

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

6:30-7:30 AM Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee's
3:00-5:30 PM 4th,5th, 6th Grade Bible Study
5:45-6:15 PM WNF Meal
6:15-7:30 PM Kids CLUBS
6:15-7:30 PM Youth HDTV-Bsmt
6:15-7:00 PM University Bells Reh-001
6:15-7:30 PM Club 56
6:15-7:30 PM Homes of Honor-121/123
6:15-7:30 PM Treasure Principal-Library
6:15-7:30 PM "Psalms of Ascent"- 113
6:15-7:30 PM Renovation of the Heart-125/127
7:15-8:30 PM Chancel Choir Reh-001
7:30-8:15 PM Youth Prayer Group-Bsmt

Thursday, September 25, 2008

8:00-5:00 PM Men's Emmaus Walk 9/25-9/28
3:00-4:00 PM Skywest Ministry
6:30-7:30 PM Youth Small Groups-Bsmt
7:00-10:00 PM Una Gran Cena-Amarillo Civic Cntr

Friday, September 26, 2008

8:00-5:00 PM UMW Annual Conf 9/26-27-Midland
11:30-1:00 PM Noon Bible Study-113
5:00-6:30 PM Club 56 Tailgate Party-WT Stadium

Saturday, September 27, 2008

9:00-1:00 PM CareNet Walk for Life
11:30-2:00 PM Single Together-Thai Kitchen
6:00-7:00 PM FH Worship Team.SET-UP-128

Sunday, September 28, 2008

8:30-9:30 AM FH Worship Team Reh-128
8:30-9:30 AM Sanctuary Service
9:30-10:30 AM Sunday School
10:45-12:00 PM FH Worship Service
10:45-12:00 PM Sanctuary Worship Service
3:00-5:00 PM Power of a Praying-222
4:00-5:00 PM Banner Ministry Team-223
5:00-6:00 PM 7th/8th GIRLS Bible Study-111
5:00-6:00 PM Adult Council Mtg-113
6:00-8:00 PM Youth HDTV-Bsmt

Monday, September 29, 2008

5:00-6:00 PM Palo Duro Village Bible Study
6:30-8:00 PM Visitation-110

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

6:30-7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group-123
6:30-8:00 PM Youth Worship Team-Bsmt
6:30-7:30 PM Knitting Ministry-103
6:30-8:00 PM Couples Bible Study-222

Wednesday, October 01, 2008

6:30-7:30 AM Women's Prayer Group-Kathi Lee's
10:00-11:00 AM Conner House Ministry
11:00-12:00 PM Hudson House Ministry
3:00-5:30 PM 4th,5th & 6th Grade Bible Study
5:45-6:15 PM WNF Meal
6:00-7:30 PM UMW Executive Bd Mtg-224
6:15-7:30 PM Kids CLUBS
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Concerns For This WEEK

Health Concerns: Donna Johnston's sister Lynn and her parents, Robert King, Brian Lair, Heather Horton, Georgia Paulson, Melvin Tucek, Jonah Hopson, Jake Cowley, Nancy Parker, Lisa Dietz's Aunt Joyce, Earl Green, Henry Hernandez

Other concerns: Ronay Bryan-Bach's grandmother as she moves to a nursing home; Julia Easton's sister who is missing from her home in Hanover, Pennsylvania; Aubrey wishes us to pray for all those who need prayer in the world; the Carr's expected baby boy who was due last Saturday; Doug Rice, John McClean, Kirk Watson, and Bryan Smith who will be working Walk #204 this weekend

Joys For This WEEK

Birthdays: Michael Noonan, Barbara Schoonover, & Morgan
Other Joys: Biking for Christ youth who returned safely from overnight at Ceta Canyon; 48 youth who were at HDTV on Wednesday night; Club 56 who raised over \$500 at their Car Wash last Saturday (money to be sent to Regina Biffle for her kids in Costa Rica)

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Jarrett Johnston, Oressa Delaney, J.L. Pipes, Justin Richardson, Anne Huble, Fakar, Brynn McPherson, Kelli Tillman-Marr, Richard and Noreen Bales, Sam White, Danny Knoll, Jim Davis (Nancy Biffle's brother), Libby Ford, Jean Waugh, Scott Hollabaugh, Stanna Nelson, Shelly Gross

Additional Intercessory Prayers

President Bush and our country's leaders, Costa Rica Team, Backyard Missions, War-torn Countries

Record of Attendance

September 21, 2008

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service	109
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	284
10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Service	170
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall Service	122
	Total in Worship	401

Finance Department Notes

Below are the capital campaign reports for contributions received as of August 31, 2008. Please stay posted for more finance updates.

Giving Hands for God's House (Local Capital Campaign)	
Building Renovations	213,972.87
Sanctuary Sound System	11,448.58
Sanctuary	3,098.12
Grand Total	\$ 228,519.57

Build, Renew, Rejoice (Conference Capital Campaign)	
Total Contributions	\$ 2,059.00

Personal contribution statements are expected to be mailed by September 30, 2008. Please watch for them in the mail and feel free to call with any questions.

Nichole Dyer
Financial Secretary

Thank You Notes

Dear FUMC Staff,
Thank you so much for providing and serving our Tuesday lunch. Ya'll did a fabulous job! Ya'll are such a blessing to the Wesley. Thanks for always being there for us and taking part in what the Lord is doing at the Wesley!

Sincerely,
WT Wesley

For the last couple of newsletter, I have read thank you notes from Robin Chandler thanking people for taking care of the kitchen. I want to THANK HER for the outstanding job she has done with our kitchen and the various activities that go along with being the kitchen coordinator. The kitchen is always so clean and well-organized. I have heard many people comment on the efficiency of it. Plus, Robin always has a smile on her face and a willingness to help in whatever way she can. Thank you, Robin! You and Galen are a blessing to this church!

Ronay Bryan-Bach

Dear Members of the Costa Rica Mission Team,

Thank you so much for sharing your gifts of service at First United Methodist Church with the delicious baked potatoes and all the toppings you prepared for our Wednesday Night Meal! Thank you as well for those of you who stayed to clean up! The kitchen looked great! The extra potatoes were used for a great lunch on Friday, for our In His Hands staff and teachers. In His Hands staff and teachers say thank you as well! These meals are a wonderful opportunity for each of us to practice radical hospitality by getting to know new members and welcoming visitors in our church and community! I am sure everyone enjoyed the great food and fellowship!

Thank you again for all that you do for the Glory of God!

God Bless You,
Robin Chandler
FUMC Hospitality Coordinator

A big thank you to all of the hostesses of Timothy & Alyssa's shower. And a big thank you to everyone who showered them with such lovely gifts. We are so blessed to have the church family that we do. We love all of you.

Thanks,
Scott & Vondel Stevens



The News

from FUMC, Canyon

Building God's Kingdom One Word At A Time

September 24, 2008

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Canyon, Texas 79015

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First United Methodist Church, Canyon

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Practice #2: Passionate Worship

As we continue to explore the "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations," we will examine the second practice which is "Passionate Worship" these next two Sundays. All three worship services will focus on this theme. On Sunday, October 5, we will observe World Communion Sunday. It is on this day that we remember that Christians all over the world are celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion on this day and remembering Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Plan to be in worship these next two Sundays and be ready to experience passionate worship.

**Passionate Worship
led by Donna Johnston
Sunday School Class
Sunday, September 28
9:45 a.m. in Sanctuary**

All Adult Sunday School classes are invited to join together in the Sanctuary next Sunday to hear a presentation on Passionate Worship. If your class is not studying "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations", but would like to come for this session, please feel free to join us.

Church Staff

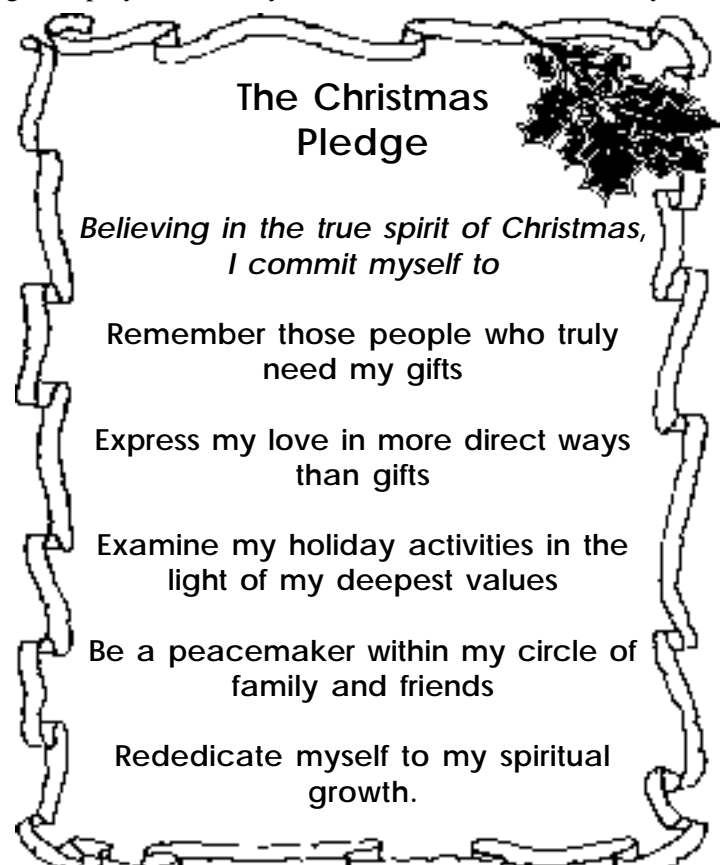
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Custodian.....Bill Fetter
Kitchen Coordinator.....Robin Chandler
IHH Child Development Director..Brenda Shepherd

**Wednesday Night
Fellowship Meal
5:45 p.m.**

Wednesday, Sept 24

The meal is Pasta, Salad and Bread and will be prepared by the Might Men of God. Donations accepted for Ceta Canyon Camp and Retreat Center.

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.



**The Christmas
Pledge**

*Believing in the true spirit of Christmas,
I commit myself to*

**Remember those people who truly
need my gifts**

**Express my love in more direct ways
than gifts**

**Examine my holiday activities in the
light of my deepest values**

**Be a peacemaker within my circle of
family and friends**

**Rededicate myself to my spiritual
growth.**

Sunday Preaching Schedule

"Passionate Worship"

Traditional Services in Sanctuary

Rev. Earl Blair

Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall

Mikey Littau



“Passionate Worship”

What are you passionate about? Have you ever asked yourself the question? It seems to me that the daily grind of never-ending responsibilities, bills, politics, national crises, wars, etc., somehow takes passion right out of us.

And so, I think it is a worthy way to spend a few minutes asking yourself, “What am I passionate about?”

As I look at my life, a quick list for me would be, “I am passionate about giving people a sense that they are accepted, that the cries of their hearts are somehow heard, that their story has been told and honored, and that they know very deeply that God loves them, and that Jesus died on the

cross for their sins.”

I am also passionate about being a husband, a father, a son, a tinkerer with clocks and cars and a maker of music...

But a pertinent question would be: “Have I allowed the grind of life to knock some of the passion out of me?” At times, I think I have, a little bit...as we all have.

What does it mean to be passionate about worship? I think it can mean notably different things to different people.

Different worship styles obviously engage us differently. Some worship engages us mentally, some emotionally, some physically. The best worship engages us in all of these ways. Truly passionate worship focuses us in giving praise to God, in experiencing God in our midst, and hearing FROM God what it is that God wants us to be and do as disciples of Jesus.

Passion is involved in all of it.

Intellectual passion may be an “Aha!” moment, a flash of insight.

Physical passion may be expressed by standing, clapping, singing...

Emotional passion may include laughing, and even crying.

Spiritual passion may be the “What do we do about it now?” question which leads us to service, even risk-taking mission and service.

We’ve been radical in our hospitality...let us now become passionate in our worship!
John



Credit Free Christmas

Thank you to Rhonni Pletcher for providing this week’s tip:

In my extended family, we purchase gifts only for immediate family members. Then, we donate any additional money we might have spent on

the others to a charity of our choice. At the end of the “unwrapping”, we take turns talking briefly about our choice.

Send your idea and tips for a Credit Free Christmas to Steve Donnell at dendonnell@amaonline.com

Did you know?

Advent Is Right Around The Corner

We are beginning to make plans for the Advent season this year. One thing we really want to do is to have a devotional booklet that will be ready for our congregation to read during the season. The first Sunday of Advent is November 30 this year so we will hand out these booklets on Sunday, November 23.

If you are willing to write a devotional, please email Francie at francie@firstchurchcanyon.com or sign up on the Short Term Volunteer Ministry insert in your bulletin this Sunday.

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 12 at 12:15 p.m.

The purpose of this called Church Conference will be to vote on the motion coming from the SPRC that we approve Kirk Watson to be recommended to the District Committee on Ministry to be granted the status of Certified Candidate for Ministry on the Elder Track in the United Methodist Church.

It is high and holy honor for a congregation to approve a candidate for certification in this way. Since this is a Church Conference, every member of our church is welcome to stay, and to have a voice and vote.

Golden Spread Emmaus

October Community Meeting
Thursday, October 4th

1st Christian Church - Amarillo

5:30 p.m. Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. Sponsor’s Training

6:30 Potluck Dinner

(Bring something to share)

7:30 Praise & Worship

Nursery provided at FUMC - Canyon

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“And Are We Yet Alive?”

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A “LOVE” NOTE

“Hurricanes”

I know many of us have family and friends that were in the path of Ike as it came to shore. My parents and Ginny were in deep east Texas and Nacogdoches took a pretty good hit. My parents said they got electricity back Thursday. They had a tree fall on the neighbors motor home and three neighbors with trees in their house and one that had a car totaled. Not to mention the pecan trees that daddy lost. This is one small dead end street two hundred miles inland. Many will not have clean water or electricity for weeks or months. Mom is the Red Cross volunteer dietitian for the evacuation center. They still have 200 evacuees in their shelter. They don't even know if they have a home to go home to.

We all have times that LIFE feels like a storm or hurricane. Isn't it great that we can take shelter in the love of our Father. Please continue to pray for everyone that was in the path of Ike. If you are able to help in any other way take that opportunity.

Blessings to all!
Lee Ann

Volunteer Needed

Are you a real TECHNOLOGY buff? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge with others? What about HOSPITALITY? Do you like to cook and greet? Do you like to hang out with all the cool kids? Well we have just the perfect place for you to serve.

Wednesday nights @ 6:15-7:30
CLUB 56 Technology Team
Please contact Lee Ann @ 655-2851



Acolyte Schedule

September 28

8:30 Garrett Simpson and Jamee Bye

10:45 Scott Cornelius and Evan Rice

UPCOMING DATES

October 4 CLUB 56 in WTAMU Parade

October 8 After-school Bible Teams
Jump and Jive

REMEMBER TO INVITE A FRIEND!

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

First Look

1 year old - 4 year old

Basic Truth: God loves me.

September 28 David Praises God

Psalms 86:12-13

252 Basics

Kindergarten - 6th Grade

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

September 28 "With All Your Heart"
(Josiah promises to follow the covenant)
2 Kings 22-23:25

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

Week 4: Knowing what God says helps me know how to get closer to God.

H.D.T.V. News (Heavenly Directed Teens with a Vision)

"Go, show yourself to the priest and offer for yourself what Moses prescribed; that will be proof to them." Mark 1: 44

Sometimes a verse in the Bible seems to have no implication for us, but if we look at everything surrounding a story, there can be application for our lives. Take this piece of Scripture for instance. Jesus just healed a leper in dramatic fashion, then He tells the man to go and show himself to the priest and offer the appropriate sacrifices. How can that possibly have relevance to us today? As we process this story, we see a man, the leper, who has been pushed out of society completely. Leprosy is a highly contagious disease and there was no treatment for the disease in those days, so the man was isolated to protect all the members of society; he couldn't even go to church. Imagine not being able to worship God because you were outcast! What Jesus is telling the man after He heals him, is to go and be a part of the community of faith. One of the most important things for a human to do is to belong to a group of people who are worshiping God. That is the relevance to today. There are people who are outcast, even from the Methodist Church that strives to be inclusive. Perhaps it is a homeless person, a pregnant teenage, a homosexual, or maybe someone who has tons of earrings in places other than just the ear and more tattoos than can be counted. In the case of leprosy, people were kept from church for protection, and the same argument is used with regard to modern day outcasts, but it doesn't hold up. You can't get a piercing because someone who has one stands close to you. You won't become pregnant or gay just because someone is in the same room. The only thing that we are being protected from, is the opportunity to show the love of God. All that is required for a person to show the church leaders today in order to belong, is a confession that Jesus is the Lord, and a desire to draw closer to Him in the presence of fellow believers. That's it; nothing else is needed, and everyone belongs. This verse does apply to us. Now what are we going to do about it?

Scott

Jr. and Sr. High meeting times:

Sunday School 9:30-10:30AM

Sunday Night 6:00-8:00PM

Wednesday Night after all-church supper (6:15-7:30)

There is also Worship Team and small groups, as well as concerts and trips. See YOU soon!