



# First United Methodist Church

Red Oak, Texas

*The Acorn*

"A Small Package of Large Possibilities"



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Hurricane Ike wreaked havoc over the weekend. I am sure that all of us have seen the pictures of the destruction in Galveston and Houston. Other areas have been hit hard as well. The amount of destruction seems to be overwhelming at times, but I know it could have been worse. People are dealing with the loss of property and starting to clean up. If you are wondering what we can do to help here are a couple of ideas. We can work on getting flood buckets together and sending them to UMCOR. There may be some that would like to go to an area affected and help with clean up. And first and foremost we can pray for God's peace to be with those dealing with recovery.

It is hard to believe that Lord's Acre is in two weeks. Yes, you read right. Be getting your items together for the silent and live auctions. Also promote the dinner and auction to your friends, neighbors, and coworkers. It is a fun day with good food and fellowship. Mark you calendar and be here with as many others as you can bring.



This Sunday the UMW will be leading worship. The following Sunday I will conclude the series on Revelation. Please make plans to be here both Sundays. Family in Christ, Pastor Doug

## LORD'S ACRE DAY SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> – 9 am - 4 pm Silent Auction - 9:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Barbeque Lunch - 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Live Auction - 1:00 p.m.



Heavenly Father, our prayer to you is that you will continue to bless our church and our church family. We pray that you will speak to the hearts of every member, and give them guidance as to their contributions to this special day. Help every member to realize how important they are to this historic day on September 27th when we gather together to do your will. Help us to come together as one and pay off the church building loan. Help us to use this opportunity as a stepping stone to grow your church and to bring others to Christ. Help us on this historic day to give all the glory to you as we accomplish this goal. Help make this the best Lord's Acre Day that we have ever had. Amen.

Lord's Acre Committee members will be at the church from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday 9/24, Thursday 9/25, and Friday 9/26 to accept donations to the silent and live auctions. Donations will also be accepted on Saturday morning 9/27.

The all you can eat Barbeque Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., along with to-go lunches if you can't stay for lunch. You can buy lunch tickets in the foyer next Sunday, or they can be bought at the door on Lord's Acre Day. The tickets sell for \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 to 3. Sign up sheets are in the foyer to bring potato salad, bread, pudding, and cobbler. We would appreciate all the help we can get.

Our wish is that every member can be present on Lord's Acre Day and share in this exciting event. If you can't be present for the silent and live auctions, and want to be a part of this historic event of paying off the building loan, you can write your check to FUMC and in the memo section simply put Lord's Acre. We need every member of the church to be a part of this day. Parents & children, too. This year we will have a **BOUNCE HOUSE** for the kids and other games. Come and enjoy a day of **FUN, DELICIOUS FOOD & GOOD OLD FASHION CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.**

Chuck and Renee Fouts Lord's Acre Committee

Fun & Games



## Wednesday Fellowship Dinners September 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm

in the Fellowship Hall.

This Wednesday we will be serving turkey breast, cornbread dressing, gravy, green beans and homemade pumpkin pie.

Relay for life will be hosting the September 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday night dinner at 6:00 p.m. They will be serving Hamburgers with all the fixings, chips, drinks and dessert. Donations will be accepted and will go towards reaching our fund-raising goal. Please come join us.

Last Wednesday we raised \$205 for Lord's Acre at our dinner and served dinner to about 60 people. Thank you so much for your participation.

## Youth ONE News!!

On Sunday the youth had a great time playing "human snowball" and talking about how our choices and decisions affect us after they are made – sometimes they snowball into something too big to handle!



A HUGE THANK YOU to the Brown and Goodloe families for a yummy dinner!

Next Sunday we will find out the answer to the question, "Is Mara smarter than an ROISD student?" Come and find out if Mara still has the high school smarts or not! Dinner is provided by the Almond and Belote families.

Also remember that Bible studies have started; Senior High on Monday nights and Junior High on Wednesdays, both at 6:30pm. Have a great week.

## ONE GOD, ONE FAITH, ONE WAY

### Member of the Week:

**Jada & T.E. Nobles**

Please know that we are thinking about you  
and praying for you.

*If you could, please drop them a note:*

1002 Pierce Rd.

Red Oak, TX 75154

*(Forgot to list on Sunday in Bulletin*

*This coming Sunday we will have a new name)*

**ATTENTION ALL MEN!!**

## Friday Night, September 26<sup>th</sup>

Join us behind the Fellowship Hall to cook the meats for Lord's Acre beginning at 7:00 pm Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. This is an all night fun event for the

men and the result is the best BBQ this side of Dallas. You are welcome to bring your cots and stay all night or come for one of the shifts. Call John Young for details: 214-356-5852



**Also: All Men Be Prepared For the Big October Event Coming October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**"Do you think you can handle it?"**



## ELLIS COUNTY OUTREACH

Don't forget the church continues to provide oatmeal in canisters and 12 oz packages of pasta on a monthly basis.

Other items that the outreach is always in need of are Low Salt & Sugar Free canned vegetables.

Thank you for helping with this ministry. You can place your donations in the grocery cart in the foyer.

## Red Oak Lions Club Breakfast Saturday, Sept. 20

All are invited to the Red Oak Lions Club Pancake Breakfast held every third Saturday during the school year. Come to the Lions Club, on Red Oak Road between 7 - 11 am. You will be served an all you can eat breakfast of Pancakes, Sausage, Orange Juice, Coffee and Milk for a nominal cost of \$4 for Adults and Children age 6 - 12 for \$2. Tickets available from any Lion's Club member or at the door.



October is fast approaching and our Annual Pumpkin Patch is in the works! We are really looking to all of you guys and gals, as a congregation to come together to make this year a success.

The truck is scheduled to arrive on **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** with the Pumpkin Patch open for business the following day. There will be sign-up sheets posted in the foyer for the truck unloading as well as the open positions for manning the Patch throughout the month of October. I am so excited to see what we can accomplish this season to make our Church more inviting for our community's children! I can't wait to see you there! – Elizabeth Sanden



Special Thanks to the Boy and Cub Scouts. They have made it their project to keep up the repairs to the Church Van and have also funded two thirds of the repairs. If

you would like to help pay for the repairs to the van you can make a donation by placing your check in the offering plate on Sunday and marking it Church Van Repairs. Thanks again to the Boy Scouts Troup 652 and Cub Scouts Pack 228.

## It's a GIRL – Emma Jo!

**What:** Baby Shower for Heather Kimbro and baby-to-be, Emma Jo

**When:** Sunday, September 21, 2:30

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

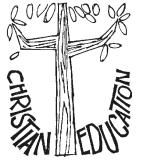
*Please come and help us celebrate this blessed event!*  
(Heather is registered at Target and Babies R Us.)



**NEW MEMBERS:**  
**Tim & Mary Brownlee**  
133 Crest Brook Dr.  
Red Oak, TX 75154

**Helen Malone**  
400 Mara Ln.  
Red Oak, TX 75154

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**-CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45** - Meet in the Sanctuary. We continue our study of "Zacchaeus." This can be picked up at any time. Kids do not repeat a class in the six week Study. This program is for age 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. **Parents: We need your support, please bring your children to Sunday School.**

**-JR. & SENIOR HI:** Mara Bailey Leader

**-SUNSHINE CLASS:** Rotating Teachers: Fall Study: **The New Testament Community, The Birth of a New Community, "Core Values of the New Community", Matthew 5:1-16.**

**-ENRICHMENT CLASS:** - Study: **FaithLinks**

**-SEEKERS:** - Rotating Teachers "If You're Going the Wrong Way... Turn Around!" by James Moore.

**-YOUNG ADULT CLASS** -Teacher: Katie Almond. Meeting in the Library, "The Bible Jesus Read - Old Testament"

**-ADULT BIBLE STUDY** - Teacher: Pastor Doug. Wednesday at 10:30 am. & 6:30 pm Study: **The Bible: Exodus.**



## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

### Wednesday, September 17

- 9:15 Laugh & Learn Day School
- 10:30 Adult Bible Study Class
- 12:30 Pumpkin Patch Meeting
- 6:00 Wed.Night Fellowship Dinner
- 6:30 Children's Choirs Practice
- 6:30 Adult Bible Study
- 6:30 Youth ONE Jr. Hi. Bible Study
- 7:00 Cub Pack Comm. Meeting
- 7:30 Women Only Adult Choir Practice

### Thursday, September 18

- 9:30 Scrapbooking
- 7:00 Waxahachie Community Theater
- 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:30 Gambler's Anonymous

### Saturday, September 20

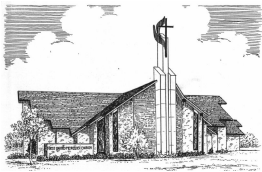
- 9:30 UM Women's District Meeting in Hillsboro

### Sunday, September 21

- United Methodist Women's Sunday
- 2:30 Heather Kimbro's Baby Shower
- 4:00 Boy Scouts
- 6:00 YOUTH ONE Fellowship

### Tuesday, September 23

- 10:00 UM Women's Circle of Love  
(bring a dish to share)



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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**Reaching Up To God**  
**Moving Into The World**  
**Making Disciples For Christ**

*Douglas Blackford, Pastor*  
*Mara Bailey, Intern Pastor*  
*& Youth Minister*  
*Jon Bailey, Assistant Pastor*  
*Stu Dorsey, Music Minister*  
*Sunmi Goodwin, Pianist*  
*Shannon Vinson, Laugh & Learn Day*  
*School Director*  
*Judy Cox, Nursery./Building Mgr.*  
*Casi Holmes & Dana Ellard, Nursery*  
*Attendants*  
*Lori Stricker, Office Mgr.*

*Office Hours*  
*Mon-Friday 9am - 4pm*  
*(972)617-9100*  
*Fax: (972)576-3276*

**Our Presence**

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Sunday School All Ages .....         | 107 |
| Morning Worship                      |     |
| Sunday, July 27 - 8:30 Service ..... | 44  |
| 10:50 Service .....                  | 145 |
| Youth .....                          | 18  |

**Our Service**

- The flower arrangement this Sunday is given by **the Almond & Malone Families** in memory of **Katie Maris**.
- Acolytes are: **TBA (Volunteers needed, please see Jo Wilsford before the service)**.
- Ushers this week are: 8:30 **Jody & Shannon Smock**.
- 10:50 (right door) **Marilyn & Emily Byars, Katie & Savannah Almond**; (left door) **Sue & Jordon Brown**. (Right Door counts the attendance)
- Offering Stewards are: **Beth Norris & Arnell Kimbro**.
- Technicians: Sound: 8:30 **Les Mitchell**; 10:50 **Jack Smiley**  
   Power Point: **Jon Bailey**
- Nursery is available every Sunday. Volunteer: **Judy Cox**.
- Children's Church Volunteers are **Shannon Vinson, Stephanie & Curtis Vassallo**.

**Our Prayers**

Please refer to the September Prayer List contained in this newsletter). **Randy & Karen Shepherd (Cancer - Weyker Family); Charles Richardson (Cammie Wammack father); Hurricane Ike victims, Pam Briden; Connor Beverley; Rita Dugger.**

**Our Gifts**

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|---|------------|
| Total Budget 2008 .....                     | \$ 386,000 |
| Budget needed to date .....                 | \$ 274,984 |
| Total Offerings received to date .....      | \$ 223,368 |
| General Budget needed weekly .....          | \$ 7,432   |
| General Budget Rec'd last week .....        | \$ 6,065   |
| Apportionments .....                        | \$40       |
| Lord's Acre (including Wed Dinner \$) ..... | \$395      |
| Van Repair .....                            | \$ 467     |
| Other specials .....                        | \$491      |

- DO YOU HAVE A "JOY OR CONCERN" your church family needs to know? Contact Lori Stricker (972-617-9100) or email at the address listed below.
- Web site address: [www.fumcro.org](http://www.fumcro.org)
- Up dates: [Webservant@fumcro.org](mailto:Webservant@fumcro.org)
- Newsletter & prayer requests: [manager@fumcro.org](mailto:manager@fumcro.org)
- If you have an emergency which requires the immediate attention of the pastor, please call

**Pastor Doug Blackford at 972-576-5570;**  
**or Jon Bailey at 972-576-2224 or Email: [pastor@fumcro.org](mailto:pastor@fumcro.org)**