



The Messenger

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2011

Transforming God's Children Into Disciples

**Everyone is invited to the
First United Methodist Church and Liberty UMC Charge Conference,
Sunday, October 2, 2:00 pm
@ Liberty UMC**

**Mission Fair with Fair Food
Hot Dogs, Chili Dogs, Corny Dogs,
Pop Corn and Cotton Candy, YEAH!!!**



**Scharon Mitchell Armstrong and
"Sassy" the Clown**



Welcome Our New Members

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Quitman, TX 75783
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Dear Friends,

When we join the church we promise to practice the spiritual disciplines of prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness. By practicing these spiritual disciplines we place ourselves in the presence of God for the Holy Spirit to strengthen us and enable us to grow in our faith in God and service to others. While we do practice all five disciplines regularly in 2011 Quitman and Liberty Churches pledged to emphasize the spiritual discipline of pray. As we enter the final quarter of 2011 I would like to remind you of the importance of prayer for our Christian walk of faith.

Prayer affects a person's whole being. Tamar Frankiel observes, "The relationship between the body and soul or spirit is very intimate." The story of Enoch is a biblical example of this close relation with God in prayer: "Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him" (Gen. 5:24).

One form of prayer is called contemplative prayer. According to William Johnson, contemplative prayer is a Western form of meditation in which a person sits in the presence of God and communicating with God while being spiritually quiet. In order for people to live according to God's will, time must be spent in communication with God. Today, many people tend to think that prayer is only speaking to God, while God is doing all the listening. Prayer should be a dialogue of speaking and listening.

I have learned from personal experience and the writings of other people that it is difficult to pray in twenty-first century American society. Many people awaken each morning and immediately turn on a television or radio. People listen to the radio when commuting to work and then are busy with job responsibilities. After returning home, it is important to spend time with family and often people spend time on the computer. If one allows activities to fill one's day, it is difficult to find time to spend with God in prayer.

However, spending time with God in prayer strengthen us and blesses us in all of the other activities of living our daily lives. Practice the spiritual discipline of prayer and God will strengthen your life and give you spiritual growth.

Faithfully,
Dick White

Elizabeth Taylor and Peyton Knuckner were the first ones to donate filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

***First United Methodist Church
And Liberty UMC
Charge Conference
Sunday, October 2
2:00 pm @
Liberty UMC
DS Rev. Sandra Smith
will be joining us.***





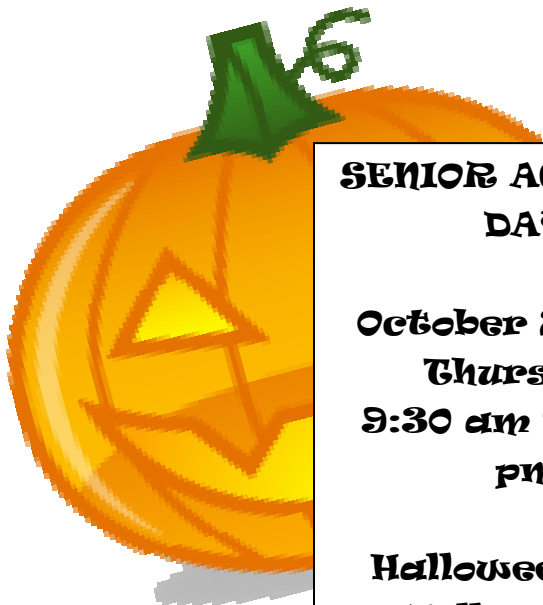
MISSION WORKDAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
 "n" J.O.Y. Hall
 8:00 am—Breakfast
 9:00 am—Community Workday

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 2



Elementary School
is in need of
"Lap Readers".

Please contact
Mary Ann Nichols 903-763-5000



SENIOR ACTIVITY
DAY

October 20, 2011
Thursday
9:30 am to 3:00
pm

Halloween fun,
Fellowship,

October Savor the Word
Bible Study and Fellowship Meal for
Mature Women
Friday, October 21th
11 am until 1 pm
Julia Gary's home
Come for a great fellowship meal,
discussion, and scripture reading.
By Wednesday before each meeting:
RSVP to Julia for lunch
903.878.2772



It's hard to believe that we are through the first six weeks of school already. The youth have slowed down a bit since school started but we are still going strong. The month of October will be no exception. We will be holding to our regular schedule for Wednesday and Sunday. Monday mornings the youth will meet once a week in the morning before school to pray for each other and for the school. We will meet at The Donut Palace in order to have donuts and spend some time in prayer together. The time will be 7:14am. This is based on **2 Chronicles 7:14** which states that **"if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear them from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."** We believe that will be a great time and opportunity for our youth each week. We also thank everyone for supporting the youth with time, donations, food and prayer.

Blake



Taste and See
Sunday, November 6



Liberty Lines...

Aww, man! We've been having so much fun that I forgot to write the Liberty Lines! I will not protest if you decide to fire me.

There have been a bunch of meetings for the committee considering our Hall Expansion and a lot of discussion on that topic. Nothing has been determined, the Trustees are now considering it and - maybe - the congregation will be asked to vote on the issue some time in October.....maybe.

By the time this newsletter is received, the October Charge Conference will be in session or already over. It is set for 2 pm on October 2 at the Liberty Fellowship Hall, hope to see you there.

Our next event is the annual Hay Ride on October 23 at 4 pm. We **hope** we will have hay to use. We **think** we have some we can borrow. As always, the hay ride will be first, shortly after 4pm, to be followed by the food and drinks. All food, except desserts, will be provided by the Churches. We do ask that Liberty ladies bring an appropriate dessert. If the hay availability falls through, you will immediately be informed as to whether the Ride might have to be cancelled, or some kind of alternative event held.

Last month I mentioned the "Liberty UMC" shirts. Many of you bought some and they have arrived. Perhaps we will see some of them at the Charge Conference or Hay Ride?

We also had some "We Love Liberty United Methodist Church" yard signs made and they were offered at \$10 per sign. I believe there are still a few left for purchase.

And we are sitting higher in Church! Our old pew cushions were really old, and really worn out, so the Trustees had all new ones made and installed. We sit higher because they are more firm - at least for a while.

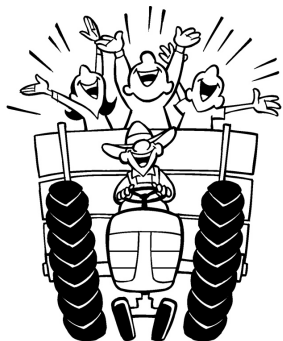
You all probably recall the big wind we had a couple of weeks ago. Lots of trees and stuff blew down all over the area. You would think that our Pavilion in Colley Park would be the most vulnerable but it was untouched. However, the playground equipment blew over and had to be set upright with a tractor. It has some minor damage. In addition, a large pine on the west edge of Colley Park was uprooted. We have lots of pines and many of them are close to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall where they could not possibly fall without causing substantial damage. But the one that fell hit nothing but dirt and it happened to be one that we were considering removing anyway! On this topic, there is a tall pine in the small grove just behind the Sanctuary that has died. The Trustees are arranging to have it removed before it falls.

In Sympathy...

We still have several people at the Heritage who would love a visit from any of you. A few members have had surgeries but none were of the life-threatening kind. Every one of us need your prayers.

A Thought for October...

PLAN AHEAD! For little things like writing this letter, but also for the BIG things like when OUR LORD comes again.



**JOIN US FOR A
HAYRIDE**

Liberty UMC and First United Methodist Church

17th Annual Hayride

Sunday, October 23, 4:00 pm @ Liberty UMC

Tractors, trailers and hay? will be ready for the hayride.



Cub Scout Chili Supper

Friday, November 4

5:30—7:00 pm

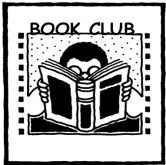
First United Methodist
Church

“n” J.O.Y. Hall

\$5.00 per ticket includes hotdogs, chili,
Fritos, cornbread, drink and dessert.

The Book Club

will meet on Wednesday,
October 12 @ 2:00 pm in
the FUMC Library. The
October book selection is
Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand, by
Helen Simonson.



Breakfast with Santa

United Methodist
MEN Nurturing our Men
Serving our Community
Quitman, Tx Building our Legacy

Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 6:30 PM
JOY Hall

Program presented by
Dr. Dick White & Beverly W. Johnson
on Youth 2011 Conference at Purdue
University in West Lafayette, Indiana

Do you play Mah Jongg?
Would you like to learn to play Mah Jongg?
Join us in the Celebration Room!

Lake Country Mah Jongg
Tuesday, October 25, 2011
12 to 4 pm

Saturday, Christians

December 3rd,
Thursday, October 6th
10:00 -2:00 pm



We had a great meeting last month! You are
invited to come and sew with Crafty
Christians first Thursday of every month at
Liberty! Bring your sewing machine, and a
sandwich to have lunch with us and enjoy
great fellowship. Call Teddy Shampine for
more information.



October, 2011

**Wednesday, the 5th and 12th - Painting
For Fun Classes - 9 am to noon**

Friday, the 7th - Flu Clinic - 1 to 2:30 pm

**Friday, the 14th - October Birthday Party
and Program on Medicare Changes-
12:30 to 1:30 pm**

**Wednesday, the 19th - Crafty Seniors -
9:00 am to noon**

**Friday, the 21st - Set up for the
Bazaar - All Day**

**Saturday, the 22nd - Harvest Bazaar
Masonic Lodge - 9 am to 5 pm**

**Friday, the 28th - Jessica Faltot -
Accordian player - 12:30 to 1 pm**

**Saturday, the 29th - Quitman Community
Health Fair - Jim Hogg Park - 1 to 4 pm**



Operation Christmas Child

The power of a simple gift. Your shoe box filled with candy, small toys, school supplies and candy, will bring joy to a child that otherwise would not have Christmas. The collection deadline for **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes** is Sunday, November 6th.

First United Methodist Church will be the collection center for Wood County, November 14—21. We will need volunteers to man J.O.Y. Hall on those dates.

Please contact the church office if you are available to assist the people bringing in Christmas shoe boxes, that will go around the world to children in desperate situations. We are a generous people showing God’s love in a practical way. As of this printing we have collected 15 boxes. Elizabeth Taylor was the first one to donate an Operation Christmas Child shoe box.



October C.O.M.E. House collection theme:

“Kitchen Staples”

Flour Salt Sugar Pepper
Cornmeal Bisquick mix

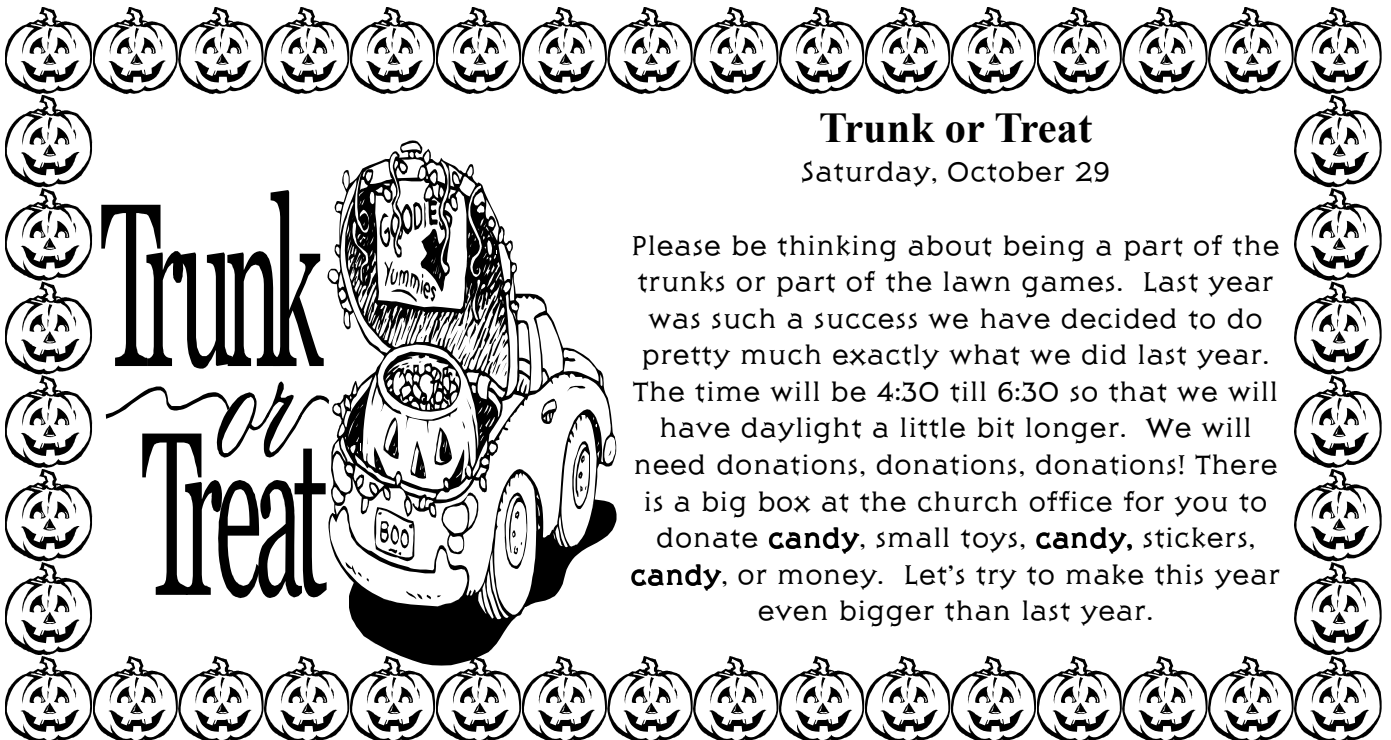
And all donations are appreciated. Our goal is to collect 1000 pounds this year. We are well on our way. We had 750 pounds at the end of August.

Thanks, Becki Wimp

“Silver Strings”



Saturday, October 9th
7:00 pm
‘n’ J.O.Y. Hall



Trunk or Treat

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Saturday, October 29

Please be thinking about being a part of the trunks or part of the lawn games. Last year was such a success we have decided to do pretty much exactly what we did last year. The time will be 4:30 till 6:30 so that we will have daylight a little bit longer. We will need donations, donations, donations! There is a big box at the church office for you to donate **candy**, small toys, **candy**, stickers, **candy**, or money. Let’s try to make this year even bigger than last year.

Thank You!

Dear FUMC friends,

Our family would like to thank you for the many calls, cards, flowers, visits and prayers. Also to all those that brought food to our home we are grateful.

We are truly blessed to have you as our church family.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness was truly appreciated.

The Family of Cecil Shoemaker

Dear FUMC Quitman,

Thank you so much for your generous, continued support of the Friends of Barnabas Foundation. The medicine you donated will help hundreds of children. We will use the Tylenol for comfort and fever after surgery. The baby aspirin will help preserve the delicate heart devices we place in after surgery. Many of these children will take aspirin for the rest of their lives. Most families will never be able to afford it. Your donation will help us provide this simple, life-saving medication to these children. The multi-vitamins will help alleviate deficiencies these children have from poor nutrition. We embark in only a few days. I will photos and stories as I can so that you can see first hand the blessings you have provided. Thank you again for your prayers and gifts. The children of Honduras are truly blessed by your open hearts. In Christ,

Ashley (Robinson) Hanson

(Ashley requested 5760 doses of baby aspirin to take with her to Honduras and we collected donations of 7222 doses of baby aspirin, 24 boxes of Liquid Tylenol and 360 vitamins doses.)

Thank you so much for the meals you sent out to the Poppenhusen kids during the time Melanie had her radiation and she was at my house. This was really a great help to me.

Such great and thoughtful women and great cooks as well.

Once again, Thanks,

Ruby Deal

Newsletter

Information due in the church office third Thursday of each month. November Newsletter information due Thursday, October 20. December and January information put in the December Newsletter and it is due in the church office, Thursday, November 17. There will NOT be a January Newsletter. This is due to the year end reporting for the conference and their different software. Thank you, Gloria Jeane

OCTOBER LAY READERS

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| October 2 | Communion | Randy Dunn |
| Communion Assistants - | | Bobby and Mary Phipps |
| October 9 | | Tony Ragsdale |
| October 16 | | Kandy Driver |
| October 23 | | Youth Sunday |
| October 30 | | Sheryl Middlebrooks |

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.

OCTOBER ACOLYTES

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|------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| October 2 | Crucifer | Ben Burroughs |
| | | Julia Simpkins, Brenley von Reyn |
| October 9 | | Camden Asmussen, Wyatt Bashioum |
| October 16 | | Dean Driver, Averi Durham |
| October 23 | | Youth |
| October 30 | | Baylee Eberhart, Garrett Taylor |

Please get another acolyte to replace you if you are unable to acolyte on your assigned date and notify Carol Denson at 903.383.7036. Please be present **no later than 10:40** on Sunday morning.

OCTOBER USHERS

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|--------------------------|--|
| 8:30 am Worship Service | Bill McPherson (Team Leader) Ernest Burford |
| 11:00 am Worship Service | Dave Simpkins (Team Leader) Greg Taylor Brad von Reyn Bryon O'Neal |

Please get another usher to replace you if you are unable to usher and notify Darrell or Debbie Slabaugh Home 903-383-2392 or Darrell's cell 214-384-1942. We are always looking for new faces so if you'd like to participate, please call us or the church office.

FUMC Church Charge Conference
Wednesday, December 7
5:15— Meal
6:00 pm—Conference



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|----|--------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Don Hines | 14 | J C Waddell |
| 2 | Virginia Henderson | 15 | Bruce Grider |
| 2 | Alston Johnson | 16 | Avery von Reyn |
| 2 | Don Thomas | 16 | Carol Hawkins |
| 3 | Barbara Thompson | 16 | Dyess Gardner |
| 4 | Gary Duke | 16 | Emily Woodruff |
| 4 | Annette Simpkins | 17 | Sue Williams |
| 5 | Connie Emmert | 17 | Tony Ragsdale |
| 5 | Lewis Swann | 18 | Nell Burrow |
| 6 | Joan Avery | 18 | Kennith Hurley |
| 6 | Moye Avery | 18 | Diane Thompson |
| 7 | Ed Trieb | 18 | Peyton Kruckner |
| 8 | Shirley Irwin | 20 | Marie Slater |
| 8 | Gail Tiffie | 20 | Dorothy Harbin |
| 8 | Brenda Andrews | 21 | Bob King |
| 8 | Bob Young | 21 | Patricia Ragsdale |
| 9 | Cindy Neighbors | 22 | Chuck Shampine |
| 10 | Dr. Dee Dopson | 23 | Blake Durham |
| 11 | Emmitt Dixon | 23 | Alexis O'Neal |
| 12 | Sarah Lee | 25 | Lynn Emmert |
| 13 | Sue Cowsert | 26 | Randy Dunn |
| 14 | Miranda Asmussen | 26 | Diana Kerr |
| | | 27 | Weston Emmert |
| | | 27 | Dick Roberts |
| | | 29 | Pete Kennard |
| | | 29 | Madeline Ranes |
| | | 29 | Maverick Ranes |
| | | 30 | Josh Medlin |
| | | 31 | Darrel Slabaugh |
| | | 31 | Sonny Pierce |



Watch your mail.

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 406 E. Lane Street
 Mailing Address
 P O Box 1643
 Quitman, TX 75783
 903.763.4127
 Early Worship 8:30 am
 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Worship 11:00 am

Liberty United Methodist Church
 2581 Highway 154 East
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 Worship 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:45 am



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