

**Wednesday, August 27, 2008**  
 6:30-7:30 am Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee's  
 6:00-8:00pm Youth HDTV-Bsmt  
 6:00-8:30pm Adult Choir Party-Parsonage  
 7:00-8:00pm Kids Klubs Leader Mtg-Rm 203  
 7:30-8:15pm Youth Prayer Group-Bsmt

**Thursday, August 28, 2008**  
 6:00-8:00pm WT Welcome Party-R Lowes Park  
 6:30- 7:30 pm Youth Small Groups-Basement  
**Saturday, August 30, 2008**  
 8:00-4:00 pm Emmaus Team-Room 125  
 6:00-7:00 pm FH Worship Team SET-UP-FH

**Sunday, August 31, 2008**  
 8:30-9:30 am FH Worship Team Reh-FH  
 8:30-9:30 am Worship Service-Sanctuary  
 9:30-10:30 am Sunday School  
 10:15-10:45 am Chancel Choir Reh-Choir Room  
 10:45-12:00 pm FH Worship Service-FH  
 10:45-12:00 pm Sanctuary Worship Service  
 4:00-5:00 pm Banner Ministry Team-Room 223  
 5:30-10:00 pm Youth Back to School-Basement

**Monday, September 01, 2008**  
 8:00-5:00 pm Church Office Closed-Labor Day  
 6:30-8:00 pm NO Visitation-Visitation Office  
**Tuesday, September 02, 2008**  
 6:30-7:30 am Men's Prayer Group-Room 123  
 6:30-8:00 pm Youth Worship Team-Basement  
 6:30-7:30 pm Knitting Ministry-Parlor

**Wednesday, September 03, 2008**  
 6:30-7:30 am Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee's  
 10:00- 11:00am Conner House Ministry  
 11:00-12:00 pm Hudson House Ministry  
 6:00-8:00 pm Youth HDTV-Basement  
 6:15-7:00 pm University Bells Rehearsal-Rm 001  
 6:15-7:30 pm UMW Executive Bd Mtg-Rm 224  
 7:15-8:30pm Chancel Choir Reh-Choir Room  
 7:30-8:15 pm Youth Prayer Group-Basement

**Thursday, September 04, 2008**  
 4:30-6:00 pm "WOMS"-Library  
 6:30- 7:30 pm Youth Small Groups-Basement  
**Saturday, September 06, 2008**  
 8:00-5:00 pm Emmaus Team Mtg.-125/127  
 6:00-7:00 pm FH Worship Team SET-UP-FH

**Sunday, September 07, 2008**  
 8:30-9:30 am FH Worship Team Reh-FH  
 8:30-9:30 am Worship Service-Sanctuary  
 9:00-9:30 am Costa Rica Burrito Fundraiser  
 9:30-10:30 am Sunday School  
 10:45-12:00 pm FH Worship Service-FH  
 10:45-12:00pm Sanctuary Worship Service  
 12:15-4:00 pm Youth Mission-Tyler St Rsrc Cntr  
 4:00-5:00 pm Banner Ministry Team-Room 223  
 5:00-6:00 pm 3-D Meeting-Room 113  
 5:00-6:00 pm Youth "Channel 3"-Basement  
 6:00-8:00pm Youth HDTV-Basement

**Start Collecting Your Items For  
 Operation Christmas Child.  
 School supplies are on sale.**



**Concerns For This WEEK**

**Health Concerns:** Heather Horton, Brian Lair, Ty Thurman, Kasey Wessels, Debbie Quick, Malari Irlbeck, Stephanie Darby, Martha Crane, Micha Riley, a brother who recently became paralyzed, Ben Wentz

**In Christian Sympathy:** Lezlie Cooper and her family on the death of her mom

**Other Concerns:** Students, faculty and staff of our schools as the school year begins, a person seeking prayer for a current job situation

**Joys For This WEEK**

**Birthdays:** Colton Hukill, Judie Hartman, Mary Williamson who is celebrating her 91st birthday

**Anniversaries:** Shawn & Lynn Burns

**Other Joys:** Amanda & Coby Braddock who are expecting a child in February, Toni Huddleston is starting her 7th year of teaching and last year of graduate school

**Record of Attendance**

**August 24, 2008**

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service	129
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	302
10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Service	239
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall Service	<u>101</u>
	Total in Worship	469

**Two Attend "License To Preach" School**

To my family:

I wanted to send each of you a note to let you know how honored I felt to represent FUMC Canyon at the Pastoral Ministries School that was held the first week of August in Lubbock. I experienced 9 full days of great instruction. The topics covered were preaching, worship preparation, church organization and structure, sexual harassment, safe sanctuaries, Christian education, pastoral care for spiritual formation. I met 15 other people from the NWTX and NM Conferences that are on their path to ministry. Many have taken charges of local congregations and are serving as Lay Supply Pastors. For many this was their last step toward becoming a Licensed Local Pastor. One of the things that I felt was most valuable was the stress on relationships. People do not care how much you know until they know how much you care. This group that I had the privilege of being with has great hearts and a passion for serving Christ. I want to thank each and every one of you for your support of my family and I. God bless each one of you.

Yours in Christ,  
 Kirk Watson

Kirk Watson and I went together to the Pastoral Ministry 101 classes in Lubbock the first nine days of August. Classes were held at First United Methodist in Lubbock taught by a team of teachers consisting of three District Superintendents, two ordained ministers, and a specialist in Christian Education. There were seventeen students enrolled in the course from both Conferences of Northwest Texas and New Mexico.

We learned an enormous amount of information and many skills concerning Planning Worship, Preaching, organization of the local church, Christian Education, and Pastoral Ministry. The classes included lectures, team projects, field trips, role-playing, and (the scariest) a spontaneous preaching of a three-minute sermon.

For Sunday Services we were encouraged to go to at least two churches that had different styles of worship. Students went to churches all over Lubbock and then reported back their impressions of services ranging from Traditional to Contemporary, or both blended together in churches that were old, new, and revised.

The food was cooked right there in the church and that fed us very very well. I gained ten pounds!

Harold Lenfesty

**Thank You Note From  
 Canyon CareNet  
 Pregnancy Center**

*Your baby bottle drive was a great success and a real blessing to us. The amount that you raised during the drive came to a grand total of \$850.00. Thank you so much for the hard work and your generosity!*

*Blessings,  
 CareNet Pregnancy Center*

**Make Plans to attend the  
 Women of Faith  
 Infinite Grace Conference**

November 14 & 15  
 Oklahoma City - Ford Center

Cost for the conference is \$99.00, which includes the pre-conference "I Second That Emotion" featuring Patsy Clairmont, Anita Renfroe and Jan Silvious.

Visit [womenoffaith.com](http://womenoffaith.com) for more details.

To sign up for the Conference contact Linda Tinsley cell phone 220-1681 or e-mail [lintin@suddenlink.net](mailto:lintin@suddenlink.net)



**The News  
 from FUMC, Canyon**

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**Thursday, August 28  
 College Students Welcome  
 Party in Ruth Lowes Park  
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Burgers and Homemade Ice Cream**

**Adopt-A-Buff Students and Families  
 Matched At This Party  
 Don't Miss It!!!!!!**

**Labor Day Holiday Information**

*The church office will be closed Monday, September 1 for Labor Day Holiday. We will not have a newsletter that week. Beginning the week of September 8, watch for a newsletter each week.*

**Church Staff**

Senior Pastor.....Rev. John McClean  
 Associate Pastor.....  
 Diaconal Minister.....Francie Pittman  
 Director Youth Ministries.....Scott Lee  
 Director Children's Ministries.....Lee Ann Love  
 Church Secretary.....  
 Children's Administrative Assistant.....Shelby Hicks  
 Assistant Secretary.....Shirley Leach  
 Financial Secretary.....Nichole Dyer  
 Financial Assistant.....Christi Ybarra  
 Youth Adm Assistant.....Rhonni Pletcher  
 Music Director.....George Biffle  
 Organist.....Margaret Skinner  
 Worship Leader.....Michael Littau  
 Church Librarian.....Michell Killingsworth  
 Custodian.....Bill Fetter  
 Kitchen Coordinator.....Robin Chandler  
 IHH Child Development Director..Brenda Shepherd



**Burrito Breakfasts Begin Sunday,  
 September 7**

Plan to eat at the church on the first Sunday of every month and help the Costa Rica Mission team at the same time. The team members prepare burritos and by 9:00 a.m. they are ready for you to dig in. Look for the team as you enter either the east or west doors. As you pick up your burrito, place your generous donation in the Costa Rica Mission Trip can. These fundraisers help provide the materials needed for the project in Costa Rica. If you write a check, please mark it "Costa Rica VIM Trip".

The dates for the 2009 trip are June 13-21 and June 20-28. If you would like to learn more about our Costa Rica missions, please contact Charlie Munger.

**"5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations"  
 Fall Emphasis Begins September 14**

Beginning September 14, our congregation will be focusing on these five practices - Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-taking Mission and Service and Extravagant Generosity.

Bryan Smith will be presenting "Radical Hospitality 101" on Sunday, September 14 (repeating it on Sunday, September 21) during the Sunday School hour. Everyone is invited to be in the Sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. either one of these Sundays to hear this welcoming training.

Let's start the fall by "practicing what we preach". We are a welcoming congregation so we just need to "step it up a notch" and remind ourselves how important it is to show God's love to everyone we see.

**"The Power of A Praying Woman"**

You are invited to a 10 week video Bible study curriculum "The Power of a Praying Woman" by Stormie Omartian which will begin Sunday, Sept. 7 at 3 pm in room 224 and conclude before Thanksgiving. We will view a 30 minute video at each session by Stormie. Some of the topics include: Praying to Become all God Made Me to Be, Praying for a Life-Transforming Walk with God, Praying to Be Free of the Past, Praying to Put My Life in Right Order and more. The study also utilizes a workbook with 5 daily study guides per week with related scripture references and application to every day life relative to that week's topic. We'll share insights from our weekly study, the video and then conclude in prayer time. If you are interested, please contact Brenda Havens, [brendahave@hotmail.com](mailto:brendahave@hotmail.com) or at 655-0519, or call Francie Pittman at the church office.

**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  
 Traditional Services in Sanctuary  
 Rev. John McClean  
 Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall  
 Mikey Littau**



## “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations”

During the past year, we have begun to think in the terminology used by Bishop Robert Schnase, in his popular book. His book has given us valuable concepts by which we may see the ministry of our church in new and exciting ways, toward the end that we practice five indispensable functions which contribute to create vital, meaningful ministry.

You may well remember the five practices:

- Radical Hospitality
- Passionate Worship
- Intentional Faith Development
- Risk-Taking Mission and Service
- Extravagant Generosity

This fall, we will dedicate two Sundays to each of these practices-

September 14 & 21	Radical Hospitality
September 28 & October 5	Passionate Worship
October 12 & October 19	Intentional Faith Development
October 26 & November 2	Risk-Taking Mission and Service
November 9 & 16	Extravagant Generosity

These will not only be themes in our worship services, but, hopefully, will also infiltrate into many areas of the life of our church during the time between Labor Day and Thanksgiving! As Bishop Schnase says, this is not another ‘program’ we should be a part of, but it is a way of living together as the Body of Christ, which needs to become more and more ‘who we are’ as disciples. You will be hearing more about training opportunities which will be part of the life of our church during these ten weeks.

Our Adult Council had a terrific meeting this past Sunday afternoon, we have a large number of families who have become part of the “Adopt a Buff” ministry, our youth and children’s ministries are bursting at the seams, and there is air of anticipation flowing through our church.

It’s a great time to be part of First United Methodist Church! I hope to see you Sunday!

John



More ideas to go along with the previous tip to plan for a credit free Christmas and communicate that plan to your family: Communicate your plan to your extended family and let the older generation off the hook. If you have older family members on a fixed income allow them the opportunity to only give to the grandchildren or great-grandchildren. You might be doing them a big favor.

Avoid expensive wrapping paper: Use the pages from an outdoor catalog to wrap a present for a hunter or fisherman.

Send your ideas for a Credit Free Christmas to: Steve Donnell at dendonell@amaonline.com.

## *Psalms Study Begins Wednesday, September 3*

*6:15 - 7:30 p.m.*

### *Pathfinders Class #113*

**STEPPING UP; A journey through the Psalms of Ascent** explores Psalms 120-134. Traveling pilgrims sang these psalms both on the way to the great festivals of the Jews and as key elements of the worship at those festivals. During this study participants will gain a new appreciation for the life of faith as a journey to greater fellowship with and worship of God. This class will be taught by Nancy Hinders. The class will start on Wednesday, September 3 and run through Wednesday, December 10.

## *Wednesday Night Classes starting September 10*

**In addition to the Psalms Study, here are three other classes that will be offered this fall for adults:**

### **1. Renovation Of The Heart**

*Renovation of the Heart* is a video-based curriculum built on Dallas Willard’s *Renovation of the Heart: Putting On the Character of Christ*. It is designed to help Christians develop inward Christ likeness. The focus for your journey is the six different components of you: thoughts, emotions, will, behavior, social relationships, and soul. Through lecture, conversation, group exercises, Bible study, and spiritual practices, you will learn how transformation happens. This class will be taught by Donna Johnston and Lynda Graybeal.

### **2. Homes of Honor**

A Homes of Honor-Relationship Series is beginning in the fall with a veteran group of “OLD” Homes of Honor couples as facilitators. Gary Smalley developed a series of videos that target couples who want to make their relationships better. This study will consist of watching a video on Wednesday night together in a large room and then breaking up into smaller groups and discussing the video.

The facilitators are as follows: Mike and Charlotte Bellah, Doug and Jan Cowan, Rich and Connie Hopson, Bob and Deborah Lee, Joe and Babs Lombard, Gerry and Darla Nickell, and maybe others, depending on our crowd.

Please come and join us on Wednesday nights for a lot of fun and enlightenment, I’m sure! We’ll have food sometimes, too!

### **3. The Treasure Principle**

Discover the joy of giving! Randy Alcorn’s bestselling book leaps to life in this dynamic video presentation. It’s filled with examples of Extravagant Generosity and brings home the revolutionary principle: Cheerful giving rings God maximum glory and his children maximum pleasure. This class will be taught by Mark Pittman.

## **BSA Hospice Volunteer Training & Community**

To Register, Call Marilee Bulls at BSA Hospice 212-8715 or 800-315-6209. Training is free of charge.

**8 Sessions September 8-24, 2008  
Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

**BSA Hospice Den 600 N. Tyler Amarillo, TX**

## H.D.T.V. News: The News of the Youth

(Heavenly Directed Teens with a Vision)

*Jesus sent the disciples out two by two . . . Then the disciples gathered around Jesus and reported what they had done and taught. Mark 6:7 & 30*

When we look at the ministry of Jesus, one thing that stands out is the way that He developed the disciples. The overall format that Jesus employed was first to spend time teaching them, then He sent them out to practice what they were taught; they then came back to share with each other and learn more in order to be sent out again. There are three main points in this methodology: 1) there is relevant teaching, 2) there is sending out to work, and 3) no one goes alone. The modern church has lost this tactic for developing current disciples; it seems to me that at least one of these key components is missing. We often only focus on one of the components. Some churches today are extremely deep in their teaching, but are so inwardly focused that they neither reach out to others in service, nor fellowship with each other because there is so much introspection. Other churches are extremely effective at sending people to work, but their participants are largely unprepared and often feel like they are all alone in the work. Still other churches focus almost exclusively on fellowship, and both teaching and mission take a backseat to the social hour. All three parts are important to a vital church, and if we look closely at ourselves, we will see that at least one of the key components is missing. Each part reveals a part of who Jesus is. Only when we try to be taught, fellowship, and go out in service, all three, do we get a clearer picture of the fullness of Jesus.

Scott

HDTV Schedule: for both Jr. and Sr. High

Sunday School 9:30-10:30AM

Wednesday and Sunday Nights 6:00-8:00PM

\*Note: Wednesdays times will change on September 10; we will meet after the all church dinner until 7:30 like the rest of the church.

There are also small groups like the Worship team, Drama group, Prayer Team, and other topical small groups and Bible Studies. See you soon!

### *Sunday School*

New curriculum Beginning September 7th

*1 year old - 4 year old*

*First Look*

Basic Truth: God loves me.

This month we will share stories from the Old Testament that show us that God does what He says He will do.

*Kindergarten - 6th Grade*

*252 Basics*

*3 Basic Truths "...and Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man."*

September 252 Basics is all about knowledge, which is discovering something new so you can be better at whatever you do:

Week 1: Since God knows everything, it’s important to know what God says. (Bible story: 12 year-old Jesus at the temple)

Week 2: Knowing what God says helps me make the wise choice. (Bible story: Jesus is tempted)

Week 3: When I make the wise choice, it helps others do what God says. (Bible story: Daniel is trained in Babylon)

Week 4: Knowing what God says helps me know how to get closer to God. (Bible story: Josiah promises to follow the covenant)

### *Acolyte Schedule*

**August 31**

8:30 Garrett Simpson and Kody King  
10:45 Robbyn Kendrick and Shelby Nelson

***SIFA Choir CD's now available in the Church office.***

### **A "LOVE" NOTE**

*First day of school!*

*It brings back several memories. Bill, my youngest brother didn't get to start 1st grade on the first day because I had convinced him to ride on the handlebars of my bicycle and then when we were FLYING down the hill I put on the brakes and he went sailing to the pavement and took all the skin off his face. Not a good start of the year. Garrett, my youngest child, shot fireworks into his face the first week of kindergarten and had to wear a patch on one eye and sunglasses. Ginny's first day of 3 year old preschool she told me "You don't need to walk me into the class, I know how to get there and what to do." I told her it was "the Law" - she agreed to let me take her to class, so I wouldn't have to go to jail. My first day of college (I was living at home) my car didn't start and my mom had to drive me to school. Sometimes when I look at the pictures of the first day of school for my three kids it's hard to imagine the journey we have traveled.*

*I pray you have a great first day and your journey is continually blessed.*

*Blessings to all!*

*Lee Ann*



### **UPCOMING DATES**

**September 10 6:15-7:30**

**Kid's CLUBS Kick-off**

**September 13 CLUB 56 Car Wash**

**September 18 Safe Sanctuary Training**

**REMEMBER TO INVITE A FRIEND!**

*Reminder!!*

*Don't Throw Away That Empty Ink Cartridge!*