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UPCOMING DATES

- For The Girls! February 19
- Savuto's Mission Presentation February 20
- Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper February 21
- Ash Wednesday Service February 22 - 6:30pm
- Men's Prayer Breakfast February 24
- Emmaus Gathering at Azle UMC February 24
- Lenten Small Group Study - 6 Weeks Begins The Week Of February 26

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CHURCH ANGEL

Charlie McLain

As you enter the church on Sunday, you have likely received a warm welcome from church angel Charlie McLain. Dressed in his Sunday best -- blue denim pants and jacket -- Charlie arrives early to corral the ushers. (He wears his jeans because he never wants anyone to feel as they "don't belong" because of how they are dressed: God doesn't care what you wear!) Charlie has been a staple on youth mission trips for years and has served on just about every church council committee. But Charlie is active behind the scenes as well. He helps with maintenance and wiring and plumbing. He regularly empties the church's newspaper recycle bin and drives it to the Methodist Home in Brownwood, where the handicapped residents sort and recycle it. Like the Energizer Bunny, Charlie never stops loving this church and serving our congregation. Thank you, Charlie, for being a faithful church angel!



UMCOR SAGER BROWN MISSION TRIP

August 12-17, 2012

Mission trip to Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana to work for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) 10 spaces available - Individuals and families welcome, all ages welcome

Project/Activities:

- Work in the depot receiving, sorting, packing and shipping supplies for disaster relief
- Work on a community project such as housing rehab
- Work in the sewing room
- Performing maintenance on campus

Accommodations: Climate controlled dormitory environment with centrally located bathroom and shower facilities. Meals will be served in the cafeteria.

Cost: Cost is estimated at \$210 for meals and lodging

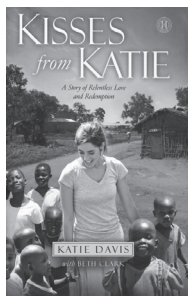
Questions: Contact Kathy Mayotte at 817-454-9371 or kathy_mayotte@sbcglobal.net

KISSES FROM KATIE

by Katie Davis

Monday, February 27, 2012
Led by Rev. DeAndrea Dare

What would cause an eighteen-year-old old senior class president and homecoming queen from Nashville, Tennessee, to disappoint her parents by forgoing college, break her little brother's heart, lose all but a handful of her friends (because the rest of them think she has gone off the deep end), and break



up with the love of her life, all so she could move to Uganda, where she knew only one person but didn't know any of the language? A passion to make a difference. Katie Davis left over Christmas break her senior year for a short mission trip to Uganda and her life was turned completely inside out. She found herself so moved by the people and children of Uganda that she knew her calling was to return and care for them. Katie, a charismatic and articulate young woman, is in the process of adopting thirteen children in Uganda, and she completely trusts God for daily provision for her and her family.

Lenten Small Group Study

Final Words From The Cross

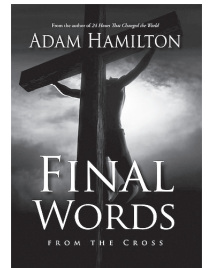
6 Weeks
Beginning the week of February 26

In life and in death, Jesus' words were powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven "final words" - statements that have much to teach us about

Jesus, his Father, and ourselves.

To sign up to host or participate

in a Small Group, please contact DeAndrea at DeAndreaDare@aledoumc.org or 817-441-8329.



IGNITE

your life & faith

ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

6:00-6:45 Dinner

6:00-8:30 Revive

6:45-7:30 Spark

6:45 Pastor's Bible Study

6:45 Hot Topics in Parenting

6:45 Circuits

6:30 Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 Praise Band Rehearsal

7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

February 15 - Mexican Night!

February 22 - No Dinner
(Ash Wednesday)



OUR CHURCH HOME

ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 12		
2012	154	246
2011	141	282
FEBRUARY 5		
2012	177	263
2011	134	241

STAFF

MINISTERS
ALL THE CONGREGATION
PASTOR OF TEACHING
AND VISIONING
JASON JONES
PASTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP
AND PASTORAL CARE
DEANDREA DARE
WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES
JAYNE DAWSON
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN
& FAMILY MINISTRIES
TRUDY SMITH
ASSIST. DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN &
FAMILY MINISTRIES
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DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES
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ASSIST. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
MINISTRIES
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PASTORAL COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Aledo UMC offers Pastoral Counseling to the Aledo Community. The Rev. Dr. Mitzi Ellington is available to see individuals and couples over the age of 18 on Thursdays from 12:00-7:00 pm by appointment only. Fees are based on income. For appointments, call 817-907-3243.

Rev. Dr. Mitzi Ellington is a pastoral counselor in private

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Accepting the Person

Jesus accepted individual people although he rejected much of their behavior. For example, Jesus kept Judas among his disciples, even though he knew Judas was stealing. He selected Matthew, even though he was a hated tax collector. He accepted Simon Peter, even after Peter's betrayal. The name Jesus means "he will save his people from their sins." God sent Jesus for the purpose of rescuing us from sin--but he did not accomplish this by using the method of criticism.

Another name for Jesus is Immanuel, which means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). He did not reject even the most evil of persons. In fact the Bible tells us, "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Jesus did not depend on criticism. Instead, he practiced acceptance.

Acceptance of others means that we believe in them, trust them, and care for them just as they are, even without their having made any changes. Acceptance says, "I may not like what you do, but I like you. You are my spouse [or child or friend], and even if you never change, I still love you." People are much more likely to change when we accept them in this way than they are if we criticize them and imply that we will hold back our love for them until they do what we want.

practice at FUMC in Fort Worth. She received her clinical training and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Counseling from Brite Divinity School. Mitzi is ordained, and her experience includes over 20 years of hospital chaplaincy as a Board Certified Chaplain.

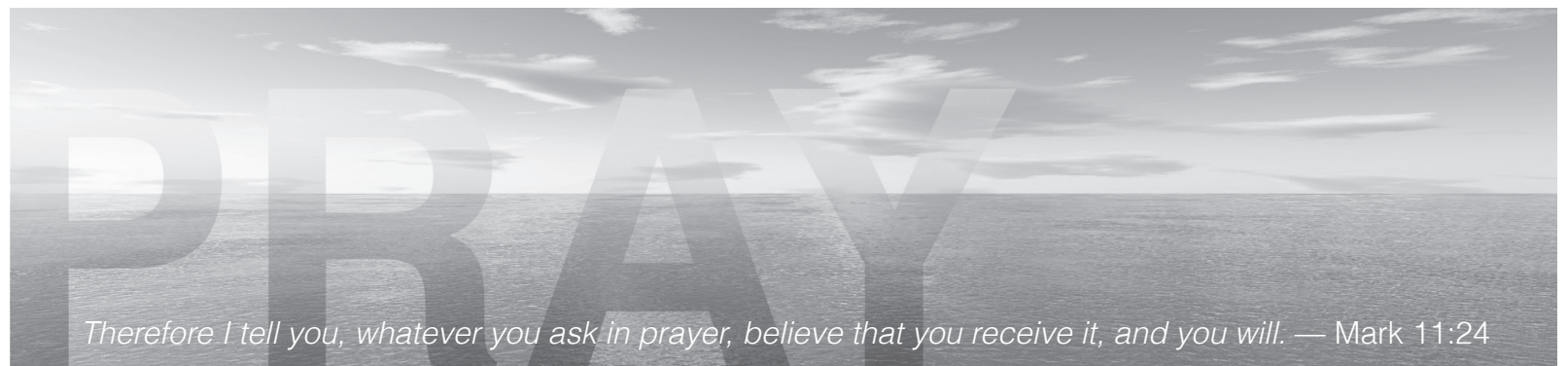


How do we accept another person? Start by focusing your mind on acceptance. Proceed by talking as if you accept him or her. Then allow feelings of acceptance to grow. And finally, act as if that person is someone you really love.

Friends accept us; enemies criticize us. We do not change for our enemies; we change for our friends. Criticism makes people feel worse; acceptance lets them know they are loved. When people know they are loved, they change from within. That is the method God uses, and I hope and pray that it will become our method as well.

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Concerns: Robin Boomer's mother Betty Leggett, Beverly Rector's father Donald Coffey, Jill Yeager's mother Esther Stone, Lori Hudspeth's father, Nancy Williams, Pat and Victoria Huggins, John Blair's mother, Sandy Gladding, Leon Fleming, Karen Giles, our college youth, George Harrison, George Pennington, Mary Beth Stasey's father Bill Veatch, Don Duckering, C. Guy Marshall, Marshall Bryant, Cindy Mayfield's mother Minta Simmans, Jan Hudler and her mother Jo Morton, Cindy Tanner's brother Bryan Futch, Betty Duvall, Ross Tanner and family, Rhonda Rhine, Aaron Gomas, Marla Jones' mother Diann Montgomery, Charlie McLain's brother, Randy Gideon, Yvonne Stegall, Jennie May, Robin Brown, Shannon Reynolds' cousin Corrie McWilliams, Beth Calfee, Steve Bale's brother-in-law Herschel Nelson, Andrew Karnes, Jim Britton's dad Ellis Britton, Brandy Dietz, Laura Abbott, Tanner Mathews, Jaci Mitchell, Kacie Brannen, Dean Thompson, David Kent, Butch Fernstrom, Lance Holland, Jim Hanley, Kathy Mayotte's father, Rita Burnett, Jim Olney, Roy Pitcock, Pat Simon, Michael Finck, Cindy Vance, Jeff Herron, Chad & Rena Tyson Family, John Rubenkoenig, John Hartle, Sharon McCoy's mother Laura Mae Barnard, John Breaux, Tip Read, Dorothy Srba, Mary Hart's brother John Roach, Nick Wright, Alison Evers, Mark Strickland, Tina Stevens' mother

Our special members who are unable to be with us for worship: Natha Lee Shannon, Anna Boger, Rosemary Houser, Wynell Stevens

Our Long Term Prayer Concerns: Linda Malloy, Edmond Gutierrez, Jr., Sara Reed's mother Paula Duckering, PFC Logan Tidwell, PFC Travis Dare, Kids Hope USA Children, Sheryl Glusing, Henry Davis, Brian White's Family, Capt. Marc R. Bradle, PFC James Spurlock, Brian Hebert, Casey Tutt, Lucas Potter, Sgt. Aavram Powell, Barbara Moore's parents Edward & Helen Farcus, Mason Gomez, Lt. 1st Class Jesse Spurlock, Bryan Thomas, USMC Cory Applewhite, Sgt. Adam Novak, Sgt. Andrew Schneider, Pvt. 1st Class Ryan Hedblad, Johnny Rowell, Ben Weston, Missionaries, Chase Peysen, Sgt. Joe Washam, Beth Fischer's Mom, All Military Personnel

If you have an emergency (life threatening illness or death in the family) and would like to speak to one of our pastors, please call (682)710-AUMC (2862).

AUMC

Student Ministries

**FAT
TUESDAY
PANCAKE
PARTY**

Tuesday, Feb. 21st
6:00-8:00 pm
 Fellowship Hall & Chapel



Tickets are available now for \$5 from any 7-12th grade student

The next 4 weeks, the youth will be discussing love, dating and social networking. These are the things that can complicate life, so come learn how to simplify at ReVive and Surge this February!

#itscomplicated

Join us ~

To celebrate the retirement of our missionaries, Jerri and Bill Savuto and hear about their ministry at Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya

Monday, February 20th
6:30pm in the Chapel
 followed by a
 reception

For The Girls!

February 19
2:00-4:00pm



Be part of a fun afternoon coffee (with juice for little ones) and create a spring wreath for your home.

Bring your daughters, your mom, your girlfriends - young and old - for a fun "ladies-only" afternoon!

Bring fabric scraps, ribbons, large buttons or silk flowers to share.

Remember to register in the narthex so we have plenty of supplies.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

February 19
For The Girls!

An afternoon of coffee (juice and snacks) and spring wreath craft for "girls" of all ages. Bring your little girls and your girlfriends, young and old! Register in the narthex.

March 4
Family Fun Day!

Enjoy games, races and other fun family activities at Bear Cat Park, including kite flying (weather permitting).

April 1
Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration

An egg hunt and Easter crafts to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! Invite your neighbors to come out and be part of the fun!

MAY 20
Here Comes Summer Party!

Bounce house, games, music, hot dogs and more to celebrate the end of a successful school year and the beginning of summer.

June (Week of 17-23, specific dates TBA)
Vacation Bible School
 (and Mission Camp for 5th and 6th graders)