



First United Methodist Church

Red Oak, Texas

The Acorn

"A Small Package of Large Possibilities"



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Welcome to the weather in North Texas.

The weather is so strange, hot one day and cold the next. It does make it hard to know how to dress and what to put the children in for school, the guessing game never seems to end. At least we are getting a little precipitation which we need. Even when the weather is unpredictable it is nice to know that God is always the same. God's love and grace are always with us and it never changes, how blessed we are. Sunday we had two adults and two children baptized in the second service and then one person join by transfer of membership, God is working in the midst of our lives. We are sharing God's love and the grace of Christ with those around us. We are taking seriously the Great Commission.

On February 21, the finance committee is having a fund-raising dinner to help with our connectional giving. The dinner will be a Marti Gras theme with Cajun type food. Plan to come and have a great time, fun, fellowship and food.

ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS & ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL 2009

Sunday, February 1st

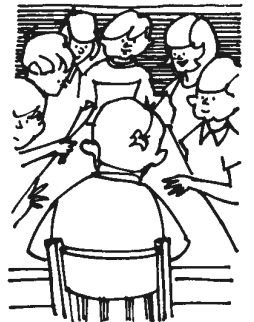
Immediately after second service:

12:00 the Youth will be serving a fund-raiser lunch for donations toward their Mission Trip. Soup is the main course

12:30 All Committee Meetings (Please note: the Mission Committee needs to appoint a chairperson. Also: All committees have mail folders in the workroom - red folders immediately to the left in the workroom next to the church office)

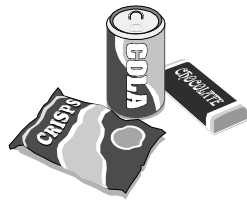
1:40 2009 Administrative Council - If you are the chair person of a committee and cannot make this meeting, you need to turn in a committee report to Don Newman before the meeting.

PLANNING SESSIONS



Confirmation Classes Starting Wednesday, February 18th and conclude on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st. The class will meet on Wednesdays at 5 pm. and conclude at 6:30 after dinner. If you have a child or youth that is interested please contact Pastor Doug and the church office at 972-617-9100.

SNACK PACKS FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN UPDATE



Many, many thanks to all who brought zip-top freezer bags on Sunday. We collected 26 boxes. What a great start!

This week, the Youth are pitching in with their "Souper Bowl of Caring 2009" effort. If you didn't get a grocery bag with the Snack Sacks wish list after church on Sunday, here's a list of what they are collecting for us:

- Pop-top cans of fruit, single servings
- 100% fruit juice in single serving boxes or pouches
- Microwaveable meals, single serving ravioli, soup, macaroni & cheese, etc.
- Granola/Breakfast bars
- 100% fruit snacks or roll-ups
- Breakfast cereal, single serving boxes
- Cheese crackers, single serving packages
- Jell-o pudding cups, non-refrigerated type

Snack Sacks provides nutritious food for the weekend to young school-aged children who qualify for food assistance programs in their school on weekdays. We also intend to serve any elementary-aged child identified by a teacher or counselor as a hunger risk, whatever the reason.

If you have questions, please contact Katie Almond at 214.762.7247

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT FOR VALENTINE'S EVE



Friday, February 13th - 6 - 10 pm

Registration Forms available at the Church

We will accept children ages 6 weeks and up and the cost is \$15 per child. Sign up sheets are in the foyer. Turn them into the Church office.

Bring your children dressed in Winter PJs and be sure to bring a blanket and a sack dinner! And don't forget to take Mom out somewhere real special, Dad! For any questions or concerns please contact Elizabeth Sanden at (214) 733-3009

Youth ONE News!!



On Sunday, the youth enjoyed an afternoon of bowling. There were many strikes and spares to be had, and we all had a lot of fun. Big thanks

to Katie and Stuart Almond and Terry Brown for helping to drive!

This next Sunday will be our annual Super Bowl party. If any **6th graders** would like to attend, you are welcome at this event! We will be gathering for the first half of the game only, so please make arrangements for a ride home during halftime. Girls, please bring a drink or dessert to share, boys, please bring chips or another side dish. Wear your team colors so we know who you are cheering for!! Have a great week!

MISSION TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT:

This summer's mission trip will be in Anadarko, Oklahoma from June 21st-27th. Please put the dates on your calendars now and stay tuned for more information!

CURRENT OUTREACH PROJECT:

Souper Bowl of Caring: the Youth are passing out grocery bags to collect pantry items once again this year. As you do your shopping for your Super Bowl party, consider taking a bag and placing a few extra pantry items in it. We are hoping to collect items for the Young Adult Women's UMW circle mission project to help feed elementary school children on the weekends. A list of items can be found attached to the bags. We will accept bags until Sunday, February 8th.

ONE GOD, ONE FAITH, ONE WAY

BOY SCOUT PINEWOOD DERBY

Come enjoy the fun and watch as the Scouts have their Pinewood Derby in the Fellowship Hall of FUMCRO on Saturday January 31st beginning at 9:00 am. This is a fun time for all. Lots of food available at the concession stand in the kitchen. The United Methodist Men will be selling **HOT WINGS** and hotdogs in the parking lot of the Church.



Stu Almond

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Red Oak, TX 75154

LOST & FOUND: Please check the box behind the door in the kitchen for lost items. Also a pair of **prescription glasses** were found in the sanctuary and are in the church office.

**Military of the Week:
Douglas A. Cantrell**

Please drop a note or card in the mail to let him know that we are thinking about him and praying for him. Doug is related to Suzanne Neel. He is stationed in Iraq. He will be returning in March so get those letters out soon.

**Cantrell, Douglas A.
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**Wednesday
Fellowship Dinner
January 28**



6:00 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall.

Please come join us for the first Fellowship Dinner of the new year. Menu is Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Cookies. *Freewill offering.*



**ELLIS COUNTY
OUTREACH**

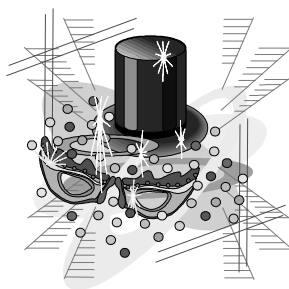
Don't forget the church continues to provides oatmeal in canisters and 12 oz packages of pasta on a monthly basis.

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

Coming Soon:

**CAJIN CELEBRATION!!!!
& Mardi Gras Party
at FUMC - February 21st.**

**More information
coming soon.**



February 4th

Activities Canceled:

- No Fellowship Dinner
- No Children's Choir
- No Adult or Young Adult Bible Study

The Adult Choir will be holding their belated Christmas Party at the Wilsford home at 208 S. Hillside in Red Oak at 7:00 pm. For further information call the Church Office at 972-617-9100.

**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**



-CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9:45 - Meet in the Sanctuary. **New Curriculum "Live Big", Hear, See and Live your Belief in God.**

-JR. & SENIOR HI: Mara Bailey Leader Study "**Bible 101**"

-SUNSHINE CLASS: (In Sunshine Classroom right of the Sanctuary) Winter Study: **The Human Commitment, Old Testament People of Commitment, "A Shunammite Women Helps", 2 Kings 4:8-17**

-ENRICHMENT CLASS (In Fellowship Hall) - Study: **FaithLinks**

-SEEKERS (In PDO Office)-

-YOUNG ADULT CLASS -(In the Library) - "**The Bible Jesus Read - Old Testament**"

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

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, January 28

- 9:15 Laugh & Learn Day School
- 10:30 Pastor's Morning Adult Bible Study
- 6:00 Wednesday Fellowship Dinner
- 6:30 Pastor's Adult Bible Study; & Young Adult Bible Study
- 6:30 Children's MMM & Angel Choirs
- 7:30 Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, January 29

- 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:30 Gambler's Anonymous

Friday, January 30

9:15 FUN FILLED FRIDAYS

Saturday, January 31

- 9:00 Scout Pinewood Derby

Sunday, February 1

- 8:30 Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:50 Blended Worship Service
- 12:00 Youth Fundraiser Lunch
- 12:30 Program Committee Meetings
- 1:40 Administrative Council
- 2:30 Girl Scouts
- 4:00 Boy Scouts Troop #652
- 6:00 Youth ONE Fellowship

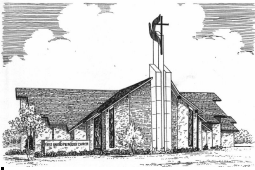
Monday, February 2

NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE IN OFFICE MONDAY

- 9:15 Laugh & Learn Day School
- 6:45 Cub Scouts Den Meeting

Tuesday, February 3

- 6:30 Brownie Girl Scouts
- 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 Girls Scouts



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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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
Lori Stricker, Office Mgr.
Judy Cox, Nursery./Building Mgr.
Casi Holmes & Dana Ellard,
Nursery Attendants
Interim Day School Director:
Michelle Carson

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

Our Prayers

Please add refer to the February Prayer list. Changes will be listed here weekly.

Our Service

-This week we have two flower arrangements in honor of **Brandi Valerius' 20th Birthday** and **Katie & Stuart Almond's 13th Anniversary**.

-Acolytes are: **TBA (Volunteers needed, please see Jo Wilsford before the service.**

-Ushers this week are: **TBA.** (Right Door counts the attendance)

-Offering Stewards are: **Andy Malone & Brian Goodloe**

-Technicians: Sound: 8:30 **Les Mitchell, 10:50 Jackson Smiley**; Video: **Jon & Mara Bailey.**

-Communion servant: **Jo Wilsford**

-**Nursery** is available every Sunday. Volunteer is **Judy Cox.**

- No Children's Church **Parents: Please have the children bring new socks any size and canned goods of any kind for the Outreach Center. This was a focus of our Children's Church last week.**

Our Attendance

Last Sunday Worship

8:30 53
10:50 117
Sunday School 93

Our Gifts

Total Budget 2009 \$ 377,411
Budget Needed to Date \$ 21,774
Budget Received to date \$ 18,657??
Budget Needed weekly \$ 7,258
Budget Received 1/25/09 \$2,893
Misc. Received 1/25/09 \$ 563
Apportionments/Connectional Giving for 2009 \$ 50,141

-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

