



# First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor \* Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

June 15, 2010

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

Summertime is here - and it's a great time to embark on an adventure! The prophet Isaiah reminds us that God is fully present in each moment:

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
The whole earth is full of God's glory. (Isaiah 6:3)*

Yes! The whole earth is full of God's glory, and that includes your own personal adventure as God's unique and beloved child. God invites you to see God's glory each and every day. Look up at the stars and into the eyes of a child. Feel the power in the roar of mighty thunder and savor the peaceful sound of a gentle fountain. Embrace the emotions evoked by a familiar song in church and in the warmth of a loving embrace. God ceaselessly calls us to experience the fullness of life.

Richard J. Foster writes about the first part of the Prayer of Examen in his book titled *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*. The first aspect, Foster writes, is an "examen of consciousness through which we discover how God has been present to us throughout the day and how we have responded to his loving presence." It is the means God uses to make us more aware of our surroundings. Foster offers a few examples - Perhaps that loud neighbor is the voice of God urging us to be more attentive to the needs of those around us. Perhaps in the glorious sunrise of this morning God was shouting out to us God's love of beauty and inviting us to share in it, but we were too sleepy to participate. Try asking your children or grandchildren to help you "find" God in everyday situations - you are certain to gain a new perspective!

Where have you witnessed God's glory today? How are you participating in God's unfolding adventure?

On page 6 of the newsletter you will see how one member of FUMC responds to those very questions.

Turn to page 2 to see another way you can become more aware of God's voice and your own place in God's holy adventure.

Grace and Peace.

### Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be

**Friday, June 25, at 10:00 a.m.**

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  
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Associate Pastor  
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**SUNDAY May 30, 2010**  
**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	5
Worship 8:15 a.m.	65
Worship 11:00 a.m.	139
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	61
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>270</b>
Sunday School	110
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 7,751.50</b>

**SUNDAY June 6, 2010**  
**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	72
Worship 11:00 a.m.	137
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	84
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>297</b>
Sunday School	111
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 20,647.75</b>

**Prayer Concerns**



Linda Beard  
Calvin Beckendorf  
Elmo Davis  
Eunice Glidden  
Robert Hickey  
Bob Johnston  
Lew Lewellyn  
Alice Limmer  
Marti McLemore  
Bob Perry  
Peggy Robertson  
Robert Smith  
Howard and Johnnye Van Hook  
Eugene Vanderworth

**Condolences**

Our deepest condolences to the Blake family  
Thomas Carlton Blake Jr.,  
57, died in Burbank, CA.

**Summer Taize Prayer Services**  
**June 27, July 25 and August 22**  
**7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**



Taize Prayer Services will be held on the fourth Sunday of June, July and August at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The first service will be on Sunday, June 27, 2010.

**What is Taize Prayer?**

Taize is a meditative prayer service that incorporates simple, repetitive song, scripture readings, prayer and silence. Through Taize, participants can worship in a community setting, yet remain open to the voice of God and discover the prayer within themselves.

Please contact Pastor Terry at the church office if you would like childcare during these services.

**METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

Carole Horton, Director – 979-830-8661 or [Carole@FUMCBrenham.org](mailto:Carole@FUMCBrenham.org)

**June Doings at the Preschool**

It's hot! But that is not keeping the teachers and students down. We will have a **Camping Camp** and a **Cooking Camp**. That will be followed with the celebration of July 4<sup>th</sup>. We are covering some of the classes with substitutes while the faculty members take vacations or have a few days off every now and then.

We will be spending more time outside, just in shorter periods of time because of the heat. We will also have water activities for the children, especially in the afternoons. It seems they love to splash and carry buckets of water around and run through the sprinklers.

Snow cones are the popular snack we offer!!!!

# YOUTH "H.A.L.O" NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director [rcruiz1020@yahoo.com](mailto:rcruiz1020@yahoo.com)

## *June/July Youth Calendar*

Monday thru Friday, June 21 – June 25 – Lakeview Summer Camp (details TBA)

Wednesday, June 30 – 10:00 a.m. – noon – Youth Cooking Class #2 in AC Kitchen

Monday thru Sunday, July 5 – July 11 – Summer Trip

### **Faith Builder's Sunday School Class**

Mrs. Jody Tyson, the regular teacher for the Faith Builder's SS Class, will be taking a summer break. Rev. Earl McIntyre will be teaching June. Teaching in July will be Rev. Sam Duree and in August, Red and Jo Powell will lead the class. Everyone is invited to join the class for inspiration, learning and discussion.

### **UMCOR Sager Brown**

A great time was had by all on our UMCOR Sager Brown Trip this past May to Baldwin, LA. Our trip for 2011 is scheduled for March 27 through April 1, earlier in the year so it'll be cooler but not cold. More information and forms are available from Dianne Davenport. Forms can also be found at <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umcor/work/sagerbrown/volunteer/>.



Pictured are Bill Davenport, Dianne Davenport, Susan Manchester, Ann Brazzel and Ronnie Manchester

### **MISSION PROJECT UPDATE: Faith Mission Apartment Refurbishing**

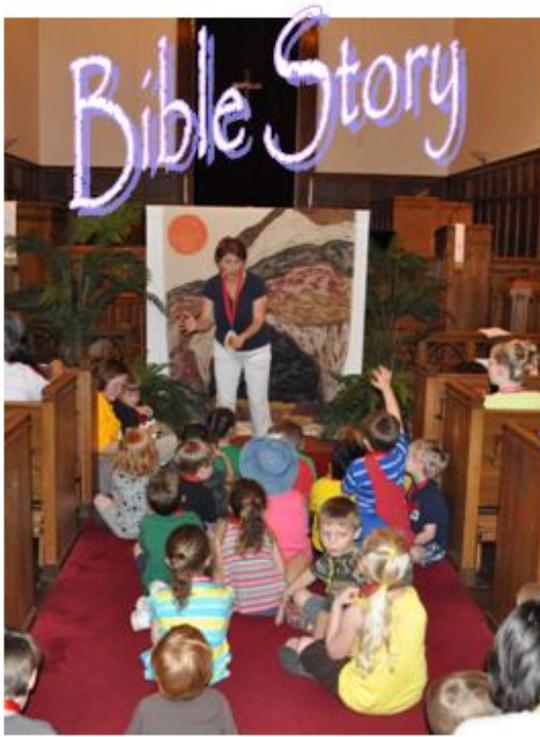
The work continues and the next work day for the apartment project located on Botts Street will be Wednesday, June 16 at 9:00 a.m. Even if you have never come before, we would love for you to join us. Please contact Pat Clark for more information at 830-1950.

# Vacation Bible School



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# Science Experiments



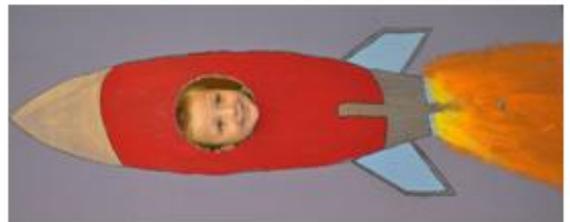
# CRAFTS



# SNACK TIME



# GAME TIME!





# My Story

By Michele Smith

As a lot of you know, my husband Robert has had some serious health problems recently. We went from doctor to doctor, specialist to specialist, and found a wonderful, caring doctor here that gave us the preliminary diagnosis. He guided us to go to Houston. God put many special people in our lives during those 17 days we were there. From the first doctor we saw to the admitting doctor to the five other specialists that saw him, we were truly blessed and constantly felt God's hand in it all. We were transferred to Methodist Hospital and, again, God helped us by having the right surgeon be there and take his case. We felt God's presence in all the nurses that took excellent care of him. We knew God was right there as we received so many calls, cards, emails, visits to check on him. Pastor Dale came over three separate times to be with us during the procedures and the surgery. Our friends in Houston did wonderful acts of kindness from doing our laundry to providing a hotel for me while he was in ICU. But of all the ways we knew God was always with us, the most powerful thing was the prayers. Robert was placed not only on our prayer list at FUMC, but on nearly 100 churches prayer lists. I know God heard the name Robert Smith so many times that he got tired of hearing about him and decided to just get him better!!! It was a very stressful, scary time, but not for one second did we ever doubt that God was in charge and whatever the outcome would be, it would be for His glory. This experience has deepened and strengthened our faith and we know God will always be there for us.

*“Evangelism” means sharing God’s Good News. The Evangelism Ministry Team invites you to share “Your Story” with the church. Here are a few questions to get you started:*

*How did you come to know Jesus Christ and what difference has knowing Him made in your life?*

*Tell about a particular time in your life when God’s presence made a huge difference in overcoming a difficult situation.*

*What is the meaning of prayer in your life? How have you seen God answer your prayer?*

*You can submit your story to the church office any time. The size of the story is not important – short or longer, the testimony you are willing to share with others will help remind others of God’s immeasurable love.*



## Thank You!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our very successful Vacation Bible School. It was a fantastic time of ministry, fun and fellowship for the kids and the adults. A special thank you to the Adult Sunday School Classes who helped us collect all our goodies for the snack time – it was a TREMENDOUS help! It was amazing to see the generosity in individuals who gave of their time, helped us with our decorations and help us financially. We were able to serve over a 100 kids a day. I hope you were able to come to our closing celebration and see the excitement in the children's faces.

We learned at VBS, in our Praise Phrases, that *Our God is... Wonderful, Incredible, Amazing, Magnificent and Awesome! PRAISE GOD!* We also think our church is... *Wonderful, Incredible, Amazing, Magnificent and Awesome! PRAISE GOD!*

# June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> <b>9:00 – 12:15</b> <b>Vacation Bible School</b> AC / Sanctuary / Parlor / All Classrooms  <b>9:00</b> Mission Work Day / Botts St. Apt.  <b>Lakeview Summer Camp Registration Deadline Today</b>	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 – 12:15</b> <b>Vacation Bible School</b> AC / Sanctuary / Parlor / All Classrooms  <b>1:00</b> CARE Meeting / Library  <b>7:00</b> Choir Practice	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 – 12:15</b> <b>Vacation Bible School</b> AC / Sanctuary / Parlor / All Classrooms  <b>No Yoga This Week</b>	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 – 12:15</b> <b>Vacation Bible School</b> AC / Sanctuary / Parlor / All Classrooms  <b>9:00</b> Emmaus / Library <b>3:00</b> Youth / Astro's Game <b>6:00</b> Youth / Drive In Movie	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>2:30</b> Worship at Trinity Care Center  <b>3:30</b> Worship at Bluebonnet Hills	<b>7</b> <b>10:00</b> Youth Cooking Class / AC  <b>6:00</b> Council on Ministry Meeting / FR  <b>6:30</b> Women's Bible Study / FH	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>7:00</b> Choir Practice	<b>10</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga / AC  <b>10:00</b> Youth Bowling  <b>10:00</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>11</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus / Library  <b>6:00</b> Free Family Fun Film Friday Night / AC	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Flag Day</b>  <b>11:30</b> Youth Pool Party  <b>1:00</b> CDC Ad Board Meeting / Library  <b>6:30</b> Women's Bible Study / FH	<b>15</b> <b>No Circle Meetings This Month Except:</b> <b>Rogers at 9:00 / AC and Wesleyan at 6:30 / Meschwitz</b>	<b>16</b> <b>9:00</b> Mission Project / Botts Street (see page 3)  <b>7:00</b> Choir Practice	<b>17</b> <b>9:00</b> Yoga / AC	<b>18</b> <b>9:00</b> Emmaus / Library	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 	<b>21</b> <b>Summer Begins</b> <b>Youth @ Lakeview</b>  <b>6:30</b> Women's Bible Study / FH	<b>22</b> <b>Youth @ Lakeview</b>  <b>9:00</b> Card Group / MH  <b>6:30</b> Trustee Meeting/ FR	<b>23</b> <b>Youth @ Lakeview</b>  <b>2:00</b> J.O.Y. Seminar / AC  <b>7:00</b> Choir Practice	<b>24</b> <b>Youth @ Lakeview</b>  <b>8:00</b> Kitchen Team Meeting / AC  <b>9:00</b> Yoga / AC	<b>25</b> <b>Youth @ Lakeview</b>  <b>9:00</b> Emmaus / Library <b>5:00</b> Wesley Sunday School Party / FH  <b>10:00</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>3:00</b> "42" / MH  <b>5:00</b> Wesley Sunday School Class / FH  <b>6:30</b> Women's Bible Study / FH	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>10:00</b> Youth Cooking Class / AC  <b>7:00</b> Choir Practice			

# Church-Wide Event sponsored by J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Financial Planning and Long-Term Health Care

Join us on Wednesday, June 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Financial Advisor, Doug Schoppe and some of his associates will be holding a seminar on financial planning and long-term health care. Whether you are planning for retirement or living in your retirement there is always much to learn about how to better your finances for your future, especially with all the new benefits and steps needed to take to secure your health care. If you are currently a care-giver, there will be helpful information to better secure the finances of your loved one as well.

Invite any of your friends and family that might benefit from this information.

If you have any questions about this event please contact the church office.

In Him,  
Jennifer Patrick – Program Coordinator, FUMC Brenham

**Just a Reminder: If you haven't picked up your new church directory yet, they will be available to you in the church offices. Please come by the church office during working hours.**

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