



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



"A Small Package of Large Possibilities"

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Vacation Bible School is underway and what a wonderful time we had on the first night. It was a lot of fun and from what I could tell the children had a blast. Thanks to all those of you that are helping make this a huge success by working and praying. I feel that we are dressed for success this week as we continue to work with these children and teach them about faith and the love of Jesus Christ.

As I look around at what is going on in our world I have thought a lot about John Wesley's three simple rules. They sound so easy, but seem so hard for us to follow in our daily lives.

The rules are: do good, do not harm, and stay in love with God. Why is it that something that sounds so easy is not that easy for us? I guess we act before we think or we think what is best for us and not the rest of God's creation. I said Sunday that we should pray expecting a miracle; maybe we should live our lives expecting to follow the three simple rules. How different live would be if we did follow these simple rules and lived our lives knowing that God is in charge? This is something for us to think about this week, like we don't have enough other things on our mind. – See you Sunday, Family in Christ, Pastor Doug



Church Dinner

FIFTH SUNDAY LUNCH

JUNE 29 12:00 PM

Please bring two dishes to share according to your last name initial:

A – M Vegetable or Salad & Dessert

N – Z Meat or Main Dish & Bread or Pasta



Vacation Bible School

Continues June 24 – June 26

5:45 - 8:45 p.m.

"SURFIN' THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES"

Sunday, June 29th is VBS Sunday



We are all having a great time at Vacation Bible School "Surfin Through the Scriptures"!!! Continue to come and have a great time. We have 75 children registered to attend. We have all the youth and many, many adult volunteers. If you haven't made it here, there is still time to enjoy the week.

Lots of volunteers are needed to make this beach party a smashing hit! It's not too late call Teresa McGee (972-824-2939) or Paige Davis (972-523-8400).



ELLIS COUNTY OUTREACH

This week the VBS Kids are collecting canned goods of all types for the EC Outreach. If you would like to donate to this effort, please bring your items to the church no later than Thursday evening. Don't forget the church continues to provide oatmeal in canisters and 12 oz packages of pasta on a monthly basis. Thank you for helping with this ministry. You can place your donations in the grocery cart or baskets in the foyer.

Youth News!

Youth week was a blast! We went to Six Flags, helped out at the Lancaster Outreach Center, watched a Ranger's game, hung out at the church, and went swimming at the Ashford's house. Thanks to all the parents and adults who helped out. This next Sunday is youth at the regular time. It is a guy's and girl's night so if your group needs any supplies make sure to bring them!

Also, please do not forget about the mandatory mission trip meeting after church on Sunday (the 29th). Please bring a copy of your insurance information with you.

Have a great week! Mara



ONE GOD, ONE FAITH, ONE WAY!



JULY 28TH – "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.

Central Texas Conference

2008 Cooperative School of Christian Mission

"Living the Sacred"

August 5-7, FUMC Hurst

August 8-10, Glen Lake

"God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good" concludes the unfolding story of God's creation of the earth and all its living creatures as revealed in Genesis, Chapter 1. How are we as God's people to understand the story in the midst of human acts of racism, violence, and earthly destruction? Come and study and learn to live in sacred harmony.

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it" (Psalm 24:1)

Day Rates:

Full time Adult/Child/Youth Commuter \$60
(includes 2 lunches & snacks)

Weekend School Rates:

Full Time Adult - Glen Lake Lodging \$125
Full Time Children age 2-11 \$75
All Age Commuters (2 & Up - 3 meals) \$60

Contact Cynthia Rives - Registrar

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AUDIO / VISUAL – SANCTUARY USAGE

Now that we have a state of the art sound & video system for the use of the church in the Sanctuary, we are in the process of setting down some guidelines and rules. Only a few people are trained to use this wonderful equipment. So... If you or your group would like to have use of the system, please check in with the office and sign up a couple of days ahead of time. This gives us some idea of how & who is using the system, and in some cases a tech person may be scheduled to run the system.

If you have a key to the board or access to the board, you must sign in that you have used the system, also.

We can always use more people to be audio-visual techs, call Don Newman at 972-617-3789 or Jon Bailey at 972-576-2224.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Our Prayers

Please refer to the June Prayer List. Email or add your additions to the list by filling out a prayer request at the church. Please add the following **Prayers: Robert Tiffany** (Oma & Les Mitchell's son-in-law) Injured and now medically released from the Navy (now living in Bentonville, AR.); **Breland "Bo" Floyd** (Wayne Kimbro's friend); **The Weyker Family, Billie Jean Manthei**, (friend of Fouts Family); **Mason Warren & Family; Danny Byars; Marjorie Coffey; Eris Shelton; Dorothy White (Sherri Martin's mother) and Kathy Bradley (Charlotte Yeadon's cousin); Stu Dorsey** (at Parkland Hospital); **Melba Watson** (broken bone); **Cecil Fields** (Valerius grandfather); **Brandi Valerius**.

Praises: Vacation Bible School; Sharon Bliss (Margie McElroy's Daughter) has been smoke free for 8 months with the help of God and Chantix; **Cindy Belote** - Red Oak's Shields Elementary Teacher of the Year; **Hugh Taylor Grandstaff & Sylvia Szafarczyk** engagement; **Robert Grandstaff** graduating as Valedictorian from US Merchant Marine Academy in New York; **Michael James** (son of Oma Mitchell) is in pilot training after promotion to Warrant Officer. He is stationed at Ft. Rucker, AL.

Building & Van Use Forms:

If your church group would like to use the church van or the church facilities, please be sure to fill out a building or van usage form in the church office. This provides us with a record for insurance purposes and also keeps the church from having a double booking for any events, weddings, etc. Thanks for your help and cooperation.



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.

Thanks for your donation in the past for the Sanctuary Sound/Video System. This system has been completed for the time being. Don't forget to save your aluminum cans for our other projects! God Bless You!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



-CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 - Meet in the Sanctuary for singing. New Session Begins (Story-telling, Science, Music, Art, Cooking & Games) (6 week -Rotation Sunday School.)

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

-SUNSHINE CLASS: Rotating Teachers: Summer Study: **Images of Christ; Images of Christ in Hebrews**, "The Eternal Christ", *Hebrews 13:1-16*.

-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**.

Special Thanks

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, encouragement and pledges given to me for the NAMI Walk Across America campaign. Ellis County had 13 walkers and raised over \$1700.00.

I am so thankful for my church family – Joanna Johnson

RED OAK, WHITE & BLUE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 28, 5 - 10 pm

Red Oak City Park

The United Methodist Men will be fixin' turkey legs, and sausage on a stick beginning at 3 p.m. to benefit the Church's Apportionment Pledge.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, June 25

9:15 Laugh & Learn Day School

10:30 Adult Bible Study

5:45 Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 26

5:45 Vacation Bible School

7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

8:30 Gambler's Anonymous

Sunday, June 29

Vacation Bible School Sunday

8:30 Traditional Worship Service

9:45 Sunday School for All Ages

10:50 Blended Worship Service

12:00 Fifth Sunday Lunch

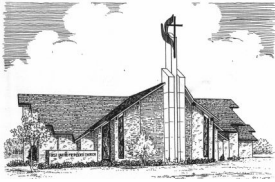
7:00 Installation of Don Scott, District Superintendent at Ferris Heights UMC, 108 Center, Waxahachie

Monday, June 30

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE IN OFFICE

July Calendar is Published

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
& Amanda Byers, Nursery Attendants
Lori Stricker, Office Mgr.

Office Hours
Mon-Friday 9am - 4pm
(972)617-9100
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Our Gifts

Total Budget 2008	\$ 386,000
Budget needed to date	\$ 187,982
Total Offerings received to date	\$ 155,177
General Budget needed weekly	\$ 7,432
General Budget Rec'd last week	\$ 6,444
Yearly Apportionment (Benevolence)	\$ 47,572
Others Received	\$ 905

Our Presence

Sunday School – 9:45 am	80
Morning Worship:	
Last Sunday – 8:30 Traditional Service	31
Last Sunday – 10:50 Blended Service	125

Our Service

- The Flower arrangement this Sunday is given by **The Sheltons** in honor of **Herbert & Eris Shelton's 62nd Anniversary**.
- Acolytes are: **TBA (If you would like to volunteer, please see Jo Wilsford before service.**
- Ushers this week are: 8:30 **Terry & McKenna Maxwell**. 10:50 (right door) **Teresa & J'Len McGee & Sherry & Sarah Doty**; (left door) **Elaine & Sara Nobles**.
- Offering Stewards are: **Monica Ball & Brian Goodloe**.
- Sound Technicians: 8:30 **Les Mitchell**; 10:50 **Kayleigh Kitzman**
- Nursery is available every Sunday.
- No Children's Church: **Vacation Bible School Sunday**.

-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
- Up dates: Webservant@fumcro.org
- Newsletter & prayer requests: 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

Member of the Week:
Hazel Cockerham

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

If you could, please drop her a note:
 406 Waller, Red Oak, TX 75154

