



Library Board Meeting

January 4th
at
1:00 p.m.

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Covenant Sunday

The Spoken Word

Sunday, January 3, Rev. Paul Goodrich will be preaching a sermon entitled "What is Worship?" The Scripture reading will be Psalm 100.

Sunday, January 10, Rev. Paul Goodrich will be preaching a sermon entitled "God can use this?" The Scripture reading will be Matt 15:32-39

As we begin this new year of 2010, I want to share a little fact/story that is certainly appropriate, even if we have heard it before.

Imagine for a moment that your bank suddenly announced this as its new policy: **every morning your account is going to be credited with \$86,400.** However, you will not be able to carry any balance from day to day. Every night your account will be cancelled, and whatever amount of money that you failed to use during the day will be gone forever.

What would you do? If you are anything like me, each day you would withdraw every penny of the \$86,400 and spend it or invest it as wisely as possible. Before long, you could be a very wealthy person.

Actually, we already have a bank account with a similar policy. It is called "Time." Each and every morning, we are given the gift of 86,400 seconds to spend any way we wish. At the close of every twenty-four hour period, the seconds we have failed to use



The Written Word

(withdraw) wisely are gone forever. Time carries no balance from day to day. It does not allow any overdrafts.

Each and every single day a new "account" is opened for us and it is has a beginning balance of 86,400 seconds to use any way that we wish, wisely or foolishly. If we fail to use the day's deposit, the

loss is ours.

This is an interesting way to look at each day in this new year. We all have the same amount of time in each day. The seconds, minutes, and hours are ours to use, or not use, any way we see fit.

I hope and pray that we spend our daily deposit of time wisely, for the benefit of ourselves, others, and God.

May God bless you in this New Year.

As always, I look forward to seeing you, especially in worship.

-Paul Goodrich

SERVING
OUR CHURCH
ON JANUARY 3, 2009

Ushers

Chairman Co-Chair
Danny Clarke

8:30 Service

Mike and Patty Crocker

10:30 Service

Pulpit

Al Guinn (Captain)
Dewayne Bell
Rick Bowersock
Mitizi Brotherton, Gary Butler
David Farabee
Brad Featherston

Lectern

Harold Lerew (Captain)
Lisa Hill, George Knause
Vern Lingle, Larry Petrash
Randy Riley, Cord Young
Barbara Davis

10:30 Service Greeters

Mary Golden
Lynn Moran
Mary Leath

Reception Desk

Evelyn Staten
Rosie Wilson

Television Ministry

Anne Kring, Joan Gray
Alex Beltchev, Michael Aaron
Jared Fadow, Glen Barham
Ross Hammond

Drivers

Exodus Class

Attendance Records

The Youth

Flower Delivery (Monday)

Poinsettias- No flower
delivery

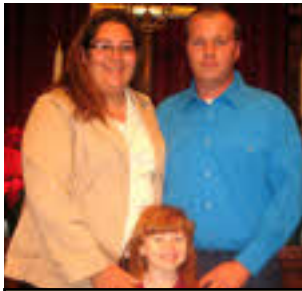


ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Poinsettias Sunday, January 3 are given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of loved ones by the congregation of First United Methodist Church.

Altar Poinsettias Sunday, January 10 are given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of loved ones by the congregation of First United Methodist Church.

Welcome New Members



Tami, Milo, and Dacey
Barnes joined
December 13, 2009



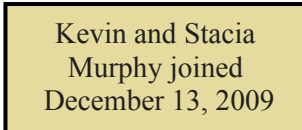
Alesia and Hannah
Levenson joined
December 20, 2009



Steve, Maureen, and
Katy Shelton joined
December 13, 2009



Sallie and Elmer Deges
joined
December 20, 2009



Kevin and Stacia
Murphy joined
December 13, 2009



Randy & Garrett
Martin
joined December 13,



... to the family and friends of Dewayne & Carolyn Bell.
Dewayne's father, Lavonne passed away Monday,
December 21 in Wichita Falls, TX. Services were
Wednesday, December 23 in Wichita Falls, TX.

DAILY	BIBLE	READING
Saturday, Jan 2	Thursday, Jan 7	Monday, Jan 11
Genesis 4-6	Genesis 19-21	Genesis 31-33
Sunday, Jan 3	Friday, Jan 8	Tuesday, Jan 12
Genesis 7-9	Genesis 22-24	Genesis 34-36
Monday, Jan 4	Saturday, Jan 9	Wednesday, Jan 13
Genesis 10-12	Genesis 25-27	Genesis 37-39
Tuesday, Jan 5	Sunday, Jan 10	Thursday, Jan 14
Genesis 13-15	Genesis 28-30	Genesis 40-42
Wednesday, Jan 6		Friday, Jan 15
Genesis 16-18		Genesis 43-45



Tuesday, January 12th at 8:00am is "Chat & Chew" breakfast at the McDonald's on Southwest Parkway (at McNiel).

Make your New Year's resolution to check out more library books:

Here are a few books we suggest:

1. The Lacemakers of Glenmara by Heather Barbieri. A deep and charming book, but what makes it so interesting is the understanding that no life is immune from sorrow.
2. Alec Cross's Trial by James Patterson. An irresistible story passed down through generations of a fight for freedom.
3. Highest Duty by Capt. Chesley Sullenberger. An inspirational autobiography by the pilot who landed in the Hudson River on Jan. 15, 2009.
4. Ford County by John Grisham. This is the author's first collection of short stories.
5. Best Friends Forever by Jennifer Weiner. This is a hilarious, heart-breaking and insightful book about friends.
6. Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton. A riveting plot and touching love story with a haunting ending makes this a must read.
7. True Blue by David Baldacci. A mysterious homicide in Washington collides with national security in this heart-stopping thriller.
8. Medusa by Clive Cussler. A spine-tingling adventure of the Numa Special Assignment Team.

"Those who were musicians...stayed in the rooms of the temple...because they were responsible for the work day and night." -I Chronicles 9:33

This year we have more children, youth, and adults involved in the ministry of music than ever before. We have six singing choirs for every age, three handbell choirs, and our multi-generational orchestra. We thank you, the musicians, serving in the ministry as well as the parents, friends, and family who help and encourage us. We thank you for the blessings of our congregation who encourage and support our ministry with your prayers and gifts.

We extend an invitation to all to join us each week as we celebrate the gift of the Christ child with music.



Mark Price

Rehab:
Carolyn Lee
Sue Babb
Linda Lowder

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Children's Ministries

Teaching Faith. . . 
...Showing Love 

Hey Kids: Memorize this verse, tell it to Lydia, & get 5 Good Bucks!

"On entering the house, the wise men saw the child with Mary his mother and they knelt down and paid him homage (worshiped him)."

Matthew 2:11

Music-n-More is Back on Schedule

A fun get-together is being planned for January 6, from 4:00 - 5:00pm. It is a fun way to get back in our routine for Children's Choirs and Bible study activities on Wednesdays. Mark the date on your calendar and check our website at www.fumcwf.org or call the church for more information!! See you there! Our regular M-n-M schedule will begin on January 13th!!



Ongoing Activities for Children

Sundays

Pre-School Sunday School:

(9:15-10:15am) - Meet in Rm 202

K-5th Grade Sunday School:

(9:15-10:15am) - Gather in Rm 216

Children's Church:

(10:30 worship) - Rec Lobby



Children's Council Meeting Planned

Sunday, January 24th 5:00 pm
We will meet for dinner at a restaurant.
Place to be announced.

Mark the date on your calendar - see you then!!

A Nursery Coordinator has Been Hired!!



It is a joy to welcome Kimberly Allen to our nursery staff! She is a certified school teacher and teaches two year olds for School for Little People. Kimberly and her husband, Casey, have two children: Parker (age 4) and Paxson (age 1). Kimberly will begin working in our church nursery on

January 10, 2010. Please help welcome Kimberly to our church staff and our church family!!

Thanks so much to all of our members who help teach our children. Giving your time to teach our children is an awesome gift to our church and to help build the Kingdom of God!!

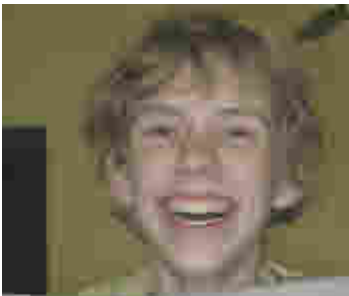
A very special thanks to Linda Gibson and Bryan and Cindy Press who teach our children every Sunday!!

New teachers this year were Jessica Contreras, Joey and Cameron Deal, John Dryden, Gant and Courtney Grimes, Tim and Audrey Kramer, Wilaina Street, and Andreia Waggoner. These are just our NEW teachers - did I miss anyone? Other teachers include: Jean Marie Baer, April Crutcher, Jenny Fadow, Pam Featherston, DeEdra Folmar, Mary Golden, Maggie Goodrich, Jenny Grace, Emily Hays, Kyle Knight, Taryn Maxwell, Jennifer and John Mitchell, Laura Nix, Luci Paris, Debbie Rowland, Shari Schultz, Sandra Sims, and Angela Wegmann.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

CHRISTMAS PARTY

THE Rock



WHASSSUP?

Sunday, Jan 3

- Sunday School 9:15am
- 3:00pm - Youth Fellowship
- BONFIRE!

Wednesday, Jan 6

- BIBLE STUDY !
- Jr. High 5:30-6:45 (3rd Flr)
- Sr. High 7:00-8:30
- Ginn's 4806 Dickens St.

Sunday, Jan 10

- Sunday School 9:15am
- Youth Fellowship 6pm

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- Jr. High 5:30-6:45 (3rd Flr)
- Sr. High 7:00-8:30
- Beltchev 3006 Speedway

Coming Soon Friday, Jan 29

- Wildcat Hockey!





God shows no partiality.

ROMANS 2:11

ADULT MINISTRIES

Weekly Activities

Sundays

- 📖 **8:30-10:15am - The Library is Open!**
Check a book out on Sunday!
- 📖 **9:15-10:15am - Sunday School**
Contact Troy (tsims@fumcwf.org) for a class!
- x **5:00pm - Asbury Ringers - Handbells**
Rehearse in the Undercroft
- 📖 **6:30-8:30pm - Young Adult Singles**
January 3: 2002 Speedway
January 10: Contact Rev. Sims!

Wednesdays

- 📖 **7:00-7:45am - Men's Breakfast**
at Pioneer Restaurant (4545 Maplewood Ave)
- x **7:00pm - Chancel Choir**
Rehearse in the Choir Room (in Undercroft)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 6

- 📖 **7:00pm - 1st Wednesday St. Simeon**
Sweeton Rm.

Thursday, January 14

- 📖 **7:00pm - 2nd Thursday St. Simeon**
4519 Tamarron Dr studying Chs. 8-10 of *The Secret Message of Jesus*.

WHAT NEW EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, OR STUDIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT FUMC IN 2010?

LET REV. SIMS KNOW!

TSIMS@FUMCWF.ORG - 766-4231, x229

**What will your
2010 New Year's Resolution be?**

Here are some things to consider. . .

- Volunteering to participate in church ministries benefiting those inside the church.
- Volunteering to participate in mission activities benefiting those outside the church.
- What about your own personal growth:
 - Join a Sunday School Class.
 - Take part in a Bible or Theology Study.
 - *What would you like to see take place here for personal growth?*

ATTENTION:

New & Present FUMC Committee Members!

**Ever get the feeling
that you don't know what you are doing
or what you are supposed to do on that committee?**

The Wichita Falls District has something to help you

- District Training Day -

Sunday, January 10, 2010

Check-in at 2:30pm

HERE at FUMC!

Cost: FREE!

Choose one of these sessions to help you get started (or continue) on the right foot of your service to our church:

- ❖ **PPR Committee** with Rev. John Rosenburg, WF District Superintendent.
- ❖ **Trustees Committee** with Tom Christian, Associate Director of Administration for Property and Ministry Protection of the North Texas Conference.
- ❖ **Evangelism Committee** with Rev. Chris Yost, Senior Pastor of FUMC Henrietta.
- ❖ **Finance Committee** with our own Larry Cook, Chair of FUMC Finance Committee.
- ❖ **Sunday School Makes a Difference** - How to promote and make a difference!

Register with Rev. Troy Sims or on-line at
www.fumcwf.org/district-training

UPCOMING EVENTS at FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH for 2010

Children: www.fumcwf.org/children

**Music 'n' More Kick Off (Age 4-Grade 6)
(Children's Choir & Bible Study)**

Wednesday, January 6, 4:00-5:00pm – More information coming soon!

2010 Spring Break Overnighter to Ft. Worth

For Grades 4–6. More details soon!

School for Little People Open Enrollment

March 25-26 – Enroll your child in our top-notch pre-school for the 2010-11 school year. For more information: www.fumcwf.org/slp or 940-766-0575.

“Table for Five. . .Thousand”

- A Children's Musical & Dinner
Wednesday, May 5, 6:00pm – Musical based on the story of the loaves and fishes.

Youth: www.fumcwf.org/therock

Super Bowl Party

February 7, 5:18-9:30pm

30-Hour Famine

February 26-27 – The youth will fast to get a feel for the hunger that so many people in our world face daily. They will also raise money to support World Vision.

2010 Summer Youth Mission Trip

More information coming soon!

2010 Summer Youth Musical

Auditions in April;
Rehearsals begin in June.

Family:

Palm Procession, Easter Egg Hunt, & Spaghetti

Sunday, March 28, 11:30am-1:00pm
Bring your Easter Basket!

Adults: www.fumcwf.org/adults

The New Creation: John Wesley's Theology

Thursdays, 10:30-12:00 noon starting January 14 – United Methodist theology comes from the great mind, writings, and example of John Wesley, one of the founders of Methodism. To know the church's theology, you have to understand his theology. This study will seek to help you do this. *Book costs:* \$17.

What Does the United Methodist Church Think About _____?

Sundays, 4:30-6:00pm, starting January 24 – There are many hot topics that we often hear

about in religious discussions: Abortion; Homosexuality; Death Penalty; Environment; Divorce; Civil Rights; Genetic Technology; Health Care; and MORE! Ever wondered what stance the United Methodist Church takes on such things? What about the Bible? This will be the focus of this study. *Cost:* \$5.

Adult Sunday School:

www.fumcwf.org/adult-sunday-school

Exodus Class (ages 20s-40s)

Meet in Rm 302 on January 10 to begin a study called “Conversing with Atheists & Agnostics.” For info, contact Gant Grimes: gantgrimes@gmail.com or 782-2828.

Genesis Class (ages 40s-50s)

Meet in Rm 301 January 10 to begin studying the book of Matthew. *Study guide costs:* \$12. For info, contact Cindy Carss: 631-6967 or c.carss@yahoo.com.

Living the Questions Class (ages 30s-40s)

Meet in the parlor January 10 to begin studying *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. *Book costs:* \$12. For info, contact the Coopers: jcooper003@gmail.com or 781-7831.

Special Worship: www.fumcwf.org/worship

Organ Concert

Friday, January 15, 7:00pm – Join us for this FREE organ concert by Dr. Kiyo Watanabe.

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 17, 12:00 noon & 6:30pm – Join us in Perkins Chapel as we observe the start of the Season of Lent.

Perkins Lecture Series

featuring Dr. Amy-Jill Levine

www.fumcwf.org/perkins-lectures

Sunday, March 7, 10:30am & 7:00pm

Monday, March 8, 12:00noon & 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 1, 7:00pm – Join us as we remember and share in the Lord's Supper.

Easter Sunday, April 4

7:00am – Youth Led Son-Rise Service

8:30 & 10:30am – Lily Procession & Worship



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P.O. Box 2125
Wichita Falls, TX 76307-2125

Address Service Requested



We are accessible to all.

- **Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.**
- **Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**
- **Our worship service is broadcast at 10:30 a.m. on MyTV 35, Time Warner Cable Channel 7.**
- **Rebroadcast of last week's service on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Fox 18 and Cable 9.**



Be looking for a postcard in the mail with ways you can volunteer in 2010.

Bring that card with you to worship on Sunday, January 10 on Covenant Sunday.

**How will I serve
Christ's church
in 2010?**

*Also,
check out page 7
of this edition for
upcoming activities
in 2010!*