



# The Beacon

First United Methodist Church

A light for Christ in Cleburne County and the World!

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## PASTOR'S MOMENT

Making THE Difference

Matthew's gospel tells us that the eleven followers went to Galilee to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. On the mountain they saw Jesus and worshiped him, but some of them doubted. Jesus said, "All power in heaven and on earth is given to me. Go and make disciples of all people. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have taught you, and I will be with you always even until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:16-20)

What difference does this passage of scripture make in your life? Many times we think that Jesus was talking to someone else. The church that takes this passage of scripture seriously reaches out beyond the walls of the building. The Great Commission reminds all of us of the call the Lord has on our lives. Jesus is constantly calling us to go beyond what we can see and believe His Word, and not only believe, but put his Word into our heart, soul and mind to do God's work while we're on this earth.

What does this passage of scripture mean for you? Maybe the

question should be what are we willing to do for the building up of God's kingdom? I encourage you to keep this question in mind as you are continuing to read your daily devotional in "The Pyramid of Christian Generosity."

See you Sunday, Tommy

### Morning Worship, October 9

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Scripture:

Psalms 19:1-10 and Psalm 24

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Sermon:

"Love in Action"

### Evening Worship, October 9

6:00 PM Chapel

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Music: Melissa Choate,

Bill & Kathy Brown

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Sermon:

"God and Suffering"



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our church will host the Annual District Conference of United Methodist Women on October 15. All church women are invited. Registration fee is \$7. This includes a morning breakfast snack and lunch. Registration begins at 9:00 AM and the conference will conclude around 1:30 PM.

Dorcas Circle will meet Tuesday, October 11, at 1:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Johanna Bucher, a missionary from Wycliffe, will be presenting the program. All circles are invited to attend.

Joy Circle will also meet on Tuesday, October 11, at 5:30 PM at Café Klaser.



## ATTENTION

XYZ is going to Branson November 14-16. Cost is \$156.00 double and

\$211 single occupancy. There is a sign-up sheet in the church office. Shows include: Andy Williams Christmas Show, Tony Orlando Christmas Show, and The Lennon Morning Show. Cut-off date to sign up is October 21. Money is also due by October 21.



## WEDNESDAY MEAL

The meal for October 12, will be all-you-can-eat beef and veggie stew, cornbread (Mexican and regular) or crackers, and dessert. You may sign up on the registration pad each Sunday morning, or by calling the church office by noon, October 11.

## DAVID'S NOTES

This Sunday night we will close out the first series of messages with a challenging and important one. Our world is full of suffering and unfairness. If God is loving and powerful and just, how can he let awful things happen, and why doesn't he do more to help our human condition? People have wrestled with these questions for centuries, and failure to reconcile the conflict has caused many to leave God. Even Christians who are close to God can slip and fall when tragedy strikes. Most, if not all, will need this message within the next year.

Thanks to Marti Burgan and Barbara Little for leading the music last Sunday night. We look forward to Melissa Choate and Bill & Kathy Brown leading this week.

Worship is from 6:00 to 6:45 in the Chapel. I hope you will join us.

— David

## YOUTH NEWS

Hey youth and parents, fall is in full swing, and it's time again for our annual Video Scavenger Hunt!!! It will be Saturday, October 22, from 3-8:00 PM. I need adult volunteers to transport the teenagers and video them doing hilarious things. *Please let me know if you would like to help with the hunt or prepare the food.*

Also, we have Jr. High Refuge coming up November 11-13, and Branson Xtreme will be December 27-29. Permission slips are in the front office or on the church website. Reminder: Parents I need updated contact information from everyone: cell phone #'s and e-mail addresses.

It's truly a joy to be working with your teenagers! Mrs. Alesha

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 9

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/Kaleidoscope Kids, FH  
3:00 Disciple I, 104  
3:00 "Thy Kingdom Come," 202  
5:30 Youth Small Groups  
6:00 Evening Worship\*, 109

### Monday, October 10

8:00 Mothers' Day Out  
8:30 Staff Meeting, 104  
8:45 Gentle Fitness, FLC  
10:30 Stephen Ministry Peer Group, 104  
1:30 NOW Leaders Meeting, 104  
5:30 Holy Tollers, 203  
6:00 IHS Trunk or Treat Meeting, 109  
6:00 Cub Scouts  
7:00 Boy Scouts  
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous, 208

### Tuesday, October 11

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  
1:30 Dorcas Circle, FH  
5:30 Joy Circle, Café Klaser  
6:00 Disciple 1, 207

### Wednesday, October 12

8:00 Mothers' Day Out, Nursery  
8:45 Gentle Fitness, FLC  
9:00 Disciple 1, 104  
9:00 Invitation to OT, 207  
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  
7:00 Praise Team, FLC  
7:00 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

### Thursday, October 13

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

### Friday, October 14

8:45 Gentle Fitness, FH  
12:00 Hospital Auxiliary Style Show, FLC

### Saturday, October 15

8:00 North District UMW  
5:30 McNamee/Strickland Wedding,  
Dam Site Pavilion

\* **Nursery Provided**

Join Us For



October 31st

This year, Trunk or Treat will begin at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 31, at the Courthouse Square. Please call the church office at 362-2696 to reserve a spot.

There will be a Team Meeting on Monday, October 10, at 6:00 PM in the Chapel.

**PLEASE BRING CANDY DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. (We need around 400 bags of candy.)**



## GREETINGS FELLOW SWEETIE LOVERS

Good news on Sweetie's path to recovery. Sweetie had her check-up Monday with x-rays. The bones are healing. The past ten days, when Sweetie sleeps, she's on her back with legs up in the air (obviously getting comfortable). I can't wait to bring her to church to visit. Thanks for your help and support.

Sweetie, Greg, Beverly, Josie, Furry, and Iddy



## RECYCLE REMINDER

Remember, the bins with the green and white labels and green tape on the top edges are for DRY recyclable paper and cardboard only. This includes Sunday bulletins, pamphlets, etc.

With garbage cans sometimes located next to recycle bins, we know this can cause confusion. Please remember...green tape = recycle; no green tape = trash bin.



## MINISTRY MINUTE

**IHS #125 Golf Ministry.** Don't forget the golf outing on Saturday, October 8, at Red Apple at 12:00 noon. Please contact Ed Harris at 250-3909 if you are interested in joining the fun.



We received numerous thank you notes from various offices in Cleburne County that received cookies from our **IHS #73 Cookie Ministry**. Please thank each person who helped make, bake, sort, wrap, label, and/or delivered the goodies!

*Co. Treasurer's Office, Mayor's Office, Cleburne Co. In-Home Services, and the Collector & Assessor's Office*

### MEMORIALS

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

#### Building Fund

*Leslie Thorn and Catherine Decker by Mr. & Mrs. Charle Cayton*

#### Choir Fund

*Louise Hall by Wanda Barnett*

#### General Fund

*Tom Olmstead, Leslie Thorn, E.G. VanTrain, Geraldine McCurry, Art Aist by Cheryl Sivertson*

#### Pastor's Emergency Fund

*E.G. VanTrain by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Jackson*

*E.G. VanTrain, Louise Hall, Tom Olmstead by Mr. & Mrs. Lamar Cannon*

#### Disciple Bible Study

*Emma Gifford by the Fellowship Class*



**Baptist-Little Rock:** Karen Osburn, Jack Rhodes, Rosemary West

**St. Vincent Hospital:** Karen Brinley

**St. Vincent Rehab:** Jerry Santel

**UAMS:** Tim Kemp, Shannon Martin

**White River:** Chris Nichols

**Concerns:** Lynn Acerage (friend of Anna Harlan), Betty Amberson (Jim Bolhuis' sister), Audrey Arnoult, Richard Baumgarten, Joyce Beckham, Robert Beckham (Joyce Beckham's son), Ruth Beggs, Larry Bennett (Teresa Vaughan's father), Rosie Berger (friend of Rosemary West), Gary Blasingame, Joy Braden, Helen Braswell (Jayson Jones' grandmother), Tony Burnam (Cheryl Sivertson's brother), Maxine Caudle (Beth Rork's aunt), Gretchen Chapman, Helen Childs, Len Clark (Jimmy Clark's father), Billie Cockrell, Jerry Cockrell, Wilma Crouch (Audrey Arnoult's sister), Elizabeth Dick (Kasey Goddard's mother), Kevin Diffie (Joe & Carolyn Diffie's son), Jack Dunlap (Jenise Dunlap's son), Ann Dye (Sandra Cherry's sister), Mark Ewalt (John & Pat Latimer's nephew), Kolsen Fleming (Renaë Hudspeth's nephew), Barbie Fowler, Dotty Bea Gish, Opal Goff (friend of Dottie Johnson), Haskel Harlan, T. F. Harlan, Floyd & Jeanie Hayes, Forrest & Anne Hergert, Lee Herren (Pam Beckham's brother), Reba Hicks (Karen VanDyke's mother), Robert Holt, Gary Don Junkersfeld (Lee & Doris Haymaker's son-in-law), Joan Kelley, Donna Kemp, Mary Kendrick, Chelsea Koop (Mary Kendrick's granddaughter), Nancy Leighton (Lynda LaRue's mother), Ashton Lewis (Jim Lewis' son), Mike Linn (Debbie Robus' brother-in-law), Marguerite Madding (JoAnn James' mother), Nita Magruder, Laurie Morgan (Melba Herring's granddaughter), Mary Morgan, J. L. & Jody Mullens, Lucille Nichols (Freddie Lou Quist's mother), Joyce Oldham (Anna Harlan's sister-in-law), Jim Owens (Rob Owens' brother), Andrew Patrick (friend of Rosemary West), Vera Perry (Tom Cobb's aunt), Mary Pruett, Josie Rast (Selena Evans' niece), Warren Richmond (Dot Richmond's son), Dustin Roberson (Melba Herring's

great-grandson), Lois Robertson (Rebecca Cockrell's mother), Ethan Rodriguez (friend of Rosemary West), Joe Rork, Ed Ross, Terry Sapio, Mary Simon (Harold & Rodney Bise's sister), Cynthia Sotelo, Jeff Stanford, Donald Traylor (Linda Tredway's cousin), Judy Taylor (Jerry Bise's sister), Peri Thomas (friend of Lehfeldt Family), Michael Trepanier, U.S. Armed Forces, Kay VanTrain, Layne Wallace, Eva Warner, Sabrina Wells (Dana Wells' daughter), Merriam Wiggins, Earnistine Wilbanks (Tom Cobb's aunt), Opal Williams (John Haugen's mother), Jo Williamson (friend of Mike Wagner), Ruth Wilson, Pat Zimmerman (E.J. Devlin's sister)

**Sympathy:** To Janette Fall & Boyce Jackson on the death of their aunt, Louise Hall



## CHILI SUPPER

Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class will have their annual Chili Supper on Friday, October 21, from 5:00-7:30 PM. Proceeds from the supper go to local missions. Cost is \$5.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children age 5-10 (children age 4 and under free); \$2.00 for dessert. Take-out will be available.

## SELENA'S THOUGHTS

Sunday during worship, I sat behind a table that had 5 young boys. At one point I looked up to see two of the boys with their hands raised high in praise to our God! I was immediately brought to tears in witnessing this and was brought to complete unhindered worship at that point. Then, it was time for communion, and my husband went to a table with 4 kids who have been attending just recently. He bent down to explain to them what it means to take Holy Communion. That was another beautiful sight as they eagerly listened to him.

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## CAPCA

Don't forget the needs for CAPCA with Thanksgiving food boxes. Please call the church office for a list of items. **All items should be taken to CAPCA at 305 W. Searcy Street prior to November 4.**

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

**By Our Presence**

Attendance October 2 **591**  
 8:25 AM - 111      9:35 AM - 271      10:55 AM - 161  
 6:00 PM - 38      Emmaus - 1  
 Sunday School **306**  
     Children: 133                      Adults: 173

**By Our Gifts**

Weekly Budget Needs                      \$ 18,662.71  
 Our Giving Last Week                     \$ 20,045.29  
 Year-to-Date Needs                        \$ 746,508.46  
 Year-to-Date Budget Income             \$ 718,736.13

**By Our Service**

**Bus Driver:** Ernest Flippo (362-7751)

**Pray for Worship during Worship**

Oct. 9      Paul Gifford                      Oct. 16      Kim Bell  
 Oct. 23     Forrest Hergert                    Oct. 30      Melba Herring

<b>Liturgist</b>	<u>8:25</u>	<u>9:35</u>	<u>10:55</u>
Oct. 9	Janette Fall	Mark Evans	Barbara Little
Oct. 16	G. Johnson	Kent Hulsey	Bill Wells
Oct. 23	K. Alexander	Burt Eddington	Kathy DeBusk
Oct. 30	M. Douglas	Jerry Jackson	Jo Wells

**A/V Ministry**

October 9  
 8:25 - James Carr, Jared Gifford  
 9:35 - Rick Gardner, Sherry Shearer, April Woods  
 10:55 - Scott Tomlinson, James Carr, Kim Bell  
October 16  
 8:25 - Cliff Childers, James Carr  
 9:35 - John Goddard, Logan Rolleigh, April Woods  
 10:55 - Rick Davis, Kelley McCormick, Greg McCormick  
October 23  
 8:25 - Charles Stuart, James Carr  
 9:35 - John Goddard, Arden Schlicker, Warren Darden  
 10:55 - Rick Davis, Kelley McCormick, Greg McCormick

**Ushers**

October 9  
 8:25 - Charle & Twila Cayton, Paul & Jared Gifford  
 9:35 - Pat & Kerri Dudeck, Burt Eddington, Mark Evans, Matt & Heather Blanton  
 10:55 - Ingrid Cleek, Sue Moody, Gene & Mary Warren  
October 16  
 8:25 - Rodney Bise, Ira Ashley, Dottie Johnson, Alma Smith  
 9:35 - Mark Evans, Lary & Carmen George, Melisa, Will & Matthew Gardner  
 10:55 - Paul & Jane Bowie, Joe and Ali Sugg  
October 23  
 8:25 - Bob & Maggie Douglas, Dottie Johnson, Alma Smith  
 9:35 - Benny & Tracy Hargrove, Pete & Kelli Harris, Dennis & Gail Farmer  
 10:55 - Diane & Bill Johnston, Ralph & Darlene Cook

**Attendance Slip**

Oct. 9      Keith & Gloria Cathey  
 Oct. 16     Tom & Audrey Moore  
 Oct. 23     Bill & Virginia Manning  
 Oct. 30     Scott & Sissy Jones

**Sanctuary Stewards**

J. Bolhuis, G. Johnson  
 Billy & Jeannine Taylor  
 Rocky & Carol Togni  
 Jerry Smith & S. Phelps

**Nursery Volunteers – October 9**

9:35 - Meredith Janski                      10:55 - Kathryn Huenefeld

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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                  Alesha Presley- Youth Director</p>	<p>David Jones - 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</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.



Our youth group will once again be raising money to support the Kanakuk Haiti Project for Christmas Bags. Each bag costs approximately \$15.00 (this includes shipping to Haiti). Please support our youth in this project with your donation. Deadline for donations is October 12. Please note on your check "Haiti."

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

Hello Church Family,

This week has been an exciting one for the children in our church! There were 11 baptisms (both children and youth) last weekend and three new professions of faith this week. **I am not about numbers at all.** As a matter of fact, I often times do not look at the attendance numbers of VBS or FaithWeaver Friends until it is over simply because I do not want to judge the Children's Ministry on anything other than the Gospel being taught and if God's Word is being obeyed. However, I have to admit that any child choosing Jesus to be the LORD of their life and making a conscious effort to follow HIS ways makes me so ridiculously happy that I have to spread the word! As a mother and church leader, there is such a relief that happens when a child professes their faith. Now the Holy Spirit will have the influence over their lives, and I can pray for our children in a whole new way!

Children choosing to be sold out for Jesus and to worship Him without shame would not happen if there were not faithful men and women in our church pouring out their time, intellect, resources, energy, and prayers! I am inspired by the leaders who are involved with the many teaching ministries to our children. They show up on time! They feel the burden of accurately teaching God's truth even if the subject is controversial! They interact with the children with warmth and silliness, yet firmness when needed! I love it when I see a leader bring additional material to support a point in their lesson or bring little surprises for their class just to make them feel special! I truly could go on and on about what a privilege it is to serve alongside such amazing examples of Christ's love.

Children's Ministries supported by members of FUMC:

- Nursery
- Promiseland
- GRAPPLE
- Wiggle Worship
- FaithWeaver Friends
- FLYTE
- Lighthouse
- Confirmation
- Sonshine Singers
- Shoe Project
- Summer Camp
- VBS
- Seasonal Celebrations
- Card Ministry
- Baptism Celebrations
- Mother's Day Out
- Christmas Program for Needy Children

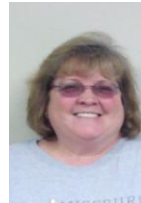
Friends of the Heber Boys Home  
Kanakuk Haiti Christmas  
Compassion International Child Sponsor  
The CALL

Jesus Rocks! Mrs. Ashley

## NEW MEMBERS



Hailey Sanders  
1811 W. Front St.  
Heber Springs, AR  
(501) 206-6493



Karen Callaway  
1342 Heber Springs Rd.  
Heber Springs, AR  
(501) 362-1922



Youth baptized at Sandy Beach on September 25

## SELENA'S THOUGHTS (cont'd)

In Promiseland, the Salvation Message was given in grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> and we had several kids make Jesus their Forever Friend that day!! Extremely exciting! Then at dinner my family was sitting at the table, and our conversation went to the days of creation. I asked my kids a question, and one of them answered it with a scripture he had learned in Revelation that was taught to him at FLYTE on Wednesday nights. This is something I didn't grasp until recently, and he already gets it at the age of 10. Hallelujah! Then he told me he loves what is in the Bible for us. Yes, my heart was full.

I share this because I could not be any more proud of what is happening by God's guidance and power with the children at Heber FUMC. I am thankful for them as they remind me of childlike faith and to be eager to learn. I value all the leaders who take seriously the need to teach our children at every opportunity and for the parents who are committed to teaching them at home and for giving the church the privilege to do the same.

Selena Evans  
Promiseland Coordinator