



# First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor St. Brenham, Texas 77833-3213  
April 2, 2012

“It Was Still Dark...”

Sunday is the greatest worship day in the year. More church members attend worship on Easter Sunday than any other single Sunday in the year, and more people who are looking for a new church home attend worship on Easter. It is always a great day with great singing, great special music, and a great spirit of life and hope and excitement.

Easter Sunday is special because over 2000 years ago Jesus turned darkness into light, despair into hope, and death into life. The scripture says that the women went to the tomb “while it was still dark.” There are times in our lives when we feel like we are living in darkness. Financial pressures, vocational pressures, marital or family pressures, health concerns, retirement concerns, personal disappointments or discouragement and depression. There are a thousand things that bring darkness and loneliness.

But the story of Easter says there is hope in the midst of darkness. The women, filled with despair and disappointment, went to the tomb to anoint the lifeless body of Jesus. They worried about the heavy stone over the entrance and who would move it for them. And like any of us who have experienced the death of a close family member or friend, they were still struggling with grief and the unreality of tragedy. Sometimes it is in the darkest hours of our lives that God is able to do the most important work in our souls.

Easter gives us the promise that things will work out. Regardless of the reason for the darkness, whether it is the result of personal failures or outward circumstances, there is hope and we are not alone. God is with us and He can move the biggest stone and raise us from the darkest tomb.

Nothing in our world symbolizes God more completely than Easter Sunday morning. Out of the darkest hour came the greatest light, and as John wrote, “*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*” Where else can we find that kind of hope and love and life? See you Sunday as we worship and celebrate the risen Christ and His promise of life.

He is Risen!  
Kay

## Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Tues. April 10, 2012 at 10:00 am.**

If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to [fumc@fumcbrenham.org](mailto:fumc@fumcbrenham.org) or please submit a handwritten article to the church office. This is the best way to make sure that all the information for your article is accurate. Thank you.



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*Open Hearts . . .*

*Open Minds . . .*

*Open Doors . . .*

### SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FUMC

- 8:15 a.m.** Worship in the Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m.** Breakfast in the Activity Center
- 8:45 a.m.** Refreshments in the Parlor
- 9:00 a.m.** Celebration Service in the Activity Center
- 10:00 a.m.** Sunday School classes for all ages
- 11:00 a.m.** Worship in the Sanctuary

*Nursery care provided*

*The 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast each Sunday on Brenham radio KWHI/AM 1280 and Channel 10 Cable TV.*

### Pastoral Staff

Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dale Chance  
[PastorDale@FUMCBrenham.org](mailto:PastorDale@FUMCBrenham.org)

Associate Pastor  
Rev. Kay Reed  
[PastorKay@FUMCBrenham.org](mailto:PastorKay@FUMCBrenham.org)

# METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ashley Abbey, Director – 979-830-8661

## SUNDAY March 4, 2012

### Church Attendance:

Nursery	9
Worship 8:15 a.m.	65
Worship 11:00 a.m.	139
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	41
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>254</b>
Sunday School	112
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 19,821.63</b>

## SUNDAY March 11, 2012

### Church Attendance:

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	64
Worship 11:00 a.m.	72
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	23
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>162</b>
Sunday School	84
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 5,903.00</b>

## SUNDAY March 18, 2012

### Church Attendance:

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	78
Worship 11:00 a.m.	106
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	43
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>233</b>
Sunday School	129
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 13,909.00</b>

## SUNDAY March 25, 2012

### Church Attendance:

Nursery	6
Worship 8:15 a.m.	78
Worship 11:00 a.m.	147
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	55
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>286</b>
Sunday School	96
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 8,365.00</b>

### FEB. YTD TOTALS

YTD Income:	\$118,649.42
YTD Expense:	\$105,008.92
YTD Net Total:	\$ 13,640.50



## April 2012

The CDC is ready to welcome spring. If you drive by you are going to see the children out and about exploring the world around them. We will be setting up centers for outdoor activities and planning outdoor field trips.



We will be hosting our annual Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude's on April 20th. The children will spend a week learning about bike safety and how they can help sick children.



## *Easter Egg Hunt!!!*

Easter egg hunts for the CDC children will be on April 5th. We will start the morning with a special chapel and go on to hunt eggs on the front lawn and playground.

# **CDC will be closed Friday, April 6th**

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator,  
[Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org](mailto:Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org)

## ACTS

Rehearsals are Sundays,  
**5:00- 6:30pm**  
Spring Performance Date:  
**Sunday, May 13**

That's So  
**DANIEL!**



Easter Sunday at 10:00am  
On the front lawn.  
Bring your basket!



## VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED

If you would like to help us with some of our supplies for VBS here are some of the things we need for donations so far:

- fun noodles (water noodles)
- old CDs
- cans of Great Stuff insulation foam
- plastic bath poofs

*We are also looking for someone to make us small wooden crosses out of thin wood approx. 8"x4".*


V.B.S. is the week of June 4 -8



Thank you for purchasing beads! We have raised almost \$3000 for the women & children of Uganda. We will have another bead sale after the ACTS musical on Sunday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.



# April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> Contata <b>12:00</b> Confirmation/ FH <b>5:00</b> Youth/AC ACTS/ Rm. 139	<b>2</b> <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn <b>2:00</b> Staff Meeting/Lib <b>6:00</b> Council on Ministries/FR	<b>3</b> <b>9:30</b> UMW/ AC  <b>5:00</b> Trustees/FR	<b>4</b> <b>5:30</b> Handbells <b>6:30</b> Celebration Band/ AC <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC <b>7:00</b> Maundy Thursday Service/Sanctuary	<b>6</b> <b>Good Friday</b>  <b>Church Office            Closed</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>EASTER</b>  <b>7:00</b> <b>Sunrise Service</b> Regular Service Times <b>10:00</b> Easter Egg Hunt	<b>9</b> <b>10:00</b> Fellowship Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn <b>1:30</b> CDC Board/ Library <b>5:30</b> Finance / FR	<b>10</b> <b>9:00</b> Card/ MH <b>6:00</b> Evangelism/FR  <b>10:00</b> <b>Newsletter            Deadline</b>	<b>11</b> <b>6:30</b> Celebration Band/ AC <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC <b>6:30</b> UMM/ AC	<b>13</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Library <b>5:00</b> Girl Scouts Lock-In	<b>14</b> Girl Scouts Lock- In/AC Until 10:00
<b>15</b> <b>12:00</b> Confirmation/ FH <b>5:00</b> Youth/AC ACTS/ Rm. 139	<b>16</b> <b>10:00</b> Fellowship Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn <b>5:30</b> Prayer Team/FR	<b>17</b> <b>9:30</b> Rogers Circle/ Duree Hanners Circle/ FH Cummings Circle/ Stratton <b>6:30</b> Wesleyan/ FH	<b>18</b> <b>12:00</b> Susanna Circle/DeSalvo <b>6:30</b> Celebration Band/ AC <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC	<b>20</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Library	<b>21</b> Youth/ Camping Trip to Somerville
<b>22</b> <b>12:00</b> Confirmation/FH <b>2:00</b> Girl Scouts/AC <b>2:30</b> Care Center <b>3:30</b> Bluebonnet Hills <b>5:00</b> Youth /Somerville ACTS/ Rm.139	<b>23</b> <b>10:00</b> Fellowship Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn <b>2:30</b> 42/MH	<b>24</b> <b>9:00</b> Card/ MH  <b>10:00</b> <b>Newsletter            Deadline</b>	<b>25</b> <b>1:00</b> Care Team/Lib. <b>6:30</b> Celebration Band/ AC <b>7:00</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC	<b>27</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Library	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>12:00</b> Confirmation/FH <b>5:00</b> Youth /AC ACTS/ Rm.139	<b>30</b> <b>10:00</b> Fellowship Study Group/ FH <b>12:00</b> Wesley/ Blinn					
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***Donations Received***

*In memory of*  
**Betty Averitt**  
By  
Mr. David Thomas

*In memory of*  
**Jeannie Draehn**  
By  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brumbelow

***Prayer Concerns***

Jacque Ketcham  
Marti McLemore  
Elizabeth Muckleroy  
Bonnie Perry  
Peggy Robertson  
Alyce Super  
Alan Williamson

Our homebound members  
Those serving in the military

I want to thank my church family for all the prayers, cards, memorials, and kind words given to us in condolence for my mom. Jim and I feel blessed to be part of such a caring congregation, and we are grateful for each of you.

Marilyn Gravett

Thank You! To everyone at FUMC for all the prayers, cards, calls and concerns during my recovery from surgery. I appreciate all of the kind words and caring thoughts.

God's blessings to you all!

Joycine Hanath

My husband Derek and I would love to thank all the members of FUMC for all the well wishes, cards, support, advice, prayers, and especially all the wonderful gifts! Your care and concern has been amazing, there are not enough words to express our gratitude. I can't wait to introduce you all to our little girl when she finally decides to make her appearance! Thanks again to you all, it has meant so much!

God Bless You All,

Derek and Meagan Hargrave

**YOUTH NEWS**

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director [rick@fumcbrenham.org](mailto:rick@fumcbrenham.org)

**April Youth Calendar**

- Sun. April 1st - 5-8pm, Youth in AC**
- Sun. April 8th - Easter, No Youth**
- Sun. April 15th - 5-8pm, Youth in AC**
- Sat. & Sun. April 21st & 22nd – Lake Somerville Camping Trip**
- Sun. April 29th - 5-8pm, Youth in AC**

**Know Anyone we can help?**

July 12-15<sup>th</sup> FUMC Brenham will be hosting Big House. Several work groups of junior high students will be here in town to do small mission projects such as landscaping, painting, cleanup etc. If you know someone locally in Washington County who has difficulty doing some maintenance on their home or property and may benefit from some volunteers helping out, please call Rick or the church office by March 21<sup>st</sup> so that we may consider them for this special opportunity. Thank you!!!

**BLINN STUDENTS WILL DO THE WORK**

April 27<sup>th</sup> is our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Blinn Blitz. Students from Blinn assemble on an afternoon when there are no classes and are assigned projects around Brenham. What we need is projects for them to work on, mainly yard clean-up projects (raking flower beds, piling up fallen branches, etc.) Often these jobs are exhausting to homeowners, but not to these students. And, they get credit for volunteering, so they're willing and eager.

This is your chance to sign up your project with the Blinn Blitz crew and have it done in one afternoon.

Please don't hesitate to contact me and tell me what work you'd like done.

Pat Clark, Missions and Outreach  
830-1950

**Attention Ladies**

A resale of ladies accessories will be held May 1st at the General Meeting in the AC. The money collected will go through UMCOR to benefit a mission in South Africa. The program is a book review of "Beaded Hope" about a South African mission. Please donate your jewelry, belts, purses, accessories, and collectables to Jo Powell, the church office, or to circle or general meetings. Thanks!

**BEEN A METHODIST LONG?**

A new study will begin on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship House on April 9. The title of the study is *A Disciple's Path* by James a Harnish. This 7-week study is an engaging approach to discipleship from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective. The study combines a Wesleyan understanding of our growth in God's love and grace with the time-tested practices of spiritual discipline expressed in the membership vows to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

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