



The Messenger

Receiving His Grace, Growing through His Word, Reaching Out in the World

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2010

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Easter Sunday

HOLY

THURSDAY

Good

Friday

Bob Smiley

Easter Prayer

Christ our life,
you are alive

in the beauty of the earth
in the rhythm of the seasons
in the mystery of time and space
Alleluia

Christ our life,
you are alive

in the tenderness of touch
in the heart beat of intimacy
in the insights of solitude
Alleluia

Christ our life,
you are alive

in the creative possibility
of the dullest conversation
of the dreariest task
the most threatening event
Alleluia

Christ our life,
you are alive

to offer re-creation
to every unhealed hurt
to every deadened place
to every damaged heart
Alleluia

You set before us a great choice.
Therefore we choose life.
The dance of resurrection soars and surges through the whole creation.
It sets gifts of bread and wine upon our table.
This is grace, dying we live.
So let us live.

Kathy Galloway, in *Celebrating Women: The New Edition*, ed. Hannah Ward,
Jennifer Wild, and Janet Morley (London: SPCK, 1995), pp. 144-45.

April Savor the Word
Bible Study and Fellowship Meal for
Mature Women

Friday, April 16th
11 am until 1 pm
Julia Gary's house

Come for a great fellowship meal, discussion,
and scripture reading.

By Wednesday before each meeting:
RSVP to Julia for lunch: 903.878.2772



Sunday, April 11, 9:45 am
All Adult Sunday School
classes will meet together.
for an "Evangelism"
presentation
by Chuck Davis.

Congregational Care

Our committee members are busily and happily trying to fill the needs of our congregation but they require your help! Your communication is an essential link to reaching everyone who requires assistance whether it is a physical need or perhaps a visit. We have committees for hospital, home and nursing home visitation, transportation needs, quarterly communion in the home, tapes of sermons, prayer requests, communication in card form, and food committees. We also provide Senior Activity Time once a month for the enjoyment of our seniors. If you know of someone who might like to attend this activity, contact us. If you let us know the need, we will find a way to satisfy it.

We do need more volunteers for Transportation and for the Bereavement food committees or if you would like to volunteer for any other committee, please contact Sue Williams (903) 383-2118 or (903) 243-0414.

Go and Serve the Lord! Senior Activity Time (S.A.T.)

Lots of fun and games,
lots of chatting and of course we
have lunch!! We meet In J.O.Y.
Hall in the classroom next to the
kitchen – the Celebration room.

We gather together on the third Thursday of
each month at 9:30 a.m. until after lunch. If you don't
care to play games – then come to chat and have lunch
with us. Fellowship is our favorite thing!! If you need
a ride, just call the church office or
Sue Williams (903) 383-2118.

Hope to see you!!

Thursday, April 15th



2010 Ladies'
Spring Fling
Saturday, May 1st
10:00 am—2:00 pm
Hainesville Baptist Church
J.M. 49 @ J.M. 778
Featured Speaker
Shari Nichell
Tickets \$10 in advance and limited space.
Contact the J.M.C church office.

Church Office Closed
Good Friday, April 2

Lines from Liberty

Did it really snow a couple of times this month?

In March, your diligent Trustees hired a contractor to repair the "soft" spot in the sanctuary floor and we were pleased to hear his opinion that the rest of the foundation and floor support beams are in "good shape" (they were installed in 1946). The final painting of the Sanctuary was to be completed on March 20 or 21 but rain on the 20th and snow on the 21st caused a postponement. Plans are proceeding for purchase and installation of new front doors and a handicap ramp at the Sanctuary entrance. On March 20 the Rummage Sale was held. After several days of gorgeous weather, on the sale day we had continuous rain. Despite this adversity, attendance was fairly good and about \$700 was received. The entire amount will be added to the Youth Sunday School fund with the intent that playground equipment will be purchased for Colley Park. All remaining items not sold will be contributed to Kindness Cottage, a charitable organization in Mineola.

The next major event at Liberty will be our annual Easter Sunrise Service on April 4. Weather permitting, the service will be outside and will begin at 7:00 a.m. so attendees should plan to arrive around 6:30 or shortly thereafter. As always, the Service will be followed by a free country breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. The Liberty Easter Sunrise Service was begun when Reverend Bill Hedges was the Pastor here and I am told that about 20 people usually attended in the early years. Now, attendance ranges from 125 - 150 people! This year, the offering will be entirely donated to charity - split evenly between the Quitman "C.O.M.E. House" and the Mineola "Kindness Cottage".

Liberty people NOTE that there will be the usual "clean-up" day before the Sunrise Service beginning at 9am on Saturday, April 3. All help will be appreciated.

Liberty will hold a retirement party for Reverend Ken Archer and his family on May 15 at 4 pm. We will, of course, include a pot-luck meal at the party.

PLAN TO ATTEND TO SAY "SO LONG" TO KEN & HELEN.

We now learn that the Reverend Dick White, presently Minister of a church in Jasper, Texas, will assume that role for Liberty UMC and First UMC. We know that Rev White is married with two children but have few other details at this time. We will be meeting him sometime in May.

"Crafty Christians" will meet on April 1 which also happens to be "All Fool's Day". We recommend you attend the first and avoid the second of these events.

In Sympathy.....

Our beloved Ruth Colley passed away shortly after the writing of last month's "Lines". A Memorial Service was held at Liberty on February 26 with Bill Hedges delivering the message. Well over 100 loved ones attended. The service was followed by a luncheon for all.

Personally, Joyce and I also experienced great loss when our son, Scott Crawford, passed away in California on March 7 after an extended bout with cancer. Joyce had flown there and was with him and with his family. Scott was 46 years old and left a wife and two daughters behind. He was a good man.

Billy Fields is having a rough time. Tests reveal cancerous tumors in his bladder but, before treatment for that problem, he had surgery to repair an abdominal aneurysm. Then, while in the early stage of his surgery recovery, his mother had to have emergency surgery. Please pray for both of them and their families.

Jacob Bingham will have adenoid removal surgery in a few days. A lot of problems for such a young man.

Bill Folmar is fighting his lymphoma and Donnie Taylor is still recovering from his leg amputation.

LORD, please give us all strength.

In addition, please include all the following in your prayers:

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| Mary Belew | Lee Kennard | Jerry Potts |
| Bud Harbin | Jacob Bingham | Chuck Shampine |
| Arlin Harris | Donnie Taylor | Teddy Shampine |
| Bill Folmar | Betty Young | Billy Fields |

And all the rest of us need all the prayers we can get.

A Thought for April

April is a month for hope, for renewal, for love. We celebrate the resurrection of Christ and we admire the renewal of nature. It is even said that in the spring, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. I'm certain the thoughts of young women do likewise, perhaps even the thoughts of some "old" men and women? As we mow the grass and plant the gardens, let us all give thanks to GOD for our continuing opportunity to spread His Word and do something good for our brothers and sisters.

Liberty is gearing up for the 2010 Christmas Bazaar. It will be held Saturday, November 6, 2010. Donated items we could use are: lace, costume and rhinestone jewelry, sewing notions, trims, buttons, old games, old cards, etc.



Vacation Bible School will be here in June and it's time to start thinking about how you would like to help out. We will need volunteers to create decorations and actually

Men - don't miss our April 20 meeting. Sharpen your tomahawks! Our own Darrell Gary will share information about a pretty interesting hobby of his - one many of us probably share interest in.

We have moved our fish fry, planned for the end of April, into June. Date to be determined.

decorate before VBS starts. We need people to help during VBS as class leaders, Bible story characters and photographers. On the last day of VBS we always have lunch for the children and their parents, so we will need volunteers to make sandwiches and desserts. So as you can see there are plenty of opportunities to serve before, during, and after the week of Vacation Bible School. Please call the church office and let us know what to put you down for. Be on the look out for more information.



As we enter the Spring season, our work begins on the church property. I am calling for volunteers to pick out a Friday during each month to bring their lawn and garden equipment to the church to rake, mow, blow and

clean up the grounds. This will enable us to have the grounds ready for each weekend. As soon as you can, call Bill Hedges (903/763-2933 or 903/312-6688 or e-mail texmethhist@aol.com and sign up for work. We'll have a captain for each team for each week from March thru December.



Along with needing volunteers for VBS we are also in need of some supplies. Our theme this year is Galactic Blast "A Cosmic Adventure

Forty—Two Tournament in J.O.Y. Hall

Tuesday, May 4, 1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Snacks will be served

Lots of prizes

No entry fee; call church office to sign up

Any questions, contact

Becky Bradfield 903-967-2032

Carol Denson 903-383-7036

Y'all Come!!!

Praising God" so we will need these space themed items:

Posters, books, magazine pictures, and cutouts

White and colored mini lights Black lights

Lava lamps

Silver disco balls

Telescopes

Old cd's

Large appliance boxes

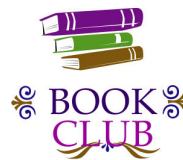
Dryer vent hoses

We will begin collecting these items at the beginning of June.

Check out the "The Messenger" on the church website and see it in color.

Personal Update

Many of you remember Doris Stephens who moved to Colorado. Peg Merrill talked with Doris today, 3-30-10. She was very glad for the call and is doing well. Her son that lives in New Jersey and his Russian born wife had baby Christopher in December. They plan to visit Doris after the tax season and she is very happy. Thanks Peg for the update of an old friend.



will meet on Monday, April 12 at 2:00 pm in

the Church Library. April's book selection is

"Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet" by Jamie Ford

n'J.O.Y.
Bob Smiley
 Christian Comedian
 Saturday, April 24 - 7:00 PM
\$10
 J.O.Y. Hall, First United Methodist Church
 406 E. Lane St., Quitman
 Tickets available at church office 903-763-4127
 Or reserve yours at www.fumcquitman.org
 Check out Bob Smiley at www.bobsmiley.com

Seating is limited—so don't wait too late!

2010 WOOD COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE

It is said everyone is touched by cancer. Many in our church have been touched by cancer. You know that most of the time that much of what is raised in fundraisers are sent to the main headquarters for research for the cure. However, you will be interested to know that the American Cancer Society has the division "Relay For Life" and what is raised in the "Wood County Relay For Life" stays in Wood County. We already know of someone here in our own church that has had some benefit from the Wood County Relay For Life. Drew Laverents has received some help from the Relay For Life. We need your support during the month of April. The Dudes and Dudettes team is mostly made up with folks from FUMC will participate in several fundraisers that need your support.



Saturday, April 3
Yard Sale Fundraiser
 Pray for a beautiful day.
 4573 FM 778
 8:00 am —4:00 pm

Saturday, April 10
Quitman
Dogwood Fiesta—Hogg Park
Fundraiser
 Look for the Relay For Life Booth
 11:00 am—4:00 pm

Saturday, April 17
Mineola Gypsy Market Festival
Fundraiser
Look for the Relay For Life Booth
 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday, April 23 & Saturday, April 24
2010 Wood County Relay For Life Event
 Winnsboro Hospital Track
 7:00 pm—7:00 am

We will be selling "Moons and Stars" and Luminaries at all the fundraisers and items with the Relay For Life logo.

If you are a cancer survivor or caregiver contact
 Gloria Jeane 903-763-4127,
 Claudette Dixon 903-569-1767,
 Becky McPherson
 903-768-2836,
 Sandra Mott 903-763-4720
 Pat Neel 903-763-2932

Cookies and/or brownies are needed for our fundraiser booths. If you can help out please contact one of us.



I sincerely appreciated all the calls, cards, and prayers during my recent illness. It is a great feeling to be part of such a wonderful, caring congregation.

*Thank you,
Dan Williams*

A big Thank you to my dear friends at FUMC. Your prayers, food, cards, phone calls and visits were very appreciated during my recovery from surgery. God Bless you all.

Alice Stone



Four UMM's will be at Mt. Sequoyah, Ark. helping clean up, pick up and paint up. This is the UMC Retreat Center for the South Central Jurisdiction, made up of fifteen Annual

Conferences in eight states. They will join Volunteers in Mission participants as they ready the houses and grounds for 2010 conferences and meetings. Bill Hedges will be leading the group of Darryl Gary, Ronnie Vance, and George Rosewall from April 5th-9th.



Wednesday Night Live is "ALIVE" with all the FaithWeaver Friends. They are having a great time learning songs, Bible verses and some music. And what about the area of surprise each week? Ask any of the children attending what they have to say about "FaithWeaver Friends"? Teresa Dunn and her associates are wonderful.

APRIL LAY READERS

April 4	Easter	9:00 am 11:00 am	Jack Robinson Randy Dunn
April 11	Communion		Gordon Stone
April 18			Randy Bennett
April 25			Raymond Peek

Please notify Carol Denson at 903.383.7036 as soon as possible if you are unable to serve on the assigned date. Please report no later than 10:40 for duty on Sunday morning. Thank you.

APRIL GREETERS

April 4	Easter	9:00 am 11:00 am	Gerry Taylor Jack Robinson Cary Bargas Kathy Bargas
April 11	Communion		Raymond Peek Billie Kleebauer Rita Reed
April 18			Bobbie Brown
April 25			Dan Williams Sue Williams

If you are unable to serve, please get someone to replace you and notify Carol Denson at 903.383.7036 as soon as possible. Thank you.

APRIL ACOLYTES

April 4	Easter	9:00 am 11:00 am	Mandy Hubbard Mikayla Hubbard Crucifer Nicholas Poppenhusen River Asmussen Camden Asmussen
April 11	Communion		Crucifer Averi Durham Garrett Peek Raelyn Peek
April 18			Julia Simpkins
April 25			Brenley von Reyn Baylee Eberhart Garrett Taylor

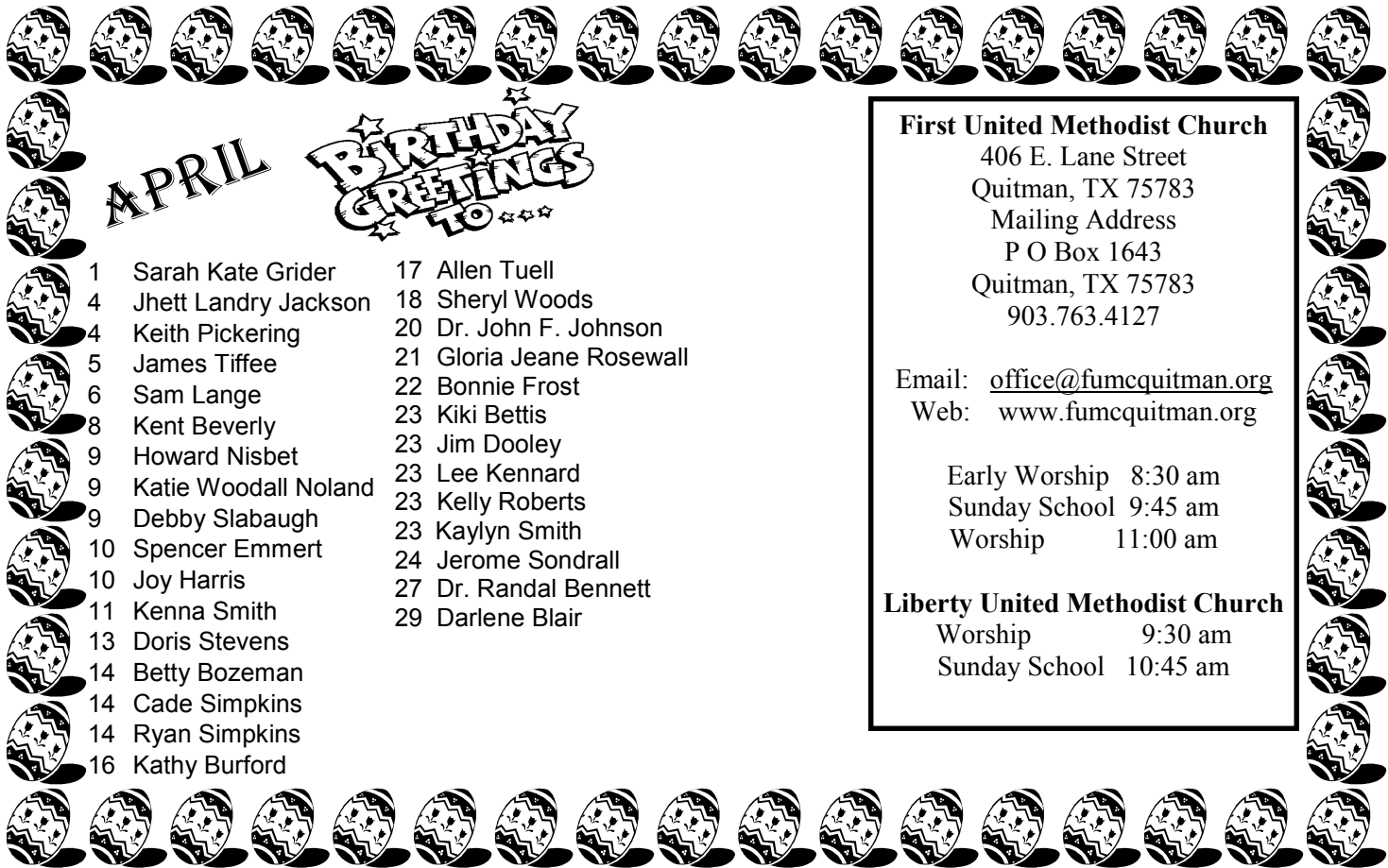
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APRIL USHERS

8:30 am		Tommy Tucker, (Team Leader) Jerry Gibson
11:00 am		Raymond Peek, (Team Leader) J.C. Waddell Gail Lumley
		Don Thomas Danny Taylor Matt Taylor

If you are unable to serve, please get someone to replace you and notify Dave Simpkins 903.878.2228.

Thank you for serving.



APRIL

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO

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| 1 Sarah Kate Grider | 17 Allen Tuell |
| 4 Jhett Landry Jackson | 18 Sheryl Woods |
| 4 Keith Pickering | 20 Dr. John F. Johnson |
| 5 James Tiffie | 21 Gloria Jeane Rosewall |
| 6 Sam Lange | 22 Bonnie Frost |
| 8 Kent Beverly | 23 Kiki Bettis |
| 9 Howard Nisbet | 23 Jim Dooley |
| 9 Katie Woodall Noland | 23 Lee Kennard |
| 9 Debby Slabaugh | 23 Kelly Roberts |
| 10 Spencer Emmert | 23 Kaylyn Smith |
| 10 Joy Harris | 24 Jerome Sondrall |
| 11 Kenna Smith | 27 Dr. Randal Bennett |
| 13 Doris Stevens | 29 Darlene Blair |
| 14 Betty Bozeman | |
| 14 Cade Simpkins | |
| 14 Ryan Simpkins | |
| 16 Kathy Burford | |

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Early Worship 8:30 am
 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Worship 11:00 am

Liberty United Methodist Church
 Worship 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:45 am



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