

Office Hours**Mon & Wed****1 p.m.-5 p.m.****Tue & Thur****8 a.m.-5 p.m.****Birthdays**Donna Green
4/10

Vicki Black 4/11

Owen Nixon 4/12

Alene Bryant
4/15Gunner Kerby
4/15

First United Methodist Church

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Food for the Journey

Before I launch into my experience I want to commend our youth and Hunter for a wonderful Youth led worship experience yesterday.

Reflecting on yesterday's worship service and Hunter's message, caused me to reflect on my camp experience.

I, like Hunter, never had the opportunity to attend church camp as a child or teen. My first camp experience was as an adult, when I was invited to serve as a counselor for 4th and 5th grade One-Way Camp at Butman some 7 or 8 years ago. I like the kids coming to camp for the first time had no idea what to expect. I found myself in a cabin with five or six 4th or 5th grade boys. I learned that some lived in a single-parent setting, while some had both parents. Only one or two could read cursive writing, so I had to

read the card I had written to each of them the morning of our last day. In our small groups, I had both boys and girls that thought the other gender to be weird. Whether in our cabin setting or small group setting it gave me opportunity to relate and show God's unconditional love to those kids. The next year, I would have some of them again, as well as some new ones. One thing I quickly noticed is that a great many of them were uninhibited in their singing and worshipping. They got into worship and the music, whether it be with hand movement or for some simply dancing in place. Oh, how I wish we as adults would turn loose and worship like those kids. We are so afraid someone else is going to think we are being unholy or disrespectful in our worship style. No, we

do not have to be, as my earthly father would say, holy-rollers, yet we can let our hindrances and fears be set aside to allow ourselves the freedom to worship our Lord with our **WHOLE-BEING!**

Yes, I have been to Ceta, not for summer camp as such, rather for pastor retreats or licensing school. So, those experiences, even though great times, do not have the same remembrances as do those while serving as a camp counselor at Butman.

Our Northwest Texas Conference is blessed to have two great Camps to be utilized for so many functions besides summer camps. Both have great staffs and provide wonderful opportunities for summer camps as well as family activity weekends, school outings, etc.

Inside Story Headline

Our Camp Sunday offering to provide scholarships for our kids who desire to attend summer camp totaled approximately \$3,600. It is my desire for every child or teen who desires to attend summer church camp has that opportunity provided!

Thanks for supporting our kids in all the ways you support them!

Shalom,
Tom

Upcoming Events:

4/15 – Gideon Sunday – Gideons International to share during worship

4/26 – Friends of Ceta Dinner – 6:30 p.m. @ St. Luke's-Southwest in Lubbock

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK

April Prayer List

Donna Burton and her family

Tony Barrier will start radiation this week.

Fred Clements

Ken Box

Winn Cantwell

Robert and Maurine Hooten

Mary Nell Bleeker

Paul Wilbanks

Sally Ellis

Marshall and Ann Head

Juanita Flores, former janitor at our church broken pelvis, home now

Belinda Head

Marjorie Morgan of Muleshoe, Mother of Pam Thomason

America, our president, and all our governmental elected and appointed officials, and world leaders

Marilyn Cox and Reagan, Dr. Tom Fuller

The sister of Julie Cage, Peggy Frese. Continued prayers as she fights ovarian cancer.

Our minister Tom Carter and his wife Rhonda

Our Church and our church leaders

Walter Marie Boness

Raymond Treider in Farwell Convalescent Center

The Rev. Lyndal Fletcher who was reared in our church and his wife Ann Brooks Fletcher

Hunter Hawkins and the youth

Barbara Blackman

Lewis Wayne and Wanda Shafer

Gladys Black

Kay Willman Morris of Scottsdale, Arizona, sister of Sue Bessire

Luke Siegel of Lubbock

Deke Kendrick of Friona, mother of Sally Messenger

Mark Allen

Alice Sims, mother of Betty Innes

Tom Bratcher and Melba Bratcher

Molly Anthony of Portales, mother of Mark Anthony

Jenne McVicker and Alene Bryant of Amarillo

Jean Allison, Sam Damron. Pat Nickels, and Hattie Ray Lambert all of Lubbock

Bettye Noble, Dillon Noble, great grandson of Bettye Noble and son of Johnny Noble of Florida.

Anita Mitchell

Wanda Cockerham

All the residents of our Parkview

11 year old Ernie Toscano of Muleshoe

Randy Smith of Lazbuddie

Sandy Turner and her caregiver her husband Royce

Carlos Guerra

The men and women in our military and their families including Beau and Brad Henry, Rusty Treider , Judd Glover, Treg Box, and Morgan Young.

PRAISE

Alice Sims celebrated her 98th birthday on March 26th, and her son-in-law Drew Innes also had a birthday recently

David and Liz Tipps are grandparents. Their daughter and son –in-law Megan and Jon Raybuck have a new baby boy born Saturday morning, April 7th, in Minneapolis, MN. They have named him Ivan Jonathan Raybuck.