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CASTING

MENDING

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TOGETHER

A NEW SERMON SERIES

OCT. 17

WHAT DO WE VALUE?

OCT. 24

WHERE DO WE INVEST?

OCT. 31

WHAT ARE OUR RETURNS?

NOV. 7

HOW DO WE MULTIPLY
OUR RETURNS?

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Aledo United Methodist Church is pleased to offer childcare to children with special needs during our 8:45 a.m. Worship Service and our 10 a.m. Sunday School hour.

AUMC NEWSLETTER WHAT'S INSIDE:

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FROM THE PASTOR



All Saints Day is November 1st which we will celebrate on Sunday, November 7th. It is a special day in the life of the church. This tradition of Christians celebrating their saints and martyrs dates to at least the 2nd century. One of the early church father's,

Polycarp, a follower of the disciple John, writes about the practice of honoring those people of the church who have gone on to eternal life. At first the feast was practiced at varying times depending on the location and region. In the late 4th and early 5th century, several attempts were made to have this day become more universally celebrated on the same day. Pope Gregory III (d. AD 741) was likely the first to observe All Saints Day on November 1st in Germany.

Tradition In the early church was to have a vigil of the Feast (in this case, All Saints Day). All Saints Day was also referred to as All Hallows Day (meaning holy or sanctified), so the feast on the evening before All Hallows / All Saints Day (October 31st) was called All Hallows Eve, now known as Halloween. Halloween is a time for us to celebrate God's actions in the world. In fact, part of the costume tradition came from the symbolism that God's love conquers

evil, so in essence we are mocking that evil. Ultimately, Halloween serves to prepare us for All Saints Day.

The Apostle Paul writes to the church in Ephesus about the church's love for the Saints: "In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance. We, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him (Ephesians 1, selected verses NRSV)."

I look forward to November 7th. It will be a special day in the life of the church as we celebrate the lives of the Saints who have gone before us. It is in giving God thanks for those lives that we look to the future that God give us with hope. In that spirit we will offer our commitments of service and our commitments of financial gifts to God and ask for God's blessing upon our ministries in 2011 and beyond.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

Pastor Jason

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



MARK & ANN FIELDS

Joined 10/03/10. Mark is a plant manager and is married to Ann. They are transferring their membership from Marksville UMC in Marksville, LA.



DANNY & DEBBIE COULSON

Joined 10/17/10. Danny is self-employed and Deborah is a teacher. They are transferring their membership from Silvercreek UMC in Azle.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY...Planting the Seeds Where Faith Grows



Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Fall Sunday School is in full swing. In November your children will be learning stories from the Exile. All the way from Naomi and Ruth to the promise of peace. Your child should be coming home with a booklet or papers about what they studied in class. You can help your child's faith walk by talking about their lesson at home. We welcome visitors anytime. Come give the teachers a hand anytime you would like.



Nursery News

NURSERY NEWS
We are so blessed with a great nursery team. For all your nursery and childcare needs please contact Margaret Faulkner at margaretfaulkner@uwmail.com.

ROCKERS NEEDED! Do you like to snuggle and rock a little one? Do you like to draw a picture that someone will love no matter what? Do you like to sing even if you don't know the words? Then

we need you! Please contact Margaret Faulkner for more information.

NURSERY NEEDS: Our nursery is in need of diaper wipes. Please drop your donation off in the Children's Ministry Office, or the nursery in the education building. Many Thanks!



Classes for Kids

JOURNEY KIDS
Every Wednesday night we will go on a journey, a journey of faith through music, bible exploration, games, and fellowship

Pre-K and under 6:30-7:30 in the Nursery Every week children will go on a journey to build a friendship with Jesus. They will explore Bible Points through games, music and projects.

Kindergarten-2nd grade begins in the Gathering Room Children will journey through an interactive Bible lesson in the gathering room 6:30-7:00 then they will move to fine arts from 7:00-7:30. They

may participate in a drama, do an art project, learn a new song, or even be part of a story.

3rd and 4th grades begin upstairs
Children will begin their journey through songs, drama, storytelling or art 6:30-7:00. At 7:00 they will move to the gathering room for an interactive bible lesson.

All children's classes ages birth thru 4th grades will be held in the Education Building next to the main building.

5th and 6th grades music in adult choir room. Children will journey through music and singing with Bob Bull 6:00-6:30 in room 202.

5th and 6th grades in the Rock House 6:30-7:30 Children will go on a journey all of their own in the Rock House located by the playground on Pecan Street. They will have a bible lesson then go on a journey of silly games, team building and great fellowship.

Fine Arts
are a big part of our Wednesday night Journey Kids. We are looking for willing and able helpers. No experience needed. Children will participate in worship in many ways (arts & crafts, music, songs, drama, and puppets just to name a few). Aubrey Edmonds is the Fine Arts Coordinator; please contact her for more information. aubrey_david13@yahoo.com.

ATTENTION ALL 5TH GRADERS
If you missed the Acolyte training please let the children's ministry office know. It's not too late!

LOOKING FORWARD
Nov. 17 - Last Journey Kids until the New Year
Nov. 21 - Third Grade Bible Presentation
Nov. 28 - Hanging of the Greens

More information will be coming about these events soon

JUST 4 YOUTH!



Mystery Trip

ARE YOU UP FOR A SURPRISE OUTING WITH SOME FRIENDS? JOIN US FOR A "MYSTERY TRIP"!

- All junior & senior high youth are invited to participate!
- You **MUST** register ahead of time so we have enough drivers!

Date: Sunday, November 07
Time & place: meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m.
Return time: 5:00 p.m.
Bring: \$10 and a sack lunch; camera optional!
Wear: Comfortable walking shoes and casual dress

Attention all high school SENIORS!!
Be part of the new senior leadership team: SYLO (Senior Youth Leading

Others) Learn leadership skills as you help plan and lead activities! Options for involvement include planning your up-coming senior high winter retreat (Jan. 14-16) & 30 Hour Famine, helping lead Wed. night small groups, planning new events and outings!

First SYLO meeting: Sunday, November 14 at noon (We'll meet at the Youth House and carpool to lunch.)

New Wednesday Night Youth Series Takes Us Up to Thanksgiving: "Thanks, God!"

Teenagers are busy, sometimes happy - sometimes not. Wednesday nights in November will focus on why giving thanks in the midst of our hectic, often demanding lives, is so important. Youth, 7th-12th grades, join your friends on Wednesdays for Mid-Week! (see

Wonderful Wednesday section for schedule)



Care Packages

College Finals Care Packages
Again this year, we will be sending "care packages" to our college kids to energize them during finals! If you have a son or daughter you would like to receive a package, please fill out the necessary mailing information at the display in the Narthex (church lobby). We are asking for a donation of \$10 to help cover shipping costs; checks payable to AUMC Youth. Packages will be put together and shipped out the week after Thanksgiving. Sign-up deadline: Wednesday, November 17.

December Happenings
Mark your calendars and watch for details coming soon!

Wednesday, Dec. 01 - Youth Christmas Worship
Wednesday, Dec. 08 - Youth Christmas Party
Saturday, December 11 - Littlest Elf Workshop

Sometimes as a teenager, you might feel lost or alone. Call me if you want to talk; we can meet for a coke or coffee. Call if you need someone to pray for you...or with you...God loves you. I love you. We are here for you...

Trudy Smith: 817-441-1627 (home)
817-680-0631 (cell)
Chris Butterfield: 817-832-1430
Youth Website: theyouthhouse.com

10 A.M. ADULT SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES:

The Back Forty (meets in the Center Room of the Education Annex)

Bible Study Class (room 207). Currently studying *Passion Talk Series*

Oct. 31-Mark 8, Parker
Nov.07-Mark 9, Scott

Christians in Action-CIA Class (meets on the Upper Floor of the Education Building at the top of

the stairs).

Damascus Roadies (room 206).

Emmanuel Class (meets in the Parlor of the Main Building).

Living Covenant Class-TLC Class (meets in the Chapel).

New Adult Class (Meets in Educational Annex, walk through the front door and take a right through the large room)



The Master's Builders
"They will be known by their good works"

Even though they have been around for years, you will not hear much about this team, as they do not seek recognition for their work. The tears of joy and gratitude from those we help, is often more fulfilling than words can explain.

A few small one day projects are coming up soon (the next one scheduled for Saturday, November 6th) and we are looking for those men, women and youth who want to receive e-mail notices of what we call "GOD jobs". We are simply

a group of volunteers ready to help those in need of Home Improvements. We have provided 5 Handicap ramps, 2 new roofs, 2 roof repairs, and remodeled an orphanage; besides a long list other types of construction for families that have no means and no hope other than answered prayers. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"
Isaiah 6:8

No Experience Necessary. On the job Training Available. Immediate Openings

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Friday, October 29
6:30 am-Men’s Prayer Breakfast
Sunday, October 31
8:45 & 11 Worship Services
10 am-Sunday School
1-3 pm-Financial Peace
4 pm-Stephen Ministry
Monday, November 01
10 am-Staff Meeting
6:30 pm-Trustees
7 pm-Scouts
Tuesday, November 02
10 am-Bible Study
6 pm-Cub Scouts
7 pm-A.A.
Wednesday, November 03
Wonderful Wednesday
4 pm-Youth House Opens
5:30 pm-Dinner
6 pm-5th & 6th Grade Music
6 pm-Youth Worship
6:30-7:30 pm-**Wednesday Night Faith Factor**
6:30-7:30 pm-Activities for all ages,
Adult Praise Band, Handbell Choir,
Children’s Choir (K-4)
7:30 pm-Chancel Choir
Thursday, November 04
9:45 am-Bible Study
Sunday, November 07
COMMITMENT SUNDAY
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
VETERAN’S SUNDAY
8:45 & 11 Worship Services
10 am-Sunday School
1-3 pm-Financial Peace
4 pm-Stephen Ministry
Monday, November 08
6:30 pm-Stephen Ministry
7 pm-Missions Committee
7 pm-Scouts
Tuesday, November 09
10 am-Bible Study
6 pm-Cub Scouts
7 pm-Project Linus
7 pm-A.A.
Wednesday, November 10
Wonderful Wednesday
4 pm-Youth House Opens
5:30 pm-Dinner
6 pm-5th & 6th Grade Music
6 pm-Youth Worship
6:30-7:30 pm-**Wednesday Night Faith Factor**
6:30-7:30 pm-Activities for all ages,
Adult Praise Band, Handbell Choir,
Children’s Choir (K-4)
7:30 pm-Chancel Choir
Thursday, November 11
9:45 am-Bible Study
Noon-Advocats
6:30 pm-Cub Scout Meeting
6:30 pm-Men’s Fellowship

Please Note: Events are subject to change at anytime



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOV. 07

All Saints (Nov 1 or the first Sunday in November) is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. All Saints Day otherwise called All Hallows or Halloween where Hallow means Saint is shortly referred to as “All Saints”. We celebrate the communion of the saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and the local congregations. For this reason, the names are listed in the bulletin and a bell is tied to the All Saints Banner in honor of that person, such that with every ring of the bell that person is remembered.

If you would like to honor someone who has held a special place in your heart, please visit the table in the Narthex to fill out an information card and attach a bell to the banner.

On November 7th we will remember and celebrate those who have gone before us with this special prayer:

Eternal God, make us this day to remember the unseen cloud of witnesses who compass us about:
Those who in every age and generation

witnessed to their faith in life and in death;
Those who by their courage and their sacrifice won for us the freedom and the liberty we enjoy;
Those who served their fellow men at the cost of pain, of persecution and of death;
Those for whom all the trumpets sounded as they passed over to the other side;
Those whom we have loved and who have gone to be with you, and whose names are written on our hearts.
Help us to walk worthily of those in whose unseen presence life is lived. Help us to have in our lives their courage in danger;
Their steadfastness in trial;
Their perseverance in difficulty;
Their loyalty when loyalty is costly;
Their love which nothing can change;
Their joy which nothing can take away.
So grant to us in your good time to share with them the blessedness of your nearer presence, that we also may come to that life.
Where all the questions are answered;
Where all the tears are wiped away;
Where we shall meet again, never to be separated from them, those whom we have loved and lost awhile.
Where we shall be forever with our Lord.
So grant to us in this life never to forget those who have gone before, so that in the life to come we may share their blessedness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



AUMC’S
6TH ANNUAL
NIGHT WITH THE DALLAS
MAVERICKS

Dallas Mavericks vs.
Phoenix Suns

Sunday, April 10, 2011
6:30 p.m. at the
American Airlines Center

Join us for AUMC’s 6th

annual Mavs game. This year we get to see the Mavs play one of their Western Conference foes. This should be a good game and we always have a great time!

We have limited number of group tickets. If you want to go please sign up and pay Matt Reed: he will be in the Narthex the next couple of Sundays after each worship service (look for the basketball). The last day to sign up is **October 31**, or sooner if we run out of tickets like the

last 2 years.

The Mav’s ticket office is holding seats in sections 324 and 316 for us. We have Fifty \$29 tickets and Thirty \$14 tickets available for this game.

On game day some of us may get together for dinner at the West End. Others may want to get to the game early and eat at the AA Center. The best way to go is to take the TRE train from downtown Fort Worth, if it is running that Sunday.



OUR CHURCH HOME

Gifts of the Church

October 10
General \$13,979.80

Worship Count

October 10
8:45 - 132 11:00 - 233
Total: 365
Last years attendance: 323

Gifts of the Church

October 17
General \$17,578.00

Worship Count

October 17
8:45 - 183 11:00 - 264
Total: 447
Last years attendance: 317

Please remember to designate your checks to either “General Budget” or “Building Fund” - Thanks!



A great big thank you to John McCoy for donating a new Bunn coffee pot to the church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

4:00 p.m. : Youth house opens after school.

5:30 p.m.: Dinner \$3 for ages youth & up, \$2 for ages elementary & below

Nov. 03: Poppy Seed Chicken
Nov. 10: Smorgasbord
6:00-6:30 p.m.: 5th & 6th Grade Music in Adult Choir Room

6:00-6:30 p.m.: Youth Worship in Chapel

6:30-7:30 p.m.: Journey for Kids (see Children’s Ministries section on page 4 for details)

6:30-7:30 p.m.: Jr./Sr. Hi Activities

6:30-7:30 p.m.: Activities for all ages

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAITH FACTOR:

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
September 15 - November 17

Pastor’s Studies:

When Christians Get It Wrong
Led by: Rev. Jason M. Jones

Grace In A Tree Stump
Led by: Rev. DeAndrea Dare

P3-Prayer, Peace and Pilates

Handbell Choir

In Your times of prayer throughout the week, remember the people named below along with those mentioned during our time of Celebration and Concerns

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will.” - Mark 11:24

 Concerns: Jim Olney, Brandon Johnson Family, Glen Rector, Terry Taylor, Brian Rogers, Bruce Trietsch, Victoria Huyge, Henry Davis, Roy Pitcock, Pat Simon, Amy Lockhart’s mother Donna Remus, Tammy Boutwell, Michael Finck, Priscilla Domenech, Cindy Vance, Crystal Pelfrey, Laura Abbott, Laura Abbott’s father, Jeff Herron, Chad & Rena Tyson Family, Linda Malloy, Jean Smith, John Rubenkoenig, John Hartle, John McCoy’s mother Laura Mae Barnard, Julie Tiller’s father, Natalie Kretschmar, John Breaux, Tip Read, Frank Dryden, Joe Turner & family, Dorothy	Srba, Mary Hart’s brother, Nick Wright, Ken Fisher’s Aunt Ruth Brooks & Sister Lois Brooks, David Dickert, Cindy Tanner’s brother Brian Futch, Keith Vincent, Lee Edwards, Wayne & Christina Hall, Ken Cunningham, Estee Rinehart’s father Sid Gregory, Sharron Burt’s aunt Barbara Kelm, Monique Walsh, Larry Hill, David Stubblefield, Karen Dahl, Doyle Kupper, Tony Volpe & family, Brian Dorchester’s sister Diana Barker, Kyle Evans, Sid Stockdale, Frank Wall, Taylor Skelton, Alison Evers, Russell Meyer, Eliseo Pulido, Vince Amalfi, Mark Strickland, Diana Barker, Richard Barnett, Wink Bennett, Tina Stevens mother, Bill Marshall, Butch Fernstrom, Ray French’s father, Jerilyn Barnett’s	mother Robbie Brooks, Jared Adams, Paula Wood, Susan Wise, Lawrence Swink, Bob Wallace, Linda Huante, Cindy Jones’ father, David Kent, David Barnett. Sympathies to: Kent Kilbourne’s family on the death of his nephew Jesse Kohen; Barbara Maddox’s family on her death. Our special members who are unable to be with us for worship: Anna Boger, Rosemary Houser, Wynell Stevens Our Long Term Prayer Concerns: Sheryl Glusing, John & Helen Johnson, Anne Gomez, Wendol Hill, Anna Boger, Brian White’s Family, Capt. Marc R. Bradle, PFC	James Spurlock, Brian Hebert, Casey Tutt, Anthony Ameen, Lucas Potter, Sgt. Aavram Powell, Barbara Moore’s parents Edward & Helen Farcus, Mason Gomez, Sandy Hodge’s mother Melva Anderson, 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).
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STEPHEN MINISTRY

Change always carries with it a measure of worry since we do not ever know for certain what the outcome will be. In fact, the end result may be radically different from what we envisioned when we started. Change carries with it questions such as:

- What will life be like when the change is made?
- Will it be better?
- Or worse?
- What are the costs, both visible and hidden?

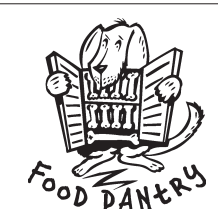
A mature faith learns to trust that God works through all the changes of our lives for our ultimate good, and it leaves outcomes in God’s hands.

Prayer
Change is a part of life, people say. I know that, Lord, but change troubles

me still. I feel as if I am in a high-wire act at the circus. I have let go of one trapeze and am flying in midair, reaching for the next one. I worry about outcomes. I wonder what will become of me. I fear what might happen in this interval between here and there. Catch me, gentle Savior. Let me trust your larger purpose for my life. Strengthen my resolve to follow where you lead. And assure me that when I have reached the destination, you will be there just as you have promised.

*John Gugel, in
Cries of Faith, Songs of Hope:
Prayers for the Times of Our Life*

If you would like to find out more information about Stephen Ministry or receive the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact DeAndrea in the church office at 817.441.8329 or at DeAndreaDare@aledoumc.org.



MANNA ROOM NEEDS

Our church food pantry is in need of canned carrots, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce,

spam, Tuna Helper, rice (2 lb. bags), pinto beans (2 lb. bags). Please drop off your donations in the Manna Room located near the kitchen. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



Thanksgiving Project

MISSIONS COMMITTEE TO COLLECT FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our Missions Committee will be handing out paper sacks on **November 7 & 14** with a shopping list attached. Should you feel

the need to help those less fortunate on Thanksgiving, we ask that you purchase the items on the list and return the sacks to the church on Sunday, November 21. Thank you so much for your continued support of this important ministry.