



The Beacon

First United Methodist Church

A light for Christ in Cleburne County and the World!

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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PASTOR'S MOMENT

How encouraging it is to see new people coming to church! That's one way we gauge how well we are sharing Christ with the community. Not only are adults worshiping with us, but what a blessing our youth and children are. I am all over town and everywhere I go I see youth, children, and adults who are saying something positive about HSFUMC. What a blessing that is to be a part of what God is blessing.

There are so many opportunities here to be involved in meaningful ministry. This local congregation understands that pastors are not paid professionals who do ministry in place of the members. Ephesians 4:12 tells us that pastors are to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ. I am so thankful for this local congregation and the opportunity all of us have to serve. Where we have to be careful in using our gifts is how we apply the criteria. That is why three criteria is used in approving any new ministry: Will it win people to Christ? Will it make disciples for Jesus Christ? Will it serve God, or will it give glory to God alone? That is incredibly important when the church is evaluating ministries so we

all are striving to place God first in all we do.

You have a place here and God desires that all of us be involved in His ministry.

See you Sunday, Tommy

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Morning Worship, February 5 Communion

Scripture: Mark 1:29-39

Sermon: "Searching"

Evening Worship, February 5

Music:

Beverly Luetschwager

Sermon:

"The Inward Spiritual Disciplines:
Meditation, Prayer, Fasting, Study"

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Ladies, come hear the "Talking Money" at the UMW's first unit meeting of the new year on Monday, February 6, at 1:30 PM. Dorcas Circle will be hosting this meeting which is our Pledge to Missions event. Since the Unit will only be meeting four times this year, it is very important for you to be there.

Wesleyan Circle will meet Thursday, February 9, at 1:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.



WEDNESDAY MEAL

The meal for Wednesday, February 8, will be Breakfast Casserole, Biscuits & Gravy and Fruit. Our chef will be Dianne Simmons. You may sign up on the registration pad each Sunday morning, or by calling the church office by noon, February 7.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

United Methodist Men will meet Wednesday, February 8, at 6:00 PM in Room 202. All men of the church are invited to eat at the Wednesday Fellowship Meal and join us for the meeting.



FIRST SUNDAY FOR FOOD

Please remember to bring your non-perishable food donations this Sunday to help replenish the shelves at Cleburne County Cares. Baskets are in the foyer of the Sanctuary and by the elevator in the Family Life Center. Last month you gave 51 pounds of food. Thank you for your support.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service for Ruth Wilson will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, February 4, at 3:00 PM.



CHILDREN'S NEWS

This week in Wiggle Worship, our story was God speaking to Moses from the burning bush. God was calling Moses to a bold and fiery mission – a mission of deliverance. God's plan required Moses to obey Him, to follow His instructions, to trust Him. But Moses was fearful that he was not qualified and he made excuses to God.

For the kids to see how this story applied to them, we played a game where they had to think of excuses for not obeying requests from their parents – such as cleaning their room and helping others. As we went around the circle, there were lots of giggles as they shared silly excuses.

It made me wonder, do our excuses seem silly to God? After all, like Moses we can step up to the burning bush into God's presence and through His love, power and grace we can trust God to equip us for what He's called us to do.

But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.

Exodus 9:16

No matter what mission God has for each of us - reaching out to a neighbor or serving in an area of ministry here at church, if we all let go of our excuses and trust Him, just think what a blessing we can be!

Mrs. Donna



Mother's Day Out OPENINGS

Mother's Day out has openings! We accept children ages 6 weeks to 4 years old and are open on Mondays and Wednesdays. We provide a fun, safe, loving environment and are licensed by DHS. For more information, call the church office, 362-2696.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 5

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
2:30 Taylor/Evans Shower, Parlor
3:00 Disciple I, 104
5:00 Worship, 109

Monday, February 6

8:00 Mother's Day Out, Nursery
8:30 Staff Meeting, 104
8:45 Gentle Fitness, FLC
1:30 UMW Unit Meeting, 109 & FH
5:30 Holy Tollers, 203
6:00 Cub Scouts
6:30 IHS #79, Disaster Relief, 104
7:00 Boy Scouts
7:00 MADD, FH
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous, 208

Tuesday, February 7

7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast, FH
9:00 Disciple I, 104
9:00 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 8

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 SPAM, FLC
6:00 FaithWeaver Friends, FH
6:00 United Methodist Men, 202
7:00 Praise Team, FLC
7:00 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 9

1:30 Wesleyan Circle, FH
6:00 Jesus in the Gospels, FH
6:00 Disciple II, 104
6:30 Daniel Study, 207
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous, 208

Friday, February 10

8:45 Gentle Fitness, FLC

Saturday, February 11

*** Nursery Provided**



YOUTH NEWS

D-Now Weekend

Youth that are interested in attending the community D-Now weekend, please turn in your permission form and payment by February 15. If you don't have a form, you can find one in the church office or on the website.



ADOPT A HIGHWAY MINISTRY

Hello church family! I hope everyone is rested after the holidays and is at least thinking about getting busy with ministry opportunities that are all around us.

Calling all trash picker-uppers!
Our next scheduled pickup will be Saturday, February 18. Weather permitting, let's meet at 9:00 AM at Mack's Fish House parking lot for a safety meeting and handing out of safety vests and garbage bags. Don't forget warm clothes, sturdy work boots and gloves - trash pickup is messy and hard work, but the results are SO worth it!

If we get bad weather, we'll postpone the pickup for one week and attempt it again on the 25th. If you have questions, please call me at 206-0160, or e-mail me at burgan_99@yahoo.com.

God bless you and thank you in advance! Marti Burgan

THANK YOU

Dear Greg and everyone at FUMC, thank you so much for allowing us to cook on Wednesday night at the church. We have such fun and feel that it is such a positive experience for students to work and serve others. We have been able to buy t-shirts for the Science Club and Art Club. Many thanks for your generosity and kindness for being willing to let us intrude in your kitchen.

Peggy Stroud & Avil Snow



Baptist-Heber: Annie Cupit

Baptist-Little Rock: Billie Cockrell,
Tommy Barnett

White County: Joe Rork (moving to St. Vincent's 2/1)

Concerns: Betty Amberson (Jim Bolhuis' sister), Audrey Arnoult, Richard Baumgarten, Ruth Beggs, Joy Braden, Karen Brinley, Tony Burnam (Cheryl Sivertson's brother), Lois Carr, Polly Chandler (Debbie Robus' grandmother), Dallas Clark (Michelle Taylor's dad), Len Clark (Jimmy Clark's father), Jim Clayton, Wilma Crouch (Audrey Arnoult's sister), Elizabeth Dick (Kasey Goddard's mother), Kevin Diffee (Joe & Carolyn Diffee'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, Tim Kemp, 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), Shannon Martin, 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 Pruet, Josie Rast (Selena Evans' niece), Jack Rhodes, Dustin Roberson (Melba Herring's great-grandson), Lois Robertson (Rebecca Cockrell's mother), 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, Merriam Wiggins, Opal Williams (John Haugen's mother), Kenny Wilson, The Yeisley family (Bill & Karen Brinley's daughter), Pat Zimmerman (E.J. Devlin's sister)

Sympathy: To family and friends of *Ruth Wilson*; To Linda Storm on the death of her brother, *Jim Stephens*

MEMORIALS

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

Building Fund

Ruth Wilson by Mr. & Mrs. Al Bridges

General Fund

Ruth Garner by Mr. & Mrs. Lavern Penn, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Bridges, Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Lewing, Eva Clowers, Kay VanTrain, Nevagene Reynolds

Kenneth Short by Genesis Sunday School Class

Bill Monaghan by Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Lewing

Pastor's Emergency Fund

C.A. Smith by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bankston, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Clayton

Imogene Glass, Bill Monaghan, Mary Morgan by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Clayton

Helping Hands Clothes Closet

Ruth Wilson, Ruth Garner, Kenneth Short by Linda Storm

HONORARIUMS

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

Helping Hands Clothes Closet

Debbie Rutter by Mr. & Mrs. David Jones

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS REMINDER

Don't forget a new Sunday School has started meeting in the Chapel on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM. *If you are currently not attending Sunday School, we encourage you to join us.*



VALENTINE OUTINGS

If you haven't finalized your Valentine plans, don't forget the Valentine Banquet to raise funds for the Christian Health Center, "Love Is In The Air" at Hope Lutheran Church, and the Tumbling Shoals/Ida Fire Department Steak Dinner at Chastain Chapel General Baptist. Both events will be held on Saturday, February 11. Call the church office for additional details.



EVENING WORSHIP

Sunday night we begin a short, 3-week series on spiritual disciplines, those practices Christians and others have employed over the centuries to draw close to God. The primary resource will be Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster, a modern classic that *Christianity Today* named one of the 10 most important books of the 20th century. Foster divides the disciplines into three groups: inward, outward, and corporate. This Sunday, we look at the inward disciplines of meditation, prayer, fasting, and study. This series leads up to the season of Lent, which begins February 22. We meet at 5:00 PM and end at 5:45 PM. The service is casual and meets in the Chapel. We hope you can join us.

David Jones



MINISTRY MINUTE

Is God calling you to do more in your ministry through the church? *If you haven't committed to any of the active ministries in our church or if you're a new member, please pray about areas God would want you to serve.* There are many areas where you can serve and leaders are ready to train you. For more information, call the church office at 362-2696.



COMING SOON DETAILS ON IN HIS STEPS 2012

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 5, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We're having a Fair!

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

By Our Presence

Attendance – February 5 **568**
 8:25 AM - 100 9:35 AM - 289 10:55 AM - 152 5:00 PM - 27
 Sunday School **279**
 Children: 117 Adults: 162

By Our Gifts

Weekly Budget Needs \$ 20,615.88
 Our Giving Last Week \$ 18,173.45
 Year-to-Date Needs \$ 103,079.42
 Year-to-Date Budget Income \$ 86,039.97

By Our Service

Bus Driver: Ernest Flippo (362-7751)

Pray for Worship during Worship

Feb. 5	Betty Daschler	Feb. 12	Joanne Evans
Feb. 19	Jan Awalt	Feb. 26	Melba Herring

Liturgist	<u>8:25</u>	<u>9:35</u>	<u>10:55</u>
Feb. 5	M. Douglas	Burt Eddington	Barbara Little
Feb. 12	R. Nordskog	Kent Hulsey	Bill Wells
Feb. 19	Sarah Bond	Lary George, Jr.	Kathy DeBusk
Feb. 26	Jerry Cockrell	Johanna Lehfeldt	David Jones

A/V Ministry

February 5
 8:25 - Charles Stuart, James Carr
 9:35 - John Goddard, Arden Schlicker, Warren Darden
 10:55 - Scott Tomlinson, Devin Redding, Kim Bell
February 12
 8:25 - James Carr, Jared Gifford
 9:35 - Mark Spanel, Sherry Shearer, April Woods
 10:55 - Rick Davis, Kelley McCormick, Greg McCormick
February 19
 8:25 - Cliff Childers, James Carr
 9:35 - Mark Spanel, Arden Schlicker, April Woods
 10:55 - Rick Davis, Kelley McCormick, Greg McCormick

Ushers

February 5
 8:25 - E. J. Devlin, Mary Kendrick, Jerry & Rebecca Cockrell
 9:35 - Mark Evans, Lary & Carmen George, Melisa, Will & Matthew Gardner
 10:55 - Ingrid Cleek, Lucille Davis, Mike & Melissa Graham
February 12
 8:25 - Tom & Audrey Moore, Mary Kendrick, Jack Fowler
 9:35 - Benny & Tracy Hargrove, Pete & Kelli Harris, Dennis & Gail Farmer
 10:55 - Paul & Jane Bowie, Bud & Barbara Williams
February 19
 8:25 - Paul & Jared Gifford, Jerry & Rebecca Cockrell
 9:35 - Kent & Jill Hulsey, John & Pat Latimer, Conrad & Johanna Lehfeldt
 10:55 - Walter & Aprille Tharp, Keith & Gloria Cathey

Attendance Slip

Feb. 5 Ben & JoAnn Young
 Feb. 12 Jerry & Jan Moon
 Feb. 19 B. Langley, Dot Duncan
 Feb. 26 C. K. & Jean Rhodes

Sanctuary Stewards

B. Daschler, Sue Moody
 Ernest & Dona Flippo
 Dick & Nealia Neal
 B. Buchman, Tempa Davis

Nursery Volunteer – February 5

9:35- Alesha Presley 10:550 - Pam Beckham

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 Charle Cayton - Minister of Visitation
 Carolyn Strickland - Office Manager/Music Dir.
 Greg Luetschwager - Custodian
 Mike Wagner - Office Assistant
 Donna Redding - Dir. Children's Ministries
 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.

TICKETS FOR PHANTOM OF THE OPERA SOLD OUT

Mandy Woodward-Boyd, daughter of Richard & Pat Woodward, will be starring in the title role of Christine in the University of Memphis' production of "Phantom of the Opera." She will be performing on February 16, 18, 22, and 24, at 7:30 PM. The shows are already sold out, so be in prayer for Mandy in this endeavor. Many of you have been blessed each Christmas Eve to hear Mandy sing "O Holy Night" at our traditional candlelight service.