

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, August 29

6:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee's
 6:00-7:30 Youth Activities-Basement
 6:30 p.m. Kids Club Leaders Meeting-223
 7:15-8:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 30

6:30 p.m. NO Conner House Bible Study

Sunday, September 2

8:30 a.m. Worship Service-Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Worship Services

Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

4:00 p.m. Banner Ministry Team-Room 223

6:00-8:00 Youth Bible Study-Basement

Monday, September 3

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED-LABOR DAY

6:30 p.m. NO Visitation

Tuesday, September 4

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group-Room 123

6:30 p.m. Knitting Ministry-Parlor

Wednesday, September 5

6:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee's

10:00 a.m. Conner House Ministry

11:00 a.m. Hudson House Ministry

6:00-7:30 Youth Activities

6:30 p.m. Children's Music Leaders Meeting

7:15-8:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 6

6:30 p.m. Conner House Bible Study

Friday, September 7

11:30-1:00 Noon Women's Bible Study-Rm 113

Saturday, September 8

9:00 a.m. Single Together-Breakfast at United

Sunday, September 9

8:30 a.m. Worship Service-Sanctuary

9:00-9:30 Costa Rica Burrito Breakfast-Hall

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Services

Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

3:00-4:30 "The Patriarchs" Bible Study-222

4:00 p.m. Banner Ministry Team-Room 223

6:00-8:00 Youth Bible Study-Basement

Monday, September 10

3:00-7:00 Coffee Memorial Blood Drive-125

5:00 p.m. Palo Duro Village Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Staff/Parish Relations Committee

6:30 p.m. Grief Support Team Meeting-Rm105

6:30 p.m. Visitation

6:30-8:00 Bible Study-Room 222

Tuesday, September 11

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group-Room 123

4:00 p.m. Grief Support Team Meeting-Rm105

6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting-Room 105

6:30 p.m. Knitting Ministry-Parlor

United Methodist Women

Wednesday, September 5

6:15 p.m. Executive Board Meeting-Room 224

Tuesday, September 11

9:30 a.m. Hill Hare Circle-Hudson House



Concerns For This WEEK

Health Concerns: Rodey Newton, Grace Fender, Tana Young, Shirley King, Donna Johnston, Charlie Parks, Ashley Day, Martha Thompson, Jan Cowan's dad, Theresa McLaughlin's mom, Sherrel Burns

In Christian Sympathy:

The Miller family on the death of their son

The family and friends of Lynda Wirt

Brenda Goodwin as she grieves the loss of her mother

Other concerns/needs: Unspoken concerns, Ray & Vickie King as they work in Minnesota, starting of school year, Junior Stewart, a family trying to buy a home, Hope Irlbeck having cancer tests this week

Joys For This WEEK

Birthdays: Cathy Young, Bettye Wallace

Anniversaries: Shawn & Lynn Burns

Other joys: Our pastoral staff, Mary Rice's retirement, schools starting, RoundUp was awesome, Jeff Manley has 7 more months before graduating from Medical School, new babies

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Oressa Delaney, J. L. Pipes, Justin Richardson, Anne Hublely, Will Moore, Fakar, Brynn McPherson, Shelly Cathey, Kathi Tijerina, Beth Sanchez, Kelli Tillman-Marr, Richard and Noreen Bales, Cathy Adkins, Sam White, Danny Knoll, Adrian Marsh, Alan Rodner (Rachel Hedglin's dad), Jim Davis (Nancy Biffle's brother)

Glenda Abernethy, Andy Anderson (mother of Jane King), Randy Banks (Barbara Tucek's nephew), Rion Broome, Ricky Cook, Libby Ford, Oran Gipson, Milt Hudson, Janet Ingham, Hope Irlbeck, Kim Johnston, Brenda Lindsey, Melanie McKinney, Suzanne Rogers, Kathryn Snodgrass, Sybil Stringer, Linda Tinsley, Barbara Wagner (Bob Dillin's daughter), Jean Waugh, Louise Williams

Additional Intercessory Prayers

President Bush and our country's leaders, Westover Fellowship United Methodist Church, China Mission Team, Costa Rica Team, Backyard Missions, Pete & Vikki Klein, War-torn Countries, Carson Gerber in Iraq

Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for the cards, calls and prayers offered during this time of my mother's leaving this earth. I really appreciate your care and concern.

Brenda Goodwin

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the book and DVD. I hope it helps me in my next chapter in life. I appreciate all of the thoughts, support and prayers over the years. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Kaleb West

UMW September Service

**Project for
Tyler Street Resource
Center Non-Food Pantry**

**Bring the following items and
place them in the purple
barrel in the Narthex:**

**Items Most Needed for
Elderly, Disabled and
Mentally Ill
Toilet Tissue
Laundry Soap
Dish Soap
Bar Soap**

2nd Priority Needs:

**Toothpaste
Deodorant
Sanitary Pads
Razors/Shaving Cream
Shampoo
Lotion**

These items may be used:

**Towels
Wash cloths
Sheets
Blankets
Pillows and pillow cases**

Record of Attendance

August 26, 2007

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service	125
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	288
10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Service	197
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall Service	75
	Total in Worship	397

Office Closing

**The church office will be closed Monday,
September 3 for Labor Day Holiday. We
will not have a newsletter next week
because of the holiday.**

***October Is Open House
Month for Northwest
Texas Conference.***

The News

from FUMC, Canyon

Building God's Kingdom One Word At A Time

August 29, 2007

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Canyon, Texas 79015
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Serving God With My Time and Talent

Celebrate the Power of Discipleship:

YOU Make A Difference

September 2 - October 7

For six Sundays this fall we will be sharing the opportunities for ministry available in our church during our worship services. Many people volunteer their time and use their talents to Build God's Kingdom...One Life At A Time each week. Using the six key values of our church -Devotion, Community, Stewardship, Evangelism, Missions and Servanthood - we will enjoy testimonies about the people who are on the front lines in our ministries.

Additional Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Tuesdays (beginning September 4)

6:30 p.m. Knitting Ministry - Parlor

Want to learn to knit? Want to knit for others? Want to enjoy working with your hands each week on any project?

Then come to our first session and bring your enthusiasm.

Fridays (beginning September 7)

11:30 a.m. Friday Noon Bible Study - Room 113

Bring a sack lunch and eat together at 11:30 a.m. At 12:00 noon, we will study "Courageous Faith" which is a curriculum about people in the Bible who have done courageous acts because of their faith.

Church Staff

Senior Pastor.....Rev. John McClean
 Associate Pastor.....Rev. Donna Johnston
 Worship Leader.....Michael Littau
 Diaconal Minister.....Francie Pittman
 Director Youth Ministries.....Scott Lee
 Director Children's Ministries.....Lee Ann Love
 Church Secretary.....Cindy Burrus
 Children's Administrative Assistant....Megan Walker
 Assistant Secretary.....Shirley Leach
 Financial Secretary.....Lisa Dietz
 Youth Administrative Assistant.....Lorelle Richey
 Financial Assistant.....Christi Ybarra
 Music Director.....George Biffle
 Organist.....Margaret Skinner
 Church Librarian.....Michell Killingsworth
 Custodian.....Bill Fetter
 IHHChild Development Director....Brenda Shepherd

Fall Is Just Around The Corner!

Wednesday Schedule Begins September 12

3:00 p.m

After School Bible Studies

4th Grade - Francie Pittman, 5th Grade - Lee Ann Love, and 6th Grade - Scott Lee (pick up from school)

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

4th, 5th, 6th Grade Bible Studies

5:45 - 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

Adults: \$3.50, Children (6 - 12) \$2.50, Children (under 6) \$1.00 Family Maximum \$12.00, Complimentary & College Students Free

September 12 - Homemade meal - Fundraiser for Parks Family

September 19 - Homemade meal - Pathfinders Class Fundraiser

September 26 - Homemade meal - Searchers Class Fundraiser

6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Children, Youth and Adult Activities

Children (Ages 3 - 4th Grade) - Kids Clubs

Club 56 (5th & 6th Grade)

Youth (Junior & Senior High) - "Healthy Relationships" Study

Adults Classes: (Sign up for these classes on the table in the hallways)

University Bells - Margaret Skinner

Prayerwalking - Debby Lundy

5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations - John McClean

Living Beyond Yourself (Beth Moore Study) - Nancy Hinders

Special Emphasis Classes:

September 12 - Book Review Study - Michell Killingsworth

(Will meet on the second Wednesday of each month)

September 12 - Operation Christmas Child - Janice Cranmer

September 19 - Ruth Ann Brillhart Circle

7:15 p.m.

Adult Choir

Adult Back To School Bash on Sunday, September 9

Donuts and Costa Rica Burritos Available for a Donation

from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday School classes are encouraged to invite those whom they have missed this summer to "Come Back to Sunday School!" and this will also be an opportunity for people who do not go to Sunday School to meet and greet people from the classes and hopefully find one that you would like to start attending. Also, we will be starting a new Adult Sunday School class on September 16 and we will give you information about that. This is a good opportunity for you to meet John, Scott and Mikey also.

**First United Methodist Church
Building God's Kingdom One Life At A Time**
Service Times
8:30 a.m. in Sanctuary
10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary
10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Preaching Schedule

September 2

Traditional Services in Sanctuary

Scott Lee

Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall

Mikey Littau





YOU Make a Difference

How long has it been since you have considered how your life impacts the lives of other people? It does, you know...

In Frank Capra's holiday classic, "It's a Wonderful Life", Jimmy Stewart's character, George Bailey, is given the opportunity to find out how vastly different...and how profoundly poorer...life would have been for those he loves, had he not been alive to be a part of their lives.

In worship over the next several Sundays, we will celebrate how "YOU Make a Difference".

The ministries of our church could simply not function without many people who do extraordinary ministry...mostly behind the scenes and with little recognition. We will find ways to say "Thank You" to some of the unsung heroes, behind the scenes of the ministry of our congregation.

I look forward to celebrating with you how "YOU Make a Difference".

John

Start Collecting Items for Operation Christmas Child Boxes

This is the perfect time of year to purchase those school supplies, small toys, etc. for your Operation Christmas Child boxes. Also, remember to save those shoe boxes and bring them to the church office. Janice Cranmer, our Operation Christmas Child Coordinator, will pick these boxes up from the office and wrap them for you to pick up and fill. The deadline for returning your boxes will be Sunday, November 18.

"The DNA of Relationships" "NEW" Couples Bible Study Mondays 6:30 - 8:00

Beginning September 10

Discover what it takes to thrive in your most important relationships with this powerful new series! In this series, relationship experts Gary and Michael Smalley show how we are designed for three satisfying relationships: with others, with ourselves, and with God. It's part of our relational DNA. The group will consist of 6-8 couples. If you are interested in this small group experience please contact Lee Ann Love 655-2851 or leeannlove@firstchurchcanyon.com

Nursery Provided!

Reading Books With Friends

Beginning Wednesday, September 12 you are invited to join me in the Library on the second Wednesday of each month to share what books we are reading. You might want to pick up a book from the church library this week, a UMW book to read for their Reading Program, or something that you have wanted to read for a long time. This group will give you the opportunity to read at your own pace and share with your friends. Mark September 12 on your calendar and come to the Church Library at 6:15 p.m.

Michell Killingsworth

"The Patriarchs" A Beth Moore Bible Study Beginning Sunday, September 9 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in Room 222

In this study written by Beth Moore, we will plunge into the heart of Genesis, to God's remarkable pursuit of relationship and to the unfolding of His earthly plan: that through one nation—and ultimately, one man—all people on earth will be blessed. Many of the most profound and enduring concepts in the whole counsel of God's Word are initiated in this book of beginnings. Concepts such as blessings, covenant, and promise, and the bearing each has on a New Testament believer's life today will be explored. The Patriarchs will give us the opportunity to see a perfect and holy God endure in His relationship to man, whether man is at his best or at his weakest.

Please join us as we start up this Bible study. We will meet on most Sundays knowing that some members will be gone at times. Don't feel like you need "perfect attendance" to be a part of our group. We would love to have you at anytime. Call Lisa at the church office if you plan to attend so we can make sure we get enough books to start with. If you would like childcare, please leave the names and ages of your children. You can also contact her at ldietz@firstchurchcanyon.com

General Fund Stewardship Report For seven months ending July 31, 2007

General Fund gifts received as of July 31	\$ 549,427
Miscellaneous income to General Fund	4,818
General Fund Revenue	554,245
General Fund expenses as of July 31	507,410
General Fund as of July 31	46,835
Apportionments due for May	10,834
Apportionments due for June	10,878
Apportionments due for July	11,524
Net income for July, 2007	\$ 13,599

Designated Gifts For the Month of July, 2007

2007 General Fund	\$ 76,827
Faith Promise	140
Aids Orphans-Maua Hosp	180
Apportionments (Connectional Ministries)	145
Backyard Missions	145
Building Renovations	2,115
Canyon Cares	400
Ceta Canyon Camp Debt Retirement	1,220
China Missions	225
Costa Rica	612
In His Hands Child Development Center	4,700
Maua Hospital Service	50
Office Supplies	175
New Life Advanced International	10
Nothing but Net	100
Pastoral Care	50
Pension	10
Sharing Fund	680
Wesley Community Center	100
Wesley Foundation	125
Youth Ministries	5
Total Gifts - July, 2007	\$ 88,014

Canyon Community Blood Drive Monday, September 10 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Searchers Classroom #125

Every eligible donor who presents to donate will be entered into a daily drawing to win one of two \$50 Valero gas cards. Plus, you will be entered into the grand prize drawing at the end of the month to win one of two \$500 Valero gas cards. To schedule an appointment to donate, please call 331-8800.

Thank You Note from Coffee Memorial Blood Center

Thank you for your continuing support and especially for the \$150 Putting Green Sponsorship for our Ninth Annual Golf Tournament. Proceeds will go to the Building Fund to retire the debt.

Again, on behalf of blood recipients and their families, thank you for your contribution. This is an exciting and challenging time in the life of our community blood center and we appreciate your involvement.

Judy Neill
Development Director

Volunteer Opportunities

Wednesday Night Kids CLUBS

Tiny Tots (3 & 4 yr. olds)	3 helpers
CLUB 234 (2nd - 4th)	2 helpers
CLUB 56	1 helper for Prayer Team.

Sunday Morning

3 & 4 year olds	1 teachers
Kindergarten	2 teachers
3rd and 4th grade	1 teacher

Please be praying for the leadership of Kids Kingdom.

UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 2	Live B.I.G. Sunday school kick-off
Sept. 12	KIDs CLUBS Kick-off
Sept. 21	6:30 Family Dance Night
Sept. 22	CLUB 56 Car wash and Bake sale

REMEMBER TO INVITE A FRIEND!

Reminder!!

Don't Throw Away That Empty Ink Cartridge!

Love Offering for Parks' Family

Were you or your children one of Geraldine's "babies?" Or, were you blessed to have shared the quiet strength of her faith in Bible Study?

We now have the opportunity to give back to a precious lady that has given so much to our congregation.

As you know, Geraldine's son Charles is fighting cancer. Several groups have helped with food, transportation, moral support, etc. Now we are asking you to help with a monetary donation. Envelopes for donations and for notes of encouragement were available last Sunday. Also, proceeds from the September 12 Wednesday Night Meal will be given to the Parks family. Thank you for sharing your gratitude.

Acolyte Schedule

September 2

8:30

Shelby Nelson and Andrew Spring
10:45

Stephen Williams and Rodey Newton
September 9

8:30

Xavier Allen and Santana Johnson
10:45

Evan Rice and McKayla Robinson

"Live BIG"

September's B.I.G.

Theme: "God chooses us."

Bible Verse: "And God said, "I will be with you."
Exodus 3:12a

September 2

Moses and the Burning Bush

September 9

Samuel

BRING A FRIEND TO MEET JESUS!

A NOTE FROM LEE ANN

The beginning of a new school year always is cause for reflection. Garrett, my youngest, has his "first day" of his Senior year today. Last night as we had family prayer - I thought about how fast the years have past. As parents we often get caught up in the responsibility of raising "well-behaved" and responsible children and forget the joy that they bring to our lives. Have you ever stopped to think about what you do with your child to have fun? Do you take time to just talk and play with them? Not just get them to do homework, chores, the next activity or tell them what they did wrong - but truly interact and spend time enjoying their presence. As parents we need to spend more time telling our children the good things they do and how proud we are of them. Take time to cradle them like Jesus cradled them in his arms.

"He put a child in the middle of the room. Then, cradling the little one in his arms, he said, "Whoever embraces one of these children as I do embraces me, and far more than me - God who sent me." Mark 9:37 (The Message)