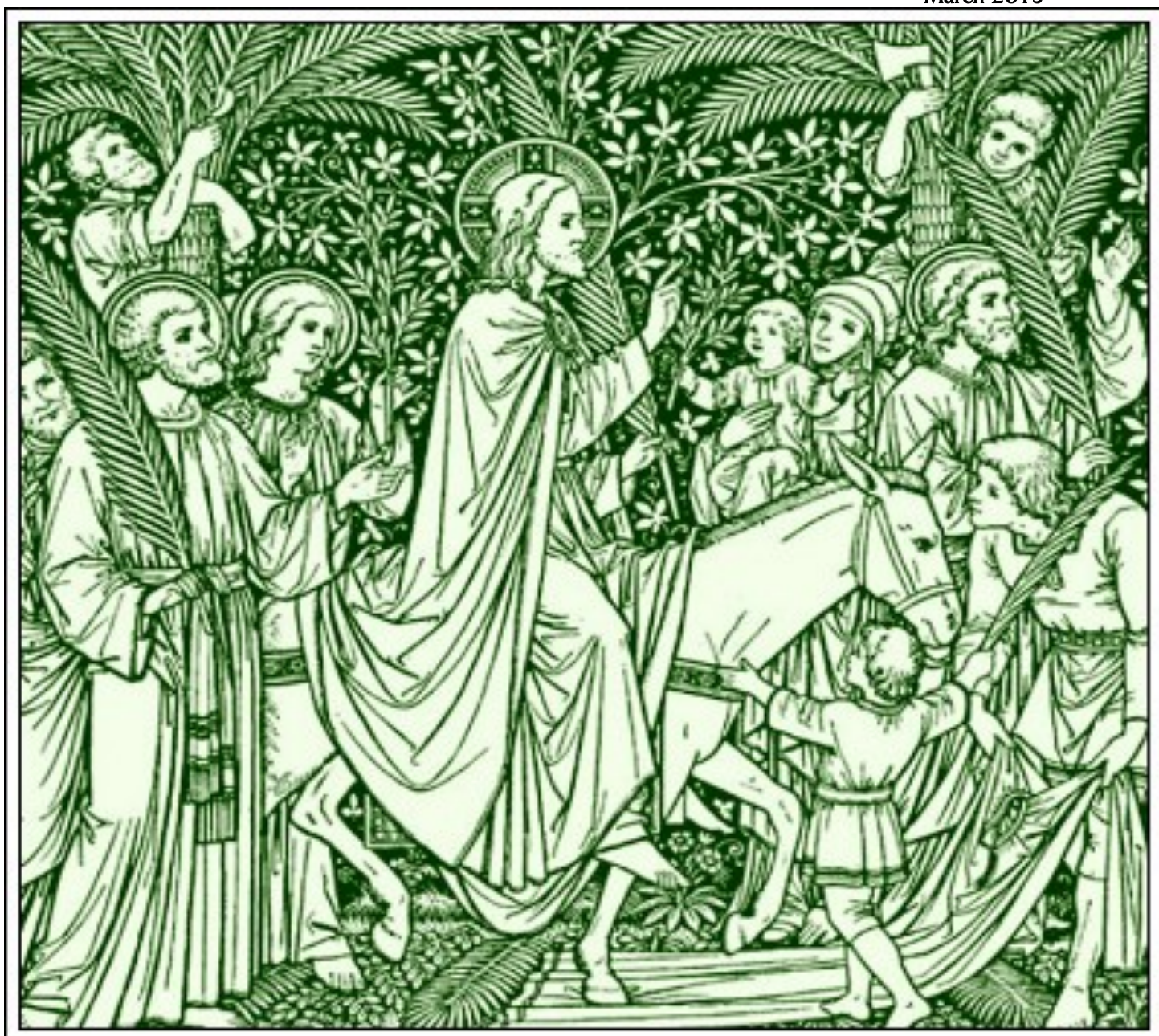




# The Spire

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# PETE'S PLACE

The McGrede Faith Alive Series is scheduled for April 26-27. Our guest speaker this year will be Dr. Dan Hoke who will be presenting "Rough and Rowdy Revivals: Circuit Riders and Camp Meetings". Please save the date on your calendar now for what is shaping up to be a great Faith Alive.

## "Camp Meetings, Emotionalism and Trade Marts"

### Church Staff

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Rev. Pete Adrian  | Senior Pastor              |
| Rev. Dean Libby   | Associate Pastor           |
| Carol Allen       | Director of Worship Arts   |
| Jason Dietze      | Youth Director             |
| Adrienne Lilley   | Children's Director        |
| Jill Dietze       | Nursery Director           |
| Paul Glover       | Business Administrator     |
| Jennifer Philo    | Media Services             |
| Nancy Kirkpatrick | Administrative Assistant   |
| Mike Dodd         | Handbell Director          |
| Ken Hanushek      | Pianist                    |
| Deanna Spraggins  | Organist                   |
| Billy Elam        | Building Maint. Supervisor |
| Michael Gresham   | Custodian                  |
| Virginia Massey   | Weekend Custodian          |
| Cassie Webb       | Nursery Attendant          |

*"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

*Romans 12:4-5*

Camp meeting worship services often lasted for hours and have been described as a "frothing frenzy," with men and women going into emotional fits. Shouts were common. Preachers would do everything they could to encourage the emotions to rev-up. Once a meeting got underway the spiritual energy – that some observers called emotional momentum – might carry through the night into the next day. William Sweet, in Religion in the American Frontier wrote: "The minister would scarcely have an opportunity to sleep; sometimes the floor would be covered with persons struck down under conviction for sin. It frequently happened that when they had retired to rest at a late hour, they would be under the necessity of arising again, thro' the earnest cries of the penitent."



The "jerks" and falling-out were another common manifestation. The subject would react to the depth of their sin by jerking motions with shouts or by falling down still as if they were dead. In some camp meetings, a group of people would fall-out at the same time. It was considered being slain in the spirit. A Rice University history professor, Dr. Ross Phares, quoted from a witness named Finley who reported in his autobiography a falling-out of a different sort. It started with the attack of a scoffer who rode his horse into a circle of praying people during a camp meeting session. "Suddenly as if smitten by lightening, he fell from his horse... He exhibited no signs whatever of life, his limbs were rigid, his wrists pulse less, and his breath gone. Several of his comrades came to see him, but they did not gaze at him long till the power of God came upon them, and they fell like men slain in battle... Finley said, I watched him closely for thirty hours, to all human ap-

pearances dead. At last he exhibited signs of life, but they were fearful spasms, which seemed as if he were in a convulsive fit, attended by frightful groans, as if he were passing through an intense agony... finally convulsions ceased, and springing to his feet, his groans were converted into loud and joyous shouts of praise... a happy smile lighted up his countenance."

Although there were those who scorned this religious behavior, a famous Methodist clergyman, Peter Cartwright (1785-1872), witnessed many incidences of this sort and did not scoff or criticize these behaviors as a fake put-on phenomenon. He observed and recorded many instances but seemed to consider these trances more troublesome than a bogus religious practice. He considered them more of

a distraction where the "victims" falling-out would overshadow those who were called to preach. Those who experienced extra trances would be considered "persons of the hour." This celebrity status, for a short while, would take away from the central message of salvation in Christ and the golden rule.

Camp meeting also served as trading marts even though that wasn't the main reason for the gatherings. Promoters and speculators were inevitably drawn to the crowds eager to make a sale or quick buck. Many types of merchants are mentioned in the history of camp meetings selling ginger bread, watermelons, corn, lemonade, pots and pans. Barbers, photographers, bootblacks, and doctors also set up shop. Professor Phares speculated that the most prosperous sales were probably to those who offered a "speedy and grateful relief from the headache."

Dr. Dan Hoke

# DEAN'S DESKTOP

Lent (no, not that stuff out of the dryer!) is here. Once again we take 40 days (not counting Sundays) to prepare our hearts, minds, and spirits for Easter. Lent began on Ash Wednesday and continues until we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. These days are unique in the church year and offer each of us the opportunity to reflect on our walk with Christ.

In order to facilitate that reflection this year, I am going to participate in the "2015 Lent Photo-A-Day" project sponsored by RethinkChurch.org (an arm of the UMC) and I want to invite you to join with me. Each day during Lent post a photo on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook with #rethinkchurch according to the schedule in the photo to the right. You can visit [rethinkchurch.org/lent](http://rethinkchurch.org/lent) for more information about the project.

I look forward to seeing all of you in worship and in ministry this month!

Peace,  
Pastor Dean



The graphic is a calendar for the 2015 Lent Photo-A-Day project, running from February 18 to April 5. It features a teal background with white clouds and a camera icon. The schedule is organized by month and day, with each day assigned a specific theme for reflection and photography. The themes are listed in three columns: February, March, and April. The graphic also includes the RethinkChurch logo and the website [rethinkchurch.org/lent](http://rethinkchurch.org/lent).

| FEBRUARY     | MARCH         | MARCH        |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 18 ANNOUNCE  | 6 BELOVED     | 25 TRUTH     |
| 19 LOOK      | 7 SPEAK       | 26 SEEK      |
| 20 ALONE     | 8 CELEBRATE   | 27 MEDITATE  |
| 21 JOY       | 9 SABBATH     | 28 SEE       |
| 22 CELEBRATE | 10 KNOWLEDGE  | 29 CELEBRATE |
| 23 COVENANT  | 11 WISE       | 30 LIVE      |
| 24 PATH      | 12 STOP       | 31 CALL      |
| 25 REMEMBER  | 13 PRACTICE   |              |
| 26 PLACE     | 14 SEARCH     |              |
| 27 WAIT      | 15 CELEBRATE  |              |
| 28 POWERS    | 16 WILDERNESS |              |
|              | 17 ENDURE     |              |
|              | 18 BELIEVE    |              |
|              | 19 LIGHT      |              |
|              | 20 PLACE      |              |
|              | 21 STILL      |              |
|              | 22 CELEBRATE  |              |
|              | 23 FORGIVE    |              |
|              | 24 MERCY      |              |

**MARCH**

| MARCH       | APRIL     |
|-------------|-----------|
| 1 CELEBRATE | 1 PEACE   |
| 2 BLESS     | 2 BREATH  |
| 3 NEAR      | 3 PROSPER |
| 4 POOR      | 4 REFUGE  |
| 5 FOLLOW    | 5 GO      |

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## THREE YEARS OF THE DINNER BELL

Our Heavenly Father, has richly blessed the Dinner Bell ministry, since it's inception 3 years ago. The original vision of TC Hamilton was to create our own ministry @ FUMC to feed those in need in our community. The hunger gap in Texas is: 1 out of every 6 people are hungry and in Hopkins County 1807 people go to bed many nights with inadequate food.

The 1st week of Dinner Bell, we prepared for 100 people and 7 came. Today, our ministry has grown to serve over 150 people weekly. It takes a village of committed volunteers whose backgrounds & skills, which vary from CIA trained chef, a professional caterer, a doctor, a banker, a vintner, business owners, mothers\ fathers, grandmothers\ grandfathers, retired teachers and many other highly dedicated individuals. Our team of cooks are made up of the most dedicated people, some from our church, some from other churches and others from neighboring cities.

Last year, Dinner Bell was blessed beyond measure to have our 50 yr. old kitchen renovated by Danita & David Graves. Our community engagement in 2014 has led us to partner with organizations who want to be a part of the Giving Heart of Dinner Bell such as Grocery Supply, Lowe's, Walmart, Carriage House Manor, Panda Express, Brendal's Bakery, Pizza Inn, United Way, Chicks for Charity and many of these companies even sent their employees to serve the meal. The Community Chest and Judy Moore have been a godsend to our ministry providing hundreds of pounds of food for just a few cents on the dollar. We could not have stretched our budget to feed as many people as we do without Judy and her team at the Community Chest.

2015 is off to an exciting start with our new community partners: Pizza Inn, Chicken Express, Cotton Patch Café, Lowe's, First Presbyterian Church and IHOP are now part of our team. Our heart at Dinner Bell is with our devoted guests, who faithfully come each week knowing they will be welcomed with Christian fellowship and smiling volunteers who have generously prepared a terrific and loving care.

As a volunteer, I can tell you the greatest thing about being a Dinner Bell volunteer is you always get more than you give.

I am sure you are asking yourself by now, how can I get involved? We need your prayers, tell people about us, volunteer or make a donation.

We always have a wish list for Dinner Bell, the current list includes:

- 6- 4" hotel pans
- 14 cup Cuisinart food processor
- Professional knives
- 4 gal stainless steel mixing bowl
- Knife sharpener
- 2 ceiling fans
- New Community Partners to either provide a meal once a year or underwrite a meal for \$350.00

We are proud of the fact that, 100% of your donation goes to feed those in need in our community. Please give to Dinner Bell and help bridge the hunger gap in our community.

*Submitted by Sharon Hughes*

# PRAYER CONCERNS

## *Current & Pressing Prayer Requests*

Jill Barclay  
Holly Dougan  
Kathy Crowson  
Phoebe Carmody  
Carson Bryant  
Beverly Morgan  
Robert Fox  
Allen Stein  
Eisley Henderson  
Jessie Weaver  
Angela Schillereff  
Duncan Graves  
Vince Phillips  
Tacey Raulerson

Ceely Stout  
Ty Funderburk & Family  
Muriel Lucas  
Faye Reeves  
Cari Griggs  
Kathe Moriniere  
Emery Brown  
Jeremy Price  
Pam Clayton Wright  
Bo & Pennye West  
Twan Bennett  
Cherry Richardson  
Amanda Motes  
Larry Blount  
Terry Nelson  
Betty Fisher  
Cynthia Walker

Joyce Libby  
Randall Wylie  
Claude Philo

## *Health Concerns*

Andy Underwager  
Richard Clement  
Henry Preuss  
Jackson Bouquet  
Becky Graves  
Sandy Martin  
Don Carbonneau  
Morris Abercrombie  
Gaither & Faye Day

## *Sympathy*

Pip Bickford and family on the  
loss of his grandmother  
Margret Anzaldua

# MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

## *In loving memory of Huel Hammond*

By: Pat Johnson, Tim & Carol Gee, Helen Gumm

## *In loving memory of Marian Adrian*

By: Pat Johnson, Helen Gumm, Bernie & Fran Beers,  
Jerry & Kati Voss

## *In loving memory of Bobby Price*

By: Mr. & Mrs. George Clark, Pat Johnson, Robert Gideon,  
Helen Gumm

## *In loving memory of Annette Ehrhardt*

By: 2nd Thursday Bridge Club, Mike & Mary Edwards, Pat  
Johnson, Paul & Twan Bennett, Zelma McCullough, Bernie &  
Fran Beer

## *In loving memory of Dot Saul*

By: Pat Johnson, Bob & Nancy Kirkpatrick, Lee Levine

## *In loving memory of James Brunacini*

By: Bernie & Fran Beers

## *In loving memory of Weldon Lucas*

By: Paul & Twan Bennett

## *In loving memory of Billy Dan Lindley*

By: Nora Dollalhan

## *In loving memory of Helen Sapaugh*

By: Amy McGrady

## *In loving memory of Eric Jones*

By: Hank & Sarah Smith

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

## March 1

Billie Couthran  
Nell Furney  
Savannah Lilley

## March 8

Jim Chapman  
Steve Lilley  
Sloane Martin

## March 13

Ben Brooks  
Joseph McCorkle  
Roy Preuss

## March 17

Elsianne Horton  
Lorelai Lilley  
Henry Preuss  
Anna Williams

## March 21

Tim Charlton  
Sable Erdmier  
Daidre Humphries

## March 26

Cindy Braddy  
Randy McDonald

## March 4

Gus McNally  
Ella Moore  
Luanne Payne

## March 9

Hannah McCampbell  
Bill Bryant

## March 14

David Holt  
Paul Kirkland  
Skyler Martin

## March 18

Kim Baxter

## March 23

Kelli Johnson

## March 27

Loretta McKay

## March 5

Drew McCullough

## March 11

Bill Dietze

## March 15

Frank Rettmann

## March 19

Jackie Brice  
Rusty Harden  
Mac Rhodes

## March 25

Kelsey Doughtie  
Avery Faulks

## March 30

Alissa Doughtie  
Judy Gillem

## March 7

Larry Blount  
Peyton Dietze  
Nancy Rooks

## March 12

Barbara Law

## March 16

Blake Doughtie  
Kathryn Jones  
John Prickette

## March 20

Chad Bronson

## March 31

David Graves

# MARCH 2015

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                | Mon                                                                                                                | Tue                                                                                                                                                                                 | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Thu                                            | Fri       | Sat                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br><b>Fellowship Sunday</b><br>8:30 am Communion<br>Worship<br>9:30 am Divorce Care<br>9:45 am SS Classes<br>10:45 am Ignite<br>10:45am Traditional Worship               | <b>2</b><br>9:30 am Staff Meeting<br>12:00 Cluck Hens<br>Emmaus Group<br>7:00 pm NETCS                             | <b>3</b><br>9: 00 am Respite Care<br>9:00 am CBS<br>1:00 pm Prayer Group<br>2:00 pm Jeremiah Bible Study<br>5:30 pm Jeremiah Bible Study                                            | <b>4</b><br>6:45 am Son Rise Grp<br>9:30 am W. Bible Study<br>10:30 am Pete's Bible S.<br>12:00 pm Dinner Bell<br>5:30 pm Wed N. Supper<br>6:00pm UMYF<br>6:00pm M&M<br>6:00 pm Adult Bible S.<br>6:30 pm Choir<br>6:30 pm Disciple II<br>6:30 pm Beth Moore<br>6:30 pm Covenants          | <b>5</b><br>12:00 Rotary                       | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                             |
| <b>8</b><br><b>Daylight Savings Spring Forward</b><br>8:30 am Communion<br>Worship<br>9:30 am Divorce Care<br>9:45 am SS Classes<br>10:45 am Ignite<br>10:45am Traditional Worship | <b>9</b><br>9:30 am Staff Meeting<br>12:00 Cluck Hens<br>Emmaus Group<br>7:00 pm NETCS                             | <b>10</b><br>9: 00 am Respite Care<br>9:00 am CBS<br>1:00 pm Prayer Group<br>2:00 pm Jeremiah Bible Study<br>5:15 pm Trustees<br>5:30 pm Jeremiah Bible Study<br>6:00 pm Boy Scouts | <b>11</b><br>6:45 am Son Rise Grp<br>9:30 am W. Bible Study<br>10:30 am Pete's Bible S.<br>12:00 pm Dinner Bell<br>5:30 pm Wed N. Supper<br>6:00pm UMYF<br>6:00pm M&M<br>6:00 pm Adult Bible S.<br>6:30 pm Covenants<br>6:30 pm Choir<br>6:30 pm Disciple II<br>6:30 pm Beth Moore         | <b>12</b><br>12:00 Rotary                      | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>8:00 am Emmaus Training |
| <b>15</b><br>8:30 am Communion<br>Worship<br>9:30 am Divorce Care<br>9:45 am SS Classes<br>10:45 am Ignite<br>10:45am Traditional-<br>Worship<br>2:00 pm UMW                       | <b>16</b><br>9:30 am Staff Meeting<br>10:30 am Young at Heart<br>12:00 Cluck Hens<br>Emmaus Group<br>7:00 pm NETCS | <b>17</b><br>9: 00 am Respite Care<br>1:00 pm Prayer Group<br>5:15 pm Finance                                                                                                       | <b>18</b><br>6:45 am Son Rise Grp<br>9:30 am W Bible Study<br>10:30 am Pete's Bible S<br>12:00 pm Dinner Bell<br>6:30 pm Choir<br>6:30 pm Disciple II                                                                                                                                      | <b>19</b><br>12 :00 pm Rotary                  | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                            |
| SSISD Spring Break                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                |           |                                      |
| <b>22</b><br>8:30 am Communion<br>Worship<br>9:30 am Divorce Care<br>9:45 am SS Classes<br>10:45 am Ignite<br>10:45am Traditional<br>Worship                                       | <b>23</b><br>9:30 Staff Meeting<br>12:00 Cluck Hens<br>Emmaus Group<br>7:00 pm NETCS                               | <b>24</b><br>9:00 am CBS<br>9: 00 am Respite Care<br>1:00 pm Prayer Group                                                                                                           | <b>25</b><br><b>Newsletter Folders</b><br>6:45 am Son Rise Grp<br>9:30 am W. Bible Study<br>10:30 am Pete's Bible S<br>12:00 pm Dinner Bell<br>5:30 pm Wed N Supper<br>6:00 pm UMYF<br>6:00 pm M&M<br>6:00 pm Adult Bible St.<br>6:30 pm Covenants<br>6:30 pm Choir<br>6:30 pm Disciple II | <b>26</b><br>9:00 am DECOM<br>12 :00 pm Rotary | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                            |
| <b>29</b><br><b>Palm Sunday One service</b><br>9:30 am Divorce Care<br>9:45 am SS Classes<br>10:45am Traditional<br>Worship<br>12:00 Lunch in FH                                   | <b>30</b><br>9:30 Staff Meeting<br>12:00 Cluck Hens<br>Emmaus Group<br>7:00 pm NETCS                               | <b>31</b><br>9:00 am CBS<br>9: 00 am Respite Care<br>1:00 pm Prayer Group<br>6:00 pm Care & Nurture Meeting                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                |           |                                      |

## WELCOME HOME

**Kylie Wyly** and sons **Lincoln & Koben** joined our church on February 1st. Kylie is a former member of FUMC before moving away for several years. She and her sons come from FUMC, Rock Springs, Wyoming. Welcome back Kylie, Lincoln and Koben.

**Gene & Joyce Shull** joined our church on Feb. 22nd. Gene & Joyce comes from St. John Catholic Church, Emory, Texas. They come by Profession of Faith. We are so proud to have Gene and Joyce at FUMC.



## BEST IS YET TO COME!

Here is an inspired idea for your Lenten season... I know there are many singers in the congregation. You think about joining the choir from time to time. Why not come join us for the Easter portion of our regular choir rehearsal. So, instead of giving something up for Lent, you can add something wonderful! Come be inspired! Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Our cantata is simply *beautiful*, it is not difficult to learn. It will be presented on Palm Sunday, March 29th. We will have one service with a church luncheon to follow.

We would love to see you at our next rehearsal! Don't give up! Add us in, you will be glad you did.  
Carol Allen

## YOU'VE BEEN EGGED!



Join us in reaching out to the community around us with this fun and easy evangelism activity! The idea is simple; we hide 12 eggs in someone's yard along with a sign that says "You've been egged! There are twelve eggs hidden in yard. Enjoy the hunt, but don't be discouraged when you find the empty egg. It's a simple reminder of Jesus' empty tomb, for He Is Risen! Happy Easter! First United Methodist Church". The sign will also include an invitation to come and worship with us.

Our church-wide goal is to reach 200 homes. That means we will need candy and small toys to fill 2,400 eggs. That's a lot of eggs! The only way to reach 200 families in our community is with your help. Please help us by bringing in candy and other egg fillers by **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. More information on the assembly of the eggs and packets to come!

### Check It Out...

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE ARC

*One of our faithful, dependable patrons of the Church Library recently said: "going into the ARC is like visiting a candy store; there are so many resources, I can't decide which to check out."*

Now beginning its sixteenth year since re-opening in 1999, your church library is meeting its ministry obligations. Jayne Stone, current Chair of the Library Steering Committee, reports that there are more than 3,000 Christian resources, including books, DVD's, tapes and periodicals. Except for some historical documents and records, most resources are available for 3-week check out.

During the past 12 months, the library has acquired or purchased a number of very relevant, up-to-date *NEW* books.

Listed are several now available for check-out.



### TITLE

### AUTHOR

|                                                        |                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>God In the Dock</i> .....                           | C.S. Lewis           |
| <i>Mere Christianity</i> .....                         | C.S. Lewis           |
| <i>Simply Jesus</i> .....                              | N.T. Wright          |
| <i>Who Is This Man?</i> .....                          | John Ortberg         |
| <i>The Jesus Way</i> .....                             | Eugene Peterson      |
| <i>The Good Life</i> .....                             | Charles Colson       |
| <i>Making Sense of The Bible</i> .....                 | Adam Hamilton        |
| <i>Wesley, and The People Called Methodists</i> .....  | Richard Heitzenrater |
| <i>Being United Methodist</i> .....                    | J. Ellsworth Kalas   |
| <i>The Poor and The People Called Methodists</i> ..... | Richard Heitzenrater |

# JUST 4 YOUTH!

## YES, SERIOUSLY . . . IT IS ALMOST SPRING!

I know it doesn't feel like it just yet but soon we can break out the shorts and get ready to move things outdoors. I know things seem to get busier and busier as the temperature rises and rises, but I hope (& pray) you can stay committed to all the activities of the church. Here are a few things on the near horizon to keep in your prayers.



I know you have seen the ads and now it's time to come out and support. We need runners, we need workers, so we need YOU! Let Jason know if you are available to volunteer your time on Sat. March 7<sup>th</sup> anytime from about 7:00 a.m. – noon. We will need lots of hands. And if you're wanting

to run, sign up online at [www.ssworkcamp.com](http://www.ssworkcamp.com) by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> for a discounted entry (\$30) and to guarantee a cool T-shirt, or you can pay \$35 on the day of the event.

SS Work Camp is, I believe, one of the best things that happens in this community to teach our youngsters the importance of serving others. Please come out and support this amazing cause!

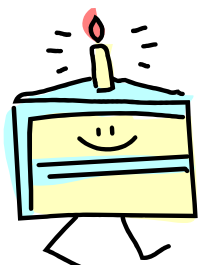
| MARCH CALENDAR: |                                                                                                                    |             |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Sun 1st:        | SnS                                                                                                                | (5:30-7:30) |
| Wed 4th:        | UMYF                                                                                                               | (6:00-8:00) |
| Sat 7th:        | *Bring \$3 for dinner if possible<br>Paint the Town 5/10K (7:00am-12:00)<br>*Need Volunteers!! Fundraiser for SSWC |             |
| Sun 8th:        | SnS                                                                                                                | (5:30-7:30) |
| Wed 11th:       | *Don't forget Daylight Savings (Spring forward)<br>UMYF (6:00-8:00)                                                |             |
| 15th-21st       | *Bring \$3 for dinner if possible<br>Spring Break....NO activities                                                 |             |
| Sun 22nd        | SnS                                                                                                                | (5:30-7:30) |
| Wed 25th        | UMYF                                                                                                               | (6:00-8:00) |
| Sun 29th        | *Bring \$3 for dinner if possible<br>SnS (5:30-7:30)                                                               |             |

## CAMP ANAKAINOO 2015...



Registration is **now open** for Camp Anakainoo 2015. We are having a Beach Camp this year and it promises to be an awesome and unique experience. Space is very limited due to the size of the campground and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis...so don't miss your opportunity! Go to [www.campanakainoo.com](http://www.campanakainoo.com) to register online and find out more information. Early registration rates (\$365) end May 3<sup>rd</sup>; but again, do not hesitate, as space is limited...

## Who's Getting Older This Month:



|                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 5th: Drew McCullough             | 21st: Tim Charlton |
| 7th: Peyton Dietze               | Sable Erdmier      |
| 13th: Ben Brooks, Brandon Kelley | 24th: Sadie Evans  |
| 19th: Caroline Goggans           | 25th: Avery Faulk  |

## Long Range Dates

April 5th: Easter  
 April 19th: Youth Sunday  
 May 13th: Senior Scholarship Cookout  
 May 31st: Senior Sunday  
 June 7th-10th: SS Work Camp  
 June 22nd-26th: VBS  
 July 13th-17th: Camp Anakainoo



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## FROM THE MAILBOX

Maggie and I would like to say thank you to everyone who gave a memorial in memory of my mother. We intended to wait until we thought most of the memorials had been sent and then send each of you an individual thank you. There are simply too many. Your love and respect for me, Maggie and my mother was/is overwhelming. We cherish your gifts and pray that God will use them wisely. Maggie and I pray that God will continue to bless you.

Grace and Peace  
Pete and Maggie



The children's spring musical, *The Old Testament Fast Forward*, will be Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30 pm, this will be following the Scholarship Cookout. Mark your calendars now because you will not want to miss this exciting journey through the Old Testament! The kids have started learning the songs and they already love it!

**WOW (Worship Our Way)** is held in the Zoo on Sunday mornings at 10:45 am. Kids of all ages are invited to worship with us every week except the first Sunday when the children go into church to worship and take communion with their families. Please come join us for this special time.

**M&M and M&M Minis** is going strong! The kids are enjoying Worship Arts session and doing a great job. Worship art has included dance, woodworking, sanctuary instruments, sewing and photography. Mini's are learning about Stepping Stones of Faith with games/activity and a craft.

Mark your calendar now for Vacation Bible School, **June 22-26th** and Kids Camp will be **July 4th-7th**.

Daylight saving times **March 8th**, SPRING FORWARD!

## DIVORCE *Care*

DivorceCare has moved to Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am in the basement (look for the room sign). Each 26 week series consists of a video seminar and a discussion group focused on 13 divorce & recovery topics. You are welcome and encouraged to join the group at any time. For more information please contact Shelia Lunsford at 682.557.2702 or [SheliaLunsford@outlook.com](mailto:SheliaLunsford@outlook.com).