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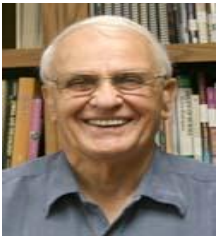
First United Methodist Church

A light for Christ in Cleburne County and the World!

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

June 26-July 2, 2011



CHARLE'S COMMENT

I love a good story. That may explain why Twila and I have subscribed to "Guideposts" magazine for the past fifty years. This little publication is always filled with good stories about real people, encouraging and inspirational.

I have a story to tell on Sunday morning as I preach all three services. I know you'll be inspired and challenged by this story.

We're going to look at the first chapter of John's gospel and see who this "Jesus" is, and then look at Chapter 11 of Matthew's gospel and see what this "Jesus" did. Jesus touched so many lives in so many different ways as He brought physical, spiritual, and emotional healing to meet their needs.

That was all great, but what He did on the cross holds the possibility of changing the life of every human being on the face of the earth. After we look at the dynamics and the potential redemption of everyone who accepts the healing and restoring salvation being offered through the work of the cross, we will look at the stories that followed the resurrection in the book of Acts.

Jesus rose from the dead, presented Himself to the Apostles and before He ascended into heaven, He challenged them to go to Jerusalem and wait. On the appointed day, at the appointed time, they would receive the Holy Spirit. They would preach in languages they had never learned, and thousands of persons would hear and understand the gospel message of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Then, they would spend their lives training believers, who in turn go to their home areas and share the "good news" of Jesus. Thus, the Church was born.

Also, Sunday morning, I'm going to challenge you to read the book of Acts through twice in the next two months. As you read, God is going to give you direction for what He wants you to do to build His Church and His Kingdom here in Heber Springs. I'm waiting in anticipation of all that God is going to be doing in this community.

Don't miss the story about forgiveness.

See you Sunday,
Charle

Worship, June 26

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Scripture:

John 1:1-4, 14, 17

Matthew 11:2-5

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WILLING HEARTS FUND-RAISER

Willing Hearts Sunday School Class is sponsoring a chicken dinner (grilled or BBQ) with all the fixins and dessert. The meal will take place July 2, 2011 from 5:00-7:00 PM in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$10 a person, with all proceeds going to the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans. Tickets are on sale in the church office. Dine-in or carry-out will be available.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

There will be a 90th Birthday celebration for Mary Morgan (Pam Evans') mom, Saturday, June 25, at 5:30 PM at the Evans' home. Her church family is invited to come and bring birthday wishes...no presents please.

CARDBOARD BOAT RACES

The youth group will be constructing and racing a cardboard boat this year. Little Rock TV news personalities Alyson Courtney and Tom Brannon will be along for the ride! *We desperately need help from anyone with building or handyman experience!* The youth group will be working on our boat from 6:00 – 9:00 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during the month of July. Any and all help is appreciated! We are ALL ABOUT some cardboard and fellowship! Please call Mrs. Alesha with any questions.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for the condolence meal and support during our time of loss due to the recent death of my husband, Doug. Barbara, Anna and I appreciate everything the church has done for us. God Bless, Jane Keever

My heart is overflowing with gratitude for the lovely cards and phone calls that I have received from my church family and friends. It was so sweet and comforting to know that I was not forgotten, even though I was shut-off from you for so long.

I thank you for your prayers for me, and praise God for answering them. A very special thanks, also, to the church staff, Charle & Twila Cayton, and Pastor Tommy.

Marion Moeller

YOUNG LIFE SAYS THANK YOU

Saturday, June 4, Young Life held its 3rd Annual Garage Sale as a fundraiser to help send local high school students to camp. Each year it has grown and gotten bigger, and this year was no exception. We have never had so much donated from peoples' garages, barns, out buildings and spare rooms.

We sold a record \$6,000+ of appliances, furniture, electronics, tools, toys and sporting goods. This year we have 19 students and leaders going to Jasper, GA to a weeklong Young Life summer camp. Each day will be filled with high adventure such as mountain biking, rappelling and other ropes courses, as well as hiking beautiful Appalachian trails. Each night will include spirit-filled music, fun, and the unique presentation of Jesus Christ that is Young Life.

Thank you for all your prayers and support.

DAVID'S NOTES

Charlie Evans, our Lay Delegate to Annual Conference, has reported that the most significant action this year was the adoption of Imagine Ministry. IM is both a study of how we United Methodists are "doing church" in Arkansas and the first steps in making needed changes.

Three large problems were articulated: (1) a loss of relevance of our church in society and in many communities; (2) continued loss of membership and attendance while the population has been growing; and (3) financial trends that are unsustainable for the conference and for many local churches. These problems are approaching a state of emergency in some areas. Here however by God's grace, we are in a far better position in all three of these areas.

A study of successful churches uncovered four markers for growth that all have in common: strong pastoral leadership, ministry and discipleship through small groups, a mix of worship styles, and spiritually led laity. For what success we have had here we can also hang our hat on these four markers.

Structural changes are important, since bad systems get the best of good people all the time. The initial change recommended by IM and approved by the conference is to lessen the size of governance at the top by reducing the number of district superintendents. This step involves a transfer of resources to the local church level by providing trained help, both clergy and lay, for the 697 local churches in Arkansas.

I applaud the Annual Conference for answering the wake-up call issued by IM, and I pray it will help to turn the church around where that needs to happen. Of all I heard,

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 26

8:25 Morning Worship*
9:20 Wiggle Worship*
9:35 "Come As You Are" Service*
9:45 Sunday School*
10:50 Promiseland, FH*
10:55 Morning Worship*
10:55 Sunday School*

Monday, June 27

8:30 Staff Meeting
8:45 Gentle Fitness
7:00 Boy Scouts, FH
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous, 208

Tuesday, June 28

7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast, FH
12:00 Newsletter Deadline
12:30 Line Dancing, FLC
1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor
6:00 Disciple 2, 206
6:30 Disciple 4, 104

Wednesday, June 29

8:45 Gentle Fitness, FLC
6:00 Intercessory Prayer Group, 210
7:00 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thursday, June 30

6:00 Praise Team, FLC
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous, 208

Friday, July 1

8:45 Gentle Fitness, FLC

Saturday, July 2

11:00 DAV Luncheon, FLC

* Nursery Provided



STEPHEN MINISTRY MOMENT

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Galatians 5:22-23

You may call our referral coordinator, Glenda Langston, at 362-1829 for placement, or Stephen Leaders for information.

Bill Brinley	362-3984
Cindy Carpenter	362-5303
Clara Konkle	362-8633
Linda Storm	362-8019
Church Office	362-2696



MINISTRY MINUTE

IHS #196 Registration Steward @ 9:35 Service. Volunteers are needed to pick up the attendance slips in the Family Life Center following service. Please call the church office to volunteer.

IHS #195 – Mother-Daughter Banquet. Two teen ladies of our church have volunteered to head up a Mother-Daughter Banquet this fall. Are you willing to help? Please email Savannah Duncan at dancedoll148@yahoo.com or call her at (501) 691-9300. *To date, no one in our church has called to assist with this event. These two young ladies are taking a giant step to provide something for the ladies of our church.*

IHS #77 – Relay for Life – we received the following note from the Relay for Life Committee: Thank you so much for all the people who donated food for the Relay for Life Cancer Survivor Banquet. We appreciate all of you so much. Thanks again!

Nurture Ministry Teams – don't forget your Team Leader reports.

PRAYER CONCERNS*

Baptist-Little Rock: Joy Braden, Jack Rhodes

Baptist-Rehab: Barbie Fowler

Concerns: Art & Sue Aist, Betty Amberson (Jim Bolhuis' sister), Audrey Arnoult, Jeffrey Barber (Mary Kendrick's grandson), Robert Beckham (Joyce Beckham's son), Helen Braswell (Jayson Jones' grandmother), Katy Boyles (Bill & Karen Brinley's daughter), John & Gretchen Chapman, Jerry Cockrell, Wilma Crouch (Audrey Arnoult's sister), Elizabeth Dick (Kassey Goddard's mother), Kevin Diffie (Joe & Carolyn Diffie's son), Jack Dunlap (Jenise Dunlap's son), Ann Dye (Sandra Cherry's sister), Sonya Ellington (Maggie Siler's mother), Bill Faircloth (Bill & Karen Brinley's grandson), Kolsen Fleming (Renae Hudspeth's nephew), Erin Fortner (Dottie Johnson's granddaughter), Don & Aletha Garner, Dotty Bea Gish,

John Glenn (Vicki McPherson's father), Haskel Harlan, T. F. Harlan, Loetta Hawkins (Sheri Qualls' mother), Jeanie Hayes, Forrest & Anne Hergert, Lee Herren (Pam Beckham's brother), Reba Hicks (Karen VanDyke's mother), Robert Holt, Danny Horton, Gary Don Junkersfeld (Lee & Doris Haymaker's son-in-law), Joan Kelley, Tim & Donna Kemp, Chelsea Koop (Mary Kendrick's granddaughter), McKensy Lathrop, Mike Linn, (Debbie Robus' brother-in-law), John Lowe (Alyce Davis' grandson), Margueritte Madding (JoAnn James' mother), Teddy Marshall (friend of Marti Burgan), Isaiah Martin (friend of Melissa Choate), Dave Master, Harry McClintock, Laurie Morgan (Melba Herring's granddaughter), Lucille Nichols (Freddie Lou Quist's mother), Jim Owens (Rob Owens' brother), Mildred Payton, Vera Perry, Sonny Pitts, Mary Pruett, Helen Puckett, Josie Rast (Selena Evans' niece), Warren Richmond (Dot Richmond's son), Dustin Roberson (Melba Herring's great-grandson), Lois Robertson, (Rebecca Cockrell's mother), Joe Rork, Terry Sapio, Cynthia Sotelo, Jeff Stanford, Fred & Daphna Storm (Linda Storm's in-laws), Donald Traylor (Linda Tredway's cousin), Judy Taylor (Jerry Bise's sister), Peri Thomas (friend of Lehfelt Family), Doris & David Travis (Ruth Jones' parents), U.S. Armed Forces, Kay VanTrain, Greg Verser, Layne Wallace, Sabrina Wells (Dana Wells' daughter), Merriam Wiggins, Earnestine Williams, Opal Williams (John Haugen's mother), Ruth Wilson, Tim & Becky Yeisley, Pat Zimmerman (E.J. Devlin's sister)

Sympathy: to James Johnson on the death of his sister, *Frances Langford*

***Please call the church office to update the prayer concern list.**

DAVID'S NOTES (cont'd)

nothing indicated to me that we need to do anything differently here – just continue our missions, outreach, and discipleship and trying to do it more and better. As we move forward, we may be able to benefit from IM in a couple of ways. One might be to better network and partner with other churches that are doing ministry really well. The other might be an opportunity of ministry by actively sharing and helping smaller churches with less resources. After all, we are part of “the one true church, apostolic and universal.”

Along those lines, I will be speaking at Quitman UMC this Sunday. Wishing everyone a blessed Sabbath. David



VBS
July 17-21
6-8:30 PM

On **Main Street**, kids will be drawn into stories Jesus told about everyday people in everyday situations. But His stories were anything but ordinary! Jesus turned lives upside down and hearts inside out through parables that challenged people to look at themselves and others in new and unexpected ways.

So come join us on Main Street for an inside-out, upside-down experience like no other...and let Jesus make a difference in YOU!

If you didn't sign up through In His Steps and would like to volunteer, please call Ashley Herring at (501) 691-0460 or ashleybherring@yahoo.com. You don't want to miss out on this opportunity!

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

By Our Presence

Attendance June 19	460
8:25 AM - 108 9:35 AM - 196 10:55 AM - 156	
Sunday School	183
Children: 56 Adults: 127	

By Our Gifts

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 18,662.71
Our Giving Last Week	\$ 14,182.00
Year-to-Date Needs	\$ 466,567.79
Year-to-Date Budget Income	\$ 448,971.88

By Our Service

Bus Driver: Ernest Flippo (362-7751)

Pray for Worship during Worship

June 26	Mary Kendrick	July 3	Barbara Little
July 10	Bill Manning	July 17	Carolyn McNamee

Liturgist	<u>8:25</u>	<u>9:35</u>	<u>10:55</u>
June 26	Sarah Bond	Kent Hulsey	Aprille Tharp
July 3	Jerry Cockrell	Faye Owens	Bill Wells
July 10	Janette Fall	Conrad Lehfeldt	Angela Tucker
July 17	Charle Cayton	R. Nordskog	

A/V Ministry

June 26
8:25 - Charles Stuart, James Carr
9:35 - John Goddard, Logan Rolleigh, Warren Darden
10:55 - Rick Davis, James Carr, Rocky Togni
July 3
8:25 - Mark Spanel, James Carr
9:35 - Rick Gardner, Arden Schlicker, Calvin Brannon
10:55 - James Carr, Scott Tomlinson, Kim Bell
June 10
8:25 - James Carr, Jared Gifford
9:35 - Rick Gardner, Sherry Shearer, April Woods
10:55 - James Carr, Scott Tomlinson, Kim Bell

Ushers

June 26
8:25 - Mary Kendrick, James Johnson, Bill & Ellen Bankston
9:35 - Mark Evans, Cheryl Duncan, Lary & Carmen George, Melisa, Will & Matthew Gardner
10:55 - Bobby & Brenda Hargis, George & Michele Maxwell
July 3
8:25 - Paul & Jared Gifford, Kathryn Huenefeld, Paul Rawlings
9:35 - Benny & Tracy Hargrove, Pete & Kelly Harris, Dennis & Gail Farmer
10:55 - Mike & Melissa Graham, Carolyn Hathcock, Barbara Pitts
July 10
8:25 - Leslie & Gwen Thorn, Tom & Audrey Moore
9:35 - Kent & Jill Hulsey, John & Pat Latimer, Conrad & Johnna Lehfeldt
10:55 - Scott & Sissy Jones, Jan Awalt, Sandy Phelps

Attendance Slip Stewards

June 26 - Mike & Melissa Graham
July 3 - Larry & Patsy Sledge
July 10 - Norman & Barbara Arnold
July 17 - Keith & Gloria Cathey

Sanctuary Stewards

Lee & Doris Haymaker
Scott & Sissy Jones
Jean Bolhuis, Guylene Johnson
Billy & Jeannine Taylor

Nursery Volunteers - June 26

9:35 - Kelli Harris 10:55 - Lee Childers

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<p>Charle Cayton - Minister of Visitation Carolyn McNamee - Office Manager/Music Dir. Greg Luetschwager - Custodian Mike Wagner - Office Assistant Ashley Herring - Dir. Children's Ministries Barbara Little - Pianist Chris Schlicker & Alesha Presley - Youth Directors</p>			

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.

MEMORIALS

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

Building Fund

Margaret Rolleigh and Doug Kever by Linda Strother

Pastor's Emergency Fund

Frances Langford by Pairs & Spares Class

TERRY CAFFEY AT PLEASANT RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

You are invited to hear national speaker Terry Caffey's compelling story of how he found peace after his wife and sons were brutally murdered, and his teenage daughter implicated in the crime. Sharing details about the crime and trial, Terry explains how he forgave the men who murdered his family and how he interceded with the prosecutors on their behalf. He gives a powerful story of forgiveness and how to find healing after tragedy and great loss. His story tells how God can bring good out of even the darkest tragedy.

Terry will be speaking on July 10, 2011 at 6:00 PM at Pleasant Ridge General Baptist Church.

For more information about Terry Caffey's ministry, his website is www.terrycaffey.com. He encourages you to commit to taking a stand to be different by not following the crowd, saying no to drugs and alcohol, saving yourself for marriage, obeying your parents, and staying in school and getting a good education.

HOW CAN I KNOW MY DESTINY?

Do you know what God created you for? Do you know what your destiny is?

The first thing you must do to understand your destiny is to recognize the gifts God has given you to use. They include the things you can't control - your parents, your nationality, your race, your language. They also include your SHAPE - your spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality and experiences. These are the things that make you uniquely you.

Now you are not responsible for the gifts God didn't give you. In other words, if you are not artistically gifted, you are not expected to paint pictures like Rembrandt. But you are responsible for the ones he did give you.

When you get to heaven, God isn't going to compare you with anyone else, but he will compare you with yourself. What did you do with what you were given? What could you have done if you had trusted God a little bit more? Romans 14:12 (NIV) says, "Each of us will have to give personal account to God."

God has given you gifts for a purpose. And you have a responsibility to be a good steward of those gifts - not for selfish uses, but for the good of others. Your gifts are not for your benefit. God gave you gifts for the benefit of other people. Ask yourself, "What has God given me for good to use for good?"

Taken from "Rick Warren's Daily Devotional"

WHY WE APPORTION

The use of apportionments as a vital expression of faithful stewardship is sometimes not clear. This week we will explore the biblical basis for apportionments.

The role of steward is a central one throughout the Bible. The Scriptures illustrated deep biblical foundations (Exodus 16). The story of the manna defines three important qualities that distinguish God's people as a community of stewards.

Discernment. Like Israel in the manna story, we stand surrounded by resources and often fail to recognize them for what they really are...God's gifts to provide for human need and to empower a community to serve those needs.

Equity. Distribution of the manna was related to need. No one was to have too much or too little. We must exercise stewardship over the gifts of God's resources in ways that make resources accessible to those who have the greatest need. Resources are not to be hoarded.

Quality of mission. We received God's gifts as God's stewards to enable our participation in God's mission, and not as the result of the success of our own strategic plans or material security. This requires an ongoing commitment in receiving and using God's gifts.

From the UMC booklet "Why We Apportion"

MORE PICTURES FROM SUMMER CAMP

