



The Messenger

Transforming God's Children Into Disciples

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH September 2011

Youth Weekend



At the home of
Brad and Sarah Medlin's

MINUTE TO WIN IT
GAME



Speaker for Youth Weekend
Duke Underwood



Quitman FUMC Children's Choirs



WHO: Singers--Kindergarten thru 6th grade (same as WNL)

Ringers—3rd grade –high school

--Sometimes the choirs will be “singers” & sometimes “ringers” (hand chimes/ bells).

You will know exactly which to expect according to the schedule.

--directed by JoAn White, accompanied by Martha Berry

WHEN: “selected” Wednesday afternoons 4:30—5:15 PM

--Dates will be specified ahead of time.

--5-6 weeks of rehearsal & Sunday 11 AM performance

WHERE: to be determined (probably the Well or the sanctuary)

ATTENDANCE POLICIES for Singers:

--If you can't be there for the Sunday anthem, you do not need to come; however, everyone is welcome at rehearsals.

--Singers must attend at least 3 rehearsals. If you cannot attend the rehearsal just before we sing in church, please notify Mrs. White or the church office so that plans can be made for Sunday.

--There will be rewards for perfect attendance. Each “session” (5-6 weeks) starts a new attendance record. There will also be rewards for best attendance of the year.

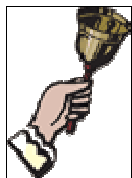
ATTENDANCE POLICIES for Ringers:

--You MUST sign up in advance. The songs we play depend on the number of ringers.

--Ringers may miss only 1 rehearsal per “session”. Please notify Mrs. White or the church office. (We will try to find a substitute for your place for that rehearsal.)

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Quitman Community Handbell choir (“Golden Bells”???)

WHAT: adult bell choir that will perform for nursing homes, schools, & other “daytime” activities.

If you cannot play “full time”, consider substituting or doing just one semester.

Directed by JoAn White, FUMC Quitman

WHO: adults that wants to practice & ring during “daytime” hours

Musical experience with bells is helpful, but not necessary.

WHEN: rehearse once a week for about 6 weeks, then perform those pieces for about 6 weeks following.

September—December & January—May

I would prefer to rehearse Wednesday mornings, but that is not an “absolute”. We will decide at the first meeting.

Rehearsals—about 1 ½ hours.

Performances—about 30 minutes plus travel time

WHERE: FUMC Quitman (probably in JOY Hall)

COST: We will probably buy shirts for \$15-\$20. We will need drivers when we travel.

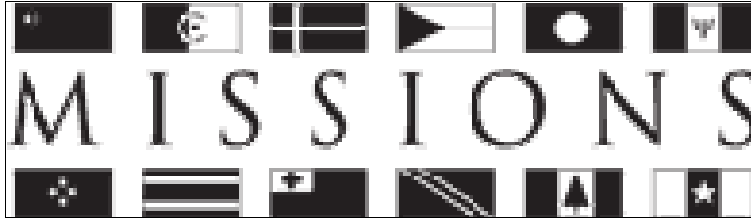
I would like to have a meeting on Wednesday, September 7 at 10:00 AM in JOY Hall at FUMC Quitman. We will decide how many people will be playing, choose bell parts, talk about where you would like to play, etc.

Please call JoAn White 903-763-8309 or FUMC church office to let me know if you will be coming!



Wednesday Night Live starts September 7

5:15 pm Everyone
Fellowship Meal
 6:00—7:00 pm Adults
 6:00—7:15 pm Children
 6:00—7:30 pm Youth— 2forty2
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
Pricing!!! for fellowship meal:
 Adults \$5
 Youth (13—18 yrs old) \$2
 Children (under 13 yrs) Free
 Family \$12 max.



Wednesday, September 28

5:15 pm Fellowship Meal
 Fair Food
 6:00 pm Adults and Youth
 Speaker
 Children — Surprise
 Displays representing FUMC
 mission involvement.



MISSION PROJECT

Saturday, October 1
 Breakfast 8:00 am
 Community Workday 9:00 am

MISSION FORCE will be meeting on
 Sunday, September 11, @ 5:00 pm.
 If you are interested in the FUMC mission field
 we will see you at the meeting.

Taste and See

Fellowship Dinner and Bible study for young
 women in our community
 Sunday, September 25th
 6:30 until 8 PM

Lost Creek Ranch
 4307 State Highway 182, Quitman, TX

We will begin a new study and discuss:
Living Above Worry and Stress
 Chapter 2- "Fear and Trembling"*

Please RSVP by the Friday before
 our gathering:

sharonnthomas@yahoo.com

or

903.765.3137

*Study manuals are available at
 Heavenbound Books, Quitman
 Upcoming Gathering dates:

Sunday, October 9
 Chapter 3- "Worry Warts"
 Sunday, November 6
 Chapter 4- "Stressed Out!"

Dear fellow believers,

As we start another school year, we ask again for your prayers
 for our staff members, students and QISD school board members.

The state of Texas is implementing a more difficult assessment
 system beginning this school year. In addition, the state and federal
 government have cut funding to local schools.

We have an incredible staff of dedicated people and a great
 group of student. Please lift us up in our endeavors to make
 Quitman Elementary School the best elementary in Texas.

Thanks for your continuing help. We are blessed to have such a
 caring community. Together, we hold the future in our hands.

Mary Ann Nichols
 Principal



BACK TO SCHOOL

Liberty Lines.....

"Dog Days of Summer" is the term applied to August heat. This year, our "Dog Days" began in early June and they are still here! Even the fire ants have gone deep.

Services at Liberty, however, are still full of love and fun. We love God and we love each other. Fun is a natural by-product. We start our Sunday services at 0930 but we have considered moving the "official" start time up to 0900 because we all have at least 30 minutes of talking to do before the service begins. Malloy Bridges gets there early & gets the air conditioning going at full blast and the ceiling fans on. On a recent Sunday, when Malloy arrived, the Altar Candles had swooned in the heat and were pointing downward! Gary Duke opens each service with announcements & solicits joys & concerns. He has a little "school" bell to ring in order to get the congregation's attention. It rarely works because it isn't loud enough. A cow bell has been threatened. Anyway, each service does begin more or less on time and ends on time at 1030, more or less.

After the service, talking continues outside with a fairly substantial portion of the congregation going next door to the Fellowship Hall where there is always coffee and soft drinks and cakes and cookies, sometimes "pigs in a blanket" and doughnuts. Recently, Renee Boswank brought biscuits and gravy! We eat and talk and enjoy each other's company for about 30 minutes. Then, about 1/3 of the day's congregation stays another hour for the Adult Bible Study class so ably taught by Bobbi Gyorfy.

It is, perhaps, sort of a different kind of Sunday Church Service. There are no suits for the men and no fancy lady's hats, no diamonds or furs. We gather to hear from Pastor White about God and we gather to meet our friends that we haven't seen for a whole week. We have a lot of guests and I do believe they can feel the Love in our Church.

On August 21st, Pastor Bill Hedges presented our sermon. We feel like Bill is "one of us" as he used to be our Pastor, he was instrumental in starting our annual Easter Sunrise Service and we see him regularly. On August 28, Doctor Mark Young was our leader. We don't know Mark as well, but there is a chance that he may be our Minister at a Revival which is being considered for next spring, so we will get to know him better if that happens. This year, on October 2 in the Fellowship Hall at Liberty, there will be a different kind of Charge Conference. The District Superintendent has asked Liberty and First UMC to come and "talk to her". There will be no formal reports, just conversation. For sure, the current state of our two Churches, what we are doing, what we would like to be doing, even what we wish we could do, will be topics. For the accountants among us, don't worry, the normal "formal" written reports will still be filed at a later time.

Not wanting to be left out of the monthly "birthday" list in the Messenger, we are trying to get the proper birthdays (just Day & Month) of everyone. Please see Pat Bingham about your date. Recently our "cooks & servers" have purchased some "Liberty UMC" aprons to wear on appropriate occasions. Tom Bingham may even wear one when he is cooking outside. We liked them so much that it was decided we should have shirts with "Liberty UMC" and the Methodist Emblem embroidered on them. Elizabeth Deuson and Neva Potts did the work and on Aug 21, a sample shirt with logo was shown at church. Liberty is not buying these shirts, if you want one, please order them through Neva or Elizabeth. Who knows? We might decide to protest something and we could all wear our Liberty shirts!

In Sympathy...

It is difficult to keep up with everyone. After all, we are twice as big as we used to be! Please excuse me for those I may leave out.

A few weeks ago, Jeff Gyorfy fell at home and banged his head, did a bunch of bleeding and had several stitches. It turned out that he also did some bleeding inside his skull which showed up in early August so he was back in the hospital, having some little holes drilled. He is ok, back to normal now but caused some concern for a while. Pete Kennard was in the Hospital when I wrote last month. She got out but has recently been back in with a blood pressure that refuses to behave and is still there as of this time.. Jacob Bingham had adenoid surgery which usually is no big deal but considering Jacob's problem with seizures, is a big concern. He remains in the hospital. Every month for a long time now, Donnie Taylor has needed our prayers with a multitude of physical problems. One of those problems, however, was esophageal cancer. His brother Ronnie reports that Doctors cannot now find any evidence of this cancer! Donnie can use some good news.

Life is fragile. Elizabeth Deuson and her friend Pam Sanders went to New Orleans to visit another friend for a few days. While there, Sanders suddenly passed away! Our condolences go out to Elizabeth and to the Sanders family.

A Thought for September...

REJOICE! The heat will abate. The rains will return. The east coast will survive earthquakes and hurricanes. We will still love each other and GOD STILL LOVES US ALL.



Crafty Christians
1st Thursday of each month,
September 2
October 7
Meeting @ Liberty UMC
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
Any questions contact Teddy Shampine.

Savor the Word

Bible Study and Fellowship Meal for
Mature Women at Julia Gray's home
Friday, September 16

11 am until 1 pm

We will discuss...

Jennifer Rothschild's Bible Study
"Walking By Faith"

If you are interested in joining this group,
contact Rita Johns 903.763.5744 or
RSVP to Julia for lunch 903.878.2772
By Tuesday before each meeting:

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Nurturing our Men
Serving our Community
Building our Legacy

September 20, 2011
6:30 PM ~ JOY Hall

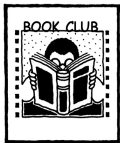
Food and Fellowship

Speaker – John Whorff
"Mapping the Texas
Coast from a Canoe"



SENIOR ACTIVITY TIME

Come to join us playing 42,
Train, Mah Jongg and Joker.
Thursday, September 15, 2011
Lunch will be served.



The Book Club will meet on
Monday, September 12 @ 2:00 pm
in the FUMC Library.
The September book selection is Room,
a Novel by Emma Donohue`



Book shelves needed
for the Church
Office and for the
Adult and Children
Resource Room.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Medical Screening will be done on
Friday, September 2nd

Painting for Fun is painting a floor mat on
Wednesdays, September 7th and 14th

Honor our First Responders with lunch on
Friday, September 9th – RSVP
903-763-5739

Crafty Seniors class on paper folding to
create a greeting card on
Friday, September 16th

ETMC's Migyon Adams program on Emergency
Transportation Insurance on
Friday, September 16th

Pat Kirsch, Comedian will entertain on
Friday, September 23rd



Coming to Our Church
Women's Retreat Day

Saturday, November 12, 2011
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

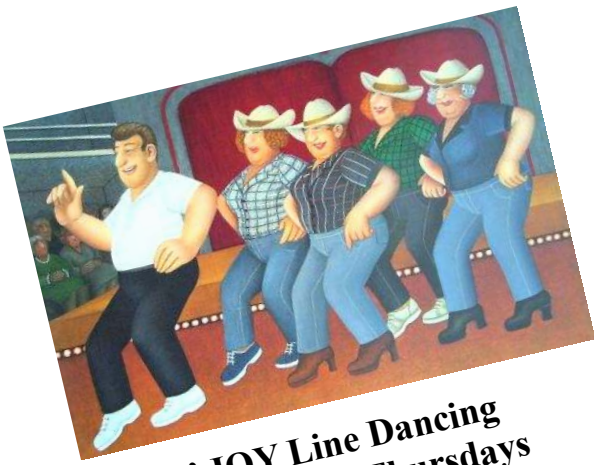
Theme: Content in Christ
Speaker: Gina Baker,
Marvin United Methodist Church
Special music, lunch, and much more

Tickets go on sale in October
Nursery available infant through kindergarten



Mission
Outreach

The theme for the
COME House
for September is packaged
dinners: mac and cheese, rice a roni,
pasta roni, hamburger helper, non-
refrigerated microwave dinners.
And as always, donations are welcomed.



'n' JOY Line Dancing
Mondays and Thursdays
8:30 am First Timers
9:00 am Beginners
10:00 am Old Pros
Professional instructor...
Fun, dancing and exercise
had by all...
Did I say fun? YEAH!!!!

The power of a simple gift...

a shoe box filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and hard candy, for a girl or boy.

You will want to participate in this hands on mission project. If you need a gift box or have questions contact the church office.



2011 Charge Conference for
First United Methodist Church
and
Liberty United Methodist Church
will be held at
Liberty
Sunday, October 2, 2011 @ 2:00 pm
DS Rev. Sandra Smith will be officiating.

Two New Tuesday Bible Studies

Tuesday mornings 9:30-11 AM

This fall and early winter we will be studying 1 and 2 Kings using the *NIV Serendipity Bible* study format. Join us for a great discussion in the Celebration Room.

Tuesday evenings 5:30-7:30 PM

This is a 34-week Bible study, *Disciple 1*. It is an overview of the Bible, and an exploration of the characteristics of a disciple and how we can become more effective as disciples. This course requires 30-40 minutes of daily study of the Scriptures and attendance at a weekly discussion of the assignments. Expect to be transformed! September is the latest you can join this group. (Study manuals are \$33.)

Questions about either course? Contact Sharon Thomas at... sharonnthomas@yahoo.com or 903.765.3137 and leave a message.





Dear fellow First United Methodist Church members,
I was so proud of the love and fellowship extended to Quitman ISD employees. Thanks so much for the great meal! Everyone bragged

and bragged. Keep praying for us!

Thanks again!

Love,

MaryAnn Nichols



Dear Member of FUMC—Quitman,

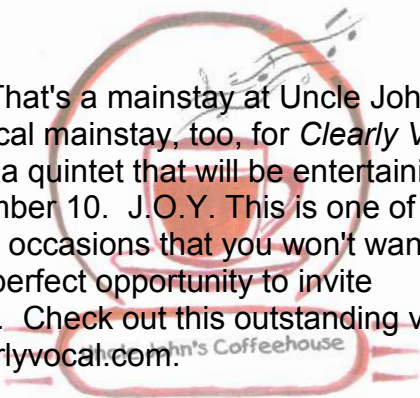
Bob and I wish to express our most sincere appreciation to each of you and to Dr. White for your many prayers, beautiful cards, words of encouragement and inspiration, phone calls, meals provided, and home visits during my recovery from a tri-lateral ankle fracture. The pain was both physically and emotionally difficult, but with your prayers and support we are on the road to victory as I am beginning to walk again! We are thankful for your loving efforts to assist us in so many beautiful ways.

May God richly bless this congregation in our continued efforts to fully serve him.

In His Love,

Bob and Diane Blackwell

Java! That's a mainstay at Uncle John's, and it's a musical mainstay, too, for *Clearly Vocal*, the a cappella quintet that will be entertaining us on September 10. J.O.Y. This is one of those special occasions that you won't want to miss - and a perfect opportunity to invite friends. Check out this outstanding vocal group at clearlyvocal.com.



SEPTEMBER LAY READERS

September 4	Communion	Joe Fitzgerald
September 11		Raymond Peek
September 18		Paul/Kandi Driver
September 25		Randy Bennett

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.

SEPTEMBER ACOLYTES

September 4	Communion	Josh Medlin, crucifer
		Garrett Peek
		Jentri Jackson
September 11		Camden Asmussen
		Garrett Taylor
September 18		Wyatt Bashioum
		Ben Burroughs
September 25		Averi Duram, Baylee Eberhart

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.

SEPTEMBER USHERS

8:30 Service	Bert Blair (Team Leader)
	Bill Bennett
11:00 Service	Jerry Jackson (Team Leader)
	Jimmy Johns
	Emmett Dixon
	Bob King
	Brad Medlin

Please get another usher to replace you if you are unable to usher on your assigned date and notify Dave Simpkins.
"Thank you" for your willingness to serve.

The items our Crafty Christians make and send to area hospitals to comfort the parents of still-born infants are a work of love, and this letter from Parkland Hospital reflects the difference this ministry makes in peoples' lives:

8-22-2011

To Our Donors,

We will begin with a simple thank you, as it is difficult to express only in words how greatly we appreciate your donations of baby clothing and accessories to Parkland's Labor and Delivery. We recognize the time and energy you have to be able to provide us with something to give our patients and their families. We are especially thankful for your talent. Each and every unique item is beautiful.

The items you have so generously given to us are used for our parents who experience the loss of a baby. At Parkland's Labor and Delivery we care for over fifty-patients each month that must endure the loss of pregnancy anywhere from 5 weeks to full term. These parents and families are devastated and look for anything to help remember their babies. Because of you we are able to provide these families with beautiful gowns, knitted hats, booties, and blankets. These items help to represent the precious time spent with their babies in Parkland's Labor and Delivery.

When these parents return for our annual memorial service they thank us over and over again for what was given to them. They share that these items are displayed in their homes or that they often look at the items to remind them of their babies.

Thank you again for your time, energy, and all of your donations that bring hope and joy in the midst of such great sorrow. You are making a difference in the lives of our patients and their families each and every day.

The Nursing Staff of Parkland's Labor and Delivery



Monday, September 5
Labor Day Holiday
Church Office Closed

Information for the
October Messenger
due in the church office
Thursday, September 22.

First United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 1643
406 E. Lane Street
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 HWY 154 E
Quitman, TX 75783
903.967.2510
 Worship 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:45 am

September



3	Susan Kincaid	14	Jane Herring
3	Billie Kleebauer	14	Marcia Chewning
3	Elizabeth McAlister	14	Waylon Ragsdale
3	Penny Peek	15	Jason Sims
4	Trey Neighbors	17	Sharon Thomas
4	Ann Steinberg	17	Wayne Lapsley
5	Wally Bradfield	18	Cary Bargas
5	Mary Williams	18	Tom Williams
6	David Parsons	18	Barbara Gasper
7	Joe Fitzgerald	19	Bill Hedges
8	Jill Ward	20	Pete O'Neal
8	Bill Bennett	21	Tracie Jackson
9	Aspen Durham	21	Livvie Asmussen
9	Travis Parsons	21	Kathe Pickel
9	Linda Patterson	22	Lauren Backer
11	Joanne Terry	22	Cliff Anderson
12	Mattison Smith	22	Bobbi Gyorfy
		22	Ronny Taylor
		23	Becky McPherson
		24	James Colburn
		25	Rita Johns
		27	Deena Eberhart
		28	Jane Bardwell



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