



**First United Methodist Church  
Red Oak, Texas  
The Acorn**



**"A Small Package of Large Possibilities"**

**Issue 2008-25**

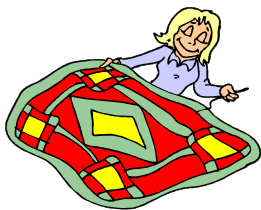
**July 1, 2008**



Thank you for such a wonderful VBS. During the week we served 84 children as they learned about Jesus and his love for them. We also had 80 different volunteers during the week. When it was time to step up to the plate, you hit a grand slam. Thank you to each of the volunteers and to the directors Paige Davis and Teresa McGee. It was a fun week and I know that we reached the children through song, crafts, experiments, and stories. Thank you again, you made me proud to serve in this congregation as we reached out to the community and our own children.

During the month of July, I will be doing a sermon series out of Romans. It will be a time of learning for each of us as we see what Paul has to say to us today as we live out our Christian lives. I pray that each of you will be safe in all of your activities this summer. I know that it is a busy time with vacations and family get togethers and all the children's activities.

See you Sunday, Family in Christ, Pastor Doug



**LORD'S ACRE QUILT UP-DATE**

All the quilt blocks have been turned in.....Yeah.....Beth Britton is currently working on getting all the blocks sewn together to make the quilt top. She hopes to be finished with it by July 19<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to thank Beth for her hard work. She has been a driving force for many years in the cutting and sewing of our quilt. Once Beth has finished the top it will be given to Linda Kemp to quilt. Helen Scott has been the one to print all the names on the squares and get them ready for the many people that do the embroidery. We want to thank all who helped to get the blocks finished and a special thanks to Beth Britton and Helen Scott. Without their help I'm not sure how we would manage to get the quilt done.

**HAMBURGER - ICE CREAM SOCIAL - JULY 20TH**

Our next **FUN-D-RAISER** will be a "Hamburger – Ice-Cream Social". This will be held on Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. This event coincides with the return of our Youth and their sponsors from their Mission Trip. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to come for some good food and lots of family fun.

We will not be selling tickets for the event but will have donation baskets at the door. All proceeds will go towards paying off our building loan so we hope you will come. Everyone is welcome.....

**ELLIS COUNTY OUTREACH**



First Church continues to provides oatmeal in canisters and 12oz packages of pasta on a monthly basis. The outreach is always in need of low salt and sugar free food for the elderly and diabetics.

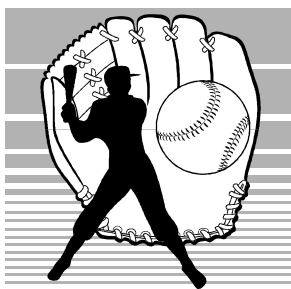
Thank you for helping with this ministry. You can place your donations in the grocery cart or baskets in the foyer.

## Youth News!

The youth finally had their girls and guys night! A lot of work went in to planning a special night for each group and we had a lot of fun with what everyone planned. Thanks to the Doyles and the Davis's for providing dinner for us! Next week there is no youth since it is July 4th weekend, however be sure to come next Wednesday the 9th at 6:00 for dinner and a movie in the fellowship hall! Have a great week and a safe holiday weekend. Mara



## ONE GOD, ONE FAITH, ONE WAY!



## JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> – “A BALL, NINE GLOVES, AND ONE BAT”

You might ask, "How much fun can you have in church?" The answer is fairly simple when it comes to the United Methodist Men sponsoring a night out at a Rangers Game; **all the fun you can muster!** So, with that said, it is that time of year again when the United Methodist Men joyously invite you, your family, and your friends to a fun filled night at the Rangers Ballpark in Arlington.

Something the United Methodist Men are doing different this year is to donate all proceeds from the ticket sales to the Lord's Acre Fund. So, come out to the ballpark, snack on some peanuts and crackerjacks, enjoy some good company, and watch one of America's favorite pastimes. The United Methodist Men hope to see you there . . .

Tickets are on sale now for \$6 per person. Contact any of the UM Men or come by the church office.

## RECYCLE CANS FOR APPORTIONMENTS



At this time the Youth have taken over the can collection and recycling. Our donations at this time are going to help pay the Apportionments. Please note that we only take aluminum cans. NO Bulk Aluminum or Foil.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**-CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 -** Meet in the Sanctuary for singing. New Session Begins this week: **"The Ten Commandments"** (Story-telling, Science, Music, Art, Cooking & Games) (6 week - Rotation Sunday School.) This is for age 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**-JR. & SENIOR HI:** Mara & Jon Bailey Study **"Life of Christ"**

**-SUNSHINE CLASS:** Rotating Teachers: Summer Study: **Images of Christ; Images of Christ in the Gospels,** "Christ as Teacher", *Luke 4:31-37; 20:1-8.*

**-ENRICHMENT CLASS:** - Rotating Teachers: **"Faith Links"**

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

**-YOUNG ADULT CLASS** -Teacher: Jon Bailey. Meeting in the Library: **The Methodist Book of Disciple.**

**-ADULT BIBLE STUDY** - Teacher: Pastor Doug. Wednesday at 10:30 am. Study: **The Bible: Genesis.**

## Member of the Week:

### Eris Shelton

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

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

*405 Carnation Dr., Waxahachie, TX 75165*

## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

### PLEASE CHECK THE JULY CALENDAR ATTACHED

#### Wednesday, July 2

- 9:15 Laugh & Learn Day School
- 10:30 Adult Bible Study
- 7:30 Adult Choir Practice

#### Thursday, July 3

- 7:00 Emmaus Gathering at Sardis
- 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:30 Gambler's Anonymous

#### Friday, July 4 Independence Day Office Closed

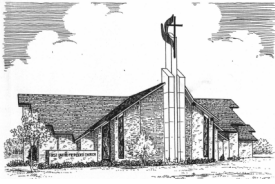
#### Sunday, July 6

- 8:30 Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:50 Blended Worship Service

#### NO YOUTH ONE Monday, July 7

#### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE IN OFFICE

- 9:15 Laugh & Learn Day School Summer Fun Program



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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

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

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

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

**Our Gifts**

Total Budget 2008 .....	\$ 386,000
Budget needed to date .....	\$ 193,232
Total Offerings received to date .....	\$ 162,742
General Budget needed weekly .....	\$ 7,432
General Budget Rec'd last week .....	\$ 7,596
Yearly Apportionment (Benevelence) .....	\$ 47,572
Vacation Bible School Received .....	\$ 952



-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)

**Our Prayers**

Please refer to the July Prayer List. Email or add your additions to the list by filling out a prayer request at the church.

**Our Presence**

Sunday School – 9:45 am .....	105
Morning Worship:	
Last Sunday – 8:30 Traditional Service .....	34
Last Sunday – 10:50 Blended Service .....	173

**Our Service**

-There are two flower arrangements this Sunday. One is given by **Keven & Dana Davis** in honor of their **27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and another is given by **Randy & Elizabeth Sanden** in honor of their **2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**.

-Acolytes are: **TBA (If you would like to volunteer, please see Jo Wilsford before service.**

-Ushers this week are: 8:30 (right door) **Philip Trees**, (left door) **Dani Muckleroy**. 10:50 (right door) **Nick & Melody Durazo & Barbara Persefield**; (left door) **Dale McKnight & Mitchell Jones**.

-Offering Stewards are: **Travis Young & Monica Ball**.

-Sound Technicians: 8:30 **Don Newman**; 10:50 **Jack Smiley**

-Volunteer for First Sunday is **Dolores Moore**. Nursery is available every Sunday.

-No Children's Church on Communion Sunday.