



## First United Methodist Church

# The Servant

March 1, 2016

### Worship with Us Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

12:00 p.m. - Youth

5:00 p.m. - Disciple Bible Study

#### Wednesday

5:15 p.m. - Children's Choir

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

6:30 p.m. - Gravity / Youth

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. - Children's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study

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### The Staff of First UMC Fairfield

#### Pastor

Rev. Michael D. Bedevian

#### Youth Director

Brent Aiken

#### Director of Music

Mykle Ann Wright

#### Organist

Cynthia Outlaw

#### Pianist

Marilyn Toothman

#### Secretary

Tonya Roberts

#### Director of Weekday

#### Ministries

Cynthia Outlaw

### Take Hold of the New Life

The story is told of a young man who came home from a prisoner of war camp who had been reported killed in action. His family and his buddies and even his girl friend had mourned him as dead and then more or less got over their grief. His sudden reappearance was disturbing to say the least. They had all loved him, but they had in effect written him out of their lives. His girl friend was engaged to marry someone else. Moreover, he didn't seem like the boy who had gone off to war.

He was thin and haggard and haunted. However, he was now mature, self-possessed, and, astonishingly, happy. He hadn't smiled much as a kid and rarely joked. Now he was witty and exuberant all the time. A quiet kid had become an outgoing adult man. He didn't fit in the patterns of relationships he had left behind. Quite the contrary, his happiness and maturity were unsettling. He congratulated his former girl friend on her coming marriage and shook hands cordially with her fiancée.

His family went to the priest. There's something wrong with him, they said. There sure is, the priest replied, he has risen from the dead and now lives a new life.

This is the reality of the Resurrection. The dead are given new life. Will you take hold of the new life Christ offers?

As we find ourselves in the middle of the 2016 Lenten Season, I invite you to ask that question of yourself, if you haven't already. Allow the Resurrection power of Christ to infiltrate your heart and soul. And join us at First UMC for worship and ministry over the course of this holy season.

### Holy Week

March 20 Palm Sunday, 11:00am Chancel Choir Cantata

Resurrection Sunday, 7:00am Outdoor Sunrise Service

8:00am Pancake Breakfast- Fellowship Hall

11:00am Worship



## Jungle Safari VBS

July 25th - 29th

Join us in sharing our

**Creator, Provider, Protector, Savior  
and King!**

Please contact Lesa Aiken at (325)207-2735  
to volunteer.

### National Signing Day

**Congratulations to the following  
students:**

**Colbie Cherry** - University of Dallas -  
Softball

**Dani German** - ETBU - Track

### Palm Sunday

Children Wave Palms

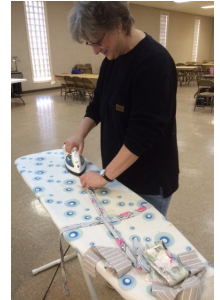
Sunday, March 20

11:00 a.m. Service

Children meet in Welcome Center at  
10:45 a.m.



Thank you to the volunteers who helped complete the sewing project sponsored by the Nurture Committee. Whether you donated money for the purchase of fabric or you donated your time and skill toward making the shower bags, you are appreciated. The residents of both local nursing homes benefited from your kindness.



To My Church Family,

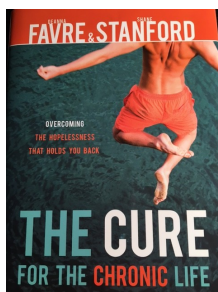
Thanks to all who helped  
me during my recovery from a  
fall in my home.

Love and Blessings,  
Eunice Barker

### New Confirmation Class Begins!

We are very proud to announce the names of our Confirmation Class of 2016. Madison Clark, Kaden Crawford, Nathan Dunlap, Carson Gallegos, Makayla Van, and Makenzie Van. Your prayers for each one of these young people are coveted as they begin their weekly Wednesday Evening classes. For 12 weeks, they'll be studying the teachings and doctrines of the Christian Faith.

**Church Council Meeting  
Monday, March 21**



## **Book of the Month – THE CURE FOR THE CHRONIC LIFE**

**ARE YOU LIVING IN CRISIS OR IN CHRIST?** Deanna Favre, breast-cancer and wife of NFL legend Brett Favre, and Shane Stanford, an HIV-positive pastor, have something in common. Both have battled life-threatening illnesses, and both have overcome chronic hopelessness to discover the transforming strength of God.

*Deanna and Shane understand those everyday struggles that cause us to feel our life is in a crisis, whether it's something as simple as an ache or bad attitude, or as complicated as a broken relationship or a debilitating disease. In this book, the two authors show readers how Christ's redeeming love will speak to the earnestness of our struggles and hurts, answer the deepest of our questions, and put us on a new path toward healing and grace.*

Come to the Library (Men's Classroom) and check out this or any other book. If you want to donate materials, please contact Julie Ann Medford [julieannmedford@gmail.com](mailto:julieannmedford@gmail.com) or 903-389-4620.

Dear Church Family,

As I write this, I am reflecting back on all the wonderful things that have gone on in the Music Department in February. It has been a great month. I am so proud of the Chancel Choir, GloriBells, and Children's Choir. Each group works so hard every week, and is so fun to be a part of.

The Chancel Choir has been working extremely hard on our upcoming Easter Cantata that will be performed for you on Palm Sunday. They have also worked hard on the Special Music they have performed for you. Our numbers continue to grow, and I am so thankful for that.

The GloriBells did a fantastic job this month. A "BIG" Thank You goes out to Katherine Jackson for hosting our Valentine's Party. There was lots of fun, food, and great fellowship. We will be performing for you on March 13, so don't miss out on this opportunity to hear the bells play.

Our Children's Choir is doing fantastic. Thanks to Angel Gallegos and Cynthia Outlaw for dedicating your time to this group. These children love singing and praising the Lord. We have prayer time at the end of each practice, and it is my favorite part. Their prayers are so heartfelt, and they just speak to the Lord like he is their friend. I love that. We should all be that way when we go to the Lord in Prayer.

Thanks for being such a great church family!  
God Bless,  
Mykle Ann



## **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

When a handicapped county resident needs a wheel chair ramp, their doctor notifies a social worker. Then they notify the TEXAS Ramp Project for Freestone County who contacts Steve and Danielle Grecu, chairpersons of our Missions Committee. The Grecu's work with the United Methodist Men and other volunteers to build the needed wheel chair ramp which takes about six hours. The most recent one was completed on **January 30**.

More volunteers are needed as builders, helpers, food servers or just come as a friend. No prior building skills are required. Please contact Steve Grecu, 903-423-0020. If you can't go, please offer your prayers.

## **CALENDER GIRLS 2016**

We will meet at 10:30 A.M. on the last Wednesday of the month to prepare the church newsletters for mailing. Thank you for your help and making this a fun service activity for everyone.



# GRAVITY

HEBREWS 10:22  
FUMC FAIRFIELD YOUTH  
FAIRFIELD, TEXAS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Harvest America - March 6th, 2016  
AT&T Stadium, Dallas, Texas

## March Calendar

- 3/2 - Small Groups (6-7:45pm)
- 3/6 - Harvest America
- 3/9 - SPRING BREAK (No Youth)
- 3/13 - Bible Study (5-6:30pm)
- 3/16 - Small Groups (6-7:45pm)
- 3/20 - Bible Study (6-7:45pm)
- 3/23 - Small Groups (6-7:45pm)
- 3/27 - Sunrise Service (7:00am)
- 3/30 - Small Groups (6-7:45pm)

GRAVITY  
SMALL GROUPS  
HEBREWS 10:22  
FUMC FAIRFIELD YOUTH  
FAIRFIELD, TEXAS  
WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM

# AUTHENTIC

REAL PROBLEMS  
REAL ANSWERS  
REAL FAITH

5-6:30pm

Sunday Nights

HARVEST AMERICA

MARCH 6, 2016

FREE ADMISSION

CHRIS TOMLIN

— LECRAE —

SWITCHFOOT

AND MERCYME

[TEXAS.HARVESTAMERICA.COM](http://TEXAS.HARVESTAMERICA.COM)

## Sunday Servers

Dates	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27	April 3
<b>Acolytes</b>	Will Thorne Cole Coufal	Cameron Cockerell Mason Daniel	Ava Grecu Bella Grecu	Nathan Dunlap Brady Williams	Ava Grecu Addison Slms
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Donna Senter	Bob Anderson	Kevin Benedict	Robbie Robertson	Angel Sims
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Suzann Ledbetter	Cheryl Cockerell	Lyle Red	Charlie Micheletti	Bobby Daniel
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>March:</b> Steve Anderson, Andy Awalt, Mark Phillips, Eddie Smith <b>April:</b> Bob Anderson, Andy Myers, Chad Morgan, Robbie Robertson				

### WEDNESDAY FAMILY

#### NIGHT

March 2

Chicken Fajitas

March 9

Pulled Pork Chipotle

March 16

Chinese

March 23

Baked Potato Bar

#### Kids Menu

Peanut Butter and Jelly

### DIRECTORY

We are revising our **Church Directory** (published in May 2013) and need your help! The Communications Group is leading the effort to create a new directory in-house. Nicole Hughes has volunteered to take pictures.

If your picture needs to be updated or was not included in the old directory, you can come to one of the photo sessions on **March 20; April 3; or April 10** after Worship Service. Also on one of those Sundays, please review your contact information in the "revised directory" and make updates.

# New Year!

## NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES!

*Michael (Pastor)*

Michael@fumcfairfield.org

*Brent (Youth)*

Brent@fumcfairfield.org

TONYA (SECRETARY)

Tonya@fumcfairfield.org



February 7	\$10,507.00
February 14	\$ 6,365.00

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### **Memorials & Honorariums**

#### **Gifts to Capital Building Fund**

##### ***In memory of Stella Phillips by***

Charlie & Karen Michelette, Jerry & Jenny Calame,  
Guy & Jane Ward, J.R. Corne,  
Wendon & Jane Morrison, Mark & Jane Phillips

##### ***In memory of Alma Grace Sanders by***

Sam & Billie Bournias, Dick & Claudette White

##### ***In memory of Wesley Toothman by***

Jerry & Jenny Calame, Bette & Mike Cook,  
Sonny & Judy Schick, J.R. Corne

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



#### **WEDNESDAY, March 2nd, NOON**

If you're over 50, bring a covered dish and  
join others for lunch in the Fellowship Hall.  
You don't have to be a member of FUMC to  
attend. Bring a friend!



### **Senior Sunday**

#### **2016 Graduating Seniors**

Owen Awalt    Brady Jackson  
Colbie Cherry    Chase Kilpatrick  
Lauren Cole    Jennifer Reed

*If you have a 2016 graduating  
senior that is not on this list  
please contact the church  
office.*

*Thank you,  
Tonya*

### **SAVE THE DATE**

UMW is hosting another "Living Proof Simulcast  
Video", **SATURDAY, MAY 14** from 8:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.  
Priscilla Shirer, popular author from Dallas, Texas  
and star of the recent movie - *War Room*, will be the  
featured speaker in the video.

Priscilla's ministry to women across the country and  
around the world is focused on the expository teach-  
ing of the Word of God. Her desire is to see women  
come to a full understanding of who they are in Christ  
by hearing the uncompromising truth of Scripture.

This great event will help strengthen relationships of  
women in our church and build connections with  
other churches in our area. Please plan to attend  
and invite women in our community.

### **Friendly Reminder:**

**It's Not Too Late!**

**Easter Lilies**

**\$10.00**

**Deadline: Monday, February 29**

**Forms are located in the Narthex.**

## FUMC PRAYER MINISTRY

### STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT

Patsy Ahlfinger  
Barbara Anderson  
Sonny Andrews  
Dale Barker  
Maria Berger  
Billie Bond  
Eleanor Clark  
Juliette Coleman  
Mary Helen Cornish  
Julie Curington  
Mike Hancock  
Bob Henley  
Francis Henley  
Nick Henley  
Ellen Jones

Betsy Keller (homebound)

Billie Pearson  
Bob Pearson  
Sonny Schick  
Rosie Smathers  
Larry Smith  
Tom Tedrow  
Jesse Terry  
Carolyn Thorne  
Charcie Utley  
Marie Vestal  
Grace Wathen  
Bill Whitson

### PERSONS IN LOCAL NURSING HOME FACILITIES

Jeane Beasley  
Claudine Gibbs  
Norma Helm  
Don McLeod  
Eva Beth Shinn  
Myrtle Walthall

### THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Ryan Aiken  
Daniel Barker  
Damon Box  
Jordan Burton  
Kyle Grecu  
Cheng Li  
Chris Marr  
Brandon Read  
Ty Salazar  
Mike Steward



**The worship services are available on CDs.**  
Worship CDs may be picked up at the church office. If they are not available, please tell the church secretary and she will make sure you get one.

**Sermons are available for listening on the Church web site:**

**[www.fumcfairfield.org/media/sermon-audio](http://www.fumcfairfield.org/media/sermon-audio)**

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## Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday, March 23rd  
5:30 p.m.

Ages 18mos (walking) - 5th gr.

Children will meet in A.W.E.  
Kids classroom

If you would like to contribute  
"stuffed eggs" a collection box will  
be placed in Narthex.

