



The Beacon

First United Methodist Church

A light for Christ in Cleburne County and the World!

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FROM DEATH TO LIFE

I believe one thing a local congregation does best is to show our non-Christian neighbors that the new life made available through Jesus' death on the cross is also the foundation for a new society. By living the gospel as a distinct community, the church accomplishes the important mission of displaying the transforming effects of the gospel for the world to see. Others won't be able to see this larger picture if we remain detached from each other and go our separate ways. Christ brought new life and we should be living differently than non-Christians do.

Of course, we don't always do this perfectly. We should do everything possible to keep our light shining brightly in a dark world, on display for all to see. Part of the local church's calling is to distinguish those who believe from those who don't, to show what it means to truly follow Christ. As we enter the Lenten season, I truly believe that it is our responsibility as Christian people to show the world the new life that Jesus has entrusted to us to share. Remember friends, we have to go to Calvary before we go to resurrection.

See you Sunday, Tommy

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Morning Worship, February 26

Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17

Sermon:

"Rainbows"

6:00 PM Worship, February 26

Sermon:

"Anguish in the Garden"

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LENTEN STUDY WILL BEGIN SUNDAY

We are pleased to offer a 7-part Lenten Study, which will begin Sunday evening in the Sanctuary at 6:00 PM. The study is based on a book and other materials by Adam Hamilton - 24 Hours That Changed the World. It is an in-depth study of the last 24 hours of Jesus' human life, from sunset Thursday to sunset Friday, from the Last Supper to the burial. A part of each lesson will be a video presentation visiting the location in the Holy Land of each scriptural event. You are urged to make this study a part of your Lenten practice. *NOTE THAT SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP IS MOVED TO THE SANCTUARY, AND THE TIME IS CHANGED FROM 5:00 TO 6:00.*

WEDNESDAY MEAL: WHAT'S COOKING?

Our menu for Wednesday, February 29, will be Chicken Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad, and Dessert. You may sign up on the registration pad each Sunday morning, or by calling the church office by noon, February 28.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN



Reminders: 6th grade students are invited to participate in Confirmation Classes which begin Sunday, February 26, during 3rd service in the Grapple Room.

Confirmation Kick-Off is Saturday, March 3. We will meet at the church at 9:00 AM – don't forget your Permission Form.

Daddy Daughter Spring Fling Dance will be Saturday, March 10, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Girls ages preschool through 6th grade are invited to bring their dad, granddad or other special adult male for an evening of fun complete with DJ entertainment and dessert bar. Sign up today – (501) 951-3605 reddingonna@yahoo.com

"GET UP AND GIVE" NEEDED ITEMS

Everyone is encouraged to collect the following items during the season of Lent for the children helped by Methodist Family Health:

Socks (infant – 18 years)
Underwear (3 – 18 years)
Diapers
Baby Wipes
Paper Towels
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Toilet Paper
Backpacks/Duffel Bags

Drop off your items at 407 S. 7th Street from April 9 – 13.

FLY FISHING CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY

I am lucky to have discovered fishing as a child and now that I'm retired, I continue to enjoy it as a fly fishing guide on the Little Red River. Introducing people to the sport of fly fishing is a rewarding experience for me. Whether you are a beginner or you're interested in improving your ability, I would like for you to join us in our fly fishing class in the Family Life Center on Monday nights at 7:00 PM. The first class will be on February 27th. It's free and fun so come on down! You also might like viewing the slideshows on my website at www.littleredflyfishingtrips.com. Click on videos on the menu at the left of the home page.

Come and join us and let me share my passion for this sport with you. It is a sport for both men and women and older youth. I look forward to meeting you. If you have any questions or to sign up for the class, please call me at 365-3330. If I am on the river, please leave a message and I will return your call.

Greg Seaton
greg.seaton@littleredflyfishingtrips.com

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 26

8:25 Morning Worship*
9:35 "Come As You Are" Service*
9:45 Sunday School*
9:50 Wiggle Worship*
10:50 Promiseland, FH*
10:55 Morning Worship*
10:55 Sunday School*
2:00 GriefShare, FH
3:00 Disciple I, 104
5:30 Youth Small Groups
6:00 Worship, Sanctuary
7:00 Godpleasers

Monday, February 27

8:00 Mother's Day Out, Nursery
8:30 Staff Meeting, 104
8:45 Gentle Fitness, FLC
5:30 Holy Tollers, 203
7:00 Boy Scouts
7:00 Fly Fishing Class, FLC
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous, 208

Tuesday, February 28

7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast, FH
9:00 Disciple I, 104
9:30 Explorer's Bible Study
12:00 Newsletter Deadline
1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor
6:00 Disciple I, 104
6:30 Invitation to New Testament, 207

Wednesday, February 29

8:00 Mother's Day Out, Nursery
8:45 Gentle Fitness, FLC
9:00 Invitation to New Testament, 207
9:00 Disciple I, 104
3:30 Lighthouse, FH
5:00 Fellowship Meal, FLC
5:30 Joyous Carillons, 203
6:00 Intercessory Prayer Group, 210
6:00 FaithWeaver Friends, FH
6:00 SPAM, FLC
7:00 Praise Team, FLC
7:00 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 1

9:30 Sunshine Circle, FH
3:30 Daisy Scouts, 208
4:30 Parsons Fund Committee, 104
6:00 Jesus in the Gospels, FH
6:00 Walk/Run Clinic Registration, 109
6:30 Daniel Study, 104
6:30 Gideons, FLC
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous, 208

Friday, March 2

8:45 Gentle Fitness, FLC

Saturday, March 3

9:00 Confirmation Kick-Off

* **Nursery Provided**

STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE

If you are experiencing a trying time in your life and need a confidential friend to listen one-on-one, we have Stephen Ministers available for you. Please call Glenda Langston, our referral coordinator, at 362-1829.

LYNNE'S LINES

We received a nice thank you note from a member who benefitted from our Transportation As Needed Ministry (IHS # 108) when a team member drove him to a doctor's appointment in Little Rock. From the people who give rides to those that help in the office, and every volunteer in between, we are blessed to have so many wonderful people willing to give of their time.

Don't forget that Fly Fishing classes (IHS # 126) will be starting February 27, 7:00 PM in the FLC.

I look forward to seeing you in worship.



ADOPT A HIGHWAY MINISTRY REALLY CLEANED UP

Hey y'all, young and old(er):

Thank you SO MUCH for your participation in picking up all that trash Saturday! Wow! Our 2 miles on the bypass look SO good now that they are all cleaned up. It was fun and the fellowship was awesome - it's so good to see God's people coming together to do something big. I appreciate you all for your hard work! Blessings in the Lord!

Your Adopt-a-Highway go-to gal,
Marti Burgan

PRAYER CONCERNS

St. Vincent-LR: Joe Rork

NLR Rehab: Tim Kemp

Southridge Rehab: Jerome Johnson, Annie Cupit

Concerns: Audrey Arnoult, Richard Baumgarten, Ruth Beggs, Joy Braden, Tony Burnam (Cheryl Sivertson's brother), Polly Chandler (Debbie Robus' grandmother), Dallas Clark (Michelle Taylor's dad), Len Clark (Jimmy Clark's father), Keith Cox, Wilma Crouch (Audrey Arnoult's sister), Elizabeth Dick (Kasey Goddard's mother), Kevin Diffie (Joe & Carolyn Diffie's son), Bob Douglas, Jack Dunlap (Jenise Dunlap's son), Art Dunn, Ann Dye (Sandra Cherry's sister), Cole Elrod, Bill Faircloth (Brinley's grandson), Glenn Ferren (Selena Evans' father), Kolsen Fleming (Renaë Hudspeth's nephew), Lon Foreman (Lois Rickman's son), Dotty Bea Gish, Annie Harris, Floyd & Jeanie Hayes, Forrest & Ann Hergert, Reba Hicks (Karen VanDyke's mother), Robert Holt, Joan Kelley, Dan Konkle, Chelsea Koop (Mary Kendrick's granddaughter), Patti Ledbetter (friend of Sondra Seaton), Mike Linn (Debbie Robus' brother-in-law), Lee Lustfeldt, Margueritte Madding (JoAnn James' mother), Paul McFarland (friend of the Brinleys), Kelly McKenzie, Laurie Morgan (Melba Herring's granddaughter), J. L. & Jody Mullens, Lou Seale Nichols (Freddie Lou Quist's mother), Bill & Barbara Pierce, Mary Pruett, Josie Rast (Selena Evans' niece), Jack Rhodes, Dustin Roberson (Melba Herring's great-grandson), Lois Robertson (Rebecca Cockrell's mother), Holly Schneiderman (Friend of Alice Crawford), Jeff Stanford, Jim Stanford, Donald Traylor (Linda Tredway's cousin), Judy Taylor (Jerry Bise's sister), Peri Thomas (friend of Lehfeldt Family), U.S. Armed Forces, Jean Bice-Vejovoda (Lynne Brown's mother), Layne Wallace, Eva Warner, Sabrina Wells (Dana Wells' daughter), Rosemary West, Opal Williams (John Haugen's mother), Bill & Opal Womack, Kenny Wilson, The Yeisley family (Bill & Karen Brinley's daughter), Pat Zimmerman (E.J. Devlin's sister)

Sympathy: To Deborah Woods on the death of her uncle, *Edward Holt*; and to Bee Buchman on the death of her husband, *Chuck Buchman*.

MEMORIALS

The following gifts have been given to the glory of God and in memory of ...

Children's Fund

Hermine Cheairs by Mr. & Mrs. Bud Bridges

General Fund

Chuck Buchman by Glen Griffin, Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Moon, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Manning

Hermine Cheairs by Glen Griffin
Ruth Wilson, Ruth Garner, Bill Monaghan by Bee Buchman

Library Fund

Chuck Buchman by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Cockrell

Pastor's Emergency Fund

Hermine Cheairs by Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Moon

C.A. Smith by Ruth Ann Needels, Merlin Oswalt

Chuck Buchman by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Brinley, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Garner, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Kendrick

Stephen Ministry Fund

Jim Stephens by Dr. & Mrs. Lloyd Langston

Godpleasers Youth Choir Fund

Ruth Wilson by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Harvey

Literature & Supplies Fund

Hermine Cheairs and Chuck Buchman by Mr. & Mrs. David Jones



WOMEN CAN WALK/RUN CLINIC

The Women Can Walk/Run Clinic will be held Mondays and Thursdays at the high school track at 6:00 PM beginning March 5. Pre-registration will take place Thursday, March 1, in our chapel (room 109) at 6:00 PM. You may also register online at www.womenrunarkansas.net. For more information, call Dona Flippo at 206-9876.

YOUNG LIFE ANNOUNCES GROUP FOR COLLEGE-AGE FOLKS

All college-age adults are invited to come to Young Life, corner of 8th & Main, on Sunday evenings at 8:00 PM. Call Bruce Shearer at 250-0571 if you need further information.

ARE YOU A CAREGIVER?

Are you currently providing some level of care for an elderly parent or a family member with a long-term illness? Do you see yourself in this role in the near future? If so, you are invited to join a new group which will address these issues. We plan to start with a basic care class and decide where to go from there. We can form support groups, provide additional classes, guest speakers, etc. If interested, please contact Michele Maxwell at 501-887-9287 or email michelemxwl@yahoo.com. I, along with other nursing professionals will be leading the classes. Our first meeting will take place in early spring.

Nice
A venue to
Meet
Everyone
Together
As we
Gather
Sundays

Please wear yours!

SERVING IN HIS STEPS
A light for Christ through
Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service & Witness
By Our Presence

Attendance – February 19 **558**
 8:25 AM - 103 9:35 AM - 268 10:55 AM - 154 5:00 PM - 33
 Sunday School **229**
 Children: 81 Adults: 148

By Our Gifts

Weekly Budget Needs \$ 20,615.88
 Our Giving Last Week \$ 14,907.25
 Year-to-Date Needs \$ 164,927.08
 Year-to-Date Budget Income \$ 151,807.90

By Our Service

Bus Driver: Ernest Flippo (362-7751)

Pray for Worship during Worship

Feb. 26 Melba Herring Mar. 4
 Mar. 11 Mar. 18

Liturgist	<u>8:25</u>	<u>9:35</u>	<u>10:55</u>
Feb. 26	Jerry Cockrell	Johanna Lehfeldt	David Jones
Mar. 4	C. Carpenter	Faye Owens	Bill Pierce
Mar. 11	Karen Carper	Pat Dudeck	Arden Schlicker
Mar. 18	Jo Wells	Kevin Thomas	Aprille Tharp

A/V Ministry

February 26
 8:25 – Charles Stuart, James Carr
 9:35 – John Goddard, Logan Rolleigh, Warren Darden
 10:55 – Scott Tomlinson, Devin Redding, Kim Bell
March 4
 8:25 – James Carr, Jared Gifford
 9:35 – John Goddard, Logan Rolleigh, April Woods
 10:55 – Scott Tomlinson, Devin Redding, Kim Bell
 March 11
 8:25 – Cliff Childers, James Carr
 9:35 – Mark Spanel, Sherry Shearer, April Woods
 10:55 – Rick Davis, Kelley McCormick, Greg McCormick

Ushers

February 26
 8:25 – Bill & Anne Davis, Paul & Jared Gifford
 9:35 – Doug & Glenda Magee, Jeff & Dana Lynch, Jerry & Libby Jackson
 10:55 – Charlie & Pam Evans, Barbara Pitts, Carolyn Hathcock
 March 4
 8:25 – Wendell & Pat Day, Paul Rawlings, Kathryn Huenefeld
 9:35 – Marc Moody, Richard, Debbie & Michael Nordskog, Bill & Teresa Phillips
 10:55 – Bobby & Brenda Hargis, Jimmy & Peggy Clark
March 11
 8:25 – Jerry & Rebecca Cockrell, Tom & Audrey Moore
 9:35 – Jason & Alesha Presley, Bruce & Sherry Shearer, Louis, Larissa & Logan Rolleigh
 10:55 – Walter & Aprille Tharp, Gene & Mary Warren

Attendance Slip

Feb. 26 B. Langley, Dot Duncan
 Mar. 4 Mike & Melissa Graham
 Mar 11 Larry & Patsy Sledge
 Mar 18 N. & B. Arnold

Sanctuary Stewards

B. Buchman, Tempa Davis
 Tom & Sue Barnett
 Keith & Gloria Cathey
 Ed & Rhonda Guillotte

Nursery Volunteer – February 26

9:35- Gail Farmer 10:55 – Alyce Chapin

Remember to contact your Ministry Team Leader if you are unable to serve as scheduled.

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 Barbara Little - Pianist
 Alesha Presley- Youth Director

David Jones - Pastoral Assistant
 Lynne Brown - Administrator
 Beth Rork - Administrative Asst.
 Tommy Toombs, Jr. - Custodian
 James Carr - Audio/Visual Coordinator
 Selena Evans - Promiseland Coordinator
 Jo Wells - Organist
 Kasey Goddard - Praise Team Coordinator

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

To be a light for Christ in Cleburne County and the world by exalting Christ in worship, encouraging fellowship in the family, enlightening disciples with biblical truths, equipping the saints for service, and evangelizing all in the name of Christ.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunshine Circle will meet Thursday, March 1, at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about this United Methodist Women sub-group, contact Chairperson Sylvia Lybrand at 206-0558.

Parsons Fund Scholarship Committee will meet Thursday, March 1, at 4:30 PM in room 104.