

First United Methodist Church
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We thank God for.....



First United Methodist Church

The Servant

January 19, 2012

Thank You!

I wanted to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the church family for allowing me to be the pianist the last 20 years. Because of the joint damage and the advanced degeneration in my right thumb, I recently had to give my resignation as pianist. I will forever be grateful to God for letting me serve Him in such a wonderful way. It has been a great blessing in my life. Pastor Paul said in his January 1st sermon, "With God, there are only beginnings, there are no endings." I am praying for the church as they seek my replacement, and I would appreciate your prayers as I seek other ways God can use me now.

Marilyn Toothman

Worship with Us

Sunday

9:45 a.m. - Fellowship Time

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

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

Wednesday

All together Wednesday Evening

6:00 pm - Dinner

6:45 pm - Music

6:45 pm - Chancel Choir

7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

The Staff of
First UMC Fairfield

Pastor

Rev. T. Paul Kethley

Youth Director

Chad McElveen

Director of Music

Dianne Murden

Organist

Cynthia Outlaw

Secretary

Tonya Roberts

Director of Weekday

Ministries

Cynthia Outlaw

Goal Setting & Planning Retreat

Saturday, January 21, 2012

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Leadership Training Event

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

6:30 -8:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Fairfield, Texas

Lay Leadership Training

... every scribe who has been
trained for the kingdom of heaven
is like the master of the household
who brings out of his treasure what
is new and what is old.

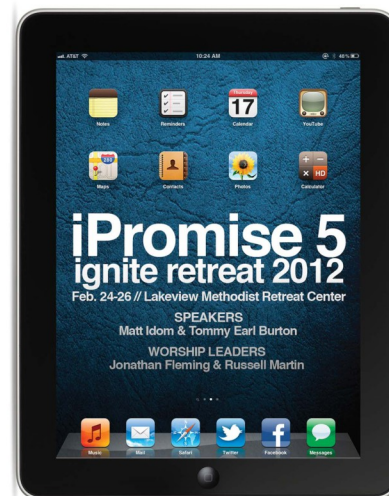
Matthew 13:52

DAVE'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
CLASSES
START SOON!

Financial Peace University is a program that teaches you how to beat debt, build wealth and keep your own economy thriving.

Free Class Preview and Registration
Sunday, January 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Classes meet each Sunday from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Starting February 12, 2012



MIDWINTER RETREAT

WHEN: February 17-19 (Friday-Sunday)

WHO: 7th-12th grade students

WHERE: Forest Glen Christian Camp,
Lakeview, TX

COST: \$105 per student*

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: Sunday, January 22nd
Forms can be picked up in church narthex

THE ROCK & WORSHIP ROADSHOW

Chad McElveen
Youth Director
903-388-8335

fumcfairfielddiaryouth@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/fairfielddiaryouth

WHAT: A contemporary worship concert with performances by Mercy Me, Tenth Avenue North, Lecrae, Hawk Nelson, Disciple and the Sidewalk Prophets
WHEN: Friday, February 10 7:30 — 10:30pm (will leave church @ 4:30pm)
WHERE: American Airline Center in Dallas, TX
WHO: 6th grade to adults
BRING: \$10 for concert and money for food

February Birthdays

- 1 Mary Kitchens
- 2 Madelyn Morrison
- 3 Jamie Filis, Traci Wetzel
- 4 Loy Newberry & Denise Wells
- 7 Sally Taylor, Casey Townsend,
Alex Williams & Brady Williams
- 8 Sue Benedict, Betty Gentry
& Susan Jones
- 9 Michael Morrison
- 10 Eleanor Clark & Jeff Nesbitt
- 13 Matt Bonner
- 14 Robert Chesnut
- 15 Billie Bond, Sissy Ivy &
Lisa Robertson
- 16 Nick Henley & Selah Mason
- 18 Jennifer Doyle & Jim Scott
- 21 Natalie Gentry & Lela Kirsch
- 23 Demar Hill
- 26 Jason Bonner, Mike Chappell &
Terry Dunlap
- 27 Jami Lowry

February Anniversaries

- 2 W.A. & Syd Davis Jr.
- 8 Mark & Kelly Teer
- 10 Larry & Carolyn Williams
- 11 Clyde & Peggy McKelvey
- 14 Davy & Sheri Reed III
- 18 Bob & Frances Henley
- 19 Joseph & Alicia Berger
- 21 Jack & Liz Thornton
- 27 Scott & Carolyn Newberry



Food Pantry Item
Dry Beans and Rice

50 + Lunch Bunch

Please join us for lunch on
Wednesday, February 1st
11:30 am in the
Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH PIANIST SEARCH

After many faithful years of service, our church pianist, Marilyn Toothman, has retired and Fairfield First United Methodist Church is in need of a church pianist. If you are interested or have someone to recommend, please contact our Director of Music, Dianne Murden, at either her home phone, 254-739-3184 or her cell phone 903-388-4601, or by email at DMurden@hughes.net

FUMC PRAYER MINISTRY

FUMCEPRAYERS@YAHOO.COM

STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT

- ◆ Patsy Ahlfinger
- ◆ Sonny Andrews
- ◆ Neil Bass
- ◆ Sue Benedict
- ◆ Virginia Best
- ◆ Joel Bonner
- ◆ Lillie Bonner
- ◆ Jennie Bosley
- ◆ Bob Brown
- ◆ Dick Butler
- ◆ Bill Carlisle
- ◆ Juliette Coleman
- ◆ Mary Helen Cornish
- ◆ Neta Daniel
- ◆ Tracy Donovan
- ◆ Mary Doyle
- ◆ Waverly Drinkard
- ◆ James Hardison
- ◆ Jesse Hayes
- ◆ Billy Jones
- ◆ Dan Jones
- ◆ Betsy Keller (homebound)
- ◆ Dr. J. H. Keller
- ◆ Peggy Wathen Knapp
- ◆ Reba Long (homebound)
- ◆ Jennifer Lopez
- ◆ Lykins Family
- ◆ Doris Mabry
- ◆ Don McLeod
- ◆ James Montegut
- ◆ Maxine Mooney
- ◆ Margaret Morales
- ◆ Betty Morgan
- ◆ Lanie Newman
- ◆ Kirk Nichols (Natalie's Nephew)
- ◆ Jackie Parker
- ◆ Marty Patterson
- ◆ Robert Pearson (Tonya's Uncle)
- ◆ Logan Plady
- ◆ Max Ralstin
- ◆ Linda Richman
- ◆ Aden Ridought
- ◆ Rory Roach
- ◆ Christian Shaffer
- ◆ Shea and Family
- ◆ Steve Smith
- ◆ Mary Kay Sartor
- ◆ Wayne Taylor
- ◆ Dell Terry
- ◆ John Thompson
- ◆ William Van Houten
- ◆ Patricia Wattis
- ◆ Natasha Webster
- ◆ Doug Wells

- ◆ Evelyn Willard (Gloria Smith's mother)
- ◆ Leadership Training
- ◆ Goal Setting Retreat

PERSONS IN LOCAL NURSING HOME FACILITIES

- ◆ Larry Bonner - (Henderson)
- ◆ Mattie Medford
- ◆ Josephine Murden
- ◆ Marty Patterson

THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

- ◆ Chris Baehr - Afghanistan
- ◆ Mike Brady - Afghanistan
- ◆ Morgan Brady - Afghanistan
- ◆ Jordan Burton
- ◆ Justin Coleman
- ◆ Chris Marr
- ◆ Brandon Read
- ◆ Ty Salazar



Memorials & Honorariums

Gifts to Capital Building Fund

*In honor and in memory of our parents
and grandparents by
Andy & Tracy Awalt*

*In memory of Lucy Corne by
Jerry & Jenny Calame, Guy & Dianne Murden,
Bob & Billie Pearson, Dell Terry,
Sam & Billie Bournias, Jeff Scarborough,
Gary & Marilyn Toothman, Ray, Tiffany, Julie, Joel,
Steven, Alec, Yvonne Foss*

*In memory of Virginia Vodicka by
Bob & Billie Pearson*

***Remember to indicate the person or persons for whom your memorial or honorarium is dedicated and what fund it is to be credited; General, Capital Building, Choir, Youth, etc.*

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 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Steve Anderson	Sally Red	Mike Pratt
Betty Gentry	Ron Lacey	Steve Schlabra
Chad Morgan	Buzz Hamilton	Edye Gillen-Hall

Worship Committee

The worship committee will assist in the planning support of the worship activities of the church. These include our regular weekly services as well as our special services related to Christmas, Holy Week, Easter and other special worship services.

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Grace Wathen, chairperson	Kristin Dunlap	Mary Alice Bonner
Michelle Pratt	Cindy Neal	Tracy Awalt
Julie Ann Medford	Janie Richards	Stephanie Thorne

The Pastor and the Director of Music Ministries are also on this committee.

All meetings, with the exceptions of Lay Leadership and Staff Parish Relations, are open to all members of the church. We encourage you to become involved in the work of the church in areas where you have gift and interest. Please contact committee chairpersons and members to get involved.

As of January 9, 2012 we are still in need of two persons to serve on the Staff Parish Relations Committee and one person to serve on the Missions Committee. If you have gifts and interest in either these areas please contact the pastor or one of the members of the Lay Leadership Committee. The Lay Leadership Committee will meet soon to nominate persons to fill these important positions.

Church Lay Leadership Roles First United Methodist Church, Fairfield, Texas 2012 - 2014

Church Council

Church Council will meet on the 3rd. Tuesday every other month to plan and celebrate the ministries of the church.

Chairperson - Robert Chesnut
Vice Chairperson - Jennifer Doyle

The Church Council is comprised of:

Christian Education Chairperson	Cynthia Outlaw
Evangelism Chairperson	Gilbert Gatlin
Family Ministries Chairperson	Carol Chappell
Finance Chairperson	Andy Awalt
Lay Leadership Chairperson	Rev. T. Paul Kethley
Nurture Chairperson	Chris Perona
Missions Chairperson	Debi Hamilton
Staff Parish Relations Chairperson	Terry Dunlap
Trustees Chairperson	<i>Elected by Trustees</i>
Worship Chairperson	Grace Wathen

Ex-Officio members with vote:

Lay Leader	Sam Bournias
Delegate to Annual Conference	Kevin Benedict
President of United Methodist Men	Russell Keaton
President of United Methodist Women	Carol Chappell
Society of St. Stephen Chairperson	Chris Perona
Youth Representatives	<i>To be elected by youth.</i>

Program Staff

Music Director	Dianne Murden
Weekday Ministries Director	Cynthia Outlaw
Youth Director	Chad McElveen
Pastor	Rev. T. Paul Kethley

At large Council Members

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Beverly Awalt	David James	Rebecca Brewer
Eunice Barker	Karen Smith	Elizabeth Partain
Tracey Schlabra	Kelly Teer	Frances Henley

Christian Education Committee -- Cynthia Outlaw, chairperson

This committee is to coordinate all the educational ministries of the church. Ministries include bible and book studies, Children's Ministries, Sunday School Vacation Bible School and Weekday ministries.

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Jennifer Doyle	Nicole White	Jayne Emmons
Rosa Brown	Nicole Crawford	Tina Williams
Angela Morgan	Wendy Farrell	Bob Pearson

Evangelism Committee

Evangelism 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 Evangelism is the more direct form of this proclamation. Evangelism will meet as a group monthly.

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Alicia Berger	Gilbert Gatlin, chairperson	Donna Landers
Liz Thornton	Dell Terry	Russell Keaton
Jack Thornton	Jeanie Wilson	Rodney Gillen-Hall

Family Ministries Committee

This committee is to coordinate family, age appropriate and church wide fellowship. Ministries include church wide luncheons, special events, senior adult ministries and trips.

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Carol Chappell, chairperson	Edith Scott	Robin Crouch
Paula Wade	Amanda Burluson	Travis Robertson
Joe Schick	Eddie Smith	Loy Newberry

Finance Committee

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

- 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.

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Bodie Emmons	Susan Myers	Andy Awalt, chairperson
Lyle Red	Jeff White	David James
J.R. Corne	Charlene Ezell	John Hill

Church Treasurer – Lela Kirsh, Finance Secretary, Lay Leader, Church Council, Trustee and Staff Parish chairpersons are also on Finance.

Lay Leadership Committee (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 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Maurice Burluson	Loy Newberry	Andy Awalt
Carol Chappell	Sally Red	Grace Wathen
Michael Landers	Edith Scott	Bob Henley

Mission Committee

Ministries refers to those ministries that the church engages in for the primary purpose of reaching persons outside the local congregation. These ministries include mission and community service. Missions will meet as a group quarterly. Sub committees and task groups will meet as necessary.

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Debi Hamilton, chairperson	Guy Ward	Katie Wade
Debbie Rash	Jane Ward	Cynthia Kethley
Judy Schick	Nicole Crawford	_____

Nurture Committee

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 visitation ministries, prayer ministries. Nurture will meet as a group quarterly. Sub committees and task groups will meet as necessary.

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Chris Perona, chairperson	Carolyn Williams	Robbie Robertson
Edith Scott	Barbara Chesnut	Lisa Robertson
Carole Lacey	Bob Chesnut	Tracie Ezell

Staff Parish Relations Committee

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 1st Wednesday of each month and as the need may arise.

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Neta Daniel	Terry Dunlap, chairperson	Jenny Calame
Von Wade	Jeri McBay	_____
Carolyn Newberry	Tom James	_____