McKnight, 3-6 grades Russ Schupmann, K-2 Lynda Robinson, 3 & 4's Joanna Johnson with Ann Allen. Nursery curriculum is taught by the nursery workers. Lori Stricker is substitute. We are still looking for more teachers; please call Pastor Grant for more information.

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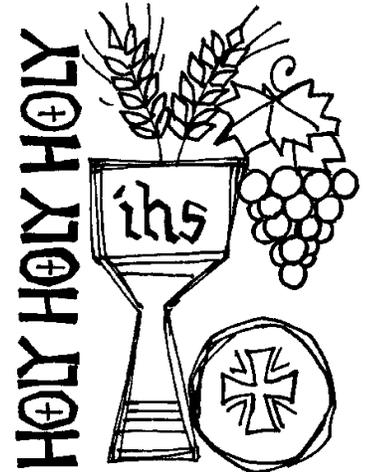
from 5:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, 9/26; Thursday, 9/27; and

Friday, 9/28 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 John Young at 214-356-5852.

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.



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**8:30 & 10:50 AM
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NAME TAGS!

Please remember to wear your name tags! September 2 our new Youth Minister will be coming to church with his family. Please make a note to wear your name tag so he can get to know us.

PS: If you need a name tag we have clip-on ones that are free, just drop a note to Lori in the office or email and she will have Arnell make you one, or if you would like the magnetic kind, their cost is \$9. Be sure to memo "Metallic Name Tag" on your check. Thanks.



Acolyte Training Class Scheduled for September 16th

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, September 16th**, 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 September through December during the class. Please call Jo Wilsford (972-617-0672) if you have any questions about the training class.

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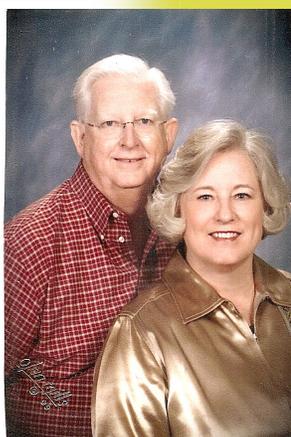
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THE BACK PAGE by Allen Grant

Meet our new Youth Director!!! This month it is my pleasure to welcome Owen McKnight to our church as our youth director. Owen, Natalie and Kennedy (11 months old) come to us from Glen Rose, Texas where he served as the Music Minister at FUMC Glen Rose and both of them worked at Stillwater Lodge at Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center. Owen has begun studies at Perkins School of Theology working towards the MDIV degree. His goal is to become an ordained Elder and Pastor.

Owen begins with us on the first Sunday of September. You will have an opportunity to meet them and welcome them into our church family that morning. The Youth are having a welcome pool party on Sunday night at the Doty's.

Having a student youth director is more than hiring someone to work with the youth. We have issued a "Call" from our church to become our Youth minister. Owen will have the responsibility of teaching, leading and having fun as the youth grow in their spiritual development. His role is that of leader but he is also a student learning and planning for future work as a full-time minister.

From Pastor Allen

