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We thank God for.....

FUMC Welcomes Its Newest Church Members

Bill, Nicole, Kendal & Kaden Crawford

Chris, Elizabeth , Claire, Ashlyn & Kailyn Partain



Dear First United Methodist Church,

On behalf of all our inmates here in our facility, I would personally like to thank all of you for your kindness that you have shown this holiday season. They were all so thankful to be thought of at this time of the year. Not everyone would show your type of kindness and we would like to take this opportunity to let you know that it was very much appreciated by all!

We would also like to wish all of your families a very happy, healthy and blessed holiday season!

Best Wishes,
Ralph Billings, Sheriff



Worship with Us

Sunday

9 a.m. New Creation Service

9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

5:00p.m. - 7:00 p.m. UMYF
YOUTH

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Sam's Bible Study

6:00 p.m. A.W.E. Dinner

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. UMYF Youth

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

The Staff of First UMC Fairfield

Pastor

Rev. T. Paul Kethley

Director of Music

Dianne Murden

Organist

Cynthia Outlaw

Pianist

Marilyn Toothman

Secretary

Tonya Roberts

Director of Weekday Ministries

Cynthia Outlaw

First United Methodist Church Fairfield

"Serving God with Love"

January 7, 2010

Serving God with Love

The New Testament word for church is *ekklesia*. This comes from a combination of words which mean "called out." The church is a group of people who are called out of society into a special relationship with God and others to serve God and others. First Peter 2:10 refers to a people who "were no people but now . . . are God's people." The church has its identity because it is called out by God. Before we were "nobody," but now we are "somebody" because God has called us.

The church grows because people invite people to visit and become a part of the church. God uses people to bring people. People who are absorbed in serving God create a contagious atmosphere for inviting people and encouraging others to serve.

A beautiful, biblical image of how this ministry of each person in the *ekklesia* functions is found in 1 Corinthians 12. Paul compares the ministry of the church to the human body. He points out the functions of the different members of the body. Each member has its own individuality, but each member finds its significance in its functional relationship to the other members of the body. The individual parts of the body function together to give cohesiveness and unity to the whole body.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a listing of the elected officers of FUMC and a brief description of their duties. I know that you will pray for these persons who have accepted the responsibility of leadership. I also need you to pray and commit yourself to working with these individuals when they call for volunteers. By working together, *Serving God with Love*, we make the body of Christ visible to the world.

I'll see you in worship,

Pastor Paul



**Memorials
&
Honorariums**

Memorial Gifts Gifts to Capital Building Fund

In memory of Mary Frances Robinson
by Neta Daniel

In memory of our parents
by Edwin & Karen Smith

In honor of our children
by Edwin & Karen Smith

In memory of Don Tolar
by Neta Daniel, Don & Jerri McBay

***Remember to indicate the person or persons your memorial or honorarium is for and what fund is to be credited, i.e. Capital, Building, Choir, Youth, etc.*

January Birthday's

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| 1 Gilbert Gatlin | 24 Donald Ezell, Daniel Filis, Andrea Hammack & Clay McKee |
| 2 Robin Davis | 25 Jared Schlabra & Grace Wathen |
| 3 Richard Davis, Chris Horton & Olivia Hughes | 26 Leonard Isaacs, Matthew Mooneyham & Nicholas Mooneyham |
| 4 Beverly Awalt, Brenda Farber, Summer Moore & Carolyn Robertson | 27 Colbie Cherry |
| 5 Candice DeFriend | 28 Seth Anderson, Joe Bond, Jerrod Broussard & Rosemary Whiting |
| 6 Scott Schick | 29 Anniece Moody |
| 7 Alicia Berger & Betty Milligan | 30 Barbara Bass & Will Fernandes |
| 18 Barbara Anderson & Lane Oliver | 31 Ellen Jones, Duke Kropp & Caleb Wilson |
| 20 David James, Harry Moore & Carolyn Newberry | |
| 23 Jordan Myers | |



January Anniversaries

- 2 Glenn & Jennifer Doyle
- 14 Terry & Ester Walthall
- 16 Pat & Jean Conner
- 21 Ron & Carole Lacey
- 24 Jimmy & Paula Clark
- 27 Gary & Brenda Farber
- 29 Craig & Kristen Dunlap



**For the month of
January**

Ushers:
Steve Anderson, Craig Dunlap,
Rick Medford, Burt Richards

Counters:

January 3	Linda Grant
January 10	John Thorne
January 17	Jenny Calame
January 24	Burt Richards
January 31	Susan James

Flowers:
January 10 Noah's Ark Kids

Thank you for serving the Dove family in their time of grief. Please remember to pick up your serving dishes in the Fellowship Hall.

FUMC PRAYER MINISTRY

FUMCEPRAYERS@YAHOO.COM

STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT

- ◆ Bob Adams
- ◆ Patsy Ahlfinger
- ◆ Sonny Andrews (Patsy Ahlfinger's Son)
- ◆ Bob Brandt
- ◆ Stanton Brown
- ◆ Ginger Choucair
- ◆ Juliette Coleman
- ◆ Lucy Corne
- ◆ Morris DeFriend
- ◆ Amy Ernest
- ◆ Jamie Filis
- ◆ James Hardison
- ◆ Stephen Heer and Family
- ◆ Sissy Ivy and Family
- ◆ Betsy Keller (homebound)
- ◆ Don Knapp
- ◆ Tammy Lide
- ◆ Tyler Lides
- ◆ Reba Long (homebound)
- ◆ Tresa Loyd
- ◆ Mary Marberry
- ◆ Don McLeod
- ◆ Mike Mooneyham
- ◆ Floy Morgan
- ◆ Cindy Neal
- ◆ Loy Newberry
- ◆ Jackie Parker
- ◆ Marty Patterson
- ◆ Don Patton
- ◆ Billee Sell and Family
- ◆ Mary Kay Stator
- ◆ Eddie Tarrant
- ◆ Carol Taylor
- ◆ Kenneth Taylor
- ◆ William Van Houten (Patsy Ahlfinger's brother)
- ◆ Tonja Vaughan
- ◆ Patricia Wattis
- ◆ Natasha Webster
- ◆ Doug Wells

PERSONS IN LOCAL NURSING HOME FACILITIES

- ◆ Larry Bonner
- ◆ Lee Clark
- ◆ Dorothy Cryer (Mary Awalt's mother)
- ◆ Mattie Medford
- ◆ Virginia Vodicka

THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

- ◆ Brandon Ball - Marines
- ◆ Colby Barker - Air Force
- ◆ Chris Baehr - Afghanistan
- ◆ Kelly Bean - Iraq
- ◆ Maria Berger - Army
- ◆ Damon Box - Iraq
- ◆ Ian Burns - Afghanistan
- ◆ Jordan Burton
- ◆ Justin Coleman
- ◆ Chad Day - Marines
- ◆ Michael Faulkner
- ◆ Chris Marr - Army
- ◆ Ryan Mathison - Afghanistan
- ◆ Angela Murphy
- ◆ Terry Oliver
- ◆ Cody Posey - Afghanistan
- ◆ Trent Satterwhite - Air Force
- ◆ Shane Whicher - Iraq

Who's in the Hospital?

Please contact the church office to let us know if you or someone you know is in the hospital or otherwise in need of a visit.

We are always ready to pray for one another and to visit as needed. Please allow the church to serve you and your family.

Church Office 903-389-2225
Pastor Paul 903-388-8336



Trustees

The Board of Trustees supervises and maintains all property belonging to your congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective. The committee is entrusted to see to the proper keeping of God's house as a way to honor God and to facilitate the ministry of the local church.

The primary purpose of the church building and facilities is to enable the vision and ministry of the congregation. Good stewardship, common sense, and prudence dictate that the church, parsonage, facilities, property, equipment, furnishings, and other physical property be well maintained.

The Trustees have a regular meeting on the 4th Sunday of each month and as the need may arise.

Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Gary Toothman	Stacy Jackson	Steve Anderson
Craig Dunlap	Rick Medford	Betty Gentry
Travis Cherry	Derrell Ezell	Chad Morgan

Witness

Witness Ministries are those ministries that the church engages in for the primary purpose of telling others about Jesus Christ. While all ministry includes this at its heart Witness Ministries are the more direct form of this proclamation. These ministries include:

- Worship
- Evangelism
- Youth Representative

Witness will meet as a group quarterly. Sub committees and task groups will meet as necessary

Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Bob Chesnut	Selah Mason, Co-Chair	Cari Martin
Alicia Berger	Julie Ann Medford	Charlie Micheletti
Kathy Cooper, Co-Chair	Bob Anderson	Grace Wathen

Church Lay Leadership Roles First United Methodist Church, Fairfield, Texas 2010 - 2012

Church Council

The Church Council is comprised of the members of the Nurture, Outreach, Witness, Finance, Lay Leadership (Nominations), Long Range Planning, Staff Parish Relations, Trustees, the Lay Leader, the Pastor and the Church Program Staff.

Chairperson - Sarah Anderson 2010
Lay Leader & Delegate to Annual Conference - Sam Bill Bournias 2010
President of United Methodist Men – Sonny Schick
President of United Methodist Women – Kay Coleman
Society of St. Stephen Chairperson – Chris Perona
Youth Representatives

Church Council will meet at least quarterly to plan and celebrate the ministries of the church.

Finance

The Committee on Finance identifies, perfects, and manages the finance system for the congregation. The finance system is the processes of raising, managing, and dispersing the finances so that the mission and vision of the congregation can be achieved.

- The major responsibilities of the Committee on Finance include: Provides financial direction for the congregation and regularly reports to the church council and to individual members
- Recommends an annual budget to support the mission and ministry of the church
- Develops plans for the annual funding program to ensure that the financial needs of the church are met.

Finance will six times each year and as the need may arise.

Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Linda Grant	Jenny Calame, Chairperson	Morris DeFriend
Sam Bill Bournias	Burt Richards	Kim Mooneyham
John Thorn	Susan James	Jeff Taylor

Church Treasurer – Lofton Dunlap
Chairperson of Staff parish Relations Committee
President of the Board of Trustees
Youth Representative

Lay Leadership (Nominations)

The Committee on Lay Leadership is responsible for identifying and nominating persons to serve in the leadership of the church. This committee is chaired by the pastor.

Committee on Lay Leadership will meet 3 to 6 times in the late summer and early fall.

Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Janie Richards	Kay Coleman	Maurice Burleson
Jenny Calame	Kristen Dunlap	Carol Chappell
Steve Anderson	Robert Chesnut	Mike Landers

Nurture

Nurture Ministries refers to those ministries that the church engages in for the primary purpose of caring for its members and building up the Body of Christ. These ministries include:

- Christian Education
- Children's Ministries
- Family Ministries
- Senior Adult Ministries Coordinator
- United Methodist Women
- United Methodist Men
- Weekday ministries
- Visitation Ministries
- Prayer Ministries
- Youth Representative

Nurture will meet as a group quarterly. Sub committees and task groups will meet as necessary.

Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Mike Landers	Jennifer Doyle, Chairperson	Carol Chappell
Donna Landers	Dell Terry	Angela Morgan
Shirley Burleson	Gilbert Gatlin	Paula Wade

Outreach

Outreach Ministries refers to those ministries that the church engages in for the primary purpose of reaching persons outside the local congregation. These ministries include:

- Missions
- Community Service

Outreach will meet as a group quarterly. Sub committees and task groups will meet as necessary.

Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Judy Wardle	Traci Ezell	Debi Hamilton
Loy Newberry	Theresa Farris	Debbie Rash
Sally Red	Terry Dunlap	Judy Schick

President of United Methodist Men
President of United Methodist Women
Society of St. Stephen Chairperson
Youth Representative

Staff Parish Relations

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee is the administrative unit in a local church where staff and congregational interests are integrated to focus on the mission of the church. This committee relates to all staff, both bishop-appointed staff and employed staff. It has some of the same functions of a personnel office or Human Resources department in other organizations. Its primary responsibility is to work with staff so that the mission of the church is realized.

Staff Parish meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month and as the need may arise.

Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Robert Gentry	Mike Pratt	Neta Daniel
Russell Keaton, Chairperson	Bill Whitson	Chris Martin
Amanda Burleson	Stephanie Thorne	Carolyn Newberry