

**Wednesday, September 23, 2009**

6:30-7:30 AM Women's Prayer Group  
 3:30-5:30 PM 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Bible Study  
 5:45-6:15 PM WNF Meal  
 5:45-7:00 PM Prayer Gathering-Sanctuary  
 5:40-7:30 PM Youth HDTV - Saw You at the Pole  
 6:15-7:30 PM Bible Study by Manish-225/227  
 6:15-7:30 PM WNF Bible Study-Nancy Hinders-113  
 6:15-7:30 PM Kids Clubs, Club 56  
 6:15-8:00 PM WOMS Wednesday Bible Study-111  
 7:15-8:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-001

**Thursday, September 24, 2009**

9:00-12:00 PM WOMS Bible Study-111  
 7:00-9:00 PM Una Gran Cena

**Friday, September 25, 2009**

11:30-1:00 PM Noon Bible Study-113

**Saturday, September 26, 2009**

6:00-7:00 PM FH Worship Team SET-UP-128

**Sunday, September 27, 2009**

8:30-9:30 AM FH Worship Team Reh-128  
 8:30-9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service  
 9:30-10:30 AM Sunday School  
 10:45-12:00 PM FH Worship Service  
 10:45-12:00 PM Sanctuary Worship Service  
 3:30-5:30 PM Esther Bible Study-222  
 5:00-6:00 PM 8th & 9th Grade Girls Bible Study-111  
 6:00-8:00 PM Endowment Event-FH  
 5:00-6:30 PM Adult Council Meeting-113  
 6:00-8:00 PM Youth HDTV-Basement

**Monday, September 28, 2009**

6:30-8:00 PM Visitation  
 7:00-8:00 PM Trustee Committee Meeting-Library

**Tuesday, September 29, 2009**

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

**Wednesday, September 30, 2009**

6:30-7:30 AM Women's Prayer Group  
 3:30-5:30 PM 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Bible Study  
 5:40-7:30 PM Youth HDTV  
 5:45-6:15 PM WNF Meal  
 5:45-7:00 PM Prayer Gathering-Sanctuary  
 6:15-7:30 PM Bible Study by Manish-225/227  
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Watson, Richard Bales

**In Christian Sympathy:** Rev. Earl and Jackie Blair on the passing of Jackie's uncle Roy McGuire, Ferne and Don Hefner on the passing of Ferne's oldest son Roger Wilson, Gerry and Darla Nickell on the passing of their friend Cynthia Anderson

**Other Concerns:** blessing to our SPRC committee who are searching for the right people to fill a staff position, those going through uncertainty concerning the future of a young child, those grieving the loss of loved ones, safe travel for family, teachers struggling with at-risk-students, prayers for those going through difficult times and others less fortunate, prayers for the safe and healthy birth of a new grandchild

**Joys For This Week**

**Birthdays:** Neal Hinders, Michael Noonan, Maxine Sherrod  
**Anniversaries:** M.L. and Maxine Sherrod celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary  
**Other Joys:** those home from the hospital and starting their recovery, the great group of teens in our church that seek Jesus, early prognosis of cancer is good, church family that have come home from mission trips, those cured from cancer, birth of a new baby boy, positive medical test results.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns**

George Bulman, Randy Banks, Mary Williamson, David Thompson, Oressa Delaney, Justin Richardson, Anne Hubley, Brynn McPherson, Kelli Tillman-Marr, Richard and Noreen Bales, Danny Knoll, Jim Davis(Nancy Biffle's brother), Libby Ford, Shelly Gross, Resa Joy, Milt Hudson, Dick Elliott, Keri Beth Cleavinger, Jack Jennings, Cal Allen, Elmer Oberst, Katherine Schoonover, Harold Lenfestey, Kingston Marr, Will Lubaroff.

**Additional Intercessory Prayers**

President Obama and our country's leaders, Costa Rica Team, Backyard Missions, War-torn Countries, the economy, people who have lost their jobs, those in the military

**Concerns For**

**This Week**

**Health Concerns:**  
 Vi Smart, Diane Goddard, Will Lubaroff, Diane Britten, Deseree Meyer, Sherry

**Record of Attendance  
September 20, 2009**

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service	96
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	341
10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Service	198
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hall Service	58
	Bikin' for Christ	40
	<b>Total in Worship</b>	<b>392</b>

**Thank You Notes**

Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you so much for all the love, cards, meals, hugs and comfort that you gave us following my dad's death. We are so grateful that we are a part of this Body of Christ.

In Christ,  
 Vondel and Scott Stevens

Dear Friends at First United Methodist Church,  
 Thank you for your thoughtful donation to Wesley Community Center. Your generosity makes an immediate difference in the lives of the families we serve. Your commitment and continuing support is greatly appreciated. Together, we can build healthy communities filled with hope and a belief that with God all things are possible.

Sincerely,  
 Belinda Gonzales Taylor  
 Executive Director

Dear FUMC members and friends,  
 Thank you so much for your many cards, calls and prayers for us when we lost Eddie's brother.

Your love and support are overwhelming and so appreciated. We thank God for each of you.

In Christ,  
 Eddie & Pat Holcomb

Dear FUMC,  
 Thank you for your prayers, calls & visits. Megan brought a delicious lasagna dinner from FUMC and I enjoyed visiting with her.

As soon as I recover from this second surgery, they will start chemo. Your continued prayers would be a blessing.

Sincerely,  
 Margaret Price

In a Story of Loaves and Fishes  
 Your church was instrumental in helping raise over \$31,000 in the CareNet baby bottle campaign 2009. Thank you, thank you for giving your congregation the opportunity to participate in this ministry and for supporting families in our community. God bless you.

Candy Gibbs, Executive Director



**The News**

**Blessings 'A Plenty at 120  
 from FUMC, Canyon  
 September 23, 2009**

First United Methodist Church  
 1818 4th Avenue  
 Canyon, Texas 79015

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THE NEWS-The official newsletter of the  
 First United Methodist Church, Canyon

First United Methodist Church Canyon, Texas 655-2851  
 e-mail: [fumc@firstchurchcanyon.com](mailto:fumc@firstchurchcanyon.com) web-site: [firstchurchcanyon.com](http://firstchurchcanyon.com)

**"All the Gold In Africa"**

Regular prospective member Jessica Bills is wanting to share her Mission Project "All the Gold in Africa" with you. Jessica was visiting with her neighbor, Hannah of Canyon. Hannah who was born in Kamba, S.W. Province in Cameroon Africa, was telling Jessica how her home town community in Africa is in desperate need of everyday items. Jessica would like us, her church family, to share in collecting the following items for her new friends in Africa.

**Supplies Needed:** Shoes, Clothes, Toys, Bags, School Supplies, Sheets.

For a detailed list and Hannah's story please stop by the large brightly colored box in the foyer of the church and pick up a list.

Blessings, Jessica Bills

**Altar Flowers**

If you would like to give Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary services, please call Marilyn Dees at 655-7590.

**Una Gran Cena  
 "One Great Dinner"  
 Thursday, Sept 24th**

Please make plans to attend this dinner to raise money for the Wesley Community Center.  
 For more information contact the church office.

**IMMEDIATE  
 FULL-TIME STAFF  
 POSITION OPEN  
 Director of Discipleship**

Responsible for resourcing existing adult ministries, forming new small group ministries, working with other staff on overall program ministries of the church.  
 Emphasis on young adults/college adults ministries.

Applications accepted until  
 October 1, 2009.  
 Contact Rev. John McClean  
 806-674-6738

[johnmc@firstchurchcanyon.com](mailto:johnmc@firstchurchcanyon.com)

**Church Staff**

Senior Pastor.....Rev. John McClean  
 Associate Pastor.....Rev. Manish Shirley  
 Diaconal Minister.....  
 Interim Director Youth Ministries .....Neal Hinders  
 Director Children's Ministries.....Lee Ann Love  
 Children's Administrative Assistant.....Christa Neal  
 Church Secretary..... Shirley Leach  
 Receptionist..... Robin Chandler  
 Financial Secretary.....Christi Ybarra  
 Business Administrator.....Ross Hood  
 Music Director..... George Biffle  
 Organist.....Margaret Skinner  
 Worship Leader.....Michael Littau  
 Church Librarian.....Tara Hickman  
 Custodian.....Bill Fetter  
 Kitchen Coordinator..... Tara Hickman  
 IHH Child Development Director....Brenda Shepherd  
 IHH Administrative Assistant.....Venus Lawson

**You are invited to Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals**

Who: Costa Rica  
 What: Chicken Spaghetti  
 Green Salad  
 French Bread  
 Assorted Fruit Cobbler  
 When: September 23, 2009 @ 5:45 p.m.  
 Where: Fellowship Hall  
 Why: Love toward Costa Rica Mission Projects

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  
 Rev. Manish Shirley



**WHO ARE WE?**

Have you noticed? The names of the people in the photos have been added to the bulletin board in the narthex. You'll enjoy seeing if you were correct in your choices. Have fun!

# FROM THE PASTOR

## GATHERING IN FOR THE FALL...

I am looking forward to many things we have ahead of us this Fall, and I want to highlight a few.

We have a greatly expanding number of college students who are a part of our ministry at the church. We are going to invite them to a gathering on October 4th for lunch at Ruth Lowes Park to get to know each other and plan for developing an even finer college ministry.

Then, on October 17, we will have a New Member/Prospective Member barbecue at the parsonage. Bishop Whitfield and District Superintendent and Mrs. Todd Dyess will be there, and we will welcome new members into our church!

And finally, on Sunday, October 18, we will celebrate our church's 120th anniversary with wonderful worship services. Bishop Whitfield will be guest speaker for this day, and we will celebrate 120 years of God's blessings to...and through...First United Methodist Church!

We will also welcome TWO new staff persons onto our staff on October 1:

Ross Hood will become our new business administrator. Ross and his wife Kaye are dear friends of mine. I was his pastor in Amarillo some years ago, and he and Kaye have been active life-long United Methodist Christians. He comes with a wealth of background, having been in the banking industry for 42 years. Welcome, Ross and Kaye!

Tyler Looney will begin as Director of Youth Ministries. He and DeDe come from First United Methodist Church in Vernon, where he has served on staff for three years. They have one child, Anna Grace, who will also light up our lives!

Finally Congratulations to our youth and their leaders for a very successful Biking for Christ. A total of 40 persons rode (or drove) out to Ceta Canyon to raise money to help repair the roof of the Canyon Senior Citizens Center. We will give you totals of money raised as the pledges are collected.

Thank You to Neal Hinders for a splendid job well done as Interim Youth Director! We appreciate you!

John

## 120th Birthday Is Just Around The Corner



First United Methodist Church will be celebrating "Blessings 'A Plenty At 120'" in just a few short weeks. And what better way to celebrate than to honor one of our own.

Lynn Guy is currently the Chair of our Records and History Committee. This committee is planning to honor her on October 18, 2009 - our official "birthday" - by presenting a check to Bishop Max Whitfield with the donations you have made in honor of Lynn. These donations will be given to Bishop Whitfield to help fund the archives wing of the new Northwest Texas Conference Center in Lubbock.

Lynn has served our church as Historian since 1985, served as Amarillo District Historian, and been a member of the NWTX Conference Commission on Archives & History for many years. She has chaired the committees that have helped us celebrate 100, 110, and now 120 years. In 1989 - our 100th year - she edited "A Joyful Journey" - the book that detailed our first 100 years. In 1999, she edited "Continuing A Joyful Journey" which detailed years from 1989 through 1999.

Lynn has also served our church as Librarian from 1976 to 1997, taught children's Sunday School, served as Children's Coordinator, served as chair of the Education Committee, sings in our Adult Choir, and has served many offices in United Methodist Women including Amarillo District Historian.

Lynn was employed at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum as Assistant Archivist from 1974-1984. She is the mother of two children - Marc and Patti - and has four grandchildren.

Lynn's passion is preserving history and that is why your Records and History Committee can think of no better way to honor Lynn than with a monetary donation to the Archives Wing at the new Conference Center.

We will be accepting donations from individuals, Sunday School classes, organizations, etc. through October 11 and will present the check to Bishop Whitfield on October 18 in the 10:45 Sanctuary service.

## West Texas A&M University Buff-a-Rama 2009

Saturday, September 26 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Pedestrian Mall of the WTAMU Campus  
fun and games, door prizes, free hot dogs and drinks  
Interactive exhibits, Fire/Police, Military, Martial Arts,  
Bicycle Safety, Free Backpacks to ALL kids,  
Car Seat Safety Checks  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
For more information please contact 651-2394



### H. D. T. V. - Heavenly Directed Teens with a Vision

Schedule for Jr. & Sr. High

Sunday School

9:30-10:30AM

There is a snack breakfast then the Jr. High and Sr. High split up for Sunday School Classes.

Sunday Nights

6:00-8:00PM

We share a snack supper together, play a game together then discuss a movie clip

Wednesday Nights

5:40-7:30PM

Enjoy dinner at the Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal in the Fellowship Hall then head downstairs for gathering time and announcements-followed with Praise Time-then split to Jr. High activities and devotions and Sr. High devotion and lessons

### UPCOMING DATES

- Sept. 23 6:15-7:30 KID'S CLUB
- Oct. 7 After-school 4th, 5th, 6th go to Jump & Jive
- Oct. 10 WTAMU Parade
- Oct. 17 CLUB 56 Car Wash
- Oct. 18 Tiny Tots sing in Worship

REMEMBER TO INVITE A FRIEND!

*Reminder!!*

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



### Acolyte Schedule

September 27

- 8:30 Danielle Rice and Jamee Bye
- 10:45 Berkley DeLong and Shawn Williams

## Biking for Christ BIG success.

We had a great time Biking For Christ this Weekend. A total of 32 youth participated. If you put your pledge supporting the Canyon Senior Citizens Center on the youth traveling 25 miles thinking you wouldn't have to pay on all 25 miles, you are out of luck. There were nine youth who started from the church doors and all nine finished at Ceta Canyon's Gate. That was a most impressive feat by them. There were 14 youth riding the 10 mile leg of the trip and a lot of youth to encourage the riders. We had a great time camping overnight in tents on the Ceta Glen grounds. I can't thank all of the parents and adults who helped with break stations, pulling the saggin' wagons, riding the 25 miles as support, cooking dinner and breakfast and being overnight sponsors. Thank all of you for supporting the youth and their mission project to help the Canyon Senior Citizen's Center make needed repairs on their roof. **We will be raising funds for another week- you have not missed your opportunity to donate!!**

## 10 days till Tyler!



A community gathering of youth. Wednesday September 23rd  
Gather at the church at 5:40 p.m. We will bus over to Hunsley Park for Pizza at 6:00 and Praise and afterwards hear a guest speaker. We will arrive back at the church by 8:00 (note the time change for this event, dismissal will be later than usual)

### A "LOVE" NOTE "Race for the Cure"

*Saturday, September 26 is the date for Amarillo area "Race for the Cure." It starts at the downtown Amarillo National Bank. It begins at 8:00 for the competitive run and 9:15 for the family fun stroll. FUMC is providing photos and frames for the Survivors that participate in the race. This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to join in the fight against breast cancer. Sign-up to walk or support someone who is walking. Put on your pink and come join us this Saturday.*

*Serving An Awesome God,  
Lee Ann*

### First Look

*1 year old - 4 year old*

**Basic Truth:** God loves me.

**Key Question:** Who can help you?

**Bottom Line:** God can help me do anything.

**Memory Verse** "I can do all things through Christ." Philippians 4:13

Sept. 27 "The Israelites Praise God" 2 Samuel 6:1-5,12-15

(I can praise God because He helps me.)

### 252 Basics

*Kindergarten - 6th Grade*

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

**September:** "252 Basics" **Virtue:** Wisdom - Finding out what I should do and doing it.

**Memory Verse:** "A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it." Proverbs 13:20

Sept. 27 "The Word on Wisdom" (the benefits of wisdom) Proverbs 22:3

**Bottom Line:** Wisdom is knowing AND doing